

TODAY'S VERSE

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.



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What makes Maggie Williams smile? "Honestly, the (Noblesville) Farmers Market. Just coming out here and interacting with all the vendors makes me excited..."

And Another Thing...

Argh, that darned construction again! The Times has learned that on or after Monday, June 20, Anthony Road between SR-38 and 216th Street will be closed to traffic for the replacement of SS# 21039.

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Dr. Daniel Hile Named as New Superintendent of Noblesville Schools

Noblesville Schools announced today that Dr. Daniel Hile has been named the district's new superintendent, replacing Dr. Beth Niedermeyer who is retiring at the end of this month.

worthy, approachable school leader with strong communication and problem-solving skills," shared Dr. Joe Forgey, president of the Noblesville Schools Board of Trustees.



Dr. Daniel Hile

and I look forward to meeting and building strong connections with Noblesville students, staff, families, and community members."



The Times photo by Betsy Reason

The Noblesville American Legion has entered into a purchasing agreement for the (historic) R.L. Wilson property located at 273 S. Eighth St., in Noblesville.



The Times photo by Betsy Reason

Church, Church, Hittle & Antrim have entered into a purchase agreement for the Noblesville American Legion property located at 1094 Conner St., Noblesville.

Legion Shares Details of Property Sale, Enjoys Night Partnered with REO/Styx

Noblesville American Legion members had the opportunity to bring home more than \$1,000 when they volunteered to work a booth and sell music CDs at last Friday's REO Speedwagon/Styx/Loverboy concert at Ruoff Music Center in Noblesville.



BETSY REASON The Times Editor

erty elsewhere but was unable to release details of the sale,

including buyer, selling price and plans for the property. However, on Monday, Post Commander John Morris said, "We have signed sale agreements with all parties involved, and we should have both closing in August 2022."

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Spartz Announces Hamilton County Class of 2026 Military Academy Appointments

On Tuesday, U.S. Rep. Victoria Spartz (R-IN) announced the names of six outstanding nominees from Indiana's Fifth Congressional District who were appointed and have accepted to attend the U.S. Air Force Academy, the U.S. Naval Academy, and West Point:

City, Blackford County U.S. Naval Academy: John Shedly - Fishers, Hamilton County Grace Sullivan - Carmel, Hamilton County West Point: Reid Wesley - Zionsville, Boone County "It's critical that our military remains the best trained, best equipped, and most importantly, the best lead military force in the world," said Rep. Spartz. "I know these outstanding nomi-

nees will represent Indiana, and our nation well." Every applicant was interviewed and then rigorously evaluated by the nomination committee on a variety of factors including academic and athletic achievements, extra-curricular activities, character, and motivation. Rep. Spartz would also like to take this opportunity to encourage interested high school stu-

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Fishers Hosts Annual Spark!Fishers Festival from June 21st - 25th



The annual Spark!Fishers festival, ignited by First Internet Bank, will return with a weeklong celebration in Fishers' downtown Nickel Plate District June 21 through 25. This year's festival also kicks off the city's Sesquicentennial Year celebration, marking Fishers' 150th birthday. With exciting ways for the community to celebrate each day, the patriotic festival showcases what it means to be uniquely Fishers while celebrating our nation's freedom. "We invite the community to join us for another great year of Spark!Fishers. The week-long festival has something for everyone and brings Fishers' residents together to celebrate community and build traditions," said Sarah Sandquist, Director of Fishers Parks. Here is a full schedule of events for the festival: Community Concert - Tuesday, June 21 at 7 p.m. Kick off the Spark!Fishers celebration with a patriotic Tuesday Night Community Concert featuring Fishers Music Works' White River Wind Symphony at the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater. Admission is free and no tickets are

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TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Eating right, exercising and getting adequate sleep often help fatigue. Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Times and online at www.thetimes24-7.com.



TODAY'S QUOTE

"Great things are done by a series of small things brought together" - Vincent Van Gogh

TODAY'S JOKE

Two brothers once decided they could fly. Obviously they were Wright.

HONEST HOOSIER

Happy 54th Steve Inskip from NPR and Carmel High School fame!



OBITUARIES

Doris Christine Beason



The Times appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank SUSAN CRANDALL for subscribing!



## OBITUARIES

### Doris Christine Beason

August 2, 1931 - June 9, 2022

For 351 days, Doris Christine Beason, 90, of Noblesville, was separated from her soulmate of more than 71 years, George. On Thursday, June 9, 2022, they were reunited-never to be apart again.

She was born August 2, 1931, to Louis Edward and Annie Mable (Herb) Small in Vigo County, Indiana, in the small town of Coal Bluff.

Though the family moved to Tipton when she was still young, Mrs. Beason would spend summers in Fontanet, often and fondly recounting the best of times with her cousins on the farm. As she grew, she would spend the days helping her mother hang wallpaper, wrangling her younger siblings, and babysitting to save dimes to spend summers at the pool. It was in Tipton that she met a lovely gentleman who would sweep her off her feet.

With George, she enjoyed raising three incredible girls in the small community of Noblesville, just south of where they first met. Friends and family were everything to them and Mrs. Beason never missed an opportunity to spend time with them, share a meal, or participate in her community.

She was no stranger to hard work, even working two jobs to go back to high school for her degree after her children were born, and later working as an insurance agent. Mrs. Beason led a disciplined and diligent life, driven to persevere and overcome any setback, of which there were a few. She was devastated by the loss of her siblings, particularly her sister Judy Ann and brother Tommy at young ages.

Through it all, she still took every opportunity for fun, whether that was maintaining a pool and enjoying the water with her youngest daughter, to water skiing and enjoying the houseboat life, or her many creative outlets. Mrs. Beason would paint the finishing touches on any woodworking project of George's. She would craft cookie jars and holiday décor from painted ceramics pieces to handmade Halloween costumes for her grandchildren.

Mrs. Beason and her husband enjoyed the fruits of a large and bountiful garden. With the harvest, she would quart and freeze shelves of food for her family, bake a multitude of pies and "shelly" beans for her church community, and gift something every friend or family member who visited. You just didn't leave her house without a quart of tomatoes, a jar of jelly, or some fresh vegetables.

Mrs. Beason was active in her community. She worked on the Noblesville tax board for nearly three decades and was a member of First Christian Church of Noblesville for nearly 40 years, serving in various capacities including as an elder, Christian Women's Fellowship member, and was an enthusiastic participant in bible study groups. She also crocheted newborn hats, lap blankets, and pillows for various healthcare facilities and organizations around town. Mrs. Beason and her husband especially enjoyed attending all the Noblesville ball games together and making peanut brittle annually with their church friends.

Survivors include her three beautiful daughters Katherine Sue Brown, Diana Lynn Russell and Christi Rae (Brad) Johnson; four grandchildren Abigail (Paul) Moore, John Russell, Lily (Ben) Renner and Amber Johnson; and two great-grandchildren Arlie and West Moore.

She was preceded in death by her husband George Ray Beason; parents; seven brothers and sisters; son-in-law John "Tim" Russell; and countless friends she had made and lost over the years—most certainly a reunion beyond any Earthly words or measure.

Services are scheduled to be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, June 17, 2022, at First Christian Church of Noblesville, 16377 Herriman Blvd., Noblesville, IN 46060, with Nick Orange officiating. Visitation is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. with burial to follow at Fairview Cemetery in Tipton at approximately 2:30 p.m.

To allow Mrs. Beason's community and God-centered spirit to live on, the family requests that donations be made to First Christian Church of Noblesville.

Online condolences may be made at [www.randallroberts.com](http://www.randallroberts.com).



**TIM TIMMONS**  
Sagamore News Media CEO

Did you see the news that Purdue top man Mitch Daniels is stepping down?

Let me take a second to make something perfectly clear – I'm a big fan of our former governor. His book, *Keeping the Republic: Saving America by Trusting Americans*, came out a decade or so ago and was brilliant. His take on the state of politics, our national debt and several other topics couldn't have been more right.

In addition, Daniels is a stand-up guy who calls it like he sees it.

All of this is a round-about way of saying that I am hoping he's leaving Purdue and considering a run for the White House. You may recall that he

was wooed once before and decided against it for family reasons. Here's one guy at least hoping that those family reasons have changed for the better and this is a possibility.

And remember, he's also got Washington experience. He was the director of the Office of Management and Budget under George W. Bush and the White House Director of Political and Intergovernmental Affairs under Ronald Reagan. He's 73 and as the 12th president of Purdue University, led the land grant school to unprecedented successes.

Like a lot of Noblesville kids in the '70s, I grew up an IU fan – a lot had to do with Bob Knight. But I was a fan of Coach Lou Watson's Hurryin' Hoosiers and stayed one after Big George McGinnis and Steve Downing went there (after leading Indianapolis Washington High School to an undefeated season and the state title).

All of which is to say when it came to Purdue, well, I still remember Knight's TV show with Chuck Marlowe (father of our columnist John

Marlowe) and the donkey Knight brought out as Purdue's mascot. My stance softened on the Boilers when I was a senior and their tennis coach told me he thought I could make the team there (although no scholarship was offered). The IU coach didn't even talk to me.

But silly fandom aside, Purdue is one of our state's shining institutions. The cradle of astronauts was great long before Daniels, but it clearly has gotten better with his guidance. From freezing the tuition 11 years ago – a move that saved Purdue families a cool billion bucks – to his innovative Purdue Moves program, Daniels has kept Purdue golden.

It's what he does. When he ran for governor (and keep in mind he had never held elected office before), former Sen. Luke Kenley told me that Daniels took the state by storm. Anyone remember the RV he drove all over the state and got people to sign it? Remember how he toured the state after being elected and stayed in peoples' homes?

Daniels is a smart guy. He's personable and he

understands how to get things done. Not only that, but after reading his book it's clear he dearly loves this country. Isn't that exactly the kind of person we want – and need right now – leading this country? And don't forget this, the unrest between Republicans and Democrats in Indiana seemed to ease up a lot when he sat in the governor's office. He just has that ability to get people past the pointless stuff.

For the eight or nine of you who read these ramblings, it's no secret I think this country is on the wrong path, or as my pal John Hammer says, we're fixing to come up a bad cloud. Daniels is one of the very few guys, I think, who could pull all sides together to at least some degree – and more importantly, get us on a much better path.

Fingers crossed.

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# Here's Hoping President Mitch Really Becomes President Mitch

## Noblesville Author Publishes Scintillating Romance Novel

My Everything, a new book by Wendy Haskett, has been released by Dorrance Publishing Co., Inc.

While in the process of escaping a loveless marriage through divorce, Bella meets the man of her dreams, which upends her world even more. Wrestling with the fear of further heartache, she and her teenage daughter navigate getting to know Dan and his daughter as they try to build a brand-new family together. My Everything takes the reader through their blossoming and adventurous love, as Bella discovers what love should really feel like, having Dan and his daughter in her life—the fear, the uncertainty, then

the certainty that she can't live without someone who has become her everything.

Wendy Haskett is a wife, and a mother of three. She loves dogs to no end and spends most of her time at the baseball field or the football field. Haskett enjoys swimming, kayaking, fishing, and riding her motorcycle. What she loves most of all is spending time with her family and friends.

My Everything is a 212-page paperback with a retail price of \$16.00 (eBook \$11.00). The ISBN is 978-1-6853-7007-7. It was published by Dorrance Publishing Co., Inc of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

## Kiser to Run For School Board



Melba Kiser

Melba Kiser has announced she is running for Noblesville School Board.

Kiser emigrated from Cuba as a child. She has experienced firsthand the opportunities the US provides to live the American dream. "I was fortunate to live that dream. I want our children and grandchildren to have the same opportunities." In large part, the answer lies within the current state of the education system and the quality of education they are receiving.

Kiser earned a degree in business and has found success in her career in pharmaceutical production, electronic monitoring with microbiology oversight in a food plant, research and development, as well as enjoyed a variety of community service activities in retirement.

While Noblesville schools have been recognized for their STEM

program, jazz program and sports programs, there is also a have a percentage of students who are not proficient in the basics. "As taxpayers, more than 50% of our taxes go to education. I want to ensure that our tax dollars are giving all students the best education possible," she said.

"I've attended the monthly meetings to listen and learn what is currently being done. Additionally, I've given public comment on issues of concern to me as a grandparent and taxpayer". "Our students face many challenges and should have many and varied opportunities based on their talents and skills. Retirement and the depth and breadth of my life experiences allow me to focus on helping our students to achieve their best."

Kiser is engaged in pushing for legislation in our state that will improve our education system for K-12. She will keep monitoring the civics curriculum standards to ensure that kids learn civics and its importance. She wants to work to increase students' proficiency in math and reading. Kiser is also concerned about the push from the current administration to teach about gender ideology in exchange for federal dollars to pay for school lunches.

## State of the County Luncheon, June 29th

Join The Noblesville Chamber of Commerce for their annual "State of the County" luncheon. Hamilton County Commissioner Steve Dillinger, on behalf of fellow Commissioners Christine Altman and Mark Heirbrant, will deliver the annual State of the County Address. The Luncheon will take place at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds Exhibition Center.

June 29th will be a day to reconnect with other businesses and business leaders in Hamilton County. There is a lot happening around the

county and you will not want to miss this chance to be fully updated.

A full list of costs for attending can be found below:

- \$34 members
- \$39 guests & non-members
- \$300 member rate corporate table of eight - includes name in program and slide deck
- \$400 non-member corporate table of eight - includes name in program and slide deck
- \$500 Premium placement corporate table of eight (members & non-members) logo in program and slide deck

### PUBLIC NOTICES

#### PUBLIC NOTICE AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Public notice is given that the Sheridan Town Council will, on the 5th day of July, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., in the Sheridan Community Center, 300 E. 6th Street, Sheridan, IN 46069, hold a public hearing on Ordinances No. 2022-10 and 2022-11, both entitled An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory to the Town of Sheridan, Placing the Same Within the Boundaries Thereof, and Making the Same a Part of the Town of Sheridan.

Said ordinances, if approved and adopted by the Sheridan Town Council, will annex approximately 140 acres into the town limits. The Public is advised that a copy of said ordinances contain a map of the area so designated for annexation and are on file at Town Hall and open for public inspection in that office.

The petitioners for the annexation are Kathryn Melshen, Trustee of Melshen Farm Trust and El Dorado Acres, LLC. The area has a common description as follows: 0 S. Malott Ave., 0 W. 226th St., 3250 W. 226th St., 0 Mule Barn Road, Sheridan, IN. Public notice is hereby given that at said public hearing, the Sheridan Town Council, as designating body, will receive and hear all remonstrances and objections from interested persons. The Sheridan Town Council will not take final action on Ordinances No 2022-10 and 2022-11 until a fiscal plan is prepared and adopted by Council at a future date.

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#### MEETING NOTICE

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners will meet on Thursday, June 23, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. This meeting will be held in Conference Room 1A, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana. The purpose of the meeting is for discussion of the proposed domestic violence shelter.

/s/ Robin M. Mills  
Hamilton County Auditor

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**Noblesville Fire Department in action. On the left, they respond to a possible lightning strike at a home on N. 18th St. On the right, they handle the blaze in a potential commercial fire on Greenfield Avenue.**

# NFD Responds to Multiple Fires

Noblesville Fire Department's (NFD) crews responded to 2 separate fires in less than 12 hours on Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning. The first fire was dispatched as a possible lightning strike at 3:41 p.m. on Monday,

June 13th. NFD responded to the residence fire at 554 N. 18th Street.

The first crews to arrive reported smoke inside the home. Firefighters were able to make an aggressive interior attack and quickly extinguish the fire located

inside the walls. The homeowner heard the lightning strike and began to smell smoke minutes later. All residents were able to safely evacuate and call 911. NFD was assisted by the Noblesville Police Department (NPD).

Shortly after 3:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 14th, NFD was dispatched to Waste Management on a possible commercial fire located at 11735 Greenfield Avenue. Heavy smoke was seen from a passing vehicle. The driver called

911 to report the blaze.

The first arriving units were met with heavy smoke in the area originating at the Waste Management substation. Crews were able to quickly deploy large diameter supply lines

and use multiple master streams to bring the fire under control. The cause of the fire has not been released at this time. NFD was assisted by NPD and the Hamilton County Emergency Management Agency.

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# BBB Tip: What You Should Know About Payday Loan Ads on Social Media

If you've ever needed extra cash to tide you over to your next paycheck, you understand the appeal of a payday loan. Now, video ads on places like TikTok are promoting small, short-term loans to a new, young audience – and making them seem cheap and easy. However, just because it looks simple, doesn't mean it is. Predatory payday lenders are using the platform to make dishonest claims promising instant cash with no credit checks, late fees, or interest rates.

Many times, the advertisers are getting around the rules of the platform. TikTok and Meta have rules restricting ads for short term/payday loans, but some have found their way through.

Here's what you should know before taking out a payday loan from a social media ad.

## Understanding payday loans featured on social media ads:

- Apps might not call it an "interest rate" but that's what it is. Many of the lenders that advertise on TikTok try to skirt regulations by creating new names for their service. By calling their interest rates a "tip" or a "fee,"

lenders hope you won't notice just how much interest you'll actually pay. Keep in mind, responsible lenders will always be willing to disclose the APR on their loans.

- Payday loans are costly. A two-week payday loan with a \$15 fee to borrow \$100 translates to an annual percentage rate (APR) of almost 400 percent, according to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. That's a huge jump from even a high interest rate credit card, which have rates of about 30 percent.

- Just because it's easy, doesn't make a payday loan a good idea. If you are young or have no access to other types of credit, you are an ideal target for a payday lender. Less-than-scrupulous lenders promote the fact that you don't need a credit check or any paperwork to get a loan. However, that ease can come at a high cost. Before you pursue a payday loan, spend some time shopping around for other options.

- Not all social media ads are truthful. Payday lenders seen on TikTok may promise you instant cash. But if it sounds too good to be true, it prob-

ably is. Many companies like these have faced scrutiny for deceptive lending practices, and some may simply be after access to your bank account. Don't believe everything you see on social media ads without doing further research.

- Be sure you can repay the loan. With such high interest rates, many people find themselves stuck in a debt cycle. In addition, payday loans can ruin your credit if you find yourself unable to pay back what you owe.

## Better alternatives to payday loans:

- **Develop a budget with an emergency fund.** Create a budget so you know how much money you have coming in and how much you need to pay your bills. This will help you avoid needing a loan in the first place. Then, set aside some cash each month to build up an emergency fund. Then, you will be covered even if an unexpected expense or an emergency comes up.

- **Get credit counseling.** If you find yourself unable to pay your bills or if you are caught in a debt cycle due to a high interest loan, get credit counseling. The U.S. De-



partment of Justice has a list of agencies for people looking for debt reduction assistance. Also, check out BBB's tip on credit counseling for more resources.

- **Shop around if you need a loan.** Compare interest rates, charges, and late fees by reading the fine print before you choose a lender. Pay close attention to both interest rates and loan rollover

fees. Credit unions are a good place to take out a small loan with reasonable interest rates. Even credit card cash advances, which usually have interest rates in the double digits, likely have lower interest rates than what a payday lender will offer you. See tips on choosing a bank or credit union.

- **Contact creditors if you can't pay on time.** If

you realize you won't be able to make a payment on time, don't panic. Contact the creditor directly. Many creditors will be willing to work with you to come up with a payment plan that you can afford.

Read the BBB Tip: Payday Loans for more considerations on working with payday lenders. You'll find practical tips in the BBB Tip: How to shop for financial services as well.

If you feel a payday lender has committed fraud or taken advantage of you, file a complaint on BBB.org and with the Federal Trade Commission.

The Better Business Bureau has empowered people to find businesses, brands and charities they can trust for over 110 years. In 2021, people turned to BBB more than 200 million times for BBB Business Profiles on 6.3 million businesses and Charity Reports on 25,000 charities, free at BBB.org. Local, independent BBBs can be found across the United States, Canada, and Mexico, including BBB Serving Central Indiana, which was founded in 1916 and serves 46 counties.

# AJC Honors Hillel Chapters in Ukraine, Indiana for Resilience and Fight Against Antisemitism

On Tuesday, the American Jewish Committee honored students at the Hillel chapters in the Ukraine city of Kharkiv, and Indiana University, where students marshaled an effort to create campus-wide solidarity in the face of rising acts of antisemitism.

The Hillel chapters received the AJC Sharon Greene Award for Campus Advocacy, which recognizes college-based advocates who fight antisemitism and support Jewish life on campus.

The award is named after the late Sharon Greene, whose family initially established the award to honor outstanding community service by high school students. It now recognizes students who combat antisemitism, fight the BDS movement and promote a positive image of Israel.

The awards were presented on the closing day of the AJC Global Forum in New York.

"Publicly identifying as Jewish, and particularly as a Zionist, on college campuses in 2022 is not always easy," said Josh



Greene, one of Sharon Greene's three children. "Over the past several years, we have witnessed Jewish students being intimidated and ostracized purely because of who they are and what they believe."

The Hillel chapter at Indiana University was recognized for the launch last fall of the Red Mezuzah Project in response to rising antisemitism on campus. It distributed nearly 1,000 mezuzahs to non-Jewish students and faculty who wanted to show solidarity with the Jewish community. Each one reads, "I stand with my Jewish friends."

The IU Hillel also helped create the university's antisemitism task force, which is made up of Jewish and non-Jewish students.

Also receiving an award was the Hillel community in Kharkiv, whose office was destroyed early in the war by Russian bombs.

One of its members, Serafim Sabaranskiy, was killed while serving on territorial defense. The five Hillel chapters in Ukraine have been among the groups that have received grants from AJC's Stand with Ukraine Fund, which raised over \$2.4 million.

"We should all be inspired by the Hillel chapters in Ukraine for continuing to support Jewish students in a time of war and sacrifice. AJC is proud to stand in solidarity with them," said AJC CEO David Harris. "We are also proud to support IU Hillel. Sometimes, antisemitism on American college campuses can seem like a lonely battle. What IU Hillel was able to accomplish was nothing short of remarkable."

"I'm grateful to AJC for shining a light on what we at Hillel get to see every day. The Jewish future is bright," said Hillel International President and CEO Adam Lehman.

# Attorney General Rokita Reminds Hoosiers to Use Caution to Avoid Scams While on Summer Vacation



Attorney General Todd Rokita

Attorney General Todd Rokita encourages Hoosiers to avoid scams by being mindful as they prepare for out-of-town summer vacations. To ensure your time away is as safe as possible, use caution to avoid crafty scammers.

"When planning your vacation this summer, remember anyone can be the target of a scam," Rokita said. "Often, when a deal seems too good to be true, it is. Be on the lookout for heavily discounted amusement park tickets, condos, and hotel rentals."

The following is a list of tips to avoid common vacation scams:

- Avoid high-pressure sales pitches before you book a trip.
- Be extra cautious when booking through an unfamiliar company. Check the Better Business Bureau ratings and research the name online to see if there are any allegations of scams.
- Read the fine print in the contract before you

sign it. It will tell you about the conditions under which the operator can change or cancel the trip and the rules and penalties for cancellation.

- Pay by credit card. It gives you more protection than cash or checks.
- Use good judgment when sharing about your trip on social media. Consider changing your online privacy settings while on your trip.
- Lock your valuables, including personal information, in your trunk or hotel safe.

If you believe you have been the victim of a vacation scam, file a complaint at [www.indianaconsumer.com](http://www.indianaconsumer.com) with Attorney General Rokita's office.

# International School of Indiana Hosts 2nd Annual Language Summer Camp



The International School of Indiana (ISI) has partnered with the Hamilton Lugar School of Global and International Studies at Indiana University for a second year to host the language immersion-focused summer camp June 20 to July 15 in Indianapolis. The ISI Language Summer Camp will offer main programming in three languages — Spanish, French and Mandarin — to students in kindergarten through grade six.

The Language Summer Camp will be led in partnership with instructors from IU's Hamilton Lugar School, which offers more than 70 world languages, the most of any university in the country. No prior dual-language experience is required to attend, and the program welcomes beginner-level students. Participants can sign up for multiple languages.

"We are pleased that our continued partnership with the Hamilton Lugar School of Global and International Studies allows us to provide a unique summer camp option to the central Indiana community," said Elizabeth Head, ISI Head of School. "The faculty from both of our institutions bring their unrivaled expertise and passion to each week of camp and give students a window to the world."

Lee Feinstein, Founding Dean of the IU Hamilton

Lugar School, agreed.

"We are thrilled to partner with our friends at ISI. Learning world languages and cultures leads to global understanding and humility," Feinstein said. "Helping young Hoosiers develop these skills in K-12 classes is the best way to nurture future global leaders."

The camp will be held at the new Chen Family Lower School, 4330 N. Michigan Road, which will be the first school-related event to take place on the unified campus. Camp and registration information is available at [www.isind.org/events/summercamp](http://www.isind.org/events/summercamp).

International School of Indiana was founded in 1994 by civic, state, and business leaders. By combining the rigorous academic program with two powerful tools for future success—fluency in a foreign language and multicultural education, ISI offers the most distinct academics in the Midwest. Annually more than 500

domestic and international students, age three to grade 12, access certified full-continuum International Baccalaureate (IB) programming and language immersion and dual language programs in French, Spanish, Mandarin, and English. Over the school's 27-year history, 17 graduating classes totaling more than 450 graduates have received an exceptional academic foundation that has prepared them to seize opportunities, realize their fullest potential, and become responsible citizens and effective leaders in a rapidly globalizing and interdependent world. Beginning in 2022 the school will be unified on a beautiful 65-acre campus in the Midtown area of Indianapolis. The campus is nestled along the White River in a park-like setting and features the Chen Family Lower School, the Daneri Family Gymnasium, the Kathryn and Sidney Taurel Building, the Henry B. Blackwell Building, outdoor sports facilities and a nature trail. For more information, visit [www.isind.org/admissions/discover](http://www.isind.org/admissions/discover).

**Want TO GO?**  
**What:** Language Summer Camp for incoming students Kindergarten through grade six. This is a partnership between the International School of Indiana and the Hamilton Lugar School of Global & International Studies.  
**When:** June 20 - July 15, dates vary based on language selection  
**Where:** The Chen Family Lower School, 4330 N. Michigan Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46208  
**Cost:** \$270 per week (lunch not included). Discounted rate of \$250 for ISI families.

**Hope everyone has a great and safe summer!**

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# Indiana State Fair Announces Third Wave of Hoosier Lottery Free Stage Concerts

Yesterday, the Indiana State Fair unveiled the third wave of its 2022 list of scheduled concerts as a part of the Hoosier Lottery Free Stage schedule, July 29 through August 21 (Fair is closed Mondays and Tuesdays). These include Jesse McCartney, Travis Tritt, Vixen & Autograph and a series of tribute shows on Thursdays.

The Hoosier Lottery Free Stage has become a summertime staple for concert goers and music lovers. The lineup each year consists of some of music's most legendary acts and this year is no exception.

All shows at the Hoosier Lottery Free Stage are free with paid fair admission and seating is first-come, first-served. A limited number of premium section access tickets will also be made available at a later time. All shows start at 7:30 p.m., unless noted otherwise.

The 2022 Hoosier Lottery Free Stage at the Indiana State Fair schedule includes:

*Additional show will be added soon.*

- **Kansas** - Friday, July 29 (opening day)

- **Jesse McCartney** - Saturday, July 30

- **We The Kingdom** - Sunday, July 31

- **Chaka Khan** - Wednesday, August 3

- **Gone 2 Paradise (Tribute to Jimmy Buffett)** - Thursday, August 4

- **Travis Tritt** - Friday, August 5

- **The Reverend Peyton's Big Damn Band** - Saturday, August 6

- **Trace Adkins** - Wednesday, August 10

- **Too Fighters (A Tribute to Foo Fighters)** - Thursday, August 11

- **KC & The Sunshine Band** - Friday, August 12

- **El Dia de los Latinos en la Feria del Estado de Indiana presented by Radio Latina (Latino-Fest at the Indiana State Fair)** - Saturday, August 13

- **Zach Williams** - Sunday, August 14

- **Happy Together Tour featuring The Turtles, Gary Puckett & The Union Gap, The Association, The Classics IV, The Vogues, The Cowbells** - Wednesday, August 17

- **Small Town (A Tribute to John Mellencamp)** - Thursday, August 18

- **Carly Pearce** - Friday, August 19

- **Vixen & Autograph** - Saturday, August 20

- **Gospel Music Day featuring Fred Hammond** - Sunday, August 21

The 2022 Indiana State Fair is scheduled to open on Friday, July 29 and runs through August 21, when you can enjoy The Greatest 18 Days of Summer at this iconic Hoosier tradition. For more information, please visit [www.indianastatefair.com](http://www.indianastatefair.com) or follow the Indiana State Fair on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. The 2022 Indiana State Fair will be Fun at the Speed of Summer with the theme of Celebrating Indiana's Automotive Excellence, presented by Tom Wood Automotive Group.

**2022 Artist Bios**

**1. Kansas:**

A. This classic rock band from Topeka, Kan., nearing five decades in the classic rock scene, has become one of the most influential rock bands to date. Kansas, composed



of Phil Ehart, Billy Greer, Ronnie Platt, David Ragsdale, Tom Brislin, and Richard Williams, appeared on the Billboard charts for more than 200 weeks throughout the '70's and '80's and played sold-out arenas and stadiums throughout the United States, Europe, and Japan. Their songs have appeared in many shows like "Supernatural," "South Park," "The Office," and "The Simpsons;" and with films including "Old School," "Anchorman," and "Happy Gilmore."

**2. Jesse McCartney:**

A. Since the start of his career, New York-born and Los Angeles-based singer, songwriter, artist, and actor Jesse McCartney has built a catalog of instantly recognizable anthems and captivated audiences on the road and on-screen. His first three albums -- the Platinum Beautiful Soul [2004], Right Where You Want Me [2006], and Departure [2008] -- consecutively bowed in the Top 15 of the Billboard Top 200 with the singles "Beautiful Soul" minted Gold and "Leavin'" certified Platinum. Plus, he collaborated with T-Pain on the cross-genre banger "Body Language." A sought-after songwriter, he notably wrote the 4x-Platinum GRAMMY® Award-nominated "Bleeding Love" for Leona Lewis. In 2018, the one-off single "Better With You" racked up nearly 30 million cumulative streams and paved the way for his fifth offering. Simultaneously, his acting credits grew to include everything from Chernobyl Diaries and Fear The Walking Dead to Alvin and the Chipmunks, and even voicing the character Roxas/Ventus in gamer favorite Kingdom Hearts. In 2020, Jesse was revealed as the runner-up and popular fan favorite Turtle in the third season finale of Fox's The Masked Singer. Now, he opens up more than ever on his fifth full-length album New Stage, due out later this year. His second single "Friends," an homage to the people who became chosen family, followed the release of "Yours" in 2020, an introspective look at the different roles he's played throughout his life. Then there's "Kiss The World Goodbye," the third release from the forthcoming

album.

**3. We The Kingdom:**

A. We The Kingdom is a multigenerational family of musicians, including producers and songwriters Ed Cash (Chris Tomlin, NeedToBreathe, Bethel Music, Crowder), Scott Cash, Franni Rae Cash, Martin Cash and Andrew Berghold. With a combination of four different decades, We The Kingdom's music embraces worship, rock, country, folk and pop, providing a textured sonic background for vulnerable, gritty lyrics. The Georgia based band write songs about the full spectrum of human emotion, including the messy parts, as they aim to embrace brokenness, honesty, and the redemptive power of God's love in their music.

**4. Chaka Khan:**

A. Singer, Songwriter, Actor, Activist - Chaka Khan is one of the world's most gifted and celebrated musicians, with a rich musical legacy, the 10-time GRAMMY® Award-winner is looking forward to a celebration of a lifetime. A songwriter, actor, author, philanthropist, entrepreneur and activist, Chaka Khan has influenced generations of recording artists. She has the rare ability to sing in seven music genres, including R&B, pop, rock, gospel, country, world music and classical. Affectionately known around the world as Chaka, she is revered by millions of fans as well as her peers for her timeless, classic and unmatched signature music style and ability. The late, great Miles Davis often said, "She [Chaka] sings like my horn." And the Queen of Soul, Aretha Franklin says, "[Chaka] is a one-of-a-kind, premier vocalist."

**5. Gone 2 Paradise:**

A. Jimmy Buffett is internationally known for his fun & totally outrageous sold-out concerts worldwide. Gone 2 Paradise, featuring Frank Paul, continues the party, bringing the ultimate Jimmy Buffett experience alive throughout the year! Gone 2 Paradise, entertains all age groups including the faithful followers of Jimmy Buffett known as "Parrot Heads". Gone 2 Paradise has been featured on WGN and NBC TV and some of the places they have played include Navy Pier, US Cellular Field, Hawthorne

Race Track, Northerly Island, and The Chicago Yacht Club. With Frank Paul's voice and the island dressed band performing hit songs that span Jimmy Buffett's entire career.

**6. Travis Tritt:**

A. Multi-platinum selling and award-winning artist Travis Tritt launched his career three decades ago. Though his career is lengthy, the Southern rock-influenced artist continues to stay true and relevant to country music fans across the globe. Tritt's albums, seven of which are certified platinum or higher, have amassed more than 30 million in career album sales, two GRAMMY Awards, four CMA Awards, an invitation to become a member of the world's famous Grand Ole Opry and a devoted fan base that fills venues coast-to-coast. The Georgia native is dubbed one of "The Class of '89," which included Country music superstars Garth Brooks, Clint Black and Alan Jackson, however, his limited to music as he has also appeared in numerous feature films and TV shows throughout his extraordinary career.

**7. The Reverend Peyton's Big Damn Band:**

A. Two time BMA nominee's The Reverend Peyton's Big Damn Band are one of the greatest front-porch blues band in the world. This "Big Damn Band" Led by Reverend Peyton, considered the best finger picker playing today, has earned a reputation as both compelling performers and persuasive evangelists for the rootsy, country blues styles that captured their imaginations early in their lives. Reverend Peyton started this band after moving to Mississippi to study under blues masters such as T-Model Ford, Robert Belfour and David "Honeyboy" Edwards. He has now led his band to a number one song on the Billboard and iTunes Blues Charts, "Dance Songs For Hard Times", which has been critically acclaimed by Rolling Stone, Relix, Popmatters, Guitar World, American Songwriter, and more.

**8. Trace Adkins:**

A. Trace Adkins is a Grammy award nominated, three-time CMA award winner that has sold more than eleven million albums and has charted more than 20 singles in his 25 year long career. This Nashville artist has worked with other big country artists like Luke Bryan to rap superstar Snoop Dogg in his career. Along with singing Trace has found his way into films and television shows getting roles as a tough-as-nails biker in "The Lincoln Lawyer" (starring Matthew McConaughey), a desperate father in "Deepwater Horizon" (starring Mark Wahlberg), a wise oracle of a tattoo artist in the family friendly film "Moms' Night Out" (starring Patricia Heaton, Sean Astin, Sarah Drew), and as MercyMe's actual manager in the box office hit "I Can Only Imagine."

**9. Too Fighters:**

A. Too Fighters are a Foo Fighters tribute band, and Chicago's answer to making a true Foo concert experience available to everyone. Their mission is to pack twenty plus years' worth of Foo Fighters into one set, the best songs,

moments, antics, history, stories and fun. The Too Fighters are committed to making this experience as close to a true Foo Fighters concert as possible, using no samples or past records is just one way they do this. Fan interaction, energy on stage, and true passion shown during the show gives the listener the closest Foo Fighters experience without truly being there.

**10. Kc & The Sunshine Band:**

A. Features in over 200 motion picture films, Grammy awards, People's Choice awards, four number one records in a row, and coined the "Founder of the Dance Revolution" all can be claimed by KC & the Sunshine Band. Hits like, "Give it up", "That's the way (I like it)", and "(Shake Shake Shake) Shake Your Booty" have found their way into nearly every major sporting event, parade, wedding, and bar mitzvah of the last three decades. The fifteen man band took inspiration from the sunny days in Florida to get the very energetic and fun sound that continually influences artists to this day. KC & the Sunshine Band led by Harry Wayne Casey did not only spark a revolution in the 70s and 80s, but still has people of all ages now getting up out of their seats to boogie.

**11. Zach Williams:**

A. GRAMMY award winning Contemporary Christian artist Zach Williams aims to share his story of how he found his faith, with honesty and clarity into his troubled past. Zach is a Tennessee-based Christian singer that infuses outlaw country, the dirt-road grit of southern rock, and the contemporary roots music of alt-country into his sound to create a unique and special way to spread his passion for God, and share how he stays on the path of being Christian. He grew to popularity with his debut album "Chain Breaker," winning GRAMMY award Best Contemporary Christian album, as well as the GMA Dove Awards 2017 New Artist of the Year and 2018 Artist of the Year.

**12. Happy Together Tour:**

A. The Happy Together Tour consists of six bands: The Turtles, Gary Puckett & The Union Gap, The Association, The Classics IV, The Vogues and The Cowbells. These bands that had their biggest hits in the 60's and 70's brought timeless sounds and songs like "Happy Together" by the Turtles, one of the most recognizable songs of that time period. These bands combined have multiple No. 1 hits with this tour starting in 1984. Since then the band has consistently knocked out 50 shows a year, making this tour an iconic homage to an era of music that has influenced many of today's artists. The tour has consisted of several different bands and artists throughout the nearly 40 years it has been running, with the only constant band being The Turtles. This group's members include: Howard Kaylan, Mark Volman, Al Nichol, Chuck Portz, and Don Murray. With the exception of Don, all original members are alive today, making this band's live songs truly original.

**13. Small Town:**

A. Small Town is Chicago's premier John Mellencamp Experience. This tribute band, composed 100% of Hoosier natives, has set out to bring the musical catalog of John Mellencamp to life on stage just as Mellencamp has done year after year, decade after decade. Mellencamp is an Indiana native and legendary rock icon with over 25 Top 20 hit songs spanning 40 years. Small Town has recreated his high energy shows and the music that everyone knows and loves. Authenticity is key with Small Town, they do not sample any past records or have any pre-recorded tracks, everything you hear at the show is exactly what you would have heard at a real John Mellencamp show.

**14. Carly Pearce:**

A. Carly Pearce is a young country singer on the rise, releasing her first album in 2017. Her Platinum-certified No. 1 song "I Hope You're Happy Now" with artist Lee Brice has earned CMA nominations for New Artist of the Year, Song of the Year and Video of the Year, and won Musical Event of the Year. She has exploded in the country scene touring alongside Blake Shelton, Rascal Flatts and Luke Bryan. The past two years this Kentucky native has won CMA awards for Female Vocalist of the Year in 2021 and Female Artist of the Year in 2022. She is now on her third studio album, "29: Written in Stone," and has been nominated 22 times for numerous awards since these three albums have been released.

**15. Vixen & Autograph:**

A. Vixen is an American rock band formed in Minnesota in 1980. During its most commercially successful period from 1987 to 1992, the band released their eponymous first album in 1988, and it reached No. 41 on the charts. Their second album Rev It Up was released in 1990, and reached No. 52 on the Billboard 200. Their third album Tangerine was released in 1998. Their fourth album Live & Learn was released in 2006. Autograph is an American glam metal band formed in Pasadena, California, in 1984, best known for their hair metal anthem "Turn Up the Radio".

**16. Fred Hammond:**

A. Detroit-raised Fred Hammond is one of the most popular worship gospel singers to date. Getting his start in the 80s, Fred performed in gospel bands and groups until going solo in 1991. Since then, he has released a consistent string of gospel albums, "Verity," "Pages of Life: Chapters I & II (1998)," "Free to Worship (2006)," and "God, Love & Romance (2012)," "United Tenors Project" (2013) and "I Will Trust" (2014), all reaching Billboard's No. 1 Gospel Album spot within the first week of releasing. Fred returned to concerts in 2016 after a 17-year hiatus and has been touring ever since. He continues to collaborate and produce with multiple generations of gospel musicians including The Williams Brothers, Yolanda Adams, Israel & New Breed, John Bush & Andy Kellman, and Rovi.

# Senators Young, Booker Applaud Committee Passage of Bill to Help Americans in Saving for the Future



Senator Todd Young

U.S. Senators Todd Young (R-Ind.) and Cory Booker (D-N.J.) applauded the passage of their *Emergency Savings Act* by the U.S. Senate Health, Education, Labor & Pensions (HELP) Committee on Tuesday, as part of S. 4353, *Retirement Improve-*



Senator Cory Booker (D-N.J.)

*ment and Savings Enhancement to Supplement Healthy Investments for the Next Egg (RISE & SHINE) Act.* The bipartisan bill was introduced last month to help Americans save for unexpected expenses without having to tap into their retirement accounts.

"This action by the HELP Committee puts us one step closer to helping Americans better save for emergencies and preserve their retirement savings. The *Emergency Savings Act* enjoys support from across the retirement industry and political spectrum. It is a commonsense solution to an unfortunately too-common problem: Americans who find themselves without sufficient savings to cover unexpected emergencies," said Senators Young and Booker.

According to a report by the Federal Reserve, almost half of Americans would struggle to cover an unexpected \$400 expense. A recent study found that, in the past year, almost 60

percent of retirement account participants who lack emergency savings tapped into their long-term retirement savings, compared to only nine percent of those who had at least a month of emergency savings on hand.

The *Emergency Savings Act* would facilitate convenient and affordable access to workplace emergency savings accounts, improving financial security and reducing retirement savings leakage. The bill builds upon work by Senators Young and Booker to develop this concept over the last several years, including the *Strengthening Financial Security Through Short-Term Savings Accounts Act of 2021.*



## SUPERINTENDENT

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passionate advocate for public education, Hile is known for his leadership, communications, professionalism, and community involvement and I look forward to working with him."

Dr. Hile's contract with Noblesville Schools grants him a salary of \$182,500, with the potential for annual increases, as well as a range of health and life insurance benefits, vacation and sick days, and assistance with relocation and work-related expenses.

The contract also includes a \$900 per month stipend for automobile allowances. The full contract can be found on Noblesville Schools' website at <https://www.noblesvilleschools.org/Page/847>.

The contract will become active effective July 1, 2022 and run through

June 30, 2025, for a three-year term.

Dr. Beth Niedermeyer, the outgoing superintendent of Noblesville Schools, finished her tenure with an annual salary of \$194,677.

Hile has served on several boards including the American Association of School Administrators, Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents, Northeast Indiana Public Schools Association, Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership and the Purdue University Educational Leadership and Policy Studies Advisory Board.

He has also collaborated with the Whitley County Economic Development Council, Churubusco Rotary Club, Churubusco Chamber of Commerce, Churubusco Redevelopment Council and the

Churubusco Main Street Committee.

In addition to a doctorate in educational leadership from Purdue University, where he has also served as a guest lecturer, Hile holds a master's degree in education administration from Indiana University Fort Wayne, as well as a bachelor's degree in music education from Indiana University. Hile, his wife Jana and their two children plan to relocate to Noblesville. His son will attend Noblesville High School and his daughter will be a college student.

You can view a special introductory statement from Dr. Hile here: <https://vimeo.com/719874916>.

Make sure to look for an in-depth interview with Dr. Hile in the next edition of The Times.

## ACADEMY

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Rep. Victoria Spartz

ments residing in Indiana's Fifth Congressional District to apply for upcoming class nominations. Applications must be filled out online at <https://spartz.house.gov/services/military-academy-nominations> and submitted no later than October 14, 2022, to: [SpartzAcademyNominations@mail.house.gov](mailto:SpartzAcademyNominations@mail.house.gov).

For more information visit [Spartz.House.Gov](https://Spartz.House.Gov).

## FESTIVAL

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required. Food, non-alcoholic beverages, chairs and blankets are welcome. Outside alcohol is not permitted, but food and drink will be available for purchase on site. The Community Concert Series is presented by IU Health Fishers. Versiti Blood Center of Indiana will also host a Spark!Fishers Blood Drive at the concert from 5 to 8:30 p.m. Schedule an appointment ahead of time here or walk in during the concert. Learn more at [sparkfishers.com/Entertainment](https://sparkfishers.com/Entertainment).

### 5K Run/Walk & Kids Fun Run - Wednesday, June 22 at 6:30 & 7 p.m.

Lace up your running shoes for the family-friendly 5K Walk/Run, presented by IU Health Fishers, featuring a brand new 5K route along the Nickel Plate Trail. The 5K Walk/Run will depart from the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater (6 Municipal Drive) at 7 p.m. A Kids Fun Run 30-yard dash will take place before the 5K at 6:30 p.m. To view a course map and register for the race, visit [sparkfishers.com/5K](https://sparkfishers.com/5K). Onsite registration is permitted until 6:30 p.m.

### Car & Art Show - Thursday, June 23 from 6 - 9 p.m.

Stroll the Central Green and check out the Spark!Fishers Car & Art Show, featuring a record number of vintage and modern cars alongside local artists and artisans curated by Fishers Arts Council. This event is free to attend, and no tickets are required. Car owners can register their vehicles at [sparkfishers.com/CarAndArtShow](https://sparkfishers.com/CarAndArtShow).

Friday Night Concert featuring Bruno Mars tribute band, Uptown Funk - Friday, June 24 at 8 p.m.

The weekend party kicks off with a Friday night concert at the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater featuring Bruno Mars tribute band, Uptown Funk. Admission is free, and no tickets are required. Food, non-alcoholic beverages, chairs, and blankets are welcome. Outside alcohol is not permitted, but food and drink will be available for purchase on site. Learn more at [sparkfishers.com/Entertainment](https://sparkfishers.com/Entertainment).

### Street Fair - Saturday, June 25 from 3 - 10 p.m.

Soak up the summer fun at the Spark!Fishers Street Fair around the Municipal Complex, with fun for all ages including:

- Local food and drink, retail vendors, artisans, and more, along with the Dining Tent, sponsored by Four Day Ray Brewing.
- The Ferris wheel is back – and larger than before – offering spectacular views of downtown Fishers.
- Three entertainment stages featuring live performances starting at 3 p.m., including the main NPD AMP stage as well as new, roaming street acts. See the full lineup at [sparkfishers.com/Entertainment](https://sparkfishers.com/Entertainment).
- The Kids Zone with more bounce houses, games, face painters, balloon artists and additional kid-friendly fun sponsored by DMC Insurance.
- The Spark!Fishers Teen Zone, featuring interactive racing simulators, ski-ball, table tennis, a skatepark and more.
- Hero Hut, a 501(C)(3) will host a tent for veterans to learn about services and opportunities available to them, build friendships, and forge a connection to the Fishers community. Hero Hut is sponsored by

the Indiana Army National Guard.

### Parade - Saturday, June 26 at 6 p.m.

Celebrate the spark of our community with this fun-filled tradition through Fishers' Nickel Plate District featuring floats and walking groups from various local organizations and civic groups. Snag your spot early along the route. Check out the route map at [sparkfishers.com/Parade](https://sparkfishers.com/Parade).

### Fireworks - Saturday, June 26 at 10 p.m.

Cap off the festivities with a dazzling firework show. Suggested viewing locations include the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater lawn and throughout the Municipal Complex. Fireworks will be launched from Holland Park which will be closed for viewing due to safety reasons.

Wristbands are required to participate in Spark!Fishers' Saturday activities, including inflatables, the skate park, and the Ferris wheel. Wristbands can be purchased in advance for \$3 or at the event for \$5. Pre-ordered wristbands must be picked up at the Fishers Parks office (8100 E. 106th Street, Ste 150) during normal business hours Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. by Friday, June 24 at 7 p.m. Learn more and order wristbands here.

Accessible parking is available in the Fishers Police Department Garage (4 Municipal Drive). Fishers Parks also will offer CultureCity sensory inclusive bags and weighted lap pads for those with sensory needs during all events. Items will be available for checkout at info tents at festival entrances.

A mother's room and a prayer room are available for use during the event. To locate, ask any Info Tent or to learn more, visit [sparkfishers.com/SparkAccessibility](https://sparkfishers.com/SparkAccessibility).

For events Tuesday through Friday evening, free parking is available around the Municipal Complex and downtown Fishers both in parking garages and street parking. On Saturday, guests are encouraged to park at the Forum Credit Union Headquarters (11313 USA Parkway) and take the free event shuttle. Shuttles will run regularly beginning Saturday at 1:30 p.m. through the end of the event. Surface lots around Municipal Drive will not be available to Spark!Fishers guests. The Switch parking garage (North Street and Municipal Drive) will be reserved for residents and those with valid Spark!Fishers parking passes. Public parking is available in The Edge (116th Street and Lantern Road), Nickel Plate Station (Moore Street & 116th Street) and Spark Apartments (Lantern Road and the Nickel Plate Trail) garages. ADA parking is available at the Fishers Police Department (4 Municipal Drive). Rideshare drop off and pick up will occur at The Edge Parking Garage (8890 E. 116th Street). Bicycle parking is available around the Municipal Complex.

Additional road closures will be in effect for Spark!Fishers festivities beginning on Wednesday evening, June 23 through Saturday, June 25. For details, visit [sparkfishers.com/SparkParking](https://sparkfishers.com/SparkParking)

and follow @SparkFishers on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram for festival news and updates.

## BETSY

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Photo courtesy of Noblesville American Legion

**Noblesville Frank Huntzinger Post 45 American Legion members Kayla Minnick (from left), Chris Walters, Al Pfluederer, Deb Pfluederer, John Morris, Jennifer Miller, Rose Craft, Tim Wagoner, Nan Tharp, Maria Morris and Mike Sherfick volunteer at a booth selling REO Speedwagon and Styx musical CDs for \$20 each and included a chance to win an autographed guitar during Friday's "Live & Unzoomed Tour 2022" at Ruoff Music Center in Noblesville.**

ing agreement for the (historic) R.L. Wilson property located at 273 S. Eighth St., in Noblesville," he said.

"I do want to make one thing very clear about these transactions. The City of Noblesville has played no role or exerted any influence on our decision to sell our property or on our selection of where to relocate. I do believe all parties involved are happy with the idea that these properties will still be under ownership of organizations with a longstanding tradition within Noblesville," he said. "It was very important to everyone that future caretakers of these properties would ensure the very best results for the City of Noblesville community and its residents. The new location for CCH&A allows for them to expand into additional office space and parking with the existing layout." In other words, the Legion building will remain and be used.

He said, "The Noblesville American Legion will be able to expand our services to the veteran community, as well, and we believe we will present a true must-visit Post experience when we are able to fully open in late spring/early summer 2023. We will continue to operate out of our original location until we are ready, and we have committed to a continued partnership with Heavenly Sweets (currently housed on the R.L. Wilson property) for the foreseeable future, as well."

Morris said, "These transactions would not be nearing completion if it were not for the patience, shared vision and true collaboration by all three sides. The end goal for everyone goes way beyond the simple exchange of funds on three sides." The American Legion

Post currently has 500 members between the Legionnaires, Sons of the American Legion and the Legion Auxiliary.

On the Legion property, there is a posted sign of an upcoming hearing, which is "simply to correct an overlooked zoning issue," he said. "We have already met with our immediate residential neighbors and explained what was happening long before any postings or mailings were conducted. Long story short, our current location is zoned as a residential property, and we are changing it to be zoned Downtown (DT). This should have been handled decades ago but was overlooked by everyone," he said.

"We are extremely excited and looking forward to the next 12 months, not only due to our move, but we also have a few exciting new ventures for our members coming in the next few months to increase our value to the membership," Morris said. "I will announce those as we get everything put in place."

Now back to the charity rock event ... Morris said the charity Rock to the Rescue partnered with REO Speedwagon and Styx and the Legion Post, and its mission was spotlighted at Friday's concert at Ruoff.

"What an amazing opportunity for our Post," he said. The Legion sent officers and staff.

"As part of the arrangement, we sell their CDs at their booth and then receive a cut of the sales. They announce on stage who we are, what we do and what they are doing for us. Our admission is free," Morris said just a couple of days before the June 10 concert.

Morris said, "We were selected by the representative of Styx, Kevin Compton. We asked Kev-



Photo courtesy of Noblesville American Legion

**Noblesville American Legion members Chris Walters, Eric Behrends, Deb Pfluederer and John Morris pose with autographed guitar winners, Kerri Thomas and Chris Thomas (center) during the Legion's partnership with Styx and REO Speedwagon during last Friday night's concert at Ruoff Music Center in Noblesville.**

in how we were selected, as well, and he said he really tries to focus on veterans organizations in the immediate local area. Everything happened very quickly. Kevin called our Post Monday night (June 6) and left a message for me. I called Kevin on Tuesday (June 7), which was when he explained the charity partnership to me."

Morris said, "The concept is that we would sell Styx and REO Speedwagon CDs for chances to win an autographed guitar. Fifty percent of the proceeds cover the bands' cost. 25 percent goes to a disaster relief fund they manage, and finally 25 percent goes to our charity, Noblesville American Legion."

The winners of the guitar were Kerri and Chris Thomas.

"This was special for everyone since their entire family is part of the veteran community though we had never met them before," he said.

The proceeds of the donation will go to the Post to support our mission."

The best perks other than the donation, were good press and free entry, he said. "We are simply honored to be chosen."

For each REO Speedwagon and Styx CD sold at the concert, either at the booth or while roaming the Music Center, buyers of each \$20 musical CD received an entry to win a band-signed guitar.

While volunteering at the booth, which was

located in the front plaza area of Ruoff Music Center, Legion members snapped photos, which they shared with The Times. Those attending included Eric Behrends, Kayla Minnick, Chris Walters, Al Pfluederer, Deb Pfluederer, John Morris, Jennifer Miller, Rose Craft, Tim Wagoner, Nan Tharp, Maria Morris and Mike Sherfick.

"We ended up with 12 volunteers from the Legion," Morris said. "We ended up selling over 200 CDs for a chance to win the guitar. We received a \$1,012 donation from Styx/REO for our efforts."

Legion members had access to the lawn when the bands were playing as well, he said. "We had a great time."

The "Live & Unzoomed Tour 2022" stop in Noblesville is among 35 stops on the tour that kicked off May 31, 2022, in Grand Rapids, Mich. It's the sixth time that REO Speedwagon and Styx have been on tour together. The tour ends Aug. 21 in Wantagh, NY.

Morris said his first term as commander, June 2021 to June 2022 has seen the Legion donate more than \$25,000 to various organizations to include the Noblesville Boy Scouts, Noblesville Girls Softball, Saving Our Sisters, Aspire, Pets Helping Vets, LifeCamp USA, to name a few.

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Answers: 1. About 29 percent 2. 183 Years 3. Around 15,030 People 4. 55/sq. mi.  $\div$

## Did You Know?

- Jay County was formed in 1836
- It is the only county in the United States named for John Jay, co-author of The Federalist Papers, Secretary of Foreign Affairs under the Articles of Confederation, and first Chief Justice of the United States.
- According to the 2010 census, the county has a total area of 384.08 square miles (994.8 km<sup>2</sup>), of which 383.90 square miles (994.3 km<sup>2</sup>) (or 99.95%) is land and 0.18 square miles (0.47 km<sup>2</sup>) (or 0.05%) is water.
- The population in 2010 was 21,253
- The county seat, Potland has a population of 6,223

## Got Words?

Why do you think it was decided to name the county after Jon Jay and why do you think it's the only county in the United States to bear his name?

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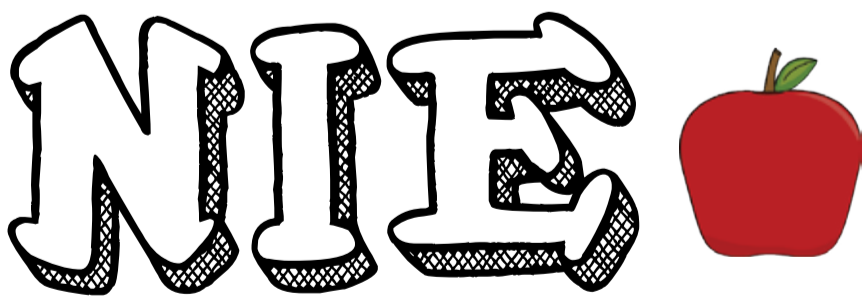
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Unscramble the words below!

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## Surprise \$8.5 Million Estate Gift Will Fund More Than 40 Years Of Cancer Research

Thanks to an unexpected bequest of \$8.5 million from fellow faculty member John Capaldi, Philip Low, Purdue University's Presidential Scholar for Drug Discovery and the Ralph C. Corley Distinguished Professor of Chemistry, has funding to support more than 40 years' worth of cancer research.

"I was absolutely knocked off my feet when I found out what was in his estate," Low said. "These funds have come at a perfect time for my lab, in that we have been blessed with many good ideas on how to treat cancer but have been short on the funding to develop them. Over my 40-year career, I've taken the time to record my very best ideas, and with this remarkable gift from Dr. Capaldi, I won't have to delay exploring them anymore."

When Capaldi, professor emeritus of psychological sciences at Purdue, lost his only sister to cancer, he told his attorney that when he died, he wanted his remaining assets to support cancer research. His attorney, who had known of Low since high school, recommended supporting Low's research.

When Capaldi died in November 2020, he left much of his estate, including a Purdue-funded retirement account, to

Low's lab at Purdue.

Much of the funding for Low's lab comes from federal grants, which require precise proposals for how the funding will be used. While these funds are vital, private gifts — like that from Capaldi — mean Low can pursue discoveries as they arise, allowing nimble and time-sensitive discoveries that wouldn't otherwise be possible. In this area, he'll apply a question that he considers key: "How can I use this information to do something that really matters?"

"I found that simply asking that question can open up opportunities that I would have never envisioned had I not stopped to think about the potential value to humanity of the work that I was doing," said Low. "I do believe I have an obligation to minimize the suffering of cancer patients if I can."

Low has recently earned FDA approval on a novel ovarian cancer treatment. While Low has more than 150 U.S. patents (and many more foreign patents), this is the first of his drugs to make it through the FDA-approval process. The results from this drug have drawn significant attention to Low's unique treatment methods.

Most cancer drugs are created to attack dividing cells, which can also wreak havoc on patients' immune systems, GI

tracks, and more. Low takes a different approach, creating "homing molecules" that attack only cancer cells, paired with existing drugs that kill cancer cells. He has applied the method to force cancer cells to glow like a fluorescent light during surgeries so that the surgeon can find and remove more malignant tissue and to help killer T cells destroy only cancerous cells. These therapies may mean a longer and better quality of life for thousands of cancer patients.

"Professor Capaldi's gift will have a lasting impact on cancer research at Purdue," said Patrick Wolfe, the Frederick L. Hovde Dean of the College of Science. "We are very proud to support Professor Low's signature patient-focused treatments, and these funds will enable him and his laboratory to focus not only on several different cancers, but also on fibrotic, autoimmune and CNS diseases, as well as bone fractures and even inherited diseases. All of us are eager to see what kind of exciting new treatments will emerge over time as a result of this transformational gift."

There are several very resistant cancers that need these kinds of breakthroughs. Low will be able to spend significant time determining how to craft homing molecules for each type — cutting down years

of financial hurdles that previously existed.

"The encouraging atmosphere for translating important scientific discoveries into commercial products is vibrant at Purdue," said Christine Hrycyna, Purdue's 150th Anniversary Professor of Chemistry and chemistry department head. "This investment in our faculty researchers results in bringing promising therapies for patients to fruition, including another from Dr. Low for prostate cancer that recently received FDA approval."

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## Wabash College's Coleman, Eaton Named Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholars

Recent Wabash College graduates Kenny Coleman '22 and Jeremiah Eaton '22 were named 2022 Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholars by *Diverse Issues in High Education* magazine.

Coleman was a first-team selection in track and field and a fourth-team selection in football. Eaton garnered first-team accolades in lacrosse. They are the third and fourth Wabash student-athletes to be named an Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholar since 2018.

Coleman, a native of Muncie, Indiana, was a four-year member of the Wabash football and track and field teams and served as a captain on the gridiron. He helped the Wabash football team to a 7-3 record in 2021, playing in a career-high eight games for the Little Giants as a defensive lineman. He totaled 4.0 tackles, including two tackles for loss and one sack. He also registered one quarterback hurry.

In track and field, he posted career bests in the shot put (12.83 m/42-1.25), hammer throw (45.55 m/149-5), and discus (37.29 m/122-4) in 2022. In 2021, he finished fifth with a season-best mark of 14.88 meters (48-10) in the weight throw at the 2020 North Coast Athletic Conference Indoor Track and Field Championships. He ranks 10th on Wabash all-time performers list in the hammer throw.

In his four-year career, Coleman helped his squads win seven NCAC championships. The football team posted a 23-8 (.742) mark during his collegiate career.

A rhetoric major, Coleman is a member of the Malcolm X Institute for Black Studies (MXIBS), where he has served as chairman and secretary. He also helped restore the Bethel AME Church in Crawfordsville, and served as a resident advisor on campus.

"Kenny is a phenomenal young man and leader," said, Clyde Morgan, Wabash director of track and field and cross country. "He leads effectively on the track and field team, on the campus, and in his community. He is the epitome of our MOWNBU motto (Men of Wabash Nothing Breaks Us), and I would gladly take ten of that young man."

He's a four-time Dean's List honoree, and was the 2021 recipient of the Lewis Salter Memorial Award, which is given to the member of

the junior class who best exemplifies the characteristics of scholarship, character, leadership, and service, the Nicholas McCarty Harrison Essay Award, the Wedgeworth Lilly Library Research, Scholarship, and Creativity Award, and the MXIBS Service Award. Coleman earned an Orr Fellowship from the State of Indiana and will receive executive mentorship and participate in a curriculum designed to develop understanding and skills vital to entrepreneurship and business leadership.

Eaton, a native of Munster, Indiana, played in 42 games in his collegiate career as a midfielder and served as a team captain. He collected career highs of five assists and seven points on 33 shots as a senior, while notching a career-best four goals as a junior.

He was actively involved on campus as a Peer Career Adviser for Wabash Collee Career Services and as a Wabash Ambassador in the Office of Enrollment Management. He founded the Wabash Think Tank, a student organization that works to host open discussions on a wide variety of topics to encourage discussion outside of the classroom, served as a Latin tutor, and was a member of the Wabash COVID Action Response and Education (CARE) Team, where he worked with a group of peers to ensure COVID-19 rules from the college were enforced and campus health is maintained.

Eaton, a Philosophy, Politics, and Economics major, was a Dean's List honoree, was named to the North Coast Athletic Conference Academic Honor Roll, and graduated magna cum laude.

"Jeremiah is involved in everything," said Chris Burke, Wabash head lacrosse coach. "He's driven, has a good head on his shoulders, and understands the value of priority, sacrifice, and teamwork. He is a leader who pushes everyone to be better and is passionate in all that he does."

Since 1992, Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholars have demonstrated stellar athletic ability and academic performance (3.5 cumulative GPA or higher), in addition to a commitment to community service and student leadership. The award is inspired by tennis legend Arthur Ashe Jr.'s dedication to education as well as his love for the game of tennis.

## Attorney General Todd Rokita Secures Participation Of All Indiana Communities In \$507 Million Opioid Settlement

Attorney General Todd Rokita has successfully brought together every Indiana city, town and county to participate in a historic \$507 million settlement that will bring massive relief to Hoosiers struggling with the devastating effects of the opioid epidemic.

"Today marks a milestone victory in our battle against drug addiction," Attorney General Rokita said. "This scourge has inflicted such unspeakable pain on so many Hoosiers. We are fighting daily for our families, friends and neighbors. By all of us working together, we can ensure a brighter day is coming."

Achieving the participation of all 648 political subdivisions in Indiana — i.e., cities, towns and counties — required overcoming several obstacles. The most significant impediment came from outside attorneys who initially convinced several individual communities to pursue their own litigation rather than opt into the statewide settlement.

And later, once those same private attorneys conceded the best course was to join the statewide

settlement, some of them insisted on building into the disbursement plan greater windfalls for themselves.

"Some lawyers seemed enticed by the prospect of big paydays," Attorney General Rokita said. "We worked with our partners in local government to make sure the opportunity to serve the public good won out over private pecuniary interests."

The settlement funds will support local law enforcement efforts, drug task forces, regional treatment hubs, and early intervention and crisis support, among other important programs.

Indiana technically is party to two settlements — one with Johnson & Johnson, which manufactured and marketed opioids, and one with the nation's three major pharmaceutical distributors (Cardinal Health, McKesson and AmerisourceBergen).

The overall arrangement is part of a \$26 billion agreement settling allegations of 46 states and many units of local government against the four companies.

"No amount of money will ever compensate fam-

ilies for the loss of loved ones," Attorney General Rokita said. "But a settlement of this magnitude helps prevent similar types of corporate irresponsibility from ever happening again."

Attorney General Rokita and his team worked directly with elected members of the Indiana General Assembly and local government leaders to create a statutory structure that will efficiently distribute funding directly to local communities.

This past session, House Enrolled Act 1193 vastly improved upon a previous existing framework that featured too much state-level bureaucracy. Previously, the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) would have acted as a "middleman" distributing funds to local governments.

"Together, we have created an excellent disbursement plan for our opioid settlement," Attorney General Rokita said. "From the very beginning, my own mission was to ensure that our local communities received the maximum funding possible — and that the

individual communities also could decide exactly how to use the funds they received."

The settlement framework continues to be a 50-50 split between the state and local governments.

Thirty percent of the settlement funds with "no strings attached" is split evenly between local communities and the state. That 30 percent can be used however local communities and the state choose to use them.

The other 70 percent is designated for opioid abatement efforts in local communities. State leaders decide exactly how to allocate half that amount — or 35 percent of the total. And this year's legislation now ensures that local governments decide exactly how to allocate the other half of that total.

"Local government is closest to the people and most aware of community needs," Attorney General Rokita said. "So that's where the best decisions can be made regarding exactly how to spend these funds. Just as I did as Secretary of State and in Congress, I will continue to trust the wisdom of local leaders."

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