

➔ TODAY'S VERSE

Proverbs 3: 5-6 Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.



➔ FACES OF HAMILTON COUNTY

People who call our community their own.

What makes Deb Wade smile? "Getting things accomplished and making it look good," said the Noblesville resident, who has worked for Logan Street Signs & Banners for more than 20 years. "I enjoy the daily interaction with my customers and the challenges that they give me." Her job? "Design the work, answer the phone, answer the counter, take the emails, do the invoices. You name it, we try to do everything here." Jim Wafford owns the company. "Jim's my big brother, my oldest brother. He's exactly two years older than me; I was born on his second birthday," said Deb, who also works with her nephew, Jim's son, Bill. Her brother and his Wafford Theatre Outdoor Movies offer free summer family drive-in movies each summer and he broadcasts live web coverage of high school football games, basketball games and other high school sporting events, plus Noblesville Common Council meetings and more. The next movie in the 11th annual free summer movie series is the 1988 "Beetle-juice," rated PG, and will begin at 9:15 p.m. Friday at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds in Noblesville. Lawn chairs, blankets and picnicking are invited. Due to rain two weeks ago, "Groundhog Day" was rescheduled for July 1, which will be the final movie of the free summer movie series. An Indianapolis native, Deb graduated from Cardinal Ritter High School, the third oldest of eight children. Previously, she was a bookkeeper for brother Jim when he delivered *The Indianapolis Star*. She also worked for Guarantee Auto warehouse and was a seamstress, making duck clothes that she sold in eight locations, for concrete ducks. She is divorced with four children and five grandchildren, ages 10-22. When she's not working? "I sew cornhole bags. And I love to paint; that is my favorite thing. My walls change colors every two or three years." What else? "Every day, I need a Diet Coke from McDonald's."

And Another Thing...

Congratulations to North Elementary art teacher Lisa Fritz on being named a National Art Education Association Crayola Creativity Ambassador! Fritz is the only honoree in Indiana and was chosen based on her creative teaching and art leadership.

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Guests to the Noblesville chapter of the Experimental Aircraft Association's fly-in and pancake breakfast enjoy getting up close to the planes at the Noblesville Airport. The next fly-in and breakfast is Saturday morning at the airport.

Come On Out and See the Airplanes



BETSY REASON
The Times Editor

There's nothing better than flapjacks at a Saturday morning fly-in.

At least twice a year, aviation enthusiasts of all ages head out to Noblesville Airport to see all types of aircraft fly in and take off right in front of their eyes.

Want TO GO?

What: Experimental Aircraft Association's Noblesville chapter fly-in and pancake breakfast.
When: 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday.
Where: Noblesville Airport, 14782 Promise Road, Noblesville.
Cost: Admission is free to the fly-in. Pancake breakfast is \$7, \$5 for ages 10 and younger. Credit cards will be accepted.
Proceeds: Money raised sends kids to EAA Air Academy in Oshkosh, Wis.
Info: <http://www.eaa67.org/>

Visitors can get up close and touch the planes. They can climb on the aircrafts. And they can sit inside the cockpits. They can also talk to pilots. And some can even take a ride.

It's all happening Saturday morning at the airport, 14782 Promise Road, Noblesville.

And don't forget the pancakes. While the fly-in is free. Pancake breakfast is \$7 for adults and \$5 for ages 10 and

younger, cash or credit cards accepted.

What a deal for breakfast and some aviation education.

Enthusiasts can see home-built, restored and military aircraft during the rain-or-shine event sponsored by Noblesville chapter of the Experimental Aircraft Association.

The EAA chapter regularly

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Hamilton County Superior Court 6 Judge Gail Bardach Set to Retire

Hamilton County Superior Court 6 Judge Gail Bardach will retire from the bench on Friday, July 1. Bardach was first elected in 2006. Prior to that she served as judge of the Carmel City Court for 14 years.

"I could have retired a long time ago, but I have loved what I do," Judge Bardach says.

When asked how she will spend her time after the bench, she replied, "I have ideas but no specific plans. I will definitely be volunteering, travelling with my husband, and even taking some college level courses in things that interest me: history, literature, and maybe even creative writing."

The Indiana University and IU McKinney School of Law graduate presides over a criminal docket, traffic offenses, and small claims cases. She started the Hamilton County Drug Court in 2010.

"The most rewarding part of my career has been presiding over the Drug Court," Judge Bardach says. "Over the years I have come to realize what a huge role drugs and alcohol play in criminal offenses. Our staff has helped many nonviolent offenders with substance abuse issues turn their lives around." Circuit Court Judge Paul Felix



Judge Gail Bardach

will preside over Drug Court following Judge Bardach's departure.

"Another thing that has been especially rewarding has been conducting jury trials," Judge Bardach adds. "I love interacting with people and letting them see how the system really works. Jurors often tell me, after our trials, what a positive and educational experience their jury duty has been."

Judge Bardach's current term expires December 31, 2024. Governor Eric Holcomb has yet

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Larry Smith Headlines Cicero Kiwanis Breakfast Meeting This Saturday



Larry Smith, Director of Development for the Hamilton County Community Foundation, an affiliate of the Central Indiana Community Foundation (CICF), will speak at the breakfast meeting of the Cicero Kiwanis Club on Saturday. He will share the latest and greatest happenings taking place with this invaluable organization serving Hamilton County.

The Foundation works with donors and not-for-profit organizations to improve and enhance our community for those that call Hamilton County home. In his role, Larry is responsible for identifying, cultivating, and stewarding gifts from individual and institutional donors. Larry is also founder and CEO of Leading Edge Advisory Firm (LEAF



Larry Smith

LLC), a consultancy that he founded in 2009. LEAF helps academic, non-profit, for-profit, and faith-based organizations improve their efficiency and effectiveness in areas including, but not limited to: Board Development, Feasibility Studies, Strategic Planning, Organizational Development, and Fund Development.

Previously, he served as

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➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Stretching and strengthening exercises go a long way in helping to prevent falls in the elderly. 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

"Work hard in silence, let your success be the noise."
- Frank Ocean

➔ TODAY'S JOKE

If you are in a canoe that turns over, no worries. Just put it on your head. After all, it's cap-sized!

➔ OBITUARIES

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➔ HONEST HOOSIER

They say everything comes back in style at some point. Well, if gas prices go much higher the next thing that returns might be the horse and buggy!



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OBITUARIES

Jane A. Bland

March 27, 1952 - June 21, 2022

Jane A. Bland, of Lapel, passed away June 21, 2022, at her residence in Lapel following an extended illness.

She was born on March 27, 1952, in Noblesville, Indiana to Fred and Mary (Purkey) McDole.

Mrs. Bland attended Lapel Schools.

She retired after 30 years from Owens Brockway Glass in Lapel.

She enjoyed sewing and quilting. Mrs. Bland most loved spending time with her family, especially her angel babies (grandchildren).

Survivors include her three children Kelly (Jean) Cochran of Charlestown, Jerry (Jennifer) Cochran of Alexandria and Dave Jones of Lapel; step-son Allen Prickett of Anderson; two brothers Troy McDole and Rod McDole; two sisters Treva Evans and Kathy Flatford; six grandchildren Preston (Courtney) Lutz, Ashley (Brice) Gray, Lexi Lutz, Karissa (Jonathan) Espinosa, Dalton Cochran and Kyra Cochran; seven great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husbands David Cochran and Mark Bland; daughter Jannet Jones; and several brothers and sisters.

Visitation is scheduled to be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday, June 26, 2022, at Hersberger-Bozell Funeral Home 1010 N. Main Street, Lapel, Indiana 46051.

Online condolences may be shared at www.hersbergerbozell.com

Wayne Charles Hotko

November 3, 1945 - June 20, 2022

Wayne Charles Hotko, 76, of Noblesville, passed away at 7:47 p.m. on Monday, June 20, 2022 at Riverview Health due to complications following cancer treatment.

He was born on November 3, 1945 to Anton and Anna (Spelich) Hotko in Oak Park, Illinois.

Mr. Hotko graduated from Riverside-Brookfield High School and Southern Illinois University. He was also drafted into the United States Army and served in Korea during the late 1960s. He was proudly married for 51 years to Marlene Rocker of Benld, Illinois. Mr. Hotko worked in customer service for three printing manufacturers during his over 40-year career. He enjoyed golf, riding his Harley, maintaining his yard in pristine condition, and visiting with his grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife Marlene; brother Anthony Hotko of Chicago; daughter Heather (Stacy) Phillips of Noblesville; son Marc Hotko of Indianapolis; two grandchildren Audrey and Lucas Phillips of Noblesville; nephew Anthony Hotko and his family; niece Tamara Marlewski and her family; aunt Delores Spelich; and several cousins.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister-in-law Eleanore Hotko; mother-in-law Anna Mae Rocker; and father-in-law Frank Rocker.

Visitation is scheduled to be held from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 25, 2022 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, in Noblesville. Services are scheduled to be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 25, 2022 at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Courtney Cox Cole Infusion Center, c/o Riverview Health Foundation, 395 Westfield Road, Noblesville, IN 46060.

Online condolences may be made at www.randallroberts.com.

Meeting Notice

Hamilton County Commissioners

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Ind. Code § 13-26-2-2.5(a) that the Hamilton County Commissioners shall convene a public meeting to discuss and receive comments regarding the establishment of the Hamilton County Regional Utility District ("Regional Utility District"). The meeting shall be held on June 27, 2022 at 7 p.m. in the Commissioners Court Room in the Ham-

ilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 N. 8th St, Noblesville, IN 46060. The plans for the Regional Utility District and boundaries are available for review at the Hamilton County Commissioners Office and on the Hamilton County website: www.hamilton-county.in.gov.

Each freeholder within the proposed district shall receive notice via first class United States mail, postage prepaid, to the mailing address on the tax rolls of Hamilton County.

Sharon Rose Treser

March 14, 1946 - June 14, 2022

Sharon Rose Treser, 76, of Noblesville died in her home on Tuesday, June 14, 2022.

She was born March 14, 1946 to Herman and Betty Martin who preceded her in death.

Mrs. Treser enjoyed gardening and seemed to have a green thumb. She had the most beautiful flower gardens. She was an animal lover and had many dogs and cats thru the years, most recently 2 dogs, Scruffy and Spanky, and a cat, Charlie. Mrs. Treser enjoyed being outside working in her yard and family time.

She was loved by many and will be forever missed.

Survivors include her husband Steve Treser, married Dec. 17, 1976; son Chris (Joanie) Mosbaugh; granddaughter Brittanie (Tyler) Davis; two grandsons Mike (Sara) Mosbaugh and Jerry (Monica) Mosbaugh; three great-grandchildren Aaden, Triton and McKinley Mosbaugh; brother Joe (Faye) Martin; close friend Jeanetta Hopkins; as well as several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by sister Ginny (Boje) Hazelwood; brothers Mike, Larry, Jim and Jerry Martin; and two sons Jerry and Mark Mosbaugh.

Visitation is scheduled to be held from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, June 24, 2022 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, in Noblesville.

Online condolences may be made at www.randallroberts.com.

Reb B. Weaver

June 21, 2022

Reb B. Weaver, 53, of Fort Wayne formerly of Noblesville, passed away Tuesday, June 21, 2022 after a long battle with cancer.

He was born in Fort Wayne, son of the late Noble Weaver and Joanne Weaver who survives.

Mr. Weaver graduated from South Side High School and earned his bachelors degree from Purdue University and his MBA from the University of Phoenix. His happy place was traveling to a beach, playing water volleyball or going to a casino. He was an avid fan of the Dallas Cowboys and Indiana Hoosier Basketball.

Survivors include his three siblings Deb Weaver, Mike (Dianna) Weaver and Jeff (Teri) Weaver; two nieces Joanna (Damon) Smith and Jennifer Goss/Crouse; two great nephews Tre (Saundra) Green and Derek Smith; great-niece Baleigh (Seth) Cave; great-great nieces and nephews; along with several aunts, uncles, and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his sister Brenda Weaver.

Services are scheduled to be held at 11 a.m., Monday, June 27, 2022 at FairHaven Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 6557 N. Clinton Street, with calling one hour prior. A calling is also scheduled to be held on Sunday, June 26, 2022 from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will take place in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell, Indiana.

Memorials may be made to Cancer Services of NE Indiana.

William L. Boyer

May 14, 1929 - June 20, 2022

William Lincoln "Bill" Boyer, 93, of Whitestown, Indiana passed away Monday, June 20, 2022 at Homewood Health Campus in Lebanon, Indiana.

He was born in Kempton, Indiana on May 14, 1929; a son of the late Elmer Lincoln and Isabelle (Durham) Boyer.

Mr. Boyer was a graduate of Westfield High School and served his country honorably in the U.S. Air Force. Following service, he graduated from Indiana University with a degree in journalism.

He was employed with Indiana Farm Bureau Co-Op, Bobbs-Merrill Publishing, and retired from the State of Indiana. During retirement years, he enjoyed operating rental properties in order to provide safe and affordable housing.

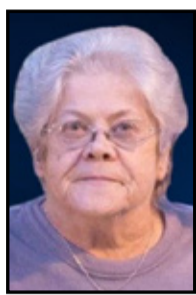
He enjoyed reading the Wall Street Journal, attending auctions and collecting unusual items in his free time.

Survivors include his nephews Carey (Wendy) Davis of Lebanon, James (Candie) Davis of Sheridan and Thomas Davis of Sheridan.

In addition to his parents Bill was preceded in death by all of his siblings.

Graveside Funeral Services are scheduled to be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, June 27, 2022, at Scotland Cemetery in Kirklint, Indiana. Myers Mortuary in Lebanon, Indiana is handling his funeral arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be given to the charity of the donor's choice. Online condolences: www.MyersMortuary.com.



Meeting Notes

Hamilton County Commissioners

Meeting Agenda
Monday, June 27, 2022
at 12 p.m.

Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center Commissioner's Courtroom

One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana 46060

1. Executive Session - Conference Room 1A
 - A. Discussion of Security IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7)
 - B. Purchase of Real Estate IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(D)
 - C. Discussion of Pending Litigation IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B)
 - D. Discussion of Personnel IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7)
2. Call to Order - Commissioners Courtroom
3. Declare Quorum
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Approval of Executive Session Memoranda
 - A. 6/27/22
6. Approval of Minutes
 - A. 6/10/22
 - B. 6/13/22
7. Plat Approval
 - A. Bowers Estates
 8. Highway Business
 - A. Road Cut Permits
 - B. Private Traffic Control Permits
 - C. Vehicle Exemption Permits
 - D. Acceptance of Bonds and Letters of Credit
 - E. Release of Bonds and Letters of Credit
 - F. Agreement/Supplements
 - G. Acceptance of Streets
 - H. Request Permission to Advertise for Resurface Contract 22-02 - Various Raods in Adams, Washington, Jackson, Noblesville, and White River Townships
 - I. Concurrence with Traffic Study Correspondence
 - a. Debra Dezelan - Streetlights and Deer Crossing Warning Signs, Delaware Township
 - b. Emilie Britt - Speed Limit Reduction, Wayne Township
 - c. Elizabeth Moore - Speed Limit Reduction,

Washington Township
d. Steve Wohlford - Flashing Yellow Arrow, Noblesville Township

e. Sue Schaffer - Hospital Directional Sign, Fall Creek Township

f. Jason Shadoan - Speed Limit Sign, White River Township

J. Public Works Quotation Results

a. Bridge No. 172 Guardrail Repair

K. Official Actions

L. Correspondence

M. Announcements

9. Drainage Board Business - Kenton Ward

A. Condemnation of Parcel 10 for Clara Knotts Regulated Drain Project

10. Safety Risk Management - Steven Rushforth

A. Request to Repair Vehicle

B. Requesting Authorization of Repairs to Goxhall Garden - West Bell Tower

11. ISSD - Chris Mertens

A. JC Servers Proposal

B. Network Solutions Switch Refresh Quote

C. Workday COBRA and FSA Statement of Work

12. Community Development Block Grant - Mary Shaw

A. PY 2022 Funding Recommendations

13. Commissioner Committee Reports

14. Attorney

A. Resolution No. 06-27-22-1, Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County, Indiana Regarding Approval of Issuance of Hamilton County Bridge Improvement Bonds and, If Necessary, Bond Anticipation Notes

15. Director of Administration

16. Sheriff

17. Auditor

A. Clerk's Monthly Report

B. Acceptance of Bonds/Letters of Credit - Drainage Board

C. Release of Bonds/Letters of Credit - Drainage Board

D. Vendor Claims

E. Health Trust Monthly Expenditure Report

F. Payroll Claims

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2022 Fall Ball Season

When: August 13th/14th - October 1st/2nd, 2022...7 game season & single-elimination tournament to be played on Weekends.
• Weekday games may be scheduled based on interest or in the event of rainouts
• Single-elimination tournament played October 1st & 2nd

Where: Noblesville Babe Ruth Facility - Logan Field Forest Park, Noblesville

Who: Everyone - 7th-8th Grade and 9th-12th Grade
• 7th - 8th Grade League
• 9th - 12th Grade League
• Due to construction scheduled on Emmerson Field, Fall Ball teams and player registrations will be limited.
** **Please Note:** There will NOT be a Travel division for the 2022 Fall Ball season.

Cost: \$80 per Individual registration - \$900 per full-roster team registration
** **Note:** Credit card and processing does apply and will be added at checkout

How Do I Register? www.noblesvillebaberuthbaseball.com

Questions? Please contact:

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Reminiscing About Those Nob City Nights

Indiana has some great poets and songwriters. From James Whitcomb Riley to one of Noblesville's favorite sons Steve Wariner, there's no shortage of talent or writers. Let me be crystal clear, I am not in their league. Not by a long shot.

But for those of you who grew up 'round these parts and are proud members of the Baby Boomer generation, you might find yourself reminiscing about those times. For me, those memories beckon more in the summer. Perhaps I try to block out the frigid January nights? Don't know. But I do know that I think back to a lot of great memories growing up here. From baling hay on sweltering hot days to playing baseball behind Conner Elementary and later at glorious Forest Park . . . those were special times.

So with tremendous apologies to anyone who has ever written poetry or songs, here's a stroll through the dusty cobwebs of summers long ago in a place we used to call Nob City.

I grew up when war was cold and summer nights were hot. Nob City was a small town but I liked it a lot.

We'd go sliding down the dam when the cops weren't around. And sneak in to the drive in looking for girls to hound.

Cruising the strip from east to the west. From Jim Dandy to the courthouse where we'd take a rest.

Gallons of gas were still pretty cheap. A dollar or two and no one would freak.



TIM TIMMONS
Sagamore News Media CEO

Movies were great for taking a date. We went to the Diana, and never were late.

Hot summer days found us dam sliding at Morse. Or headed to the park and a great 9-hole course.

To Grandpa's Candy Store if you needed the sweets. A quarter would buy you all kinds of treats.

The bright lights at the Rainbo called us to skate. The music was loud, oh man it was great.

You could eat at Blue Ribbon or try the putt putt. Was that a hole in one, oh look at them strut.

Potter's was open, you drove right across. And looked down through the timbers at all the green moss.

Fridays in the fall were the absolute best. Watching the Millers prove they're the best.

The sock hops were cool and weren't to be missed. The girls all danced while the boys stood there and wished.

Those days are long past and my hair has turned white Good Lord I miss those Nob City nights.

- When Timmons isn't setting poetry back a thousand years, he is the chief executive officer of Sagamore News Media, the company that owns The Noblesville Times. He is also a proud Noblesville High School graduate and can be contacted at timmons@thetimes24-7.com.

Alliance Fastpitch Unites Women's Softball to Bring Championship Series Hamilton County

Central Indiana's sports facilities will host 2,800 of the nation's top girls and women players for the softball Alliance Fastpitch Championship Series for 16U and 18U competitors, July 24-31, 2022 in Kokomo, Noblesville and Westfield.

Alliance Fastpitch formed in 2020 to



encourage cooperation among rival teams and place athletes first.

Championship Series games will be held at Grand Park Sports Campus in Westfield,



at Noblesville Youth Baseball's Field of Dreams in Noblesville, at Championship Park and Municipal Stadium, both in Kokomo, and at Purdue University in

West Lafayette.

The Alliance All Star Game Powered by Under Armour will be televised live on the ESPNU network, Sunday, July 24 at 7 p.m.

"The softball facilities in these communities are unrivaled, and we hope to bring our events back each year," said Jami Lobpries, executive

director.

Grand Park-based Bullpen Tournaments and USSSA will host the event and provide event management.

"The Alliance Fastpitch will be a great way to grow girls' softball in our area. We hope it will lead to future partnerships and continue to position our program as the best in

the nation for top talent," said Michael Tucker, vice president Bullpen Tournaments.

The Hamilton County Sports Authority, a division of Hamilton County Tourism, and the Greater Kokomo Visitors Bureau collaborated to secure the event and will provide hospitality and event services.

I CAN HEAR, BUT I CAN'T UNDERSTAND



Did you know that the earliest sign of hearing difficulty is often the complaint that "I can hear, but I can't understand." While this type of comment may seem contradictory, it makes a lot of sense to the hearing care professionals at Beltone. In an industry that is often confusing to consumers – our goal is to make patients comfortable in a no pressure environment. At Beltone, our hearing screenings and evaluations are always complimentary. We take the time to get to know you and your medical history and explain the results of your evaluation in an easy-to-understand way.

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Hearing aids are not just to help you hear but are critical to improving your brain's ability to decode speech. If hearing loss is left untreated, speech discrimination drops over time. This is because the part of the brain that decodes speech is not getting any exercise. Like a muscle without exercise, the ability to decode speech will deteriorate, but unlike a muscle, in most cases you can't get it back. This is why it's very important to get a hearing aid when you need one, rather than waiting until you can't hear at all.

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Indiana School Boards Association to Host Series of School Board Candidate Forums



The Indiana School Boards Association (ISBA) will host a series of School Board Candidate Forums starting July 11 for potential candidates thinking about running for their local school board.

Six forums will be held in-person at locations around the state, and one will be offered online. All seven sessions are scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. and end at 8:45 p.m. (local time).

The candidate forums are designed to help potential school board candidates better understand the role, responsibilities, and legal parameters of school board service. Participants will leave equipped with basic knowledge of what to expect if elected. Additionally, participants

have the opportunity to ask questions.

These forums will be conducted by Steve Horton, Director of Board Services, and Lisa Tanselle, General Counsel, or Julie Slavens, Senior Counsel/Director of Policy Services.

To register, visit <https://www.isba-ind.org/calendar-at-a-glance.html> and select which forum you would like to attend. Each registration is \$35.

The dates and locations are:

July 11:
West Lafayette Jr./Sr. High School Library (Door 1), 1105 N Grant St., West Lafayette, IN 47906

July 14:
Merrillville High School Freshman Center Lecture Hall (Entrance J), 276 E. 68th Pl., Merrillville, IN 46410

July 18:
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Duke Energy Awards \$1,000 Scholarship to Cicero Native

Megan Girod of Cicero, Ind. will receive a \$1,000 scholarship from Duke Energy to help pay for her post-high school education.

Girod, a senior at Hamilton Heights High School, is one of five Indiana high school students selected as part of the 2022 Duke Energy Scholars Program. This fall, she will attend Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind. to study animal science with a concentration in pre-veterinarian medicine. Her parents are

Jessy and Christina Girod.

"We're proud to support dedicated individuals like Megan that recognize the value and importance of furthering their education," said Stan Pinegar, president of Duke Energy Indiana. "We are honored to provide scholarships to help local students continue to learn and explore future careers."

Scholarships are awarded annually to graduating high school seniors who are the dependent children of qualified Duke Energy



employees and retirees. Award recipients are selected based on academic record, leadership and participation in school and community activities, honors and awards, adult appraisal, work experience and other factors.

Scholarship winners do not have to work for Duke Energy after graduation and there is no implied promise of a job.

Horizon Bank Announces Joe Kirsch as Market President for Central Indiana



Dan Hampton, Horizon Bank's Regional President - Central Indiana, announced yesterday the recent addition of Joe Kirsch as the new Market President for Central Indiana. Kirsch will play an integral role in growing Horizon's presence in central Indiana through his community involvement and leading their experienced and professional commercial lending team. He is located at the Horizon Bank office at 302 Alabama Street, Indianapolis Indiana.

Kirsch has over 28 years of financial experience. Roles have included Regional President; Market Executive; Private Banking & Wealth Management; Retail and Small Business Lending.

Kirsch earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Butler University and his Master of Business Administration from Indiana Wesleyan. He is a Wealth Management Specialist and a Graduate of ABA School of Commercial Lending.

Kirsch was named Indianapolis Business Journal's "40 under Forty" and was a Finalist for Junior Achievements Indiana's

Best and Brightest. He is a former Travel Baseball/Basketball Coach and former Board Member with Jordan YMCA. He is also a Founding Champion with Indy chapter of Conscious Capitalism.

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Holcomb Announces Commissioner Fred Payne to Step Down from the Indiana Department of Workforce Development



Governor Eric Holcomb



Fred Payne

Fred Payne has notified Governor Eric J. Holcomb that he is stepping down from his role as the commissioner of the Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD) after more than four years.

The United Way of Central Indiana announced Wednesday morning that Payne will become its next president and chief executive officer.

"From the moment he stepped up to lead the Department of Workforce Development, Fred Payne put his wealth of knowledge, innovative approach and contagious optimism to work," said Gov. Holcomb. "Throughout the unforeseen challenges of the past few years, Fred has adeptly propelled this agency to provide not only unemployment benefits, but training that has helped thousands of Hoosiers pursue training pathways that have led to

careers and helped unleash their full potential."

Payne was appointed DWD commissioner in 2017. Prior to serving as commissioner, Payne served in multiple leadership roles at Honda Manufacturing of Indiana.

Under his leadership, DWD has:

- Started the state's Office of Work-Based Learning & Apprenticeship, which added more than 200 new apprenticeship programs, 25,000 new apprentices and more than 150 State Earn & Learn programs
- Helped more than 30,000 Hoosiers obtain a high school equivalency, which has pushed Indiana's Adult Education program to be ranked No. 1 in the nation for three of the last four years in terms of average skills improvements
- Evolved the state's Next Level Jobs program to serve more than



1,400 employers and provide training to more than 37,000 Hoosiers. Since its inception, more than 15,800 people have enrolled in high quality certification programs

- Maintained a 95% graduation rate for high-risk high school students through the Jobs for America's Graduates program
- Delivered more than \$9.6 billion in unemployment insurance benefits to more than 900,000 people throughout Indiana during the height of the COVID-19 epidemic

"My service under Gov. Holcomb has been one of the proudest moments of my professional career," said Payne. "I have had the privilege of working with talented professionals who have dedicated their time to helping Hoosiers gain economic mobility through job training, education, job connection and assisting those who need a financial bridge between employment. While the challenges facing workforce are complex, Indiana remains uniquely positioned to continue addressing them and moving forward."

Payne's last day as commissioner is July 8.

Cleanliness



RIX QUINN
Quinn Summary

One positive trait I acquired during the pandemic was ultra-cleanliness. I bathe lots more, and yesterday I washed my hands 19 times, not including the time I spilled sanitizer on my hairbrush. My knuckles look like walnuts...very clean walnuts.

Which leads me to ask: What really terrifies you? Have you noticed that what frightens you as an adult is

different from what scared you as a child?

My first childhood fear was about an 18-foot python who escaped from our zoo. It never occurred to me that -- because it's three times the size of a man -- it could not hide easily behind our backyard rose bush. (The snake was later found just outside its zoo cage.)

In elementary school, tornado drills terrified me. Sadly, tornadoes in Texas are more common than ants (or uncles) at a family picnic.

In middle school, I was afraid of the guy I had to block in football practice. He outweighed me by 30 pounds. Then I tried to block him.

Ouch!!! I started whimpering, and I didn't stop until sophomore year. In high school, I was

too scared to ask a girl to dance at the prom. So, I danced by myself. And then I was afraid to go back to school on Monday.

In college I feared high-level math. So, I took a pre-college prep course called "Meet Mr. Arithmetic."

As I got older, I realized that I'll always fear something. But fear response can be a good thing, if we understand that some terrors are rational, while others are irrational.

So, fear of a virus is a good thing. But I later realized I should never fear dancing alone. When we have parties at our house, it encourages guests to leave early.

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Red Cross: Blood Donors Needed Around Fourth of July

As summer officially begins and people gather for holiday celebrations, the American Red Cross reminds communities that patients are counting now on the generosity of blood donors, especially around the Fourth of July.

The Red Cross sees about a 21% decline in blood donations during holiday weeks, including Independence Day. When blood donations drop, so does the blood supply, making it extremely challenging to ensure blood is available when hospitals need it.

By scheduling and keeping appointments in July, donors can help provide for those in immediate need of lifesaving care. To schedule an appointment to donate, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

As a thank-you for helping, all those who come to give June 30 - July 10 will receive an exclusive Red Cross recycled cotton tote bag,



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while supplies last. **Health insights for donors:**

At a time when health information has never been more important, the Red Cross is screening all blood, platelet and plasma donations from self-identified African American donors for the sickle cell trait. This additional screening will provide Black donors with an additional health insight and help the Red Cross identify compatible blood types more quickly to help patients with sickle cell disease. Blood transfusion is an essential treatment for those with sickle cell disease, and blood donations from individuals of the same race, ethnicity and blood type have a unique ability to help patients fighting sickle cell disease. Donors can expect to

receive sickle cell trait screening results, if applicable, within one to two weeks through the Red Cross Blood Donor App and the online donor portal at RedCrossBlood.org.

Blood drive safety: The Red Cross follows a high standard of safety and infection control. The Red Cross will continue to socially distance wherever possible at blood drives, donation centers and facilities. While donors are no longer required to wear a face mask, individuals may choose to continue to wear a mask for any reason. The Red Cross will also adhere to more stringent face mask requirements per state and/or local guidance, or at the request of blood drive sponsors. Donors are asked to schedule

an appointment prior to arriving at a drive.

How to donate blood: Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent

where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass® to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive. To get started, follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the

Blood Donor App. The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides comfort to victims of disasters; supplies about 40% of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; distributes international humanitarian aid; and supports veterans, military members and their families. The Red Cross is a nonprofit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to deliver its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org or CruzRojasAmericana.org, or visit them on Twitter at @RedCross.



Photo by John O'Malley courtesy of Purdue University

(From left to right) Charity Weke, Ankita Patra and Alex Small with the Piper Archer aircraft they will fly in the 2022 Air Race Classic

Purdue Air Race Classic Team Takes to the Skies

Women aviators from across the United States take off this week in the 45th annual Air Race Classic, an all-woman, daylight-only race in which race teams fly a defined course to a list of predefined airports.

During the race, teams consisting of at least two women pilots will fly VFR — visual flight rules, which in general terms means that the pilot must be able to physically see where she is going

— and make low-altitude flybys at assigned timing points along the race route. Each team must complete the course in four days or less, and competitors are required to land before sunset each day at an official race stop. The 2022 race runs from June 21 to June 24, beginning in Lakeland, Fla., and ending in Terre Haute, Ind.

This year's 115 competitors include a team from the School of Avi-

ation and Transportation Technology in Purdue University's Polytechnic Institute that consists of two pilots supported by a student ground crew team that will help them stay on course, avoid weather issues, and follow the VFR requirement.

Comprised of seniors and a recent graduate, the Purdue Air Race Classic team faces off against experienced teams ranging in age from 17 to 93 years old.

Hope everyone has a great and safe summer!

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BBB Scam Alert: Look Out for Scary New Twist in Law Enforcement Impostor Scams

By impersonating law enforcement, scammers intimidate victims into giving up money or personal information. But once a scam becomes widely reported, con artists need to change up their tricks. Watch out for this new twist: scammers using official-looking credentials to gain trust.

How the scam works:

You receive a telephone call, email, text message, or a message on social media by someone alleging to be from a law enforcement agency. Scammers claim to represent agencies ranging from the local police to the Federal Bureau of Investigation to United States Border Services. These impostors tell



you there is a problem you need to resolve immediately—usually by sending them a fee. In one recent version of this scam, the impostor claims to have seized a package with your name on it. Now, they need a copy of your driver's license and money to fix the issue. Scammers often threaten

finances, arrest, or other penalties in an attempt to scare you into immediate action.

Here's the new twist! If you are hesitant, the scammers will offer to text or email doctored credentials to you, to confirm their identity. The badge is either stolen or has been edited to include a different name. But no matter how convincing the "badge" or the impostor's story may be, always do your research before acting. If you send these scammers money, they will disappear, and you won't be able to get it back.

How to avoid law enforcement impersonator scams:

- Don't give into pres-

sure. Even if the threats scare you, do not take immediate action. Hang up or ignore the message. If you think there is a possibility you have been contacted by a real law enforcement agent, call the agency directly using a non-emergency number to confirm.

- Never send money to strangers. Scammers will probably ask you to wire funds or buy prepaid gift cards to pay the required "fines." Scammers prefer to receive money this way because it is hard to trace. Plus, you won't be able to get your money back.

- Guard your personal information carefully. Don't share information like your address, social security number, or

bank account information without first making sure you are speaking to a legitimate official – even if they already have some of your information.

- Don't answer messages from strangers. Don't click on links or attachments in messages from strangers. They are probably part of a phishing scam. Block unsolicited calls and text messages immediately.

Learn more about this scam from the Office of the Inspector General. Read more about a similar government impostor scam and visit [BBB.org/AvoidScams](https://www.bbb.org/AvoidScams) for more ways to avoid getting scammed.

If you spot a law enforcement scam, report it

to [BBB.org/ScamTracker](https://www.bbb.org/ScamTracker). You can also report your experience to the FBI at [IC3.gov](https://www.ic3.gov). Your report can help others avoid falling victim to similar schemes.

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](https://www.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.



Photos courtesy of the Noblesville Lions

Noblesville Lions Provide Food at the Father's Day Car Show

On Father's Day Forest Park was busy with attendees at the yearly Car Show. The Noblesville Lions provided some snacks and lunch for the attendees. The specialty was the pork chop on a stick! (Top left) Lions Julia Kozicki and Kim Luckey serving customers at their Father's Day event at Forest Park. (Top right) A young attendee enjoys his watermelon at the Forest Park Car Show on Father's Day. (Bottom left) Lion Joe Connerley grills hot dogs for attendees of the Forest Park Car Show (Bottom right) Lions Ron Williamson and Gene Beck help out with preparing food for the Lions' yearly Car Show at Forest Park.

Senator Young, Colleagues Publish SFRC Report on Biden Administration Policies Exacerbating Border Problems

Yesterday, U.S. Senators Todd Young (R-Ind.) and Jim Risch (R-Idaho) joined Senators John Barrasso (R-Wyo.), Rob Portman (R-Ohio), Marco Rubio (R-Fla.), Ted Cruz (R-Texas), Mike Rounds (R-S.D.), and Bill Hagerty (R-Tenn.) in publishing a report entitled "Biden's Border Crisis: Examining Policies that Encourage Illegal Migration," that highlights how the Biden Administration is undermining U.S. efforts to reduce illegal migration and jeopardizing U.S. security.

"The Biden Administration continues to ignore the crisis at our southern border. Border security is national security, and it is time we pursue policies with that objective in mind. This report outlines what the Biden Administration needs to do here at home and with countries in the region to focus on the root causes of the crisis," said Senator Young.



Senator Todd Young

Key findings of the report include:

President Biden has reversed important Trump-era reforms that effectively addressed illegal migration, and reinstated failed Obama-era policies. These policies are undermining U.S. efforts to build effective law enforcement and asylum processing mechanisms across Mexico and northern Central America, leading to the highest number of migrants attempting to illegally enter the United

States in history.

Transnational criminal organizations (TCOs) benefit from and prolong the illegal migration crisis by facilitating and profiting off the smuggling and trafficking of migrants, or by victimizing vulnerable people along the dangerous journey to the United States.

The governments of Mexico, El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras are falling short on their own domestic and international obligations to address transnational organized crime and illegal migration issues, putting U.S. security at risk. The Biden Administration should seek to enforce these obligations, including the agreements the Trump Administration made with these countries.

Key recommendations of the report include:

- Establish effective immigration controls in the United States:
 - o Extend Title 42 until

the end of the COVID-19 health emergency.

- o Reinstatement of the Migrant Protection Protocols and Asylum Cooperative Agreements.

- Strengthen border security and migration management capacities in the region:

- o Target U.S. assistance in Mexico and northern Central America towards strengthening the capacity, funding, and staffing of migration management and law enforcement agencies in those countries.

- Target TCO human smuggling and trafficking:
 - o Leverage existing bilateral extradition treaties to prosecute transnational criminal actors facilitating illegal migration to the United States.

A copy of the full SFRC minority report can be found online at <https://www.foreign.senate.gov/download/06-22-22-sfrc-minority-migration-report>.

USDA Reminds Producers to File Crop Acreage Reports by July 15



Agricultural producers who have not yet completed their crop acreage reports after spring planting should make an appointment with the Tipton/Hamilton County Farm Service Agency (FSA) before the applicable deadline.

"In order to comply with USDA program eligibility requirements, all producers must file an accurate crop acreage report by the applicable deadline," said Traci Merida, FSA's County Executive Director in Tipton/Hamilton County. "Our FSA staff is available to assist producers in completing acreage reports, including providing maps."

An acreage report documents a crop grown on a farm or ranch and its intended uses. Filing an accurate and timely acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage and prevented planted acreage, can prevent the loss of benefits.

How to File a Report:

The following acreage reporting dates are applicable for Tipton/Hamilton County:

July 15, 2022 - Corn, Soybeans, Alfalfa, Mixed Hay, Forage

To file a crop acreage report, producers need to provide:

- Crop and crop type or variety
- Intended use of the crop
- Number of acres of the crop
- Map with approximate boundaries for the crop
- Planting date(s)
- Planting pattern, when applicable
- Producer shares
- Irrigation practice(s)
- Acreage prevented from planting, when applicable
- Other information as required

Acreage Reporting Details:

The following exceptions apply to acreage reporting dates:

- If the crop has not been planted by the acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 15 calendar days after planting is completed.
- If a producer acquires additional acreage after the acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 30 calendar days after purchase or acquiring the lease. Appropriate documentation must be provided to the county office.
- If crops are covered by the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program, acreage reports should be submitted by the applicable state, county, or crop-specific reporting deadline or 15 calendar

days before grazing or harvesting of the crop begins.

Producers should also report crop acreage they intended to plant, but due to natural disaster, were unable to because of a natural disaster.

Prevented planting acreage must be reported on form CCC-576, Notice of Loss, no later than 15 calendar days after the final planting date as established by FSA and USDA's Risk Management Agency.

FSA offers continuous certification for perennial forage. This means after perennial forage is reported once and the producer elects continuous certification, the certification remains in effect until a change is made. Check with FSA at the local USDA Service Center for more information on continuous certification.

New Option to View, Print and Label Maps on Farmers.gov:

Producers with an eAuth account linked to their USDA customer record can now access their FSA farm records, maps and common land units by logging into farmers.gov. A new feature will allow producers to export field boundaries as shapefiles and import and view other shapefiles, such as precision agriculture boundaries. This will allow producers to view, print and label their own maps for acreage reporting purposes.

Producers who have authority to act on behalf of another customer as a grantee via form FSA-211 Power of Attorney, Business Partner Signature Authority, along with other signature types, or as a member of a business can now access information in the farmers.gov portal.

Producers can learn how to use the farmers.gov Farm Records Mapping functionality with this fact sheet and these video tutorials.

For questions, please contact the Tipton/Hamilton County FSA office at 765-675-2316.

USDA touches the lives of all Americans each day in so many positive ways. In the Biden-Harris administration, USDA is transforming America's food system with a greater focus on more resilient local and regional food production, fairer markets for all producers, ensuring access to safe, healthy and nutritious food in all communities, building new markets and streams of income for farmers and producers using climate smart food and forestry practices, making historic investments in infrastructure and clean energy capabilities in rural America, and committing to equity across the Department by removing systemic barriers and building a workforce more representative of America. To learn more, visit www.usda.gov.

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Hoosier Net Consortium Receives Investment from New Member Accord Telecommunications

Hoosier Net, LLC, a consortium of internet service providers, announces today that it has received investment from Accord Telecommunications Collaborative, LLC, a service provider composed of 21 Rural Electric Membership Cooperatives (REMCs) and telephone cooperatives. This will make Hoosier Net the first Indatel statewide network composed of both telephone companies and electric cooperatives. The investment comes at a critical time for Hoosier Net, as federal and state authorities prepare to distribute billions of dollars in broadband grant funds under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act's Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program.

"Closing the digital divide is vital to the future of rural America. Hundreds of electric cooperatives across the nation are working to bring quality broadband service to their members and the communities they serve. We're glad to see Hoosier Net and Indiana's electric cooperatives collaborate to bring high-speed internet service to unserved and underserved families and businesses in Indiana," said Paul M. Breakman, Vice President, Cooperative Business Solutions, Business & Technology Strategies, National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

Hoosier Net and Accord are collectively owned by 35 service providers. With Accord's investment and partnership, the collective will be able to leverage integrated and complementary assets to achieve statewide scale and facilitate broadband deployment in rural areas. "Accord's investment in Hoosier Net is another step toward accomplishing our shared vision of making Indiana the most connected state. We and our Hoosier Net partners form an unprecedented mix of electric cooperatives and telephone companies.

Hoosier Net

Business Broadband at the Speed of Light

Together we are seeking win-win opportunities that will ultimately benefit all Hoosiers, and that is what makes us excited about this investment," said James Tanneberger, Accord Chairman and President and Chief Executive Officer of South-Central Indiana REMC.

"We have a once-in-a-generation opportunity to achieving broadband access for all Americans, regardless of where they live and the leadership and creative partnership led by Hoosier Net and its member companies will be a key part of finding the scope and scale to provide connectivity to communities and businesses in Indiana. I am thrilled to see this crucial investment in Hoosier Net at this moment in time when robust broadband access and middle mile transport has never been more critical to economic prosperity. Hoosier Net's users are already doing great work, and I cannot wait to see how this investment will further connect Hoosiers to high-speed broadband," said Shirley Bloomfield, Chief Executive Officer of NTCA.

With the help of middle-mile networks like Hoosier Net, rural Hoosiers will have the ability to access high-speed Internet. "We are pleased to have Accord be an owner of Hoosier Net on behalf of their Indiana REMC(s) and telephone cooperative owners," said Rob Shema, Chief Executive Officer of Hoosier Net and CNI. "For us, gaining access to fiber resources for our Indiana middle mile network is critical. Accord's investment and partnership will help make that possible."

Hoosier Net provides owners, telecommunications providers, and direct commercial clients such as hospitals, schools, and government organizations with high-speed



fiber-optic backbone capabilities. Miami-Cass REMC is one of Accord's members. They've had the good fortune of receiving significant grant money from the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF), Cass County government, and the City of Delphi as they've built out broadband internet in their Indiana coverage areas. "Accord's investment in Hoosier Net will allow Broadway Broadband to help monetize the commercial side of our network and continue cost-effective network growth," said Rob Schwartz, President of Wabash Valley Power Alliance's Manager's Association and Chief Executive Officer of Miami-Cass REMC and Broadway Broadband.

"As more and more federal and state funds are devoted to expanding broadband access in rural areas, Indiana's Internet service providers are scrambling to keep up," said John Greene, Chairman of Hoosier Net, LLC and CEO of New Lisbon Telephone Company.

"Because of the enormity of building a statewide middle mile network, we are happy with Accord's investment and partnering opportunities as we apply for NTIA Middle Mile Grant Funding to help us build out this network."

Accord is owned by 21 service providers that serve critical and life-enhancing services to 300,000 homes and businesses in their communities. Accord and its members own and operate 20,000 miles of fiber providing access to telecom service providers and robust services to business customers. Visit www.accordtelcom.com or call 765-343-3910 for additional information.

The Rural Broadband Association is the premier association representing nearly 850 independent,



communitybased telecommunications companies that are leading innovative change in smart rural communities across America. In an era of transformative technological developments, regulatory challenges and marketplace competition, NTCA members are advancing efforts to close the digital divide by delivering robust and high-quality services over future-proof networks. Their commitment to building sustainable networks makes rural communities fertile ground for innovation in economic development, e-commerce, health care, agriculture and education, and it contributes billions of dollars to the U.S. economy each year. Visit us at www.ntca.org.

The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) is the national trade association representing nearly 900 local electric cooperatives. From growing suburbs to remote farming communities, electric co-ops serve as engines of economic development for 42 million Americans across 56 percent of the nation's landscape. As local businesses built by the consumers they serve, electric cooperatives have meaningful ties to rural America and invest \$12 billion annually in their communities. Visit us at www.electric.coop.

Hoosier Net is owned by 17 service providers that offer state-of-the-art services in their respective communities. Hoosier Net's fiber-optic backbone services are available to telecom operators and direct commercial customers. Hoosier Net and its owners are responsible for thousands of miles of fiber-optic network across Indiana. Hoosier Net also provides commercial service throughout the United States through INDATEL. Visit us at www.hoosiernet.com.

Indiana's CollegeChoice 529 Savings Plans Top Rated for Performance



State Treasurer Kelly Mitchell announced yesterday that Indiana's CollegeChoice 529 Savings Plans have been named top-performing plans by SavingforCollege.com based on investment performance during the first quarter of 2022. CollegeChoice 529 Direct Savings Plan secured the #1 spot for 3-year investment performance, and came in at #7 for 1-year investment performance. CollegeChoice Advisor 529 Savings Plan ranked #3 including sales charges and #5 not including sales charges for 10-year investment performance (Class A).

"We know that Indiana's CollegeChoice 529 Savings Plans are an incredibly powerful tool for Hoosiers saving for future education," said Indiana State Treasurer Kelly Mitchell. "This national recognition for their performance is welcomed as we continue to grow and enhance our program."

CollegeChoice 529 provides account owners and gift contributors flexibility when it comes to saving for education after high school. Funds can be used



State Treasurer Kelly Mitchell

at any eligible school or registered apprenticeship program, both in- and out-of-state. Accounts grow tax-deferred and distributions are tax-free as long as the money is withdrawn to pay for qualified education expenses like tuition, books, computers, equipment, and fees.

Indiana taxpayers may also be eligible for an annual state income tax credit of 20 percent of contributions to their CollegeChoice 529 accounts, worth up to \$1,000 each year (\$500 for married couples filing separately).

For more information about CollegeChoice 529 Savings Plans, visit www.collegechoicedirect.com/plans.

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has member meetings the first Monday night of each month at the chapter clubhouse at the airport, except for Labor Day in September, which is the second Monday. There is a pitch-in meal at 6:30 p.m., prior to the meeting. Noblesville EAA is always looking for new members.

Why did Rob Morris join? "Initially, my love for aviation," the 75-year-old Westfield resident has said. "I have always loved airplanes ever since I was a kid. I used to build balsa wood planes and crash them." He was halfway to

getting his pilot's license when he had to pull out of airplane lessons, due to an expanding family, Morris said.

But not being a pilot hasn't stopped him from being involved in the EAA, thanks to his love of aviation and his drive to get kids interested in flying.

"We're always looking for that kid who has a passion for aviation," he said.

His enjoyment comes from seeing kids participate in the chapter's Young Eagles Rally, which he coordinates three times each year. Kids can

take 20-minute airplane rides at the airport. Parents or guardians must accompany. Participants receive an official logbook with personal code to activate their free student membership and learn-to-fly course. The next Young Eagles Rally is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday at the Noblesville Airport.

Morris' greatest satisfaction is to hear about kids who've participated in the Young Eagles program and then go on to get their pilot's license or enjoy a career in aviation.

"I'm very proud about that," Morris said of the former Young Eagles.

He's also proud that the chapter sends kids, who have participated in the Young Eagles program, to attend a week-long EAA Air Academy in Oshkosh, Wis., during the summers. "We pick these kids out of Young Eagles," Morris has said. "They got to experience adventure."

The chapter covers each child's tuition to the Academy. Money comes from pancake breakfast proceeds and donations.

His job at the breakfast sometimes is manning a registration tent and community-welcoming tent. He signs in all of the

pilots, who get a free breakfast. "They sign in and tell me where they're from and give me their email address," he said. Pilots fly in from Kentucky, Ohio, Illinois, Michigan and throughout Indiana. The farthest is usually Cincinnati or Dayton, and the closest, Metropolitan Airport in Fishers or Westfield Airport, he said.

For pilots so close, it may "cost more in gas" than it's worth. But they like to get out and "see their friends" and "talk airplanes to each other."

Attendees at the breakfast can also sign up for

the chapter's newsletter and buy EAA chapter swag, including T-shirts, white with a picture of a blue Stearman, for \$20 each.

"What we love, we at the airport, love it that the community comes out and sees what the airport is all about," he said.

For the kids, Morris seems to have the most important job.

He said, "I give away those little (toy) airplanes. That's the first thing they want. They want the airplanes."

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Managing Director of Indiana University's Randall L. Tobias Center for Leadership Excellence. He also served as a Senior Vice President of the YMCA of Greater Indianapolis, as a Director at the Lilly Family School of Philanthropy at Indiana University, and as a Deputy Director of Hudson Institute. Larry began his career at Cummins Inc., where he ultimately became the youngest Director of Corporate Strategy in the company's history.

Among the honors that Larry has received are being selected for the Indianapolis Business Journal's "Forty Under 40" award, "Indy's Best & Brightest Award" from Junior Achievement, and a Fellow at the Tobias Leadership Center. Larry also has served as a board member for more than a dozen organizations.

Larry earned a BA from Williams College, where he was a Lehman Scholar. He also earned an MS from Stanford Business

School, where he was a Sloan Fellow. He is an ordained minister who has three children and two grandchildren.

The Cicero Chapter of the Kiwanis International as a part of a non-profit global organization with members who are dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time. In the greater Cicero-area community, the Cicero Kiwanis provide scholarships to local high school students, support local

schools through donations to various programs and manpower, provide food and assistance to local food pantries, support families and individuals in need or in crisis and help the community-at-large through donations to Riley's Children's Hospital. Weekly meetings begin at 7:30 a.m. on Saturdays at the Red Bridge Community Park Building in Cicero. For more information or to attend this week's meeting email cicerokiwanis@gmail.com.

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to appoint her replacement.

"I've been blessed to have been surrounded and supported by wonderful, intelligent, capable, caring people during my career," Judge Bardach says. "My incredibly supportive family, my wonderful

staff, the very dedicated members of our Drug Court Team, the other judges, magistrates, and most of the lawyers who appear in front of me are just as dedicated to helping people out. I truly appreciate and very much thank them all."



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Did You Know?

- Jefferson County was formed in 1811
- It was named for Thomas Jefferson, principal draftsman of the Northwest Ordinance and President of the United States from 1801 through 1809
- On May 20, 2009 the county courthouse caught fire
- The population in 2017 was 32,565 with 11,777 residing in the county seat, Madison
- According to the 2010 census, the county has a total area of 362.89 square miles (939.9 km²), of which 360.63 square miles (934.0 km²) (or 99.38%) is land and 2.26 square miles (5.9 km²) (or 0.62%) is water

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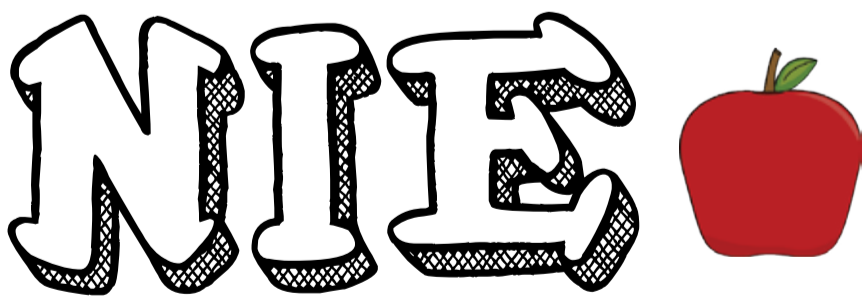
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Purdue University Names Chiang Its Next President

The Purdue Board of Trustees announced today (June 10) its unanimous election of Dr. Mung Chiang, currently the John A. Edwardson Dean of Engineering and Executive Vice President for Strategic Initiatives, as the university's next president. Dr. Chiang will replace current president Mitch Daniels effective Jan. 1, 2023. Daniels has served since January 2013.

During Chiang's five years at Purdue, he has led his college to its highest rankings ever, even as it has grown dramatically at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Purdue is currently ranked No. 4 among graduate programs, No. 3 for online programs, and No. 8 for undergraduate education, and is the largest school in the nation's top 10. Both government and industry-sponsored research funding have set new records, as do the 12 national research centers now housed at the university.

Meanwhile, Chiang has played a central role in establishing new relationships with federal agencies in the national security and economic development sectors, and in recruiting new companies to invest and create jobs in Purdue's Discovery Park District. He spent 2020 as scientific and technology advisor to the U.S. secretary of state on a prestigious Intergovernmental Personnel Act appointment.

Chiang earned a B.S. (Hons.) in electrical engineering and mathematics, and an M.S. and Ph.D. in electrical engineering from Stanford University. He came to Purdue from Princeton University, where in his role as the Arthur LeGrand Professor of Electrical Engineering, he was recognized for a number of innovations in teaching and was the first chairman of Princeton's Entrepreneurial Council. The holder of 25 patents,

he founded three companies and was named New Jersey's CEO of the Year in 2014. Among many other academic honors, Chiang received the Alan T. Waterman Award in 2013 as the nation's top scientist under the age of 40 for his excellence in edge computing, internet congestion, cloud and video optimization, and other research areas. Chiang's research publications have received over 30,000 citations with an H-index of 81. He has graduated more than 50 Ph.D. students and postdocs, including 24 who have become faculty in research universities.

Chiang will lead a transition of his duties as dean, while continuing his strategic initiatives assignment.

Board of Trustees Chairman Michael Berghoff said, "Mung is the ideal choice to lead Purdue into its next 'giant leap.' The board could not be more confident in this selection, as we have had the opportunity to observe his performance across a broad range of duties for five years.

"He has displayed not only academic excellence but also administrative acumen, effective relationship-building with academic, governmental, and business partners, and the skills of public communications. He brings the entire package of talents and experience necessary to take our university further forward. It is no surprise that Mung has been offered the presidency of several other schools, and the board is grateful that his loyalty to Purdue kept him here and available as this time of transition arrived."

Berghoff thanked President Daniels for his service, saying, "The last decade has seen Purdue attain unprecedented levels of national recognition, reflected in record enrollments, academic rankings, and overall reputation.

Statement from Dr. Mung Chiang

"It is the highest and most humbling honor to be selected by the Board of Trustees as the next president of Purdue University: the unique and most remarkable land-grant university in the land of the free. Throughout the past 153 years, and spanning from the Wabash River to the moon, generations of Boilermakers contributed to our state, to our country, and to humanity in immeasurable ways. There is no other place like Purdue.

"And there is no other university leader like ours. President Daniels built Purdue into the most consequential public university in the United States. Under Mitch's leadership, our university attained the strongest academic reputation, from record-breaking enrollment to all-time-high research excellence, from the Ever True campaign to the transformed campus. Purdue led the country in safely reopening during the pandemic, while its financial foundation is fortified stronger than ever before. But there's even more. Mitch is also the most innovative president in America: affordability through tuition freeze, 21st century land grant through Purdue Global, and economic growth in Indiana through entrepreneurship and the Discovery Park District in West Lafayette.

"The amazing success of the Daniels' Decade must continue. While my family and I are blessed with the pride of gold and black, I'm also humbled by a daunting task: ensure the continuity of today's momentum into the next giant leaps. I've had the privilege to be a part of the Purdue team in the past five years, and there's much more that I need to keep learning, like a student, from each of you. In the next seven months and beyond, my responsi-

bilities start with listening, to students, faculty, staff, alumni, neighbors, and state, national and global partners, friends and families of Purdue.

"Neil Armstrong said, 'Knowledge is fundamental to all human achievement and progress.' A university gifts a time when lives are lifted by student access and success. My own life was lifted out of scarcity because of education.

A university preserves a place for all minds in pursuit of open inquiry. And I'm ever grateful for the honor to serve the talents at our university. As an immigrant living the American dream and as a citizen of the greatest nation in human history, I'm also proud to serve, in higher education as I did in the U.S. State Department, the best hope for freedom and opportunity in the 'shining city on the hill.'

"Opportunities and challenges are intensifying for American higher education, from modality and value of learning to R&D investment by government and the private sector. We believe the entire Purdue system, across all campuses and all units, will innovate together and excel together: one brick at a time, toward boundless potential in the Boilermaker future.

"Hail Our Purdue!"

Selected significant accomplishments of the Mitch Daniels presidency

- Frozen tuition for unprecedented 11 years through 2022-23.
- March 2013: Just seven weeks into his presidency, President Daniels announces a two-year tuition freeze to address rising college costs and concerns over affordability. This marks the first time tuition will not go up since 1976.
- Launch of bold initiatives and university priorities: Purdue Moves in 2013 and Purdue's Next Moves in 2021.

- Acquisition, launch and growth of Purdue University Global.

- Creation of Purdue Polytechnic High Schools, now three schools strong in Indianapolis and South Bend.

- Commitment to Freedom of Expression, with Purdue becoming the first public institution of higher education to adopt a free speech policy called the "Chicago principles."

- Conception and championship of the growth and expansion of the Discovery Park District at Purdue.

- New vital partnerships and corporate locations, including Rolls-Royce, Saab, Schweitzer Engineering Labs.

- Record innovation and commercialization activity, including growth in patents and startups based on Purdue faculty and student research and discovery.

- Transformation of the State Street corridor.

- Record growth of fundraising, including incredibly successful Ever True fundraising campaign, raising more than \$2.5 billion, and the launch of the Purdue Day of Giving, an annual celebration that has grown and achieved record donors and donations each year since 2014.

- Yearlong celebration of Purdue's 150th anniversary.

- Increased rankings across the board for the university, its colleges and programs.

- Unprecedented growth of the faculty and the undergraduate student body.

- Transformative education initiatives, including Degree in Three programs across campus, a Civics Literacy requirement, and assessment of the growth in critical thinking for all students.

- Expansion of the physical plant, including:
 - Chaney-Hale Hall of Science.

- Agricultural and Biological Engineering

Building.

- David and Bonnie Brunner Purdue Veterinary Medical Hospital Complex.

- Wilmeth Active Learning Center.

- College of Engineering and Purdue Polytechnic Gateway Complex: Dudley Hall and Lambertus Hall.

- Marc and Sharon Hagle Hall.

- The Life Sciences Ranges Phenotyping Greenhouse Building.

- Animal Sciences complex: Creighton Hall of Animal Sciences, the Land O'Lakes Center for Experiential Learning and Purina Pavilion.

- Zucrow High-Speed Propulsion Lab.

- Hypersonics and Applied Research Facility.

- Schleman Hall of Student Services and Stewart Center renovations for student services.

- Creation of Presidential Lecture Series, bringing to campus prominent guest speakers on policy, leadership, culture and society.

About Purdue University

Purdue University is a top public research institution developing practical solutions to today's toughest challenges. Ranked in each of the last four years as one of the 10 Most Innovative universities in the United States by U.S. News & World Report, Purdue delivers world-changing research and out-of-this-world discovery. Committed to hands-on and online, real-world learning, Purdue offers a transformative education to all. Committed to affordability and accessibility, Purdue has frozen tuition and most fees at 2012-13 levels, enabling more students than ever to graduate debt-free. See how Purdue never stops in the persistent pursuit of the next giant leap at <https://stories.purdue.edu>.

Report Shows Differences In Food Insecurity, Sustainable Food Purchasing

Black and Hispanic consumers are somewhat more likely to check food labels and much more likely to face food insecurity, according to the Consumer Food Insights Report.

The survey-based report out of Purdue University's Center for Food Demand Analysis and Sustainability assesses food security and spending, consumer satisfaction and values, support of agricultural and food policies and trust in information sources. The latest report also details differences in food purchasing, preferences and food insecurity between racial and ethnic groups. The team analyzed the survey data from January through May to compare differences in responses across white, Black, Asian and Hispanic households.

"Significant disparities exist between racial

and ethnic groups, and nearly 30% of Black and Hispanic households have experienced food insecurity this year," said Jayson Lusk, the head and Distinguished Professor of Agricultural Economics at Purdue, who leads the center. "In addition, around 50% of Black and Hispanic households report waiting on their next paycheck or government payment to buy groceries. These data help us identify where to focus efforts to reduce food insecurity."

Purdue experts conducted and evaluated the survey, which included 1,200 consumers across the U.S.

Additional results include:

- Black and Hispanic food insecurity is more than double that of white and Asian households.
- 16% of households are food insecure.

- Total food spending increased 7% from last month to \$184 per week.

- 55% of consumers think farmers should replace synthetic fertilizers with organic.

- A Sustainable Food Purchasing Index of 68/100.

The Sustainable Food Purchasing Index offers insight into how sustainability and health relate to consumer behaviors. It is a self-reported assessment of how consumer shopping habits correspond with healthy diets from sustainable food systems.

The survey showed white adults were less likely than the other groups to purchase food that is typically promoted as more ethical or sustainable, for instance local foods, wild-caught fish, grass-fed beef, cage-free eggs and organic foods. The Consumer Food

Insights Report, as well as other historical sources, also show Black and Hispanic adults are more likely to be vegetarian or vegan compared to the general population, said Sam Polzin, a food and agriculture survey scientist for the center and co-author of the report.

"Eating a plant-based diet is often presented as a cultural movement led by white yuppies, but we found that Black, as well as Asian and Hispanic, consumers are more likely to choose the plant-based and organic options," Polzin said. "Eating fewer animal products may now be most associated with modern environmentalism, but it is important to remember that many non-Western food traditions — including Hinduism, Rastafari, and many indigenous tribes across the Americas — have long

eaten little or no meat."

Lusk notes that higher interest in plant-based diets may also be a result of income differences and the fact that meat tends to be a relatively expensive dining option.

Survey responses also showed Black Americans check food labeling, including GMO ingredients and place of origin, more often than other groups.

"As debates over sustainable food labeling are expected to heat up, we must understand which groups will be impacted by rapidly evolving policy discussions and accurately represent who new labeling standards are meant to benefit," Polzin said. "Trust in the food system varies across racial and ethnic group as well, and food labeling can be a critical tool for communicating useful, expert-certified product information

and building trust."

The Trustworthiness Index measured by the survey reveals that Black and Hispanic adults trust government agencies such as the Department of Agriculture and the Food and Drug Administration significantly less than white and Asian adults.

Lusk further discusses the report in his blog, and a video is available at <https://youtu.be/Ni84nA7d9Z4>.

The Center for Food Demand Analysis and Sustainability is part of Purdue's Next Moves in agriculture and food systems, and it aims to use innovative data analysis shared through user-friendly platforms to improve the food system. In addition to the Consumer Food Insights Report, the center offers a portfolio of online dashboards.

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Purdue's New Institute Of Hard AI Connects AI With The Physical World

Purdue's College of Engineering announced the formation of the Institute of Hard AI on Tuesday (June 14) during the 11th annual meeting of the National Academy of Inventors in Phoenix. The collegewide institute positions Purdue as a national leader in artificial intelligence at the interface of the virtual and physical worlds.

To understand the term "hard AI," think of it as bytes meet atoms. The full power of AI is at the interface between what we code and what we touch.

Intended to become a national leader at this frontier and guided by a top-tier alumni advisory board, the institute will combine research, teaching and commercialization in three areas:

AI by hardware: Future AI applications will place unprecedented demands on computing platforms, requiring advances in function-specific AI hardware to control complex systems and interconnected processes. Autonomous and connected systems, energy generation/distribution, health care and smart agriculture are examples

of systems that will require specially designed AI chips. Leveraging Purdue's unique strength in cognitive computing, the Institute of Hard AI will focus on a unique algorithm-to-hardware code-sign approach, addressing challenges at all levels: algorithms, system architecture, circuits and devices.

AI of hard stuff: The location for AI is increasingly dispersed through edge computing, where computation, communication and control all move closer to the end users and are dispersed in a distributed, variable, highly constrained and underorganized computing substrate. This brings new challenges to the design of AI systems, including hardware heterogeneity, robustness and the need for extreme energy efficiency. Purdue has some of the world's leading experts in edge computing, remote sensing and 5G systems. AI doesn't just live in the cloud — it will be all around us.

AI for physical things: When AI is used for decisions at the interface of virtual-physical worlds, the

criteria for success change. For example, responsiveness and safety matter no less than accuracy and throughput. From autonomous trucks to pharmaceutical manufacturing, from nuclear reactor operation to connected things in digital agriculture, Purdue leads the nation anytime applications touch physical things.

Kaushik Roy, the Edward G. Tiedemann, Jr. Distinguished Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, will serve as director of the institute; several associate directors will be named soon.

Roy said, "From smart self-driving cars to smart homes, even smarter manufacturing to smart agriculture, AI systems will profoundly change the way we live by enabling transformative solutions to societal-scale challenges that we face. To bring that future forward, the Institute of Hard AI will coalesce Purdue Engineering's world-leading strength in hardware design, cognitive computing, learning algorithms and the Internet of Things, shaping bold advances in state-of-the-art AI systems.

Our relentless focus will be on real-world impact driven by an aggressive and targeted research road map, unique workforce development and comprehensive partnerships with industry, federal and state government agencies to spur economic activity."

The institute will be guided by an alumni advisory board that comprises luminaries from industry, including Chris Lister (BSIE '95), Mike Harris (BSCEE '91), Dan Rosckes (BSIE '84) and Ujjwal Singh (BS computer science '94 and BSEE '94).

The institute is a one-of-a-kind comprehensive venture with a list of initiatives that includes cutting-edge research and innovation; courses related to hard AI for both industry and academia, including a minor degree in AI for physical applications; a distinguished lecture series; industry partnerships; student-industry networking and career development; and technology commercialization. The effort will also grow to include multiple other departments and colleges on the Purdue campus.

IDDC, Visit Indiana Launch New Tourism Marketing Campaign

Visit Indiana and the Indiana Destination Development Corporation (IDDC) yesterday launched the 'IN Indiana' marketing campaign, a unique effort to tell the Hoosier State's authentic story. Visit Indiana has developed an extensive customizable toolkit of resources available free of charge to every business, small town, big city, and destination in the state.

"In keeping with our great state's spirit of innovation, this campaign gives tools and a voice to everyone, making Indiana stronger together," Governor Eric J. Holcomb said. "From Indiana's shoreline to the hills in southern Indiana, there is something for everyone here IN Indiana."

The IN Indiana marketing campaign will build on what Indiana is known for, including the world's largest single-day sporting event in the world, the Indy 500. The capital city, Indianapolis, is known for successfully hosting national sporting events, such as the NCAA tournament and the College Football Championships, as well as, major conventions, including FFA, GenCon and most recently the Global Economic Summit.

"From the smallest towns to the largest cities, the adaptable messaging of 'IN Indiana' will instill pride in the many communities that make up the state," Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch said. "Thanks to the campaign's unified messaging, we will attract more visitors, retain college graduates from our schools, and attract top talent to ensure Indiana's continued growth and success."

The IN Indiana campaign will allow every

stakeholder, no matter their budget, to benefit from these tools and unified messaging. The 'IN Indiana' design kit includes logos, brand guides, social media templates, print collateral templates, tradeshow collateral, promotional items, digital ad templates and more. Each resource is fully customizable for all Indiana stakeholders, allowing them to personalize their marketing efforts while at the same time presenting a unified front to potential visitors, future residents and companies looking to do business in Indiana.

"The goal behind 'IN Indiana' is to help Indiana function as a state united when it comes to spreading the word about this wonderful part of the world," Elaine Bedel, IDDC Secretary and Chief Executive Officer, said. "These stories will show new visitors the unexplored diversity of the state and create pride and ownership in our people."

For more information about the marketing campaign, go to VisitIndiana.com.

House Enrolled Act 1115 established the Indiana Destination Development Corporation (IDDC) to position Indiana as the best place to live, work, play, study and stay. IDDC operates as a public-private agency and is governed by a seven-member board. Members include Governor Eric Holcomb who has appointed the Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch as his designee, the president of the IEDC or designee, and five governor-appointed members from the private sector. Elaine Bedel serves as Secretary & CEO.

Integration Leads To Leap In Tech For Forest Inventory, Management

Through integration of aerial and ground-based mobile mapping sensors and systems, a team of Purdue digital forestry researchers has used advanced technology to locate, count and measure over a thousand trees in a matter of hours.

"The machines are counting and measuring each tree — it is not an estimation using modeling, it is a true forest inventory," said Songlin Fei, the Dean's Remote Sensing Chair and professor of forestry and natural resources and leader of Purdue University's Digital Forestry initiative. "This is a groundbreaking development on our path to using technology for a quick, accurate inventory of the global forest ecosystem, which will improve our ability to prevent forest fires, detect disease, perform accurate carbon counting and make informed forest management decisions."

The technology uses manned aircraft, unmanned drones and backpack-mounted systems. The systems integrate cameras with light detection and ranging units, or LiDAR, together with navigation sensors, including integrated global navigation satellite systems (GNSS) and inertial navigation systems (INS). A Purdue team led by Ayman Habib, the

Thomas A. Page Professor of Civil Engineering and head of Purdue's Digital Photogrammetry Research Group, who co-led the project with Fei, designed and created the systems.

"The different parts of the systems take advantage of the synergistic characteristics of acquired data to determine which component has the most accurate information for a given data point," Habib said. "This is how we can integrate small-scale and large-scale information. One platform alone cannot do it. We needed to find a way for multiple platforms and sensors — providing different kinds of information — to work together. This gives the full picture at extremely high resolution. The fine details are not lost."

A machine-learning algorithm developed by the team to analyze the data is as important as the custom autonomous vehicles they created. The findings of a study using their technology are detailed in a paper published in the journal Remote Sensing.

"This system gathers a variety of information about each tree, including height, trunk diameter and branching information," Habib said. "In addition to this information, we maintain precise location and time tags of acquired features."

The result is like giving a person much-needed glasses. What was once blurry and uncertain becomes clear. Their vision is improved, and in turn, so is their understanding of what they see.

LiDAR works like radar, but uses light from a laser as the signal. LiDAR sensors evaluate the range between the scanning system and objects using the time it takes the signal to travel to objects and back to the sensor. On drones, planes or satellites it takes measurements from above the tree canopy, and on roving vehicles or backpacks it takes measurements from below the canopy. The aerial systems have continuous access to GNSS signal to pinpoint the sensor location and orientation after GNSS/INS integration and provide reasonable resolution. Ground-based systems, on the other hand, provide more details and finer resolution, while suffering from potential GNSS signal outages, Habib said.

"This multiplatform system and processing framework takes the best from each to provide both fine details and high positional accuracy," he said.

For instance, if the backpack is in an area with poor access to GNSS signal, a drone can step

in and put that data in the right place, he said.

"It is a breakthrough in applying novel geomatics tools to forestry," Fei said. "It is solving a real and pressing challenge in fields such as agriculture and transportation, but it also is amazing engineering and science that will be applied beyond one arena."

As the different platforms work together, the system also is identifying data points from each that equate to the same tree characteristic. Eventually it could correlate and discover what above-canopy data means in terms of what is happening below canopy, Habib said. That would be a giant leap in the speed and area of forest that could be covered.

LiDAR can be used to make digital 3D maps of trees and forests, so one can virtually assess tree growth, ground cover and forest conditions. A map the team created is available here.

The Digital Forestry initiative is part of Purdue's Next Moves. The team continues to work on scaling up the technology and refining the machine learning.

The Hardwood Tree Improvement and Regeneration Center and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (Hatch Project No. IND10004973) fund this work.

CDBG Planning Grants Are Now Open

Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch and the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs announced the Community Development Block Grant's Planning Grant program is now open for applications. Applications will be accepted until Aug. 12, 2022, at 11:59 p.m. ET via the Indiana Electronic Grants Management System. Applicants are encouraged to submit their applications prior to 4 p.m. ET on Aug. 12, 2022, as technical assistance will not be available after that time.

The following plan types will be open as part of the third quarter round:

- COVID-19 Economic Recovery Plan;
- Comprehensive Plan;
- Water Infrastructure Plan;
- Broadband Readiness Plan;
- Economic Develop-

- ment Plan;
- Environmental Assessment;
- Historic Preservation Plan; and
- Public Facilities Feasibility Study.

No changes to the planning grant program will be implemented this round as OCRA continues to collect and evaluate stakeholder feedback on the program. All existing policies and requirements remain in effect for planning projects. While a formal site visit is not required for this program, applicants must contact their OCRA Community Liaison to: 1) notify the Office of their intention to submit an application and 2) to receive technical assistance on the planning process.

The next round of planning grants is expected to continue quarterly until funds have been exhausted.

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