

TODAY'S VERSE

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



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What makes Christian Tombers smile? "Making other people happy," said the 69-year-old Noblesville resident. A member of Noblesville Chapter No. 67 of the Experimental Aircraft Association, he was found in 2021 volunteering at a Fly-In Drive-In and Pancake Breakfast at Noblesville Airport, where there was a record number of aircrafts and a large attendance by the community. "I'm helping out parking and directing traffic for aircraft." He was born in West Berlin, Germany, and grew up in Detroit and Indiana. He is single and has a daughter in California. He came to Hamilton County for a job. "I've got my own company. It's Charlie Tango Productions; think-sales101.com is my website." I'm a marketing and sales coach, inspirational and motivational speaker. I do not teach people how to sell; I teach people how to get the customer to want to buy. "When he's not working? "I like to fly gliders and sailplanes." He said, "I've been flying gliders since I was 17 ... The longest flight in a sailplane is five hours and 49 minutes on one flight. My highest altitude is 12,000 feet." He is a member of Soar Indy at Alexandria Airport. "We give rides in sailplanes on Saturdays and Sundays when the weather is nice." Coolest flight? "I've actually been in a thermal soaring underneath a cloud with a hawk 10 feet off of my wingtip in formation with me." First time in the air? "First time was when I was 3 years old, when my parents flew from Berlin to Hamburg to take me on a boat to emigrate to the United States ... I am now a naturalized American citizen." He said, "I just enjoy sharing the pleasure of aviation with other people who are also enthusiasts." The next Noblesville Chapter No. 67 EAA fly-in and pancake breakfast is 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday, with a Young Eagles event at 9 a.m. Sunday with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m., according to the EAA website.

And Another Thing...

Life's Copilot, a group providing resources for seniors, will host a webinar on June 28 at 6 p.m. to help guide seniors and their families towards helpful resources that are frequently missed. The webinar will feature an expert panel with speakers from groups including Hoosier Health Solutions, Rebecca Geyer & Associates and AMADA Senior Care, among others. For those interested in taking part, you can RSVP at https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/WN_JPpd_0D5Shqrp0EY9D1EZg.

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Join Hamilton County Parks & Recreation on the lawn at Cool Creek Park for the Cool Creek Concert Series, at 7 p.m. select Fridays, with \$5 admission, free to ages 12 and younger. Here, Flying Toasters perform previously at Cool Creek, where this year's schedule features: tonight, Fleetwood Gold; July 1, Toy Factory; July 15, The Nauti Yachtys featuring Josh Kaufman; July 22, Stella Luna and The Satellites; Aug. 5, 45RPM.

Tribute Bands, Movie Series, Comedy Play, Fly-In & Pancakes This Weekend



BETSY REASON
The Times Editor

Fleetwood Gold is the band tonight at Cool Creek Park, "Beetlejuice" is the flick at the outdoor summer movie series and The Belfry Theatre's "Drinking Habits" play opens tonight at Ivy Tech Auditorium in Noblesville. On Saturday, come out for a fly-in and pancake breakfast at Noblesville Airport and later that day hear the REO Speedwagon tribute band at Federal Hill Commons summer music series.

Here, we offer our Times readers 20 things to do this weekend and beyond:

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lawn at Cool Creek Park for the Cool Creek Concert Series, at 7 p.m. select Fridays, with \$5 admission, free to ages 12 and younger. Concert schedule: tonight, Fleetwood Gold; July 1, Toy Factory; July 15, The Nauti Yachtys featuring Josh Kaufman; July 22, Stella Luna and The Satellites; Aug. 5, 45RPM

2. Jim Wafford's Hamilton County TV presents the 11th annual free summer movie series at 9:15 p.m. Fridays, through June 24, with movies in your car on Friday nights in June at

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NPD 2022 Ticketed Series Off to Roaring Start with Jam-Packed Houndmouth Show

The Nickel Plate District Amphitheater (NPD AMP) and MOKB Presents launched their 2022 summer ticketed shows series this past Saturday with a packed show featuring Indiana's own Houndmouth. The show launched a brand new series that features



up-and-coming national artists. "Houndmouth served up the perfect launch for our new ticketed series," said Sarah Sandquist, Director of Fishers Parks and Recreation. "We are launching today to bring Fishers and Central Indiana music lovers together to enjoy all types of live music options this summer and beyond."

Tickets are on sale now for additional upcoming shows

including:

- Colony House, with Joe Hertler & The Rainbow Seekers on Saturday, July 16
- Waxahatchee, with Liam Kazar on Friday, Aug. 5
- The Main Squeeze, with Huckleberry Funk on Friday, Aug. 19
- Lawrence, with special guest to be announced on Sat-

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Fishers Police Department Announces Search for Qualified Officer Applicants

The Fishers Police Department is actively seeking highly motivated candidates to participate in a competitive hiring process. Applications are being accepted through Aug. 18, 2022. Applicants are encouraged to visit their website, <http://www.fishers.in.us/253/Recruitment>, and complete an on-line

application.

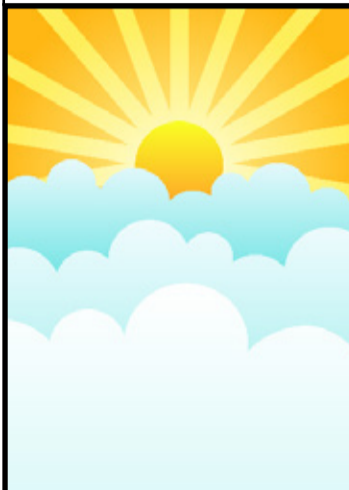
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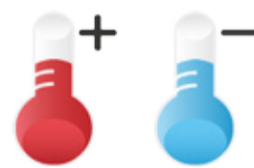
Testing is expected to begin in late Aug. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

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The Daily Almanac



Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 6:16 a.m.
SET: 9:16 p.m.



High/Low Temperatures
High: 86 °F
Low: 61 °F



Today is...

- Celebration of the Senses
- International Fairy Day
- Swim a Lap Day



What Happened On This Day

- 1717 The world's first Masonic Grand Lodge is established
- 1901 Pablo Picasso opens his first exhibition
- 1948 The Berlin Blockade begins



Births On This Day

- 1895 Jack Dempsey American boxer
- 1987 Lionel Messi Argentine footballer



Deaths On This Day

- 1908 Grover Cleveland 22nd President of the United States
- 1987 Jackie Gleason American actor, singer

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Barbara L. (Whelchel) Mills
Erin Colleen Hawkins

HONEST HOOSIER

Happy birthday Howard Samuel Wilcox, or as most people know him, Howdy. This Hoosier was born on this date in 1889 and led the last 98 laps of the 1919 Indianapolis 500! (By the way, his son founded the Little 500 of IU fame!)



TODAY'S QUOTE

"If you believe it'll work out, you'll see opportunities. If you don't believe it'll work out, you'll see obstacles."
- Wayne Dyer

TODAY'S JOKE

Did you hear about the perfume that didn't smell? It was total non-scents!

TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Just like drinking and driving, drinking and boating don't mix. 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.



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OBITUARIES

Phyllis Joan (Beam) Baird

July 17, 1929 - June 19, 2022

Phyllis Joan (Beam) Baird, 92 of Sheridan, Indiana passed away on Sunday June 19, 2022, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on July 17, 1929, to the late Bernard and Juanita (Bess) Beam in Tipton County.

Mrs. Baird was a graduate of Sheridan High School, Class of 1947.

While in high school, she met the man that she would spend the rest of her life with at the Café on main street; and on July 4, 1947, the two of them were married.

They have been at each other's side until Jack preceded her in death on August 21, 1993.

Mrs. Baird and her husband were spiritual people and regularly attended Reach Church, which is now Fuel Church. They raised their four children with their same values and beliefs. She worked a few different jobs until settling in at Marsh Supermarket for 16 years. She worked between their Carmel and Westfield locations, where she enjoyed helping and talking to the customers.

Mrs. Baird was very involved in her church and would go on trips with her church group. When she was home, she enjoyed cooking, especially for her family, and she liked being outside working in her flower garden.

Survivors include her three daughters and Paula (John) Hobbs, Patty Baird and Pam (Ed) Zetterberg; son Butch Baird; six grandchildren Craig (Mindy) Duffer, Chrissy (Chris) Carden, Misty (Nathan) Blair, Tony (Jaimie) Zetterberg, Brett Baird and Remington Baird. 11 great-grandchildren; and sister Babe Durbin.

Preceding her in death is her husband Jack; brother Dennis "Sonny" Beam; sister Judy Beam-Morris; and brother-in-law Forest Durbin.

The family has arranged for a private graveside service. Donation may be made to Alzheimer's Association at <https://www.alz.org/> in memory of Phyllis.

Everyone is invited to sign the online guestbook, leave a condolence or leave a memory for the family to read. Fisher Family Funeral Services is honored to be entrusted with Phyllis's Care



Erin Colleen Hawkins

June 13, 1982 - June 22, 2022

Loving daughter, mother, and wife, Erin Colleen Hawkins, 40, of Markleville, passed away on June 22, 2022, at her home.

She was born on June 13, 1982, in Anderson, Indiana, and graduated from Tipton High School.

Mrs. Hawkins was a department manager for Medicaid insurance for Gordon Marketing. She enjoyed bowling, traveling, and watching movies.

Survivors include her loving husband of nine months Matthew "Shane" Glaze; son Gabe Hawkins and his father Stacey Hawkins; parents Frank and Anita Lacy; three step-sons Andrew Taylor Glaze, Adam Michael Glaze and Alexander Shane Glaze; two brothers Richard (Brittney Starr) Lacy and Jim Lacy; sister-in-law Ashley Davidson; two nieces Addi Davidson and Amelia Davidson-Lacy; aunt Sandy Berney; uncle Stuart Lacy and aunt Lisa Cleveland; five cousins Brian, Chris, John, David and Daniel Berney; mother-in-law Janie Wallace; father-in-law Jeff Glaze; brother-in-law Jason Glaze; special friends Sylvia Gordon, Amber Smith, Christie Perrin, Lindsay Reynold, and Eric Bunting.

Visitation is scheduled to be held on Monday, June 27, 2022 from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. at Loose Funeral Homes & Crematory, 200 West 53rd Street Anderson, IN.

Services are scheduled to be held on Monday, June 27, 2022, at 6 p.m. at the funeral home with Pastor James Petty officiating.

Cremation will follow.

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



My Marriage in Jeopardy



DICK WOLFSIE
Funny Bone

For decades, Mary Ellen and I have been fans of the show Jeopardy. Every night at 7:30 we watch to see how long it takes for us to feel really stupid. I often say, I used to know that but I forgot, which is pretty much the same thing as not knowing the answer...I mean the question.

After Alex Trebek died a couple of years ago, the show's producers ran old episodes featuring the legendary host. I'm not sure why I found that so unsettling. They do the same with all old game shows. Hollywood Squares has had more than 800 different personalities in the boxes. While I watch those re-runs, I have to do google searches to see which of the brilliant comedians are still with us. What about putting some notation under each celebrity's name to save me the time and trouble? For example:

Paul Lynde (died 1982, age 55)

Rose Marie (died 2017, age 94)

Wally Cox (died 1972, age 48)

Joan Rivers (died 2014, age 81)

No, that would depress me even more. Bad idea.

At 7 p.m., during or just after our dinner, and before Jeopardy, we usually watch Wheel of Fortune, despite neither of us being very good at it.

Here's one that stumped us a few nights ago:

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ME

Mary Ellen guessed "This hand was made for you and me." I said: "This hand was made for you and me." The right answer, of course, was "This LAND was made

for you and me." I mean, how embarrassing! We decided to stop having wine with dinner.

During COVID, Jeopardy fever spilled over into our daily lives, since we had nothing better to do. Typically, around 6 p.m., Mary Ellen would say something like...

"Sauteed chicken with green beans and sweet potatoes."

Then I'd reply, "What's for dinner?"

How much more fun can a couple have than that? (Now, remember, we are both in our seventies.)

Even when we had little arguments, our obsession with Jeopardy was evident. Mary Ellen would say to me in a broadcaster's voice: "He leaves all the kitchen cabinet doors open, forgets to close the fridge door and also leaves the garage door up."

"Who is Dick Wolfsie?" Saying it out loud made me feel like I had been tricked into pleading guilty to these crimes. But I'm a very competitive person. I wanted to win.

My wife is a stickler for game rules. For example, while driving, I once said, "I think we're lost." I was quickly corrected by Mary Ellen. "Please put that in the form of a question."

"What does Dick Wolfsie say when the GPS isn't working?"

As we celebrated our 42nd anniversary last week, we reminisced about our decision to get married way back when. Mary Ellen said: "When her husband-to-be had this nutty idea to be a TV personality, she unselfishly quit her good job in Chicago and went with him to Indianapolis."

"Who was Mary Ellen Swegles?" I said without a moment's thought.

"That is correct," said my wife. "That's exactly the question I was looking for."

- Dick Wolfsie spent his career sharing his humor, stories and video essays on television, radio and in newspapers. His columns appear weekly in The Paper of Montgomery County. E-mail Dick at Wolfsie@aol.com.

IDEM Issues Air Quality Action Day Today for Hamilton County

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) has issued an Air Quality Action Day (AQAD) for Hamilton County today, forecasting high ozone levels in the county.

IDEM encourages everyone to help reduce ozone by making changes to daily habits. You can:

- Drive less: carpool, use public transportation, walk, bike, or work from home when possible

- Combine errands into one trip

- Avoid refueling your vehicle or using gasoline-powered lawn equipment until after 7 p.m.

- Keep your engine tuned, and don't let your engine idle (e.g., at a bank or restaurant drive-thru)

- Conserve energy by turning off lights and setting the thermostat to 75 degrees or above

Air Quality Action Days are in effect from midnight to 11:59 p.m. on the specified date.

Anyone sensitive to changes in air quality may be affected when ozone levels are high. Children, the elderly, and anyone with heart or lung conditions should reduce or avoid exertion and heavy work outdoors.

Ground-level ozone is formed when sunlight and hot weather combine with vehicle exhaust, factory emissions, and gasoline vapors. Ozone in the upper atmosphere blocks ultraviolet radiation, but ozone near the ground is a lung irritant that can cause coughing and breathing difficulties for sensitive populations.

IDEM examines weather patterns and current ozone readings to make daily air quality forecasts. Air Quality Action Days generally occur when weather conditions such as light winds, hot and dry air, stagnant conditions, and lower atmospheric inversions trap pollutants close to the ground.

Barbara L. (Whelchel) Mills

February 19, 1933 - June 19, 2022

Barbara L. (Whelchel) Mills, 89, of Noblesville, passed away on Sunday, June 19, 2022 at Lake Meadows Assisted Living in Fishers.

She was born on February 19, 1933 to Melvin and Eileen (McGuire) Whelchel in Noblesville, Indiana.

Mrs. Mills was a graduate of Fishers High School. She was a florist who owned Country Garden Shop and retired from The Flower Market where she worked with her daughter, Cherie. She was a member of Clarksville Christian Church and Fishers Order of Eastern Star. Mrs. Mills enjoyed spending time with family and friends, playing cards, traveling and reading.

Survivors include her five children William (Diann) Mills, Charla (Dr. Robert) Kurtz, Cheryl (Seth) Slomski, Cherie Query and Philip Mills; six siblings Myrna Canaday, Sandy Brandenburg, Jackie Wolf, Sherry Woods, Robert Whelchel and Jane McCullough; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husbands Charles Whelchel and Don Mills; and brother Ralph "Sonny" Whelchel.

Visitation is scheduled to be held from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., with an Eastern Star service scheduled to begin at 7 p.m., on Wednesday, June 29, 2022 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan Street, in Noblesville. Funeral services are scheduled to be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, June 30, 2022 at Clarksville Christian Church, 16600 Lehr Street in Noblesville, with Dave Altman officiating. Burial will follow at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Clarksville Christian Church, 16600 Lehr Street, Noblesville, IN 46060.

Online condolences may be made at www.randallrob-erts.com.



News Briefs

Road Closures and Openings

Argh, road closures are back again! The Times has learned that on or after Tuesday, July 5, 2022, 266th Street between Mt. Pleasant Road and Startman Road will be closed to all traffic for the rehabilitation of Bridge No. 72. The closure is expected to last until early December. Originally scheduled to be closed May through September, the project was delayed due to utility

issues. Local traffic will continue to have access to their homes. Thru traffic should use the posted detour route of Mt. Pleasant Road, E. 256th Street, and Rulon Road.

In good news, Anthony Road between SR-38 and 216th Street is back open to all traffic today. Some incidental work may still be ongoing. As always, use caution while driving through this site.

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Reflecting On the Life of Caleb Swanigan, Plus News and Notes with Kenny

The Allen County (Indiana) coroner declared former Purdue All-American Caleb Swanigan died Monday night of natural causes.

I'll add two contributing factors to Swanigan's death at the age of 25: heredity and environment.

There's not much any of us can do about our family's health history. Swanigan entered life with a big strike one in his column. His father, Carl Swanigan Sr., was an extremely large man at 6-8 and a reported 500 pounds when he died in 2013 at the age of 50 from diabetes complications.

Reports at the time of Caleb Swanigan's arrest in Whitley County in December 2020 for possession of 3.4 pounds of marijuana indicated Swanigan was far above his playing weight of 260 pounds.

Now here's where environment comes in. When in a disciplined program, whether it was with his adopted father Roosevelt Barnes or under the guidance of Purdue athletic trainers, Swanigan was a role model for what hard work can do. It seemed like hardly a day went by during his two years in West Lafayette that he wasn't riding an exercise bicycle or performing some other exercises to compete with his enormous appetite.

But once COVID-19 spread in 2020 to the



KENNY THOMPSON
Columnist

point that the NBA wanted its players confined to a bubble in Orlando, Fla., Swanigan opted out of joining his Portland teammates for personal reasons. For anyone paying attention, that should have been a warning sign.

You also have to wonder about the influences in Swanigan's life once he was away from Barnes and Purdue. The NBA lifestyle, by all reports, can be full of temptations for a young man who for the first time in his life had significant wealth. Growing up homeless like Swanigan did as a child, having money in your pocket is like turning a 7-year-old loose in a toy store. You want it all and you want it now, not worrying about tomorrow.

Swanigan will be remembered for winning Mr. Basketball in 2015 after leading Homestead to its first state basketball championship. Purdue fans will remember one of the greatest scorers

and rebounders to wear the Gold and Black since Glenn Robinson more than 20 years earlier.

"The Purdue basketball family is deeply saddened and devastated at the loss of Caleb Swanigan," Purdue head coach Matt Painter said in a statement released by Purdue Athletic Communications. "Caleb was a very thoughtful individual and a gentle soul who excelled both on and off the court. He made a huge difference in everyone's lives that he touched and he will be greatly missed." During his NBA career, Swanigan worked extensively with Portland-area youth and FoodCorps to promote healthy eating habits in schools and eliminate child hunger.

His was a story that should have had a happy ending, not just an ending.

Big Ten basketball schedule

The talent drain from the 2021-22 Big Ten basketball season makes analyzing last week's announcement of single play and home-and-away conference opponents difficult.

Only three of the 17 players named first-, second- or third-team All-Big Ten by the coaches and media are returning for 2022-23: centers Hunter Dickenson of Michigan, Zach Edey of Purdue and Trayce Jackson-Davis of Indiana. All three were second-

team selections a year ago.

At first glance, Indiana appears to have gotten a favorable single-play draw with games at Maryland, Minnesota and Penn State. Getting the only matchups against Ohio State and Wisconsin in Assembly Hall also is a positive. I'm guessing the Hoosiers would have liked to play two games against Nebraska instead of the lone matchup with the Cornhuskers at home. But there shouldn't be any complaining coming out of the IU athletic department about this schedule.

Purdue has to go to Michigan and Wisconsin for its only games with the perennial Big Ten contenders. The Boilermakers also get just one game with Northwestern, at Evanston. Purdue does have an edge, though, with its single-play home games. Illinois, Iowa and Rutgers have been tough opponents in recent seasons for Purdue away from Mackey Arena.

Purdue will have a young team in 2022-23, and that schedule may be beneficial. A seven-member freshman class (including two redshirts) and Utah transfer guard David Jenkins Jr. will likely lead to some growing pains during the non-conference schedule. Edey and forward Mason Gillis are the

only returning starters, Guards Ethan Morton and Brandon Newman, along with forward/center Caleb Furst, also return.

For the first time since the 1968-69 season, the Boilermakers will have two Indiana Mr. Basketball winners on the roster: Furst (2021) and Braden Smith (2022). Furst will wear No. 1 this season, while Smith has been assigned No. 3.

Former Carmel star Brian Waddell has taken his father Matt's No. 11, a number vacated by Isaiah Thompson's transfer to Florida Gulf Coast.

Hall of Fame election? This could be the year former Purdue All-American Taylor Stubblefield gains election to the College Football Hall of Fame.

Stubblefield and another former Boilermaker receiver, Larry Burton, are on the 2023 ballot released by the National Football Foundation and the Hall of Fame earlier this month. Eighty players are on the Football Bowl Subdivision ballot, which includes former Indiana stars Antwaan Randle-El and Vaughn Dunbar, Heisman Trophy winners Reggie Bush of USC and Tim Tebow (Florida), tight end Tony Gonzalez of California and linebacker Ray Lewis (Miami). Former Indianapolis Colts stars Marvin Harrison

(Syracuse), Dallas Clark (Iowa) and Dwight Freeney (Syracuse) are also up for election.

The 2023 class will be announced in January.

Stubblefield was a consensus All-American in 2004 after setting the NCAA record for career receptions (316). Including bowl games, which until 2002 weren't included in official NCAA statistics, Stubblefield caught 325 passes for 3,629 yards and 21 touchdowns. At the time, only former teammate John Standford had more receiving yards (3,788) in Purdue and Big Ten history.

Burton once shared the world record in the 60-meter dash and owned the 200-meter world record. He finished fourth in the 200 at the 1972 Olympics. Burton led Purdue in receiving yards in 1973 and 1974, earning All-America honors as a senior.

Purdue has had 11 former players and five former coaches enshrined in the College Football Hall of Fame. Rod Woodson (1983-86) was the most recent Boilermaker to be inducted, back in 2016.

- Kenny Thompson is the former sports editor for the Lafayette Journal & Courier and an award-winning journalist. He has covered Purdue athletics for many years.

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Attorney General Rokita Leads Effort to Protect Equal Opportunities for Women



Attorney General Todd Rokita

Attorney General Todd Rokita is leading an 18-state coalition demanding that President Joe Biden back off plans to demolish protections for women contained in federal law.

President Biden has proposed sweeping changes to Title IX of the Education Amendments that would expand the law to cover transgender individuals.

"We must follow the science and Hoosier common sense," Attorney

General Rokita said. "Sex is obvious and biological whereas gender is often depicted as something fluid and subjective. To sustain meaningful protections of equal opportunity, we must be guided by the innate immutability of biological sex rather than faddish notions propagated by woke Hollywood, corporate, and media types."

Leftists' portrayals of their Title IX agenda have been dishonest and inaccurate, Attorney General Rokita added.

"Biden's proposals are far more radical than simply redefining, revising or updating Title IX," Rokita said. "To the contrary, he wants to positively destroy Title IX and the progress it represents for girls and women across the United States."

Rokita and Montana Attorney General Austin Knudsen have co-led a letter to the Biden admin-

istration also signed by 16 other attorneys general.

"Injecting transgender extremism into Title IX would absolutely eviscerate the intended goal of preventing sex discrimination," Attorney General Rokita said. "This unconscionable action constitutes a frontal assault on equal opportunity for girls and women."

On this same principle, Rokita is steadfastly defending a new Indiana law that prohibits biological males from competing for spots on girls' sports teams in K-12 schools.

"Women have fought for equality for decades and to receive the same opportunities as men," Attorney General Rokita said. "Our country seems to have turned its back on these efforts. The pressure to cave is immense as woke corporations, Joe Biden, Hollywood, and cultural elites push their radical gender agenda."



Photo courtesy of the Noblesville Lions

Noblesville Lions Club Inducts New 2022-23 Officers

On Wednesday evening the Noblesville Lions inducted new officers with the help of Scott Smith, District Governor. Those inducted were: President - Gordon Resler; First VP - Walt Scheid; Second VP - Kim Luckey; Secretary - Julia Kozicki; Treasurer - Jeff Kozicki; Membership - Steve Craig; Marketing Communication - Jake Doll; Tail Twister - Mark Bachar; Lion Tamer - Tim Baker; Chaplain - John Grimes; Board Member, 1 Year - Joe Arrowood; Board Member, 1 Year - Gary Hipes; Board Member, 2 Years - Steve Shaw; Board Member, 2 Years - Bob Minton



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Noblesville Lions Present Three of Six Scholarships to Area Students

On Wednesday evening the Noblesville Lions presented 3 scholarships to local students. Those presented awards from Lion Julia Kozicki, Secretary were: (Left) Allyson Dinwiddie - HH \$500 Academic Scholarship; Attending Purdue for Aeronautical Engineering. (Center) Marshall Axsom - NHS \$1,000 Academic Scholarship; Attending Texas A&M for Performance & Math. (Right) Nicolette Watson - NHS \$1,000 Irving Heath Memorial Scholarship; Attending University of Cincinnati for Nursing.



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The ISO will perform patriotic favorites including the Suite from the movie Gettysburg, a tribute to the Armed Forces, music by Irving Berlin, and well-known marches by John Philip Sousa. Each concert will be capped off by a spectacular fireworks show!

General admission lawn seats, reserved seating, tables, and seats in the Huntington Bank Sunset Lounge are available for purchase.

Performances begin at 8 p.m., each evening at Connor Prairie, July 1 - 4. Gates open at 6 p.m. Proof of negative COVID-19



test or COVID-19 vaccine will not be required to attend. Masks are optional at Connor Prairie. For more information regarding the policies of Connor Prairie and to review the FAQ, please visit the ISO website.

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Prairie offers education and adventure to more than 400,000 visitors of all ages each year. As Indiana's first Smithsonian Institute affiliate museum, Connor Prairie provides both outdoor interpretive encounters and indoor experiential learning spaces, melding history and art with science, technology, engineering and math. A 501(c)3, nonprofit organization, Connor Prairie is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums, and relies on grants and philanthropic donations from individuals, corporations, and foundations to fuel its sustainability and growth. For more information, visit Connor Prairie's website.

Poets Encouraged to Apply to Paint Picture with Words for New Downtown Mural

Indiana Humanities and the Indy Arts Council are looking for an Indiana poet to write an original poem about the life and legacy of Madam C.J. Walker. The poem will accompany a new mural of the country's first Black female self-made millionaire to be installed in Oct. 2022 on the Martens Building, 315 N. Senate Ave., in downtown Indianapolis.



An entrepreneur, philanthropist and activist, Madam Walker (1867-1919) rose from poverty in the South to become one of the wealthiest Black women of her time. From her hair products empire's base in Indianapolis, she used her position to advocate for the advancement of Black Americans locally and nationally. Though most of her activities were aimed toward employment, education and the building of personal and racial pride, Madam Walker fought against prejudice on many fronts, including publicly decrying lynching and protesting the War Department's segregationist policies. More information about Madam Walker can be found at these collected resources.

The new poem should aim to bring fresh context and understanding to the life of Madam Walker, allowing readers to experience the struggles and triumphs of her remarkable story and understand its meaning for today. The poem will be posted alongside the mural,

with hopes that visitors to the mural will read and reflect, finding further connection and inspiration in Madam Walker's life through the written word.

The poem must be completed by Sept. 15, 2022. It will be unveiled alongside the mural at a ceremony in Oct. 2022.

For the mural, the Indy Arts Council is working with the Madam Walker Legacy Center, the Indianapolis Cultural Trail Inc., and Indianapolis artist Tasha Beckwith to reconfigure Beckwith's 100-ft-long Madam Walker mural, originally designed as a temporary installation indoors at Indianapolis International Airport, as a more long-term artwork to last up to 15 years outdoors.

The selected poet will receive a \$1,000 stipend and potential paid opportunities for live or recorded performances and readings of the poem at programs related to the mural.

Applications are due on July 24 at 11:59 p.m. Application form is available at <https://indyarts.formstack.co>

Rock Legends Pat Benatar, Neil Giraldo Claim Final Two Spots in Lineup for 2022 State Fair

Yesterday, the Indiana State Fair announced the addition of 2022 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductees Pat Benatar and Neil Giraldo as the final addition to its exceptional lineup that will take place on the Hoosier Lottery Free Stage. The 2022 Indiana State Fair will take place July 29 through Aug. 21, and is closed Mondays and Tuesdays. The lineup each year consists of some of music's most legendary acts and this year is no exception. All shows at the Hoosier Lottery Free Stage are free with paid fair admission and seating is first-come, first-served. A limited number of premium section access tickets will also be made available at a later time. All shows start at 7:30 p.m., unless noted otherwise.



Aug. 5

- **The Reverend Peyton's Big Damn Band** - Saturday, Aug. 6
- **Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo** - Sunday, Aug. 7
- **Trace Adkins** - Wednesday, Aug. 10
- **Too Fighters (A Tribute to Foo Fighters)** - Thursday, Aug. 11
- **KC & The Sunshine Band** - Friday, Aug. 12
- **El Dia de los Latinos en la Feria del Estado de Indiana presented by Radio Latina** (Latino-Fest at the Indiana State Fair) - Saturday, Aug. 13
- **Zach Williams** - Sunday, Aug. 14
- **Happy Together Tour** featuring **The Turtles, Gary Puckett & The Union Gap, The Association, The Classics IV, The Vogues, The**

Cowsills - Wednesday, Aug. 17

- **Small Town (A Tribute to John Mellencamp)** - Thursday, Aug. 18
- **Carly Pearce** - Friday, Aug. 19
- **Vixen & Autograph** - Saturday, Aug. 20
- **Gospel Music Day featuring Fred Hammond** - Sunday, Aug. 21

Sarah M. Taylor, executive director of the Hoosier Lottery, noted, "The Hoosier Lottery Free Stage has become a 'winning ticket' for all fairgoers. This week, the Hoosier Lottery is launching a Premium Concert Ticket Giveaway providing an opportunity for myLOTTERY members and music lovers to win the best seats to a summer concert of their choice."

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

Automotive Excellence, presented by Tom Wood Automotive Group.

Artist Bios for New Additions:

1. Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo:

- Pat Benatar's staggering vocals and take-no-prisoners attitude, along with Neil Giraldo's trailblazing artistry as a guitarist, producer and songwriter forged the undeniable chemistry and unique sound that created some of rock's most memorable hits including "We Belong," "Invincible", "Love Is A Battlefield," "Promises In The Dark," "We Live For Love," "Heartbreaker" and "Hell Is For Children." Together they have created two multi-platinum, five platinum and three gold albums, as well as 19 Top 40 hits. They have sold over 30 million records worldwide and have won an unprecedented four consecutive GRAMMY awards. Their rock and roll love affair has endured for more than three and a half decades. Pat and Neil continue to tour, selling out concerts everywhere. Their chemistry will undoubtedly be thrilling music fans forever. In 2022, they were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

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IHSAA Takes Shot at New Format for State Basketball Tournaments

Yesterday, the Executive Committee of the Indiana High School Athletic Association voted to make a significant change to the format of the annual boys and girls basketball state tournaments.

In its final meeting of the 2021-22 school year, the group of school principals and athletic directors voted 15-2 to make the regional round a single game and the semi-state round a two-game format beginning with next winter's tournaments. The previous format of a two-round regional and a single semi-state game had been in place since 2002.

This spring, Commissioner Paul Neidig conducted a survey of principals, athletic directors, boys and girls coaches and 73.4% of those 781 respondents voted in favor of the change with at least

70% in all four groups approving. Regional pairings will be drawn and announced at the same time as the traditional sectional pairings with two regional championship games being played at the same site and potentially from different classes.

Another new wrinkle includes conducting an additional blind draw and announcing the semi-state pairings the day after the regional championship games on IHSAAtv.org.

"We really like the potential of a high-energy atmosphere at the semi-state level with a chance to advance to the state championship games the following week at Gainbridge Fieldhouse, the home of the Pacers and Fever," Neidig said. "This new format will double the number of teams who play a week

longer in the tournament and should create a lot of excitement in those communities and will be financially beneficial for those communities that serve as host sites."

Tournament host sites will be approved by the Executive Committee later this fall.

Also from yesterday's meeting:

- The Executive Committee formally approved full membership for Dugger Union, Evansville Christian and Purdue Polytechnic. Those schools become officially eligible to compete in IHSAA state tournaments beginning this fall.

- The Committee approved modified restrictions on Indiana schools competing against schools from beyond the 300-mile travel limit. IHSAA schools will now be able



to participate against out-of-state schools from beyond the 300-mile limit as long as they are in good standing with their state association, the venue is within the 300 mile limit, is and is sanctioned by the NFHS and IHSAA. Also, Indiana schools may now host out-of-state schools in Indiana from beyond the 300-mile limit as long

as they are a member in good standing with their own state association and the event is sanctioned by the NFHS and IHSAA.

- A proposal to raise ticket prices in several sports including football and basketball sectional games from \$6 to \$7 was also approved as well as raising an officials stipend by \$10 at all levels as well

as bumping their mileage from 25 cents to 50 cents per mile.

The IHSAA is a voluntary, not-for-profit organization that is self-supporting without the use of tax monies. Since its founding in 1903, the Association's mission has been to provide wholesome, educational athletics for the secondary schools of Indiana. Its 407 member high schools - public, institutional, parochial and private - pay no annual membership fee or incur entry fees to play in the Association's tournaments. A state tournament series is conducted annually in 22 sports, 10 for girls, 10 for boys and two co-ed (unified flag football and unified track and field). A 19-person board of directors, elected by member school principals, governs the organization.

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The National Fire Protection Association Offers Shocking Tips on Avoiding Electrocutation

With summer here and the July 4th holiday weekend just around the corner, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) is reminding people about potential electrical hazards that exist in swimming pools and hot tubs, onboard boats, on docks and piers, and in waters surrounding boats, marinas, and launch ramps.

While most people are unaware of electrical dangers posed in water environments such as electric shock drowning (ESD), each year people are injured or killed from these hazards. ESD can occur when improperly installed or maintained electrical systems within marinas or boat electrical systems result in electrical current in the water, which can then pass through a person's body, causing a level of paralysis that can ultimately cause serious injury or drowning.

"Continued education about the presence of electrical hazards in water can help reduce the risk of electric shock drowning from happening in pools and waterways," said Lorraine Carli, NFPA's vice president of Outreach & Advocacy. "Have a qualified electrician inspect your boat, swimming pool equipment, hot tub, and spa before engaging in any water activities, and make sure they are regularly maintained to ensure all life-saving measures and protection systems are functioning properly."

Following are tips for swimmers, and pool and boat owners:

Swimmers:

- Never swim near a marina, dock, or boat-yard.
- While in a pool or hot tub look out for underwater lights that are not working properly, flicker, or work intermittently.
- If you feel a tingling sensation while in a pool, immediately stop swimming in the direction you are heading. Try



and swim in a direction where you had not felt the tingling. Exit the water as quickly as possible; avoid using metal ladders or rails. Touching metal may increase the risk of shock.

Pool owners:

• If you are putting in a new pool or hot tub, be sure the wiring is performed by an electrician experienced in the special safety requirements for these types of installations and that the completed work is inspected by the authority having jurisdiction (AHJ).

• Have a qualified electrician periodically inspect and — where necessary — replace or upgrade the electrical devices or equipment that keep your pool or hot tub electrically safe. Have the electrician show you how to turn off all power in case of an emergency.

• If there are overhead electrical lines, make sure they have proper clearance over the pool and other structures, such as a diving board. If you have any doubts, contact a qualified electrician or your local utility company to make sure power lines are a safe distance away.

Boat owners:

• Avoid entering the water when launching or loading a boat. These areas can contain stray electrical currents in the water, possibly leading to electric shock drowning or injury from shock, including death.

• Each year, have the boat's electrical system inspected by a qualified marine electrician to be sure it meets the required codes of your area, including those set by the American Boat

& Yacht Council. Make the necessary repairs, if recommended. Follow the same steps after any major storm that affects the boat.

• Check with the marina owner to let you know if the marina's electrical system has recently been inspected to meet the required codes of your area, including the National Electrical Code (NEC).

• Have ground fault circuit protection (GFCI and GFPE) installed on circuits supplying the boat; use only portable GFCIs or shore power cords (including "Y" adapters) that bear the proper listing mark for marine applications when using electricity near water. Test GFCIs monthly.

• NEVER modify the electrical system on a boat or shore power to make something work. The code-required safety mechanisms in place are intended to alert people if something is wrong with the boat and with shore power. Find a licensed, qualified professional to help determine the cause of the problem.

NFPA has resources for swimmers, boat and pool owners, including videos, tip sheets, and checklists, that can be downloaded and shared. Please visit www.nfpa.org/watersafety.

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Senators Braun and Baldwin Urge The White House to 'Buy American' in Bipartisan Letter

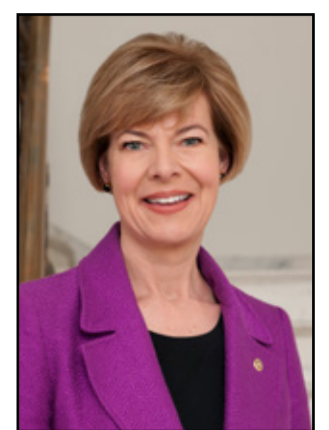
Yesterday, Senator Braun and Senator Baldwin sent a bipartisan letter to President Biden, urging him to implement federal Build America, Buy America (BABA) policies. In the letter, the Senators emphasized the importance of full and timely implementation of BABA to advance "Made in America" policies and addressed the federal agencies that have proposed waivers of BABA requirements, writing:

"As the Senate's strongest supporters of federal Build America, Buy America (BABA) policies, we write to express our opposition to the repeated use of blanket waivers by your Administration designed to avoid these domestic preference requirements. While Congress in recent years has taken significant steps to strengthen BABA, these blanket waivers threaten to undermine these protections, resulting in billions of dollars of infrastructure funds failing to reach American workers."

The Senators continued: "We remain skeptical of lengthy excuses [by departments like Housing and Urban Development (HUD)] claiming these provisions are too complicated to enforce. Other federal departments like the U.S. Department of



Senator Mike Braun



Senator Tammy Baldwin

Agriculture have been successfully administering Buy America preference requirements for water infrastructure projects for years. These departments incorporate the same products and materials as those used in many of the projects receiving HUD's federal financial assistance."

The Senators conclude: "Each waiver that unnecessarily undermines or delays BABA implementation erodes the market signal Congress intended to send with the BABA and results in missed opportunities to create America jobs and strengthen our national security."

Last month, Senator Braun questioned HUD Secretary Marcia Fudge on the agency's use of waivers and requested data on the agency's use of American made products during a hearing

for President's FY 2023 HUD Funding Request and Budget Justification on the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Title XI of the Infrastructure, Investment, and Jobs Act (IIJA) made significant improvements to Buy America laws, including the Build America, Buy America Act, which requires agencies to complete an in-depth review of BABA applicability across all eligible programs, among other improvements to U.S. law.

To date, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Interior, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Department of Education, the Treasury Department, the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Department of Transportation have all proposed waivers of BABA requirements.

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Photo by Tony Vasquez courtesy of NPD

Houndmouth performs in front of a packed house on Saturday at NPD. The next show in the 2022 summer series is Colony House, with Joe Hertler & The Rainbow Seekers on July 16.

urday, Aug. 27
Tickets for the above listed shows are on sale now and available at npdamp.com. Also visit the venue website for

additional information on other non-ticketed shows also happening this summer at the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater.

The Nickel Plate District Amphitheater (NPD AMP) is an outdoor music and event venue located in the heart of Fishers, Indiana in the Nickel Plate Cultural District. The NPD AMP is one of Central Indiana's premier outdoor music and event venues and is open year-round. NPD can accommodate performances from a simple acoustic set to a 4,000-person concert. The latest acts and events can be found at npdamp.com or on Instagram at [@npdamp](https://www.instagram.com/npdamp).

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the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds in Noblesville. Lawn chairs, blankets and picnicking are invited. Tonight's movie: "Beetlejuice," rated PG. Rain date makeup: "Groundhog Day" rated PG, July 2.

3. Westfield continues its Movies in the Plaza series at dusk today: featuring "PAW Patrol the Movie" on the Great Lawn at Grand Junction Plaza, with more movies every fourth Friday through October.

4. The Belfry Theatre presents "Drinking Habits," a comedy by Tom Smith, June 24-July 3 at The Ivy Tech Auditorium in Noblesville, with Nancy Lafferty directing, with reservations at thebelfrytheatre.org.

5. Enjoy pancakes and airplanes during a Noblesville Chapter of Experimental Aircraft Association's Fly-In and Breakfast 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday at Noblesville Airport, with free admission and donation of \$7 for breakfast, \$5 for ages 10 and younger, for breakfast. Young Eagles Rally, for kids interested in flying, is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, with airplane rides available, at the airport.

6. Noblesville Farmers Market is open for the season 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays at Federal Hill Commons in downtown Noblesville. ABC Ballroom will be at the Farmers Market at 8 a.m. this Saturday. Parking is offered at the nearby



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Jim Wafford's Hamilton County TV presents the 11th annual free summer movie series at 9:15 p.m. Fridays, through June 24, with movies in your car on Friday nights in June at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds in Noblesville. Tonight's movie: "Beetlejuice," rated PG. Rain date makeup: "Groundhog Day" rated PG, July 2.

Mexican restaurant that was torn down, at Blue-Sky Commerce, both just west of the park, and at the park's Green Room parking lot, which will be restricted to vendor spaces and handicapped parking only during the weekly market.

7. Carousel Corner is open at Forest Park in Noblesville from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily through July 31, then weekends Aug. 6-Oct. 23, with \$2 carousel rides and \$3 mini golf.

8. Concerts at the Commons are 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. on select Saturdays through September at Federal Hill Commons. Concert schedule: June 25, REO Survivor (REO Speedwagon Tribute) and Aela; July 9, 16 Candles ('80s variety) and Roughhouse; July 23, Britbeat (Beatles tribute) and Rhino Down; Aug. 13, Motor City Revue (Motown Tribute) and BBI;

Aug. 27, Nightrain (Guns & Roses tribute) and The Cosmic Situation; Sept. 9, The Eagles Project (Eagles Tribute) and The Toons; Sept. 24, Trippin Billies (Dave Matthews Tribute) and Sam King.

9. Experience Indiana's rural landscape with a ride on the Nickel Plate Express Caboose Rides, June 25-July 30.

10. Grab your binoculars and join Hamilton County Parks for Beginner Bird Walks at 8:30 a.m. Sundays and Wednesdays at Cool Creek Park in Westfield and 8:30 a.m. the first Wednesday, through June at Strawtown Koteewi Park in Noblesville.

11. Hamilton County Parks offers Wednesday night free Cool Creek Campfires at Cool Creek Park, at 7 p.m. Wednesdays, through July 27. Special programs each week: June 29, Reptiles with Rex Morrell;

All-American Animals, July 6; Baby! It's Wild Outside, July 13; Hoosier Owls, July 20; Really Dangerous Animals, July 14. Bring your favorite vinyl to play on a provided turntable at 5:30 p.m. on Turntable Thursdays at Primeval Brewing in downtown Noblesville.

12. Noblesville Parks' Summer Concert Series continues Thursdays at Dillon Park in Noblesville. Here's the schedule: June 30, Jambox; July 7, Roughhouse Indy; July 14, Toy Factory; and July 21, Dave & Rae.

13. Auditions will be at 7 p.m. Sunday and Monday for The Belfry Theatre's "Rehearsal for Murder," a mystery thriller, with a cast of 15, directed by Diane W. Wilson of Carmel and to be performed Sept. 23-Aug. 2 at The Ivy Tech Auditorium in Noblesville. For more information, and an audition packet with



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Audiences will enjoy the antics of Jennifer Poynter of Carmel (as Sister Augusta, right) and Sarah Eberhardt of Fishers (as Sister Mary Catherine) in The Belfry Theatre's "Drinking Habits," a comedy by Tom Smith, which runs June 24-July 3 at The Ivy Tech Auditorium in Noblesville, with Nancy Lafferty directing, with reservations at thebelfrytheatre.org.

character info, visit www.thebelfrytheatre.com

14. Hamilton County Parks' Koteewi Aerial Adventure (Edge Adventures), K-Trails Equestrian Adventures, Koteewi Range Sport & Target Archery Center and Koteewi Lake are all open for the season.

15. Main Street Productions presents "30 Reasons Not To Be in a Play," by Alan Haehnel, July 28-Aug. 7, at Westfield Playhouse, directed by Tanya Haas.

16. The Belfry Theatre Apprentice Players summer youth musical, Disney's "Frozen Jr.," will offer five performances July 28-31 at Ivy Tech Hamilton County Campus in Noblesville, directed by James H. Williams, and featuring about 40 kids ages 5-18. Tickets at

www.belfrytheatre.com.
17. Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville Cornhole Tournament at Forest Park will be Aug. 5.

18. Save the date: Noblesville Main Street's Noblesville Street Dance has changed its date to Aug. 6, from the previously posted July 23 event, on the Courthouse Square.

19. Carmel Community Players presents "Shipwrecked! An Entertainment," directed by Lori Raffel, Aug. 12-21.

20. Save the date: The sixth annual Noblesville Rotary Club BrewBQ is 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. Aug. 20, Federal Hill Commons in Noblesville. Headliner is 7 to 9:30 p.m., with opener.

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Indiana Is A Hotspot For Entrepreneurship And Innovation

During London Tech Week, Startup Genome, a policy advisory and research organization, released its 2022 Global Startup Ecosystem Report. The comprehensive, data-driven report analyzed more than 280 entrepreneurial ecosystems including 3 million startups and ranked Indiana as a Global Top 40 Emerging Ecosystem. Indiana is also included in seven other subsets for talent, early capital funding and performance.

"The Start Up Genome Top 40 ranking is an exciting validation of the hard work of our entrepreneurs—but there is still more, as a state, we can do," said Indiana Secretary of Commerce Brad Chambers. "We are leaning in and finding innovative new ways to enable our immensely talented young people to propel our economy forward. I see no more important investment of time and resources and

no reason that Indiana should not be a Top 5 ecosystem for entrepreneurship worldwide.

In November, Startup Genome and the Indiana Economic Development Corporation announced a partnership to study and support Indiana's entrepreneurial and innovation ecosystem development. Using a combination of global datasets and survey data, Startup Genome conducted an ecosystem analysis to determine Indiana's stage of development, create benchmarks against peer and top global startup ecosystems, and examine opportunities and gaps as well as strengths.

Indiana-specific rankings and findings from the report include:

- Global Top 40 Emerging Ecosystem;
- Top 15 North American Ecosystem in Affordable Talent — which measures the ability to hire tech talent;
- Top 20 North American

Ecosystem in Bang for Buck — which measures the amount of runway tech startups acquire, on average, from a venture capital funding round;

- Top 30 North American Ecosystem & Top 10 North American Emerging Ecosystem in Talent & Experience — which measures long-term trends over the most significant performance factors and the ability to generate and retain talent in the ecosystem;
- Top 25 North American Ecosystem & Top 10 North American Emerging Ecosystem in Funding — which measures innovation through early-stage funding and investor's activity;
- Top 25 North American Emerging Ecosystem in Performance — which measures the size and performance of an ecosystem based on the accumulated tech startup value created from exits and funding;
- Indiana created \$3 billion in Ecosystem value

from July 1, 2019 to Dec. 31, 2021;

- Local connectedness and a business-friendly climate are cited as reasons a startup should move to Indiana; and
- The Industry 4.0, Life Sciences and Future of Energy sectors are highlighted for their density of talent, support resources and startup activity.

"Startup Genome is honored to work with Indiana Economic Development Corporation in accelerating ecosystem growth, job creation and impact in Indiana," said JF Gauthier, founder and CEO of Startup Genome.

"We are excited about Indiana's startup community's future because of the increasing investment in its innovative entrepreneurs."

Since 2012, this research effort has provided rich insights and guidance to public and private leaders on how to cultivate thriving startup ecosys-

tems and support local startups — the #1 engine of job creation and economic growth. The report ranks startup ecosystems on seven success factors, including performance and talent. Full global report details can be found here.

About Startup Genome Startup Genome is the world-leading policy advisory and research organization for public and private organizations committed to accelerating the success of their startup ecosystem. We have advised more than 125 clients across six continents in 45+ countries to date. Working side-by-side with 300 partner organizations, our frameworks and methodologies have become instrumental to define and execute robust policies and programs that drive lasting change. Many of the world's leading governments and innovation-focused organizations have joined our knowledge network to cut through

the complexities of startup ecosystem development and fuel sustained economic growth. Follow our work at startupgenome.com, and follow us on LinkedIn and Twitter.

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Here's Hoping President Mitch Really Becomes President Mitch

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

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

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

All of this is a roundabout way of saying that I am hoping he's leaving Purdue and considering a run for the White House. You may recall that he was wooed once before and decided against it for family reasons. Here's one guy at least hoping that those family reasons have changed for the better and this is a possibility. And remember, he's also got



TIM TIMMONS
Sagamore News Media CEO

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

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

All of which is to say when it came to Purdue, well, I still remember Knight's TV show with Chuck Marlowe (father of our columnist John Marlowe) and the donkey Knight brought out as Purdue's mascot. My stance softened on the Boilers when I was a senior and their tennis coach told me he thought I could make the team there (although no scholarship was offered). The IU coach didn't even talk to me.

But silly fandom aside, Purdue is one of our state's shining institutions. The cradle of astronauts was great long

before Daniels, but it clearly has gotten better with his guidance. From freezing the tuition 11 years ago – a move that saved Purdue families a cool billion bucks – to his innovative Purdue Moves program, Daniels has kept Purdue golden.

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

Daniels is a smart guy. He's personable and he understands how to get things done. Not only that, but after reading his book it's clear he dearly loves this country. Isn't that exactly the kind of person we want – and need right now – lead-

ing this country? And don't forget this, the unrest between Republicans and Democrats in Indiana seemed to ease up a lot when he sat in the governor's office. He just has that ability to get people past the pointless stuff.

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

Fingers crossed.

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Recliners Go Back A Long Way

Two weekends ago, I was over at my brother Ben's house dog sitting. Sophie is part French Bulldog, part Tasmanian Devil. Teddy is the most laid back long-haired Dachshund you'll ever meet. If not for Sophie's constant running and general chaos, Teddy would gladly just sit still in the corner and do his dust-mop impression.

Now, add twin 2-year-old girls into the equation, and you can see why my sister-in-law Erinn's housekeeping chores never end, and why the wine cabinet requires continuous restocking.

After the initial hurly-burly of doggie high-fives and slobber kisses, the three of us -- or even the last hour's relentless activity.

Every cushion and chair was inconveniently unavailable for sitting. Then out of the corner of my eye, something big and brown caught my attention. This chair had a conspicuousness to it, as if clutter itself held it in esteem. An invisible stanchion held both human and canine whelps at bay, much like velvet ropes hold back the



JOHN O. MARLOWE
The Good Sport

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rush of onlookers of the Mona Lisa.

It was obvious. This chair is off limits.

I slipped quietly into its warm leather embrace, and only then did I understand. This was our father's recliner, passed down to Ben upon Dad's death.

The chair was a Father's Day present from Ben and his brother David. The boys scrimped and saved their lawn mowing and babysitting money, and with a little help from their Mom and step-mom, and me and my blood brother, Todd, they finally had enough dough saved up to buy the chair.

A friend of mine worked for one of the local furniture retailers, and with the benefit of the "friends and family" discount, we had arranged for a brand new Flexsteel oversized recliner, with power gliding assist and power headrest, to be delivered on the day before Father's Day.

Three days before Father's Day, Dad purchased a leather recliner from Macy's.

Dad was always messing up Father's Day gift giving. Plan to give him the newly released best-selling book, and we'd learn he purchased the book last week, and was already on Chapter Four.

One year, Mother and Todd and I spent two hours selecting a top-of-the-line charcoal grill for Dad. The nice, patient store clerk loaded the huge box into the trunk, after showing us how to assemble it when we got home. We pulled into the driveway, and Dad greeted us with a broad smile.

"Wait until you see the new gas grill I just bought for us!" he beamed.

He purchased a new set of golf clubs two weeks before Father's Day. He bought a new fishing rod. Car wash coupons for his car? He'd buy custom floor mats. New ratchet for his tool box? He'd buy a 121-piece ratchet and socket set.

This wasn't even his only preemptive recliner purchase.

Todd and I lined up a new recliner years ago, only to have Dad buy a brand new La-Z-Boy the week before Father's

Day. It was on sale . . . a Father's Day sale, we pointed out.

Dad's buying habits made us nuts. I remember Freud once said that "Psychiatry is the art of teaching people how to stand on their own feet while lying on couches." I think it holds for recliners, too.

It took me years to realize that all this wasn't coincidence. At heart, our Dad couldn't bring himself to welcome his sons buying for him. He didn't want his boys spending their money. He was the provider, and it was difficult for him to accept otherwise. Leaning back in the soft leather chair in my brother's house, watching the dogs peacefully asleep on the carpeted floor, I couldn't help wondering what kind of father Ben will turn out to be for his two girls. My guess is that he'll be just like our Dad.

I think most fathers are inclined to be that way.

- John O. Marlowe is an award-winning columnist for Sagamore News Media

Meditation Repudiation

Mary Ellen and I just got back from a trip to visit my sister and brother. In my sister's lovely condominium in Great Neck, New York, she has a little windowed room off her kitchen that's no more than 6 by 8 feet. In that room she meditates every day, and she claims she has achieved some degree of calmness and peace in her life. I am jealous of Linda—I want what she has. No, not serenity and peace, but a little room like hers where I can go every day, down a few beers, vent my anger and frustration with the world and kick over a bookcase. Very relaxing!

My sister thinks I should meditate like she does.



DICK WOLFSIE
Life in a Nutshell

This point of view has been echoed by one of my physicians, my wife and several people at our Unitarian church. They all tell me it would help. Help me with what, I wonder? What's wrong with me? When I ask this question, my doctor says it will help address my insomnia.

When I ask my sister, she always says, "Sorry, I have another call coming in." It's odd: whenever I ask her why I need help, that same person keeps calling her.

All the folks advocating this approach have sent me to a website with detailed instructions for achieving "one with everything," which, by the way, is exactly how I order a hot dog at a nearby deli. I'm going to try some of these methods, but as you will see, I'm a skeptic.

They begin the lesson by asking the reader to assume a comfortable position. (I decided I wanted to be a restaurant critic for the New York

Times.) We are also told to "learn" these exercises. Why is that word in quotes? I won't eat "crab" salad or chopped "meat," so I'm a little wary of digesting what this program is feeding me.

One section of the directions is labeled "Thinking About Body Parts." When I hit 75, I tried to stop obsessing about my aging back, limbs and butt. Several of my parts are just not working the way they used to and the last thing I want to do is think about that. The list includes: "Think About Your Throat." Really, my throat? I've never thought much about my throat, but thanks for giving me something else to worry

about.

Later in the guidelines, they assign the number 3, which is to be the personal symbol for complete body relaxation, a mantra I will need to repeat continually until I achieve serenity. I think I should be able to pick my own number. First of all, 3 is way too easy to guess. I don't want strangers hacking into my meditation session. My mantra should have capital and lowercase letters and at least one symbol. I want my relaxation code to be F3&b@. Yeah, try to guess that! Of course, I'll never remember it, which will also stress me out.

Finally, there is a section titled "Scheduled

Worry." Here the authors advise you to think about a problem at bedtime that needs to be resolved and then ponder possible solutions. If you can't come up with an answer, they direct you to not think about it until tomorrow. Well, that worked for Scarlett O'Hara.

Mary Ellen asked me to assure her I would give meditation a try. I told her I would, and to consider that a "promise."

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Ask Rusty – How Does Social Security Disability Work With Private Disability Insurance?

Dear Rusty: If someone is collecting long-term disability through their company and the company states the employee also must apply through Social Security, how does this work? Does the amount of Social Security decrease from the amount that the person would normally receive upon retirement? Is long-term disability for life, or just until you are of retirement age? How about for the spouse of that individual? Would it have any impact on them? *Signed: Concerned*



ASK RUSTY
Social Security Advisor

Dear Concerned: It's common for private long term disability (LTD) insurers to require that you apply for Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits. Typically, the private LTD benefit will be offset (reduced) by the federal SSDI benefit.

The SSDI benefit amount, if awarded, will be the full Social Security benefit earned up to the point the recipient

becomes disabled and unable to work. That means someone on SSDI before full retirement age (FRA) gets their FRA amount earlier (FRA is somewhere between 66 and 67 depending on the year of birth). The SSDI benefit will be based on the disabled person's lifetime earnings history, unreduced for claiming earlier than full retirement age. SSDI will automatically convert to regular SS retirement benefits at the same amount when FRA is attained. Thus, getting SSDI doesn't detract from the person's FRA benefit amount; rather they get

Social Security Matters by AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor Russell Gloor

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Social Security disability benefits last for as long as you remain disabled, or up to your SS full retirement age. To be eligible, the disability must be expected to last for at least one year, and the disability must render you unable to perform significant work. You must also have worked recently (usually at least 5 of the last 10 years) to maintain eligibility, and you must have contributed Social Security FICA payroll taxes (or self-employment taxes) from your work earnings. Only very limited work earnings are

allowed when collecting Social Security Disability Insurance benefits, and Social Security may periodically require confirmation of continued SSDI eligibility.

Applying for SSDI is a relatively easy process which can be done online at www.ssa.gov/applyfordisability, or by calling SS directly at 1.800.772.1213. Depending on the nature of the disability, it usually takes 3 to 5 months to obtain a determination and, if SSDI is approved, there is a 5 month wait for benefits to start. If the SSDI application is initially

denied (about 65% of all initial applications are) you can exercise several levels of appeal, starting with simply requesting a reconsideration by Social Security, followed, if necessary, by a hearing with an independent Administrative Law Judge, a review by the SSDI Appeals Council, or even an appeal to Federal Court. Hopefully, if the applicant is now on private long term disability, the SSDI application will be initially approved.

As for whether the spouse of a person on SSDI is affected, much depends on the spouse's age and how the spouse's own SS retirement benefit compares to the disabled partner's SSDI benefit. Benefits for a spouse are available as early as age 62, but the spouse's personal FRA benefit amount (from their own lifetime earnings record) must be less than 50% of the disabled partner's SSDI amount to get a spousal boost from the disabled spouse. Otherwise, one

marriage partner being on SSDI will not affect the other partner's personal Social Security retirement benefit.

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A Father And A Child Can Make A Great Family

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Father's Day is coming one more time and you still have a chance at having a great family.

Fathers like most all people have good days and bad days. They have great seasons of life and some that are more difficult. Few fathers will look back over their lives and say, "Every day I was a perfect dad." Some days were better than others.

We all feel bad about the seasons of our lives when we had to work too much. Working all the time depletes energy we would prefer to spend on our families. The problem is that like most fathers we



GLENN MOLLETTE
Guest Columnist

want to keep a roof over our heads and food in the refrigerator. Making car payments, house payments, and all the basic things of life typically keep most dads and moms very busy.

Even in a home filled

with love and patience the average dad lives a juggling life. He is pulled between work, kid's ball-games, meeting the needs of his wife and housework. Add to this school meetings, homework, fishing, piano lessons, family events, all while trying to maintain and add to his career.

Most of us looking back can think of some endeavors or activities we wish we had let go in order to spend more time with our families. For some weird reason at the time they seemed all so important but now they feel like wasted time.

Throughout life the way

we typically learn is the hard way. Education is always expensive. Our vision is 20/20 looking back. People tell us what we will regret and what we should do but we rarely believe them. When we get past the "fifty-five" mark of life we start to realize what the "old timers" told us was true. You know how it is because you probably tell your kids about what is right and wrong and what they will appreciate or regret. In most cases they don't pay much attention to you.

The only season of being a father that you have is this one. No future is guaranteed and yesterday

is gone. You do have today. Have a loving and forgiving heart. Extend grace and a second, third or fourth chance. Try to spend time with those you love. You are probably finding out now that your grown children are too busy for you. They have lives of their own and you may not be a priority. It hurts some but they probably are being like you used to be. Don't lose sleep over this but be available and reach out as you are able.

Finally, you have to be more than the human ATM machine. You can't buy your children's affection for the rest of your

life. Every parent wants to help their children but the best thing you can do for them is work with them to help them care for themselves. You can either teach them to fish or spend the rest of your life fishing for them and this ends up being a hard life for you and cripples them.

Today is another opportunity to be a good father. This is also a good day for you to reciprocate love and affection to your dad. A father and a child working together can make a great family.

- Hear Dr. Glenn Mollette each weekday morning at 8:56 and 10:11:30 AM EST.

Poor Police Work Is Letting Rapists Go Free And That Has To Stop

By Christine McDonald

There is a sexual assault taking place right now. Every 68 seconds, someone in America is sexually assaulted. More than 97% of perpetrators get off scot-free.

A major reason is mismanagement of physical evidence. It's time for police work to enter the modern era -- and employ the latest technology for collecting and processing evidence. Otherwise, rapists will continue to go free.

The evidence in a sexual-assault investigation is typically the product of a six-hour physical exam conducted by a medical professional, who searches the victim's body for any

material -- like DNA -- that could help identify the perpetrator. The information and material gathered is known as a "sexual assault kit."

As a survivor of sex trafficking and current advocate for victims, I know firsthand how invasive and retraumatizing these exams can be. But we believe that the information collected will help deliver justice.

That faith is often misplaced. In far too many cases, the evidence in sexual assault kits is never used. The federal government estimates a national backlog of more than 200,000 untested kits.

Every unprocessed kit represents a crime left unsolved -- and a perpetrator

likely to attack again. In Ohio, for example, 22 kits associated with a single rapist remained shelved and untested for years.

When sexual assault kits are tested and used as evidence, another layer of dysfunction can appear. Court cases often require proof of the "chain of custody" for a piece of evidence. Prosecutors need to be able to prove the whereabouts of a rape kit, for example, as it travels from the emergency room, to the police, to the crime lab, to the prosecutor, and then to the courts. That evidence may be on the move for years.

The chain of custody is one of the first elements a good defense attorney will

scrutinize. If he or she can prove a break in the chain of custody, the evidence is not admissible at trial. And if a defendant challenges the chain of custody, even a minor mistake can lead to an acquittal.

Long backlogs and mismanagement of evidence don't just impact convictions. They also serve as powerful disincentives for women who wish to report sexual assault.

Today, any given sexual assault has just a 31% chance of ever being reported to the police. Why go through an invasive, demeaning, physical exam if the evidence is going to end up in a storage closet -- or if mismanagement by police is going to let

the rapist off on a technicality?

There's no excuse for losing track of evidence in 2022. We can look at our phones to determine how many houses away our Amazon packages are. Our financial and health records are online, available on demand. But some police departments still rely on faulty software or even paper files to track evidence. And multiple states, including Massachusetts and Texas, do not require police to keep track of clothing, blood, and urine in a rape kit.

Simple upgrades -- from implementing barcodes and RFID tags, combined with good software -- will bring evidence-collection

and management up to an appropriate technological standard nationwide. It will require significant investment by federal and state governments. But newer tools can maximize the impact of those public dollars.

We have the technology to get more perpetrators of sexual assault off the street. We need law enforcement agencies to deploy those tools so victims aren't telling their stories in vain.

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“Cat’s In The Cradle” Father’s Day

By Dr. James Thrasher

The haunting refrains of Harry Chapin's song "Cat's in the Cradle," like "planes to catch and bills to pay ... when you coming home, dad?" started to play in my mind recently. A Fortune 500 company recruiter asked to join me in my office after a day of on-campus interviewing. He immediately locked in on, and asked about, the picture of my wife and four kids. With a quavering voice, as if speaking from his soul, he issued an unexpected directive to me: "You go home at five o'clock, Jim, and be a devoted and available husband and father!" He then explained what he called his well-intentioned, but heartbreaking, life story.

He explained that when he graduated from college, he set in place his personal life goals. He climbed the corporate ladder and brought in the big bucks, built multiple homes, and

had all the club memberships and non-profit board appointments, as well as time-consuming hobbies. Most days, even on the weekends, he left his house before his family was up and arrived home after everyone was in bed. In society's eyes, he had been a wildly successful businessman, amassing all the material possessions one could ever want and achieving an impeccable professional reputation. With intense emotion, he said, "I thought I was doing the right things, but I have failed terribly." He ignored the most crucial relationships in his life, which were those of his family. He had been a stranger to them all along.

"They wanted me," he said, "not all the stuff. My wife and grown kids want nothing to do with me." With tears streaming down his cheeks, he said, "It's too late for me, Jim. You don't want to be just like

me."

Considering this story of regret and stark warning, Father's Day provides an opportunity to contemplate the indispensable calling of being a father. Fulfillment of this high calling demands, and then delivers, sacrificial and unconditional love, unwavering commitment, and selfless servant leadership.

Love is a decision. The wholehearted love of a father needs to be constant and unchanging. He is to be the representation of a permanent and loving presence in the home, beginning with demonstrating a sacrificial love for his wife. Unconditional love is to be extended to all, caring for and investing in each child individually, helping them to be considerate, trustworthy, and virtuous people. A father shows his love by being intimately involved in the lives of each family member. Sacrificial love

is other-person-centered, and it fosters a sense of security and feelings of trust. Patience, faithfulness, a contrite heart and forgiving spirit, and a nurturing approach are all expressions of devoted love. True love is steady and enduring, no matter the circumstances.

The "Cat's in the Cradle" message provides a warning about not investing enough time in one's family. There are so many powerful and seemingly desirable personal goals and idols that lure men away from the home. The needs of the family must always be the father's priority, putting the everyday, often mundane, needs of his family before his own. A dedicated father is sold out for the spiritual, physical, and emotional well-being of his whole family. The commitment to "being there" for those under the father's care is essential.

He is to inspire those around him to be stewards of their gifts and abilities. Dads are compelled to ask sincere questions and genuinely listen to truly understand the hearts of their children. Being a real-time cheerleader for and an encourager and motivator of a child's life moments should be a cherished joy.

Fatherhood is a calling to ungrudgingly serve, not expecting to be served or catered to. Leadership is a call to humility. C.S. Lewis said, "humility is not thinking less of yourself; it's thinking of yourself less."

Fathers decide between being selfish or selfless. Leading by example through exemplifying fidelity, compassion, attentiveness, and thoughtfulness defines true benevolent leadership. Fathers are to be solely committed to their household. A strong male presence in

the home is not devoid of, but full of, empathy, kindness, and grace.

Father's Day is a day to honor and celebrate dads. But the day also compels fathers to examine their weighty calling as a dad.

Harry Chapin sings, "But we'll get together then, Dad." Someday is not a day of the week. Someday, on the calendar planner, comes right before too late.

When all is said and done, it will be the relationships and the commitment to love and invest in one's family that will live on. That devotion will be life-changing and will last for generations to come.

Fathers, what kind of legacy will you leave?

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