

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.



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What makes McKinley Underhill smile? "Mostly my family makes me smile," said the 2021 Hamilton County 4-H Fair Queen after being crowned at the 2021 pageant. She will pass the crown to the 2022 4-H Fair Queen at tonight's pageant. A year ago, Underhill said that she sees herself as a positive role model for younger girls in 4-H. Growing up, Underhill was timid in the company of others. "I would never have gotten up and done any of this. I would hide behind my parents and not go to meetings. So, I really want to show them (younger 4-H girls) that you can start out and not want to do any of this and not be outgoing, and then you can end up as Queen and really learn a lot through 4-H. It's all about the learning experience." In 2021, the then Noblesville High School junior and member of the Llama Trekkers 4-H Club had already completed 95 4-H projects, her favorite being the Llama project. The daughter of Sean and Amy Underhill, she is now in her ninth year of 4-H. Favorite events at the Fair? "Royal and Supreme Showmanship. I think it's really cool to see the best showmen out of each barn compete against each other." Besides llamas, she's shown pygmy goats and in 2021 showed a rescued Alaskan Malamute in the 4-H Dog project. She has one brother, Elias, 15. She attended Hinkle Creek Elementary School and has lived in the same house her whole life. A year ago at the Queen Pageant, how did she prepare for her judge's question? "We all practice. We all get together. We watch videos ... But the actual question we don't know. It's just practicing the best we can ... We all want to succeed, so we just work together." Hobbies and interests? "Showing llamas nationally, backpacking, kayaking, scrapbooking, photography, mountain biking, ice climbing and dog sledding." Plans after high school? "I want to (attend Purdue University and) be a veterinarian and join the Army as a veterinarian, working to serve my country." This year's 4-H Fair runs July 14-18.

And Another Thing...

Now through July 16, the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater is running a special promotion for those who purchase a series pass to the new, ticketed summer concert series at the venue. This week, get a discounted ticket rate by purchasing a pass for all 5 concerts, either in person (\$80) or online (\$95, includes all online processing fees in the total). Chairs can be picked up the day of the concert (Houndmouth on June 18 and Colony House on July 16). This promotion is limited to the first 100 series pass purchasers. In-person, day-of-show purchases and chair pickup will take place that the Pavilion Box Office, located at the south end of the venue (10 Municipal Drive, Fishers).

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City of Noblesville Hits Record of \$1B in Committed Investment



The City of Noblesville has announced they have reached \$1 billion in private committed capital investment in the city since the start of 2020. "This is a major milestone that shows the commitment of this administration and our common council's dedication to the future of Noblesville," Mayor Chris Jensen said. "We had big plans coming into this administration and we didn't let the pandemic slow us down. We

had to make a choice in 2020 and we chose to bet on Noblesville and it is paying off." The administration set a clear strategy for advancing Noblesville that developers and businesses alike were drawn to, and led to the exciting milestone 30 months into office. "We are the 10th largest city in the state and growing at a rapid pace," said Jensen. "We knew we needed to accommodate the growing need for housing and businesses looking to construct new buildings or relocate, at the same time preserving and enhancing our historic downtown. This total investment has been strategic to keep up with market demand, while maintaining our authenticity." The top four investment projects include:

- Downtown Projects (Nexus, Village at Federal Hill, East Bank and Lofts on Tenth) - \$145.6 million
- Hyde Park - \$142 million
- Washington Business Park - \$135 million
- River West - \$118 million

 In addition to new development, Curium Pharma, BlueSky Commerce, and Noble Industries, all companies that call Noblesville home, have chosen to expand their business opera-



Mayor Chris Jensen

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Photo courtesy of Hamilton County 4-H Queen Pageant

The 2022 Hamilton County 4-H Fair Queen contestants go casual after Thursday's formal dress rehearsal for the 2022 Queen Pageant, which is at 7 p.m. today.

21 to Compete Tonight in 4-H Fair Queen Contest



BETSY REASON
The Times Editor

It's been a whirlwind of activities for Hamilton County 4-H Fair Queen Pageant contestants, who will compete tonight for the 2022 crown. This marks the 62nd year for the Pageant, which offers an excellent opportunity for this year's 21 contestants to make lasting friendships throughout

the county. Participation in the pageant activities requires commitment to attend meetings and practices leading up to the pageant. In years past, contestants during the public pageant modeled professional and active wear and formal wear and bathing suits (in the earlier years). This year, contestants will only model their evening gowns and respond to one question during the public pageant, which is at 7 p.m. today in the Exhibition Center of the 4-H Fairgrounds in Noblesville. Admission is free. The 2021 4-H Fair Queen McKinley Underhill, daughter of Sean and Amy Underhill, of Noblesville, will crown the 2022 4-H Fair Queen. Here is a list of the 21 contestants, city of residence and 4-H club represented for the 2022 4-H Fair Queen Pageant:

- Valerie Adams, Sheridan,

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A Summer Update from Dr. Arrowood

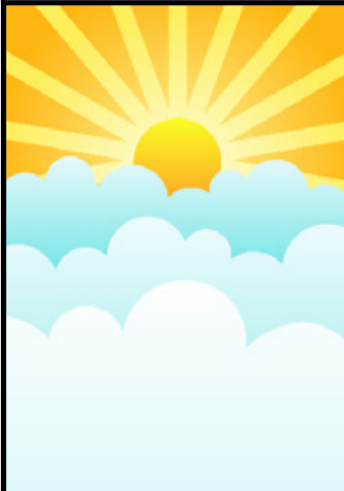


DR. DEREK ARROWOOD
HHSC Superintendent

With summer in full swing, our campus remains a busy place with much going on - inside and outside. In addition to being abuzz with all kinds of activity, we are in the throes of preparing for a new and exciting school year. We are updating our strategic plans and goals, our educators are working on professional development, lesson planning, and research. In addition, we have also been analyzing end of the year data, organizing back to school activities, and doing facilities work that can't be done when students are in school. Speaking of exciting, HHSC has recently been awarded two grants that will have a measurable impact on student achievement and outcome now and well into the future. The first was a \$250,000 Division of Mental Health and Addiction (DMHA) Community Catalyst Grant. This funding will enable us to fill a void by hiring a liaison to work with our at-risk families at home, support counseling staff, and work closely with our Youth Assistance Program.

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The Daily Almanac



Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 6:22 a.m.
SET: 9:15 p.m.



High/Low Temperatures
High: 86 °F
Low: 73 °F



Today is...

- Be a Kid Again Day
- Collector Car Appreciation Day
- World Kebab Day



What Happened On This Day

- 1777 Vermont abolishes slavery
- 1889 Wall Street Journal published for the first time
- 1994 Kim Jong-il takes office as the Supreme Leader of North Korea



Births On This Day

- 1839 John D. Rockefeller - American businessman, philanthropist, founded Standard Oil Company
- 1908 Nelson Rockefeller - American politician, 41st Vice President of the United States

Deaths On This Day

- 1967 Vivien Leigh - English actress
- 2011 Betty Ford - American wife of Gerald R. Ford, 40th First Lady of the United States

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OBITUARIES

Raymond 'Kyle' Sandefur
William Joseph 'Bill' Smith

The Times appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank **MEGAN WILES** for subscribing!



HONEST HOOSIER

Looking for something to do tomorrow? Try the Farmers' Market at Federal Hill Commons. It's open from 8 a.m. to noon.



TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Kids who get cavities are more prone to get them as adults. 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

"It was while making newspaper deliveries, trying to miss the bushes and hit the porch, that I first learned the importance of accuracy in journalism."

- Charles Osgood

TODAY'S JOKE

Joe recently went on the Dolly Parton diet. It really made Joe lean, Joe lean, Joe lean! (And a special thanks to Judi Wootton for these last few chuckles!)

13 WTHR 7 DAY FORECAST

77/92 70% CHANCE	73/86 70% CHANCE	71/81 SOME CLOUDS LESS WIND	58/82 BREEZY AND PLEASANT	64/88 FOOPLY BONOLY	70/86 B-B-B CHANCE	60/83 BUNNY
THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED



➔ OBITUARIES

William Joseph 'Bill' Smith October 16, 1930 - July 4, 2022

William Joseph 'Bill' Smith, age 91, of Sheridan, passed away surrounded by his loving family and caregivers on Monday afternoon, July 4, 2022, at Wellbrooke of Westfield.

He was born on October 16, 1930 in Greentown, Indiana, son of the late William Oliver and Fern Leota (Garrett) Smith.

Mr. Smith was a 1949 graduate of Greentown High School and later International Business College in Ft. Wayne. Putting his education to work, he hired on with Biddle Manufacturing in Sheridan, Indiana, retiring after 40 years of dedicated service as an account and human resources manager.

He was a 65-year member of the Sheridan First United Methodist Church, where he was a faithful attendant of the Challengers Sunday School Class. Mr. Smith was also a 50-year member and Past Exalted Leader of the Tipton Elks Club.

Though he had many interests, sports and food were always near the top of the list. He enjoyed watching Colts and Pacers games, but when it came to Purdue basketball, things got a little more serious. Game time was also an excellent opportunity for snacking. Mr. Smith was both a chocolate connoisseur, and an extremely accomplished (self-taught) ice cream eater. Practice makes perfect, especially when it comes to ice cream consumption... so he made sure he had a bowl every night.

Mr. Smith enjoyed spending time at home, doing yard work and picking up sticks around his property, but he did venture out from time to time. He enjoyed searching for Greentown Glass and new (old) coins to add to his growing collection. However, his most memorable excursion was his visit to Israel; he felt proud and truly blessed to be able to make the trip. Mr. Smith was also an avid reader. He always enjoyed a good book, but comic strips were a close second. His go-to was always Peanuts, with Snoopy being his favorite character of the gang.

There was nothing more important in his life than his family. Mr. Smith loved following his grandchildren's activities and sports. His inside jokes, especially wrapping gifts with the funnypages, will be missed by everyone who had the pleasure of receiving one.

Survivors include two sons Leslie J. Smith and Craig G. Smith, both of Sheridan; four daughters Melody L. Smith of Sheridan, Brenda L. Smith of Carmel, Cindy (Greg) Gay Binder of Carmel and Valerie (Jim) D. Kyle of Lebanon; 10 grandchildren Kyle Binder, Brittany Binder, Ashley Binder, Stacy Binder, Kandise (Jacob) Kyle-Ross, Austin (Maddie) Kyle, Brett Kyle, Connor (Brittney) Kyle, Chris Mourey and Holden Henderson; four great grandchildren Eli Ross, Kennedy Ross, Mavreie Mason Kyle and Lucas Mani; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William Oliver and Fern Leota (Garrett) Smith; nine brothers and sisters; and by his loving wife, Norma Lee (Owens) Smith on March 8, 2011. The couple were married on December 31, 1950.

Services are scheduled to be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, July 8, 2022, at the Sheridan First United Methodist Church, 207 E. 2nd Street, Sheridan, Indiana, with Visitation scheduled to run from 11 a.m. until the time of service. Burial will follow at Kempton Cemetery in Kempton, Indiana. Mr. Smith's son-in-law, Pastor Jim Kyle will be officiating.

Memorial Contributions may be presented to the Challengers Class to be used for missions.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Kercheval Funeral Home in Sheridan.



Raymond 'Kyle' Sandefur November 22, 1943 - July 6, 2022

Raymond 'Kyle' Sandefur, also known as Grampy, 78, of Markleville, passed away on July 6, 2022, at IU Health University Hospital in Indianapolis, following an extended illness.

He was born on November 22, 1943, in Anderson, to Raymond and Phyllis (Lallathin) Sandefur.

Mr. Sandefur was a graduate of Markleville High School, class of 1961, where he lettered in four sports. He furthered his education at Anderson College where he played basketball. He then entered the skilled trades apprenticeship program as a tool maker. He worked for General Motors for 43-1/2 years.

Mr. Sandefur was a member of Markleville North Christian Church where Nancy, Kyle, Bill and Elaine Pappas started the Junior Church Program in 1973. He also was a member of the UAW Local 662, and a former member of Kilbuck Golf Course. Mr. Sandefur had a love for golf and was proud to have had three hole-in-ones, two at Killbuck and one in Myrtle Beach.

He was an avid sports fan. He enjoyed coaching and watching his children and grandchildren participate in sports throughout the years. Mr. Sandefur cherished his time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife Nancy (Markle) Sandefur, whom he married on August 8, 1964, at Markleville North Christian Church; daughter Chanise (fiance Pete Steiner) Mollenkopf; son Matt (Lindsey) Sandefur; sister Melanie (Alan) Campbell; five grandchildren Dalton Mollenkopf, Avery Mollenkopf, Leyton Sandefur, London Sandefur and Weston Sandefur; and dog Sassy.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother Paul Michael Sandefur; and sister Vivianne Adams.

A funeral service is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, July 12, 2022, at 11 a.m. at Markleville North Christian Church, 32 State Street, Markleville, Indiana 46056, with the Rev. John Hackney officiating.

Visitation is scheduled to be from 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. on Monday evening at the church.

Burial will follow the service on Tuesday in Mechanicsburg Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Markleville North Christian Church.

Online condolences may be shared at www.hersbergerbozell.com.



— Trash Talk —



DICK WOLFSIE Funny Bone

When I was a kid, after dinner we cleared the table and scraped whatever was left on our plates into a kitchen garbage bag. That bag was then dumped in one of two huge metal drums on the side of our house that were below ground. Not buried treasure: buried trash. On Mondays some guy yanked the drums out of the ground and hauled them to the street where he threw the contents in the back of a garbage truck. That's when every dog in the neighborhood started barking.

I wish it were still that simple. Waste has become so complicated now I'm afraid to make a removal decision for fear my wife will chastise me. She has become very environmentally conscious and watches my every discardance (OK, I am sure that's not a word, but I really needed it here.)

For example, let's say I have a used Styrofoam cup. Should I throw it in the garbage can under the sink? Heaven forbid! Can it be recycled? There are guidelines on recycling bins and lists of accepted contents online. Every item requires careful scrutiny. Ink cartridges? Cooking grease? Aerosol cans? Glass thermometers containing mercury? There is no easy way to remember everything. There is even a picture on our bin's lid of soda bottles that are okay to recycle: one bottle is clear, one is brown and one is green. What about yellow? What do I do with my Dew?

Recycling bins have

warnings to not dump "unknown materials." But that's why I want to get rid of the thing in the first place. It's been an unknown in my basement for 30 years.

How about the garbage disposal? What can go in there? I need special permission from Mary Ellen to use that device because the goop fills up the septic tank under the backyard. I miss that familiar grumbling sound. Oh, not from Mary Ellen: from the disposal.

My wife is also composting now. I fought this. If I wanted a woman who composted I would have left her years ago and married someone who wears white socks with sandals and listens to Joni Mitchell while she puffs the magic dragon.

We compost all leftover fruits and vegetables, and once a month a small company called Earth Mama picks up our container and for a small fee turns the waste into fertilizer for us. Some of the items we compost could just as easily be thrown in the woods for the birds and squirrels. Mary Ellen is now preparing a page of instructions for me so I don't raise the birds' cholesterol or the squirrels' blood sugar.

About a month ago, I finished eating a delicious peach and placed the pit on the kitchen counter.

"What do we do with this?" I asked Mary Ellen. "Oh dear, I have no idea. Let me do a little research."

The pit is still sitting there. We can't recycle it or put it in the disposal or feed it to the animals in the forest. Earth Mama comes tomorrow. Now it's her problem.

- 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.

Volunteers Needed for IU Health Momentum Indy Bicycle Festival

Organizers of one of the nation's biggest cycling weekends, IU Health Momentum Indy, need volunteers to help put on the Aug. 27-28 event in downtown Indianapolis.

Built around two cycling events that draw pro and amateur racers from across the U.S. -- Saturday evening's Mass Ave Crit presented by First Internet Bank and Sunday's Indy Crit -- the weekend offers activities for everyone, from families who enjoy active community events to professional cyclists competing for \$35,000 in prize money. It also includes a free community ride, the Honor Major Taylor Ride presented by Zipp that's open to people of all ages, as well as a leisurely 4-mile Mini Major Taylor Ride presented by PNC for families.

Volunteer roles throughout the weekend include the following:

- Course marshals on the crit routes
- Podium assistants
- Racer staging
- Helpers in the Riley

Children's Health Kids Zone presented by PNC and Meijer

• Set up and tear down
Volunteer for specific roles at <https://www.bikereg.com/momentum-indy-volunteer-signup>.

Volunteers will receive a T-shirt, refreshments and free parking.

IU Health Momentum Indy is a two-day outdoor festival celebrating healthy lifestyles through cycling events, family fun and fitness activities. Held in the heart of downtown Indianapolis, it offers attendees both an evening street-party vibe and community-festival feel, with plenty of opportunities to watch cycling events, join organized rides or participate in health-focused activities for all ages. A nonprofit founded in 2010, IU Health Momentum Indy has contributed more than \$180,000 in event proceeds to local nonprofits supporting youth development, workforce development, and health and wellness. More at momentumindy.org.

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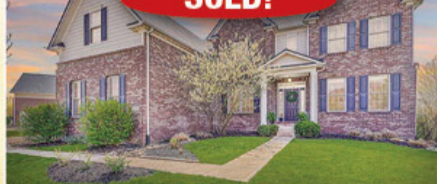
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Letters

Key Thanks Speaker Huston for Work on Behalf of News Industry

EDITOR'S NOTE: Steve Key is the retired executive director and general counsel for the Hoosier State Press Association. Each year, Mr. Key writes legislators and thanks them for the work they did this year on behalf of both the general public and the newspaper industry. This is one of the letters that went to a Hamilton County lawmaker.

Dear Rep. Huston:

On behalf of the Hoosier State Press Association, I'd like to thank your leadership team, particularly Reps. Matt Lehman, R-Berne, and Mike Karickhoff, R-Kokomo, for its support of our concept to modernize Indiana's public notice advertising policy that was embodied by H.B. 1101, which was authored by Rep. Ed Clere, R-New Albany.

The bill both addressed concerns that have been raised over the past few years concerning the cost of certain public notices, how public notices should be distributed in counties with no paid-circulation newspaper, and set the framework for a transition from print to digital requirements for the distribution of public notices.

HSPA's proposal would maintain the four essential elements for effective public notices: accessibility by the public, verification of distribution, preservation of the notices for historical purposes, and distribution through an independent entity with incentive to make sure the notices are properly brought before the public.

Unfortunately, H.B. 1101 died in the House Governmental and Regulatory Reform Committee, chaired by Rep. Doug Miller, R-Elkhart. Co-authors for H.B. 1101 included Reps. Mike Karickhoff, R-Kokomo; Karen Engleman, R-Georgetown; and Ed Delaney, D-Indianapolis.

H.B. 1101 was supported by a wide range of private interests, including the Indiana Chamber of Commerce, Indiana Farm Bureau, Hoosier Environmental Council, and Common Cause

I'd also like to thank you for the Republican caucus support of H.B. 1130 during the 2022 Indiana General Assembly. This is the legislation that gives the public the right to comment at public school board meetings.

It was introduced by Rep. Tim O'Brien, R-Evansville. The House initially had two other bills introduced on the right to speak at public meetings - H.B. 1080, authored by Rep. David Abbott, R-Rome City, or H.B. 1290, authored by Rep. Ryan Lauer, R-Columbus. Rep. O'Brien said there was a decision among House Republicans to move his bill, rather than the other two options.

O'Brien's bill was approved by the House Government and Regulatory Reform Committee, chaired by Rep. Doug Miller, R-Elkhart, with an 11-0 vote. The House then passed H.B. 1130 with a 93-0. Co-authors for H.B. 1130 were Reps. Jake Teshka, R-South Bend; Steve Bartels, R-Eckerty; and Michelle Davis, R-Whiteland.

HSPA testified on the bill during its Senate Education and Career Development Committee hearing, chaired by Sen. Jeff Raatz, R-Richmond. HSPA pointed out the bill did not include charter schools. HSPA also pointed out that the language didn't tie the right to comment to specific agenda items, which would open the door for a school board to hold comments until the end of a meeting after final action had been taken.

The Senate Committee did approve the bill, but it added a three-minute limit per person on public comment. The committee vote

was 10-1. Sen. Jim Buck, R-Kokomo, was the bill's sponsor. The co-sponsors were Sens. Vaneta Becker, R-Evansville; Mark Messmer, R-Jasper; Erin Houchin, R-Salem; and John Crane, R-Avon.

A second reading amendment by Sen. Buck was approved that eliminated the three-minute limit. The Senate then passed the bill, 34-11.

O'Brien concurred and the House approved that motion, 91-1.

H.B. 1130 was followed by S.B. 83, which added a couple of legislative improvements in our view. The final version added charter and virtual school boards to the provision allowing public comment. It also added language to provide that the public had the right to speak on an agenda item prior to any final action taken on that item. Both changes reflected testimony by HSPA when the Senate Education and Career Development Committee held its hearing on H.B. 1130.

S.B. 83 was authored by Sen. Jean Leising, R-Oldenburg. The co-authors were Sens. Veneta Becker, R-Evansville; and Kyle Walker, R-Indianapolis. Rep. Bob Behning, R-Indianapolis, was the bill's sponsor. The House co-sponsors were Rep. Tim O'Brien, R-Evansville; and J.D. Prescott, R-Union City.

On a personal note, the 2022 Indiana General Assembly marked the 30th session that I worked for HSPA and my last as executive director and general counsel. It's been a privilege for me to work with the state's legislators and I fully appreciate the hard work that the legislature performs.

As my role and life changes, I want to wish you all the best in your future.

Respectfully,
Stephen Key
Executive Director and General Counsel

Purdue-Based Indiana Climate Summit Announces Opening Keynote Speaker

The Indiana Climate Summit, hosted by IN-CLIMATE, will be held Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2022, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Purdue Beck Agricultural Center. This is the only event bringing together professionals in the agriculture, food, and energy industries to discuss climate in Indiana and beyond. This event aims to educate, inform, and create a dialogue with the theme of "Ag as the Solution." If you attend only one event this summer, let it be The Indiana Climate Summit.

"Agriculture is a solution to climate and our voice needs to be heard," said IN-CLIMATE CEO and Founder, Sarah Beth Aubrey.

The Summit will feature Jason Weller, President of Truterra, as the opening keynote. Weller joined Land O'Lakes, Inc., in 2017 where he serves as President of



Truterra, leading the team generating conservation solutions for the farmer cooperative's members and owners.

"I'm thrilled to be a part of the Indiana Climate Summit and to come together with other stakeholders from across the state to discuss how we can work together to accelerate the adoption of regenerative agriculture practices, to the benefit of the whole community," said Weller. "At Truterra, we are focused on co-investing with ag retailers to provide farmers the tools and resources they need to expand their sustainability efforts and access new market opportunities that help their farms become more resilient and derive the most value from every acre."

Additional sessions

include panels on green finance and with Indiana legislators who will discuss climate. Breakout sessions are offered for both ag and energy industry professionals on topics including ESG 101, the status of the proposed SEC climate disclosure, marketing climate-smart farms, and carbon market opportunities.

IN-CLIMATE exists to convene diverse stakeholders across the entire food supply chain to come together in a collaborative dialog to advance decision-making and inform balanced climate policy that benefits Indiana's farmers and all people of our state. This coalition is the first gathering of Indiana organizations representing the food supply chain, fuel, and natural resources industries to better understand and ultimately guide the conversation around climate.

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Who: Everyone - 7th-8th Grade and 9th-12th Grade

- 7th - 8th Grade League
- 9th - 12th Grade League
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**** Please Note:** There will NOT be a Travel division for the 2022 Fall Ball season.

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USC, UCLA Make the Big Ten Stretch Sea-to-Shining-Sea, Plus Notes from Kenny

I'm not old enough to remember when the Dodgers left Brooklyn for Los Angeles and the Giants departed to San Francisco from New York's Polo Grounds.

But last week's news that USC and UCLA were leaving the Pac-12 Conference for the Big Ten had to be a shift nearly as seismic in the sports world.

The closest Big Ten rival to the two Los Angeles-based schools is Nebraska, whose Lincoln outpost is nearly 1,500 miles away. That's 19 hours, 25 minutes by car or bus; more than three hours by plane.

The Big Ten now ranges, as the song goes, from sea to shining sea. The most eastern home in commissioner Kevin Warren's league, Rutgers, is 2,791 miles from Los Angeles to New Brunswick, N.J. Or, as Google describes it, a 38-hour trip by car – if traffic is light. Who knew Google had a sense of humor?

One of the first thoughts when the addition of USC and UCLA was announced? Purdue and Indiana have no chance of ever winning a Big Ten football championship again.

But upon reflection, how much of a chance do the Boilermakers and Hoosiers have even without two of the biggest names in college athletics? Purdue's last Big Ten football title came in 2000. Indiana? Try 1967, when I was in first grade at Murdock Elementary in Lafayette.

Even with a favorable division assignment since 2014's switch from the awkward Leaders and Legends to East and West, Purdue has never finished higher than second place thanks to an inability to defeat Wisconsin since 2004. Indiana, aside from the 2020 COVID season, has too many obstacles (Ohio State, Michigan, Michigan State, Penn State) to ever earn the East Division's berth in the Big Ten championship game.



KENNY THOMPSON
Columnist

Plus, now that the NCAA has removed the requirement of having divisions in order to schedule a championship game, it's a matter of time – probably 2024 when USC and UCLA officially begin Big Ten play – before the league switches to a 3-6 scheduling format and sends the best two teams by conference record to the final.

The 3-6 format breaks down into three permanent rivals – in Purdue's case probably Indiana, Illinois and Northwestern – and a yearly rotation of six other Big Ten foes. With this setup, in a four-year period every Big Ten school will have home and away games with all of the other league members.

This, of course, assumes the Big Ten (and the SEC) remain at 16 members. As we learned last week, never say never when it comes to conference expansion.

The only game-changing move remaining for the Big Ten is adding Notre Dame. The Fighting Irish have been proudly independent since the days before Knute Rockne. But, the astronomical sums of money being thrown around by Fox, ESPN and other outlets makes Notre Dame's \$15 million annual payday from NBC for its home games look like chump change.

More than one media source has reported the Big Ten's newest TV deal could be worth up to \$100 million per school annually. Could the Fighting Irish's independence be purchased for that extra \$85 million a year?

Let's say Notre Dame joins in 2025, when its NBC contract expires. Seventeen members makes it difficult for football schedule makers. Perhaps adding a traditional Notre Dame rival like Stanford could sweeten the pot for the Fighting Irish. Stanford would also be quite the academic coup.

Let's also use our imagination to figure how this could work in football scheduling. How about four divisions, two with five schools and two with four schools?

Illiana Division: Purdue, Indiana, Notre Dame, Illinois, Northwestern
Buckeye Division: Ohio State, Michigan, Penn State, Rutgers, Maryland
Great Lakes Division: Iowa, Michigan State, Minnesota, Wisconsin
Golden State Division: Nebraska, Stanford, USC, UCLA

The "winners" of each division would meet in the Big Ten semifinals at the Rose Bowl and, if it's ready by then, the new Chicago Bears stadium. The championship game is played at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis the following week. Think Fox Sports/ESPN/CBS/NBC would want the rights to that setup?

Luckily for Purdue and Indiana, when it comes to men's basketball UCLA isn't your father's Bruins any more. One national championship (1995) since Purdue legend John Wooden retired and that came from a coach (Jim Harrick) who would be fired the next year for NCAA recruiting violations.

Mick Cronin is UCLA's 10th coach since Wooden retired following the 1975 national championship and is the most successful since Harrick with a 51-23 record and one Final Four appearance.

USC, always in UCLA's basketball shadow, has found stability in coach Andy Enfield. After leading Florida Gulf Coast to a historic run in 2013 as the first No. 15 seed to

reach the Sweet 16, Enfield has built a consistent winner at USC.

In nine seasons the Trojans have set the school single season wins record (26 in 2016-17 and 2021-22) and have won 160 games the past seven seasons with one Elite Eight appearance.

Noteworthy First-round draft pick Jaden Ivey is among five former Purdue player participating in the NBA Summer League this month.

Dakota Mathias was the first to make an appearance, scoring 10 points for Memphis in a 103-99 victory against Philadelphia.

Sasha Stefanovic is with San Antonio, Trevion Williams will be suiting up for Boston and Vincent Edwards is on the Knicks' summer roster. ...

It's déjà vu again for Purdue men's basketball. Days after being assigned yet another game with Florida State in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge, the Boilermakers drew Marquette for a home matchup in the Gavitt Games.

The Nov. 15 game will be the third Gavitt matchup in a row between the Big Ten and Big East schools. Purdue won in 2017 but lost to Marquette in 2019.

Had the Gavitt schedule makers used any imagination, a Purdue-Seton Hall game would have been a logical choice. Seton Hall first-year coach Shaheen Holloway was the mastermind of St. Peter's Elite Eight run this past March, which included upsets of Kentucky and Purdue.

Indiana will pay a visit to Xavier and Villanova travels to Michigan State on Nov. 18 to cap off an eight-game schedule beginning with Butler at Penn State on Nov. 14.

- 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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Sealed Bids for the City of Carmel, Indiana's "2022 Sewer Lining" project, will be received by the City of Carmel, Indiana ("Owner") at the following address:

Office of the Clerk of the City
Carmel City Hall (third floor)
1 Civic Square
Carmel, IN 46032

Bids will be received until Wednesday August 3, 2022, at 9:45 AM, local time. Any Bid received after this time will be returned to the Bidder unopened. The Bids will be publicly opened and read during the Board of Public Works meeting which will start at 10:00 AM August 3, 2022. Bid envelopes should be clearly marked "Bid Enclosed - 2022 Sewer Lining" on the outside of the envelope and as otherwise specified in the "Instructions to Bidders". Please order the Bid such that the "Bid Summary" is the first page when opened.

In general, the work consists of cured-in-place lining of approximately 14,900-feet of sewers ranging from 6-inch to 12-inch, lining the interior of 19 manholes, and flow channel reconstruction of 40 manholes.

Any questions prior to the bid should be directed to the Engineer:
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Copies of the Bidding Documents may be examined without charge by contacting the Engineer.

Bids must be submitted on the forms found in the Bid package and must contain the names of every person or company interested therein, and shall be accompanied by:

(1) Revised Form No. 96 as prescribed by the Indiana Board of Account and as required in the Instruction to Bidders, including a financial statement, a statement of experience, a proposed plan or plans for performing the Work and the equipment the Bidder has available for the performance of the Work.

(2) Bid Bond in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total Bid amount, including alternates with a satisfactory corporate surety or by a certified check on a solvent bank in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the amount of the Bid. The Bid Bond or certified check shall be evidence of good faith that the successful Bidder will execute within fifteen (15) calendar days from the acceptance of the Bid, the Agreement as included in the Bidding Documents. The Bid Bond or certified check shall be made payable to the Owner.

Any Bid may be withdrawn prior to the scheduled deadline for receipt of Bids, but no bidder shall withdraw his Bid within sixty (60) days after the actual opening of the Bids.

All Bid Bonds and certified checks of unsuccessful bidders will be returned by the Owner upon selection of the successful Bidder and execution of the Agreement, and provision of the required Performance Bond and Payment Bond.

Award will be made to the low, responsive, responsible bidder. The low, responsive, responsible bidder must not be debarred, suspended, or otherwise be excluded from or ineligible for participation in federally assisted programs under Executive Order 12549.

The Contractor must conform to the antidiscrimination provisions of Ind. Code §5-16-6 et seq.

A Performance Bond with good and sufficient surety, acceptable to the Owner and Engineer, shall be required of the successful Bidder in an amount equal to at least one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Price, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the Agreement.

The Contractor shall execute a Payment Bond to the Owner, approved by Owner and Engineer and for the benefit of the Owner, in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Price. The Payment Bond is binding on the Contractor, their subcontractor, and their successors and assigns for the payment of all indebtedness to a person for labor and services performed, material furnished, or services rendered. The Payment Bond must state that it is for the benefit of the subcontractors, laborers, material suppliers, and those performing services. The surety of the Payment Bond may not be released until one (1) year after the Owner's final settlement with the Contractor.

All out-of-state corporations must have a certificate of authority to do business in the State. Application forms may be obtained by contacting the Secretary of State, State of Indiana, Statehouse, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.

This project is funded by SRF. Contractors shall comply with all SRF requirements stipulated in the supplemental conditions, some of which are mentioned below.

Wage rates on the project shall not be less than the federal Davis Bacon Wage scale published by the U.S. Department of Labor the Friday before the Bid Opening date.

While this project is subject to AIS requirements, no metal components are anticipated.

The successful Contractor will be required to enroll in and verify the work eligibility status of all employees hired after the date of this Contract through the E-Verify program. The Contractor will also be required to sign an affidavit concerning employment of unauthorized aliens. A copy of the affidavit is included in the Bid Documents.

The Contractor must comply with SRF requirements pertaining to Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE).

Bidders on this work shall be required to comply with the provisions of the President's Executive Order No. 11246, as amended. The Bidders shall also comply with the requirements of 41 CFR Part 60 - 4 entitled Construction Contractors - Affirmative Action Requirements.

The Owner reserves the right to reject and/or cancel any and all Bids, solicitations and/or offers in whole or in part as specified in the solicitation when it is not in the best interests of the governmental body as determined by the purchasing agency in accordance with IC 5-22-18-2. The Owner also reserves the right to waive irregularities in any Bid, and to accept any Bid which is deemed most favorable to the Owner.

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BETSY REASON
The Times Editor

Tribute concerts are part of the fun this summer at Conner Prairie's Symphony on the Prairie and at Federal Hill Commons. Also, if you haven't been out to Forest Park Aquatic Center, Friday nights are now more fun thanks to a giant, new video board that shows family movies. Plus the Hamilton County 4-H Fair is coming up soon.

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

1. Enjoy live music with Jamie Owens at 6:30 p.m. today at Spencer Farm Winery in Noblesville.

2. Watch the 62nd Hamilton County 4-H Fair Queen Pageant at 7 p.m. today at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds Exhibition Center in Noblesville.

3. Relax with Symphony on the Prairie concerts at Conner Prairie in Fishers, featuring "Home Again: A Tribute to Carole King," tonight; "Never Die Young," a tribute to James Taylor on Saturday; "Broadway Under the Stars with the ISO," July 15-16; John Williams Blockbusters with the ISO, July 22-23; "Hollywood Nights: A Bob Seger Experience," July 29; "Arrival from Sweden: The Music of ABBA," July 30, with tickets at <https://www.connerprairie.org>

4. Enjoy Concerts at the Commons 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. on select Satur-



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days through September at Federal Hill Commons. Concert schedule: Saturday, 16 Candles ('80s variety) and Rought-house; 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.

5. Noblesville Farmers Market is open for the season 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays at Federal Hill Commons in downtown Noblesville. July 16 is Kids Day at the Market. Parking is offered at nearby parking lots and at the park's Green Room parking lot, which will be restricted to vendor spaces and handicapped parking only during the weekly market.

6. 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.

7. Central Indiana Vintage Vehicles invites car buffs to show off

their vintage vehicles on the Courthouse Square during the weekly Saturday night Cruise-in. Lawn chairs and old-car conversations invited.

8. 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.

9. Head out to the Hamilton County 4-H Fair, July 14-18, at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds in Noblesville, for all kinds of fair foods, animals, competitions and more.

10. 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. Concert schedule: July 15, The Nauti Yachtys featuring Josh Kaufman; July 22, Stella Luna and The Satellites; Aug. 5, 45RPM.

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: 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 Trimeval Brewing in downtown Noblesville.

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

13. Legacy Keepers Music's free String-Time on the Square series, the third Saturday through September, featuring bluegrass music at 6:30 p.m. on the Hamilton County Courthouse Square in downtown Noblesville. Upcoming: July 16, Cornfields & Crossroads Bluegrass Band, opener Jean Roberts & Leslie Selden; Aug. 20, Rock Bottom Boys of Madison County, opener Addie McMillan; and Sept 17, Stones Crossing Family Band, opener Alec Bohuk & Eric Reel.

14. Come out to Forest Park Aquatic Center in Noblesville and enjoy movies this summer on the new video board



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during the Flix and Float movie nights select Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., featuring "The Water Horse," sponsored by Church, Church Hittle & Antrim, on July 16; "Encanto," sponsored by Buddenbaum & Moore, July 22; "The Shallows," Rated PG-13, sponsored by Holt Legal Group, on July 30; "Goonies," sponsored by Sign Craft, on Aug. 13; "Dog," sponsored by Lew's Plumbing, on Aug. 20; and "Top Gun," sponsored by Troy and Alicia Tricker, on Sept. 30. Admission is \$5 per person but included with pool membership. Visit <https://www.forestpark-pool.org/>

15. Ride the Nickel Plate Express little red Caboose on July 23, 24, 30 and Aug. 6 and 20, with tickets at <https://nickelplateexpress.com/>

16. 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.

17. 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.belfry-theatre.com.

18. Come out to Throwback Night -- vintage car show, free concert featuring The Neighbors band, 50-cent hot dogs and Wheelers open late -- from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. July 30 at Mercantile 37 in Noblesville.

19. 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.

20. Save the date: The sixth annual Noblesville BrewBQ is 4 p.m. Aug. 20 at Federal Hill Commons in Noblesville.

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Dr. Jonathan Kulaga Named Indiana Wesleyan University's Tenth President

Indiana Wesleyan University announced that Jonathan Kulaga, Ph.D., a highly accomplished senior leader and lifelong advocate for Christian higher education, will become the 10th president of Indiana Wesleyan University on August 8, 2022.

The Board of Trustees selected Kulaga from an impressive pool of candidates after considering his distinguished 34-year career in higher education, visionary leadership, stellar strategic planning, expertise in advancement, focus on innovation, and commitment to growing a Christ-centered university. His appointment follows a comprehensive, nationwide search by the Presidential Search Committee that included trustees, faculty, and staff.

Kulaga comes to IWU after spending five successful years as President and CEO of Ohio Christian University. During his leadership at OCU, he decreased institutional debt, increased student retention to its highest levels in the school's history, raised



the percentage of campus faculty terminal degrees to 92%, increased the racial and ethnic diversity of the faculty and administration, and demonstrated an unwavering commitment to a Christ-centered mission and values.

"It is an honor and privilege to be selected to serve as Indiana Wesleyan University's next president. IWU has long been the standard-bearer for innovative, academically excellent, and spiritually mature learning throughout the Wesleyan faith community," said Dr. Jon Kulaga. "Lena and I look forward to immersing ourselves in the IWU communities, both locally and globally, as we seek to expand the University's capacity to change lives—and as a result—change the world."

Kulaga has also distinguished himself while serving in various execu-

tive and leadership roles, including Chief Academic Officer and Chief Operating Officer at Asbury University, and in academics, advancement, and student life development roles at Spring Arbor University. He holds a Ph.D. in Higher Educational Administration from Kansas State University, a Master of Arts in College and University Administration from Michigan State University, and his Bachelor of Arts in Religion and Contemporary Ministry from Spring Arbor University.

In addition, Kulaga has received many awards and accolades throughout his career, including the Kentucky Colonel Award, a Gubernatorial Honor, Gardner Endowed Professor for the Promotion of Holiness at Asbury University, and a Summer Wesley Studies Visiting Scholar at the Manchester Wesleyan Research Center in Didsbury, UK.

"I am pleased and excited to welcome Dr. Kulaga to the Indiana Wesleyan Community," said Carl



Jonathan Kulaga

Shepherd, the Chairman of the IWU Board of Trustees. "I look forward to how he will use his leadership experience and unwavering commitment to Christian Higher Education to impact Indiana Wesleyan University. I am confident that IWU has found a strong, passionate, God-seeking leader who will intentionally guide our faculty, staff, and students to follow Jesus."

The President of IWU serves as the chief administrative officer of the university, which includes IWU-Marion, a 2,600-student campus located in Marion, Indiana; IWU-Na-

tional & Global Campus, serving nearly 6,800 students through its 11 regional education centers in Indiana, Kentucky, and Ohio, and online campus with students who come from more than 30 countries; and Wesley Seminary at Indiana Wesleyan University, serving 535 students and preparing Christian leaders to engage in ministry locally and around the globe.

Kulaga will succeed Dr. David Wright, who faithfully served the university in various leadership roles over the past 25 years, spending the last ten years as President of the University.

Indiana Wesleyan University celebrates 100 years as a Christian, global, comprehensive university providing liberal arts and professional education to approximately 10,000 students worldwide. IWU is one of the largest faith-based universities in America with rich undergraduate, graduate, master's, and doctoral programs in highly acclaimed academic units such as the

School of Nursing, the School of Physical and Applied Sciences, the College of Adult and Professional Studies, and the School of Arts and Humanities. An early leader in adult and online education, IWU is known for excellence in innovation. Students live and learn on the beautiful 350-acre IWU-Marion traditional campus and study through IWU-National & Global programs offered online and at education centers in Indiana, Kentucky, and Ohio. Wesley Seminary at Indiana Wesleyan University, founded by the Wesleyan Church denomination and IWU, prepares Christian leaders to engage in missional ministry locally and globally. Indiana Wesleyan University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (hlcommission.org), a regional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. It is a member of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. For more information, visit indwes.edu.

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A North American leader in symphonic pops, Jack Everly is Principal Pops Conductor of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra. He is widely known for his innovative approach to programs that have brought new audiences to the time-tested and beloved pops genre. During his tenure in Indianapolis, he has added positions as

Principal Pops Conductor of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, Principal Pops Conductor of the National Arts Centre Orchestra of Ottawa, Canada, and the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra. He has conducted the Los Angeles Philharmonic at the Hollywood Bowl, the New York Pops at Carnegie Hall and appears regularly with The Cleveland Orchestra at Blossom Music Center.

Maestro Everly is the Music Director of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra's annual AES Indiana Yuletide Celebration. Started in 1986, AES Indiana Yuletide Celebration combines orchestra arrangements, singers, dancers, costuming and staging to form a Broadway-style musical extravaganza. Everly has led the ISO in its first Pops recording, Yuletide Celebration, Volume One, that included three of his own orchestrations.

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Soil Conservation on an Uphill Trend in Indiana

According to a recent conservation survey, Indiana farmers planted an estimated 1.5 million acres of overwinter living covers in the late fall of 2021, matching the record 1.5 million acres planted in 2020, according to the Indiana State Department of Agriculture.

Overwintering living covers (i.e. - cover crops and small grains, like wheat) are known for their environmental benefits. Cover crops and small grains help increase organic matter in the soil and improve overall soil health by adding living roots to the soil additional months out of the year. Cover crops also improve water infiltration into the soil, while other covers, like legumes serve as natural fertilizers. The 1.5 million acres of living covers planted sequestered an amount of soil organic carbon that is the equivalent of 819,941 tons of CO₂.

Although the conservation transect does not differentiate between cover crops and small grains, Indiana farmers typically plant fewer than 300,000 acres of small grains annually, so cover crops vastly dominate the 1.5 million estimated acres. Except for corn and soybeans, cover crops are planted on more acres than any other commodity crop in Indiana. Cover crops are typically planted in the fall after harvest and are utilized to protect the soil and keep roots in the ground throughout the winter, which improves soil health and helps filter water runoff.

The conservation transect is a visual survey of cropland in the state. It was conducted between March and April 2022 by members of the Indiana Conservation Partnership, including the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Indiana State Department of Agriculture, Indiana's Soil and Water Conservation Districts and Purdue Extension, as well as Earth Team volunteers, to show a more complete story of the state's conservation efforts.

"By increasing our cover crop practices each year, we are ensuring that we provide healthier soil for the next generation," said Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch, the Indiana Sec-



retary of Agriculture and Rural Development. "I am proud of the collaborative efforts being done by our farmers and leaders in Indiana agriculture."

As a result of the cover crops and other overwintering covers planted last year, it is estimated that 2.1 million tons of sediment was prevented from entering Indiana's waterways, which is enough sediment to fill more than 597 Olympic-size swimming pools. Overwintering covers also prevented 5.1 million pounds of nitrogen and over 2.5 million pounds of phosphorus from entering Indiana's waterways.

The conservation survey also showed that about 70 percent of farmed acres were not tilled and 18 percent of farmed acres had employed reduced tillage after the 2021 harvest. This early spring survey is not intended to quantify pre-planting tillage.

"Indiana farmers continue to help lead the way through their dedication to conservation farming," said Jerry Raynor, state conservationist for USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service in Indiana. "The work being done by farmers throughout the state to promote soil health through no-till farming and the planting of cover crops will have positive impacts for generations to come. We are committed to continuing to help farmers help the land through financial assistance and free conservation technical assistance as they implement these practices and more to help conserve this vital resource."

Indiana State Department of Agriculture Director Bruce Kettler is excited to see what the future holds for soil conservation in Indiana.

"As recent surveys have proved, soil conservation remains an integral part of how Hoosier farmers care for their land and the work they do," said Kettler. "With this increasing trend of cover crop acres and

soil health, future generations are in trustworthy hands."

Kurt Theurer is one of the many farmers throughout Indiana seeing the benefits of no-till farming paired with cover crops. Theurer farms 1,650 acres in Jay County, Indiana, evenly split between corn and soybeans. He has no-till farmed and planted cover crops on approximately 400 of his acres for more than a decade and transitioned the remaining acres after he started farming them five years ago. Theurer started cover cropping by testing a small plot with oats. After seeing an immediate impact, he planted his entire farm in cover the next season.

He is also the Jay County Soil and Water Conservation District Board Chairman and has implemented a nutrient and pest management plan on his land with assistance from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

"I did a small trial at my home farm and the weeds that I had, the resistant weeds, just went from crazy to barely any after I ran a cover crop," Theurer said. "The next spring, that soil was just a whole totally different soil type. You could tell in the field the next spring right where we quit our oats."

"We're starting to get a lot of earthworms again," he continued. "We're starting to get a lot of root penetration down through our hardpans with all our cover crops. And my organic material that I'm building, I was only at like 1.5 percent organic material when I started and I'm like 2.5-3 percent now. So, I feel that I'm working in the right direction."

Visit <https://www.in.gov/isda/divisions/soil-conservation/conservation-transect/> to see the results from the survey. To visit the Indiana Conservation Data Hub go to <https://www.in.gov/isda/divisions/soil-conservation/data-hub/>.

Indiana Department of Education Partners with Get Your Teach On to Support and Celebrate Educators

The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) is launching a first-of-its-kind partnership to provide interactive professional development and support to educators across the state.

The partnership with Get Your Teach On (GYTO), an organization established by highly-acclaimed educators Hope and Wade King, will provide Indiana educators and administrators with free access to conferences, workshops and training sessions developed to ignite their passion for teaching and promote positive educational outcomes for students.

"Get Your Teach On has earned a national reputation for their work to elevate the educator profession, celebrate the good and important work that must happen within our schools, and focus on how we can keep improving for our students," said Dr. Katie Jenner, Indiana Secretary of Education. "We are thrilled to be the first state in the country to partner with Get Your



Teach On and provide every Hoosier educator with an opportunity to learn, recharge and reflect on their purpose as difference-makers for our students."

This is GYTO's first partnership with a state to support free professional development workshops and trainings for educators. GYTO specializes in providing professional development experiences for educators supporting all grade ranges, incorporating the most current, research-based strategies to promote student engagement. Through this partnership, Indiana educators and administrators will spend time with the GYTO team learning best practices for building and retaining an engaging classroom environment.

Through a multi-tiered approach, conferences, workshops and training sessions for educators and

administrators serving students in pre-K through grade eight will start this summer and will continue through the 2022-2023 and then 2023-2024 school years. Later this month, GYTO will host four free two-day mini educator conferences across the state with locations in Muncie, Brownsburg, Crown Point, and Columbus. In September, administrators will have the opportunity to attend one of four free one-day mini leadership conferences.

An additional opportunity for a select number of Indiana schools to receive intensive support throughout the school year through quarterly two-day in-school trainings will be announced soon. Conference registration and additional information can be found online at <https://www.getyourteachon.com/indiana>.

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We extend a special note of appreciation to Monica Greer, Executive Director, Hamilton County Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs, for her efforts and expertise in helping us to secure these needed moneys for this important work for Heights families.

Through Indiana Department of Education's Explore, Engage, and Experience (3E) funding, Heights received two grants from a shared allocation of about \$5 million. This money will be used to help strengthen, expand, and create effective career pathways through students' K-12 learning. The focus is on increasing the number of students experiencing work-based learning and earning high-value credentials while in high school, such as the Indiana College Core, an associate degree, or a career and technical education industry certificate.

The grant also encourages schools to expand access to career exploration and engagement opportunities for students in elementary and middle school. We are deeply grateful to Andrew Melin, Executive Director of the Central Indiana Educational Service Center (CI-ESC) and Carrie Lively of the Hamilton County Economic Development Corporation and Hamilton County Career Center for their leadership and Jessi Cantlon, HHS Counselor, for their work on these grants.

I would like to give a shout out to Hamilton Heights Educational Foundation (HHEF) and

to all those who volunteered, participated, and sponsored at this year's scramble at Bear Slide Golf Club. Your involvement and support resulted in another successful outing. Moneys generated through the annual event, now three decades strong and growing, gives students and teachers a chance to grow and explore beyond traditional boundaries through grant money. To stay up to date with the Foundation's activities and/or to learn more about other ways you can support its efforts throughout the year, visit <https://www.hhschuskies.org/hhef>.

In other notes of interest, our Food Pantry will be open on Monday, July 18 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the high school; enter through Door A. The Central Office summer hours for the public are 8 a.m. to noon and 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to noon and we are hiring! Go to <https://www.applitrack.com/ci-esconsortium/onlineapp/default.aspx?choosedistrict=true&applitrackclient=37334> to check out our current full-time and part-time job openings.

Thank you again for your support. We are incredibly grateful for our families, staff, community, and people we serve! We continue to strive to meet and exceed your expectations. #WeAreHuskies

- Dr. Derek Arrowood is the Superintendent of the Hamilton Heights School Corporation.

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tions since 2020. These companies and others within the City's targeted industries have contributed over \$78 million in private investment through business expansions.

Projects such as Washington Business Park gives businesses ready-to-use industrial and flex spaces to occupy - transforming 142 acres of undeveloped farmland into a campus with over 1,000,000 square feet of built-to-suit

space. 630,000 square feet of which are already committed. This allows businesses to relocate or occupy immediately, cutting out build time. This project also expects to generate more than 500 new jobs.

The \$1B in private capital investment does not include the extensive and annual investments being made in local infrastructure across the city or the extension of sanitary sewer lines to reach new locations.

"These major investments in our community make Noblesville even more attractive to individuals and companies looking to relocate and grow," said Noblesville Community Development Director Sarah Reed. "Ultimately, it is about attracting the right jobs to Noblesville and having a response to the demand and importance of speed to market sites, facility options and housing options under our current environment."

To learn more about ongoing projects in Noblesville, visit cityofnoblesville.org/projects. Noblesville is the 10th largest city in Indiana, home to more than 69,600 residents, and the county seat in Hamilton County, Indiana. Just north of Indianapolis, the growing city is known for its nationally recognized public schools, extensive public park system, Hamilton Town Center, and the outdoor music venue Ruoff Music Center.

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Sheridan Ag
 • Grace Allee, Noblesville, Carmel 4 C's
 • Anna Clark, Noblesville, Hamilton County Dogs

• Ella Feliciano, Noblesville, Winners Unlimited

• Alyssa Ford, Carmel, Carmel 4 C's

• Rachel Fulton, Fishers, Fishers Showstoppers

• Reagan Hart, Noblesville, Forest Hill

• Gabriella Harvey, Sheridan, Westfield Cloverleaves

• Faith Hittle, Cicero, Husky 4-H's

• Delaney Howard, Noblesville, Stringtown Pikers

• Anneliese Jessee, Noblesville, Heartland

• Riley Landis, Noblesville, Giddy Up Gang

• Allie Matthews, Noblesville, Llama Trekkers

• Addison McMillan,

Noblesville, Mudsockers
 • Brooke Miller, Fishers, Llama Trekkers

• Addison Rismiller, Noblesville, Llama Trekkers

• Claire Rulon, Arcadia, Heartland 4-H's

• Allison Shuck, Atlanta, 4 Leaf Clover Cloggers

• Savannah Strange, Fishers, Clover Kids

• Kaitlyn Waitt, Cicero, Sheridan Ag

• Laura Wertz, Noblesville, Hamilton County Junior. Sheep Association

To be eligible for the pageant, a contestant must be 16 years old and no more than 20 years old by June 1, 2022, and must be a current member of Hamilton County 4-H or completed her previous year in Hamilton County 4-H.

Contestants will be judged on the basis of per-

sonality and beauty, with judging divided into three categories with a total of 200 points: Category I, Professional Wear, black dress pants and white dress shirt (40 points); Category II, five-minute interview with judges (100 points) with points based on professionalism and ability to converse; Category III, formal wear (60 points) based on modeling, stage presence and poise.

Meetings for queen contestants began in mid-June, with an introductory meeting and discussion of expectations, resume tips and question-and-answer session on Zoom video conferencing. A second Zoom meeting offered interview tips. There was also a wardrobe check with contestants bringing their formalwear, jewelry and shoes. Then this

week, there was modeling practice on Wednesday, with contestants practicing walking in their formal-wear shoes. They also had a dress rehearsal on Thursday.

The private judges' interviews will be conducted earlier in the day today, individually, with contestants sporting their Professional Wear.

The Queen and her court will be expected to attend the daily events through the week of the 2022 Hamilton County 4-H Fair, July 14-19, and will be expected to attend 4-H functions during the year until the next Fair representatives are selected. Deadline for entry was May 16. Pageant directors are Molly Drummond and Nina Lechner.

- Contact Betsy Reason at betsy@thetimes24-7.com.

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Purdue Research Foundation Wins Challenge To Invalidate Technology Patent

The Patent Trial and Appeal Board at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on Thursday (June 23) denied STMicroelectronics' challenge to the patentability of a Purdue University patent involving silicon carbide semiconductors.

US 7,498,633 covers groundbreaking technology invented by Purdue's James Cooper and his graduate student/postdoc Asmita Saha. The denied petition was filed by STMicroelectronics in response to Purdue's patent infringement lawsuit and was an attempt to invalidate the patent and, thereby, stop the litigation.

"This is a great victory for Purdue," said Ken Waite, chief patent counsel and director of intellectual property at the Purdue Research Foundation Office of Technology Commercialization. "It means that the patent office has examined the prior art cited by STMicro and has ruled that it does not even raise a legitimate question of patentability. This is an excellent result, as the majority of such requests are granted by the patent office, resulting in a proceeding that can, and often does, invalidate a granted U.S. patent."

Brooke Beier is senior vice president of commercialization at the Purdue Research Foundation. She said the Office of Technology Commercialization serves as a great steward for intellectual property created by researchers at all Purdue University campuses.

"We take managing and protecting Purdue IP very seriously throughout the process from the initial invention disclosure by Purdue researchers through

vetting, marketing, licensing it to established companies and startups and beyond," she said. "We follow the letter of the law through each step, holding ourselves and others accountable."

About Purdue Research Foundation Office of Technology Commercialization

The Purdue Research Foundation Office of Technology Commercialization operates one of the most comprehensive technology transfer programs among leading research universities in the U.S. Services provided by this office support the economic development initiatives of Purdue University and benefit the university's academic activities through commercializing, licensing and protecting Purdue intellectual property. The office is housed in the Convergence Center for Innovation and Collaboration in Discovery Park District at Purdue, adjacent to the Purdue campus. In fiscal year 2021, the office reported 159 deals finalized with 236 technologies signed, 394 disclosures received and 187 issued U.S. patents. The office is managed by the Purdue Research Foundation, which received the 2019 Innovation and Economic Prosperity Universities Award for Place from the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities. In 2020, IPWatchdog Institute ranked Purdue third nationally in startup creation and in the top 20 for patents. The Purdue Research Foundation is a private, nonprofit foundation created to advance the mission of Purdue University. Contact otcip@prf.org for more information.

Purdue Federal Names Colleen Shepherd The New Community Outreach Director

Purdue Federal Credit Union (Purdue Federal) is proud to spotlight the recently created Community Outreach Director position within the Financial Wellness Department. "Community outreach supports Purdue Federal's social mission of providing financial education and services to youth, college students, under-banked, credit challenged and financially unprepared," says Purdue Federal VP of Operations, Evelyn Royer. Colleen Shepherd assumes the position with a passion for serving the community she grew up in. In her role, Shepherd is responsible for presenting and providing personalized financial resources to not-for-profits within Tippecanoe County. She strives to provide financial wellness beyond membership and regardless of financial status. In Colleen's words, "The most exciting part about my role is that I get to spend the majority of my week working with individuals in my community that struggle with financial stressors and help them achieve financial success regardless of the magnitude."

Evelyn states, "Colleen's position allows Purdue Federal to

have a dedicated resource to build the community outreach program." Colleen brings 16 years of retail banking management experience to the community and credit union with 7 years concentrated in financial wellness. She is skilled in both one-to-one and group financial education. Looking ahead, Colleen is eager to focus her efforts on the community and see the impact she will be making in the lives of others.

About Purdue Federal
Purdue Federal Credit Union was founded on the Purdue University campus in 1969 by a group of university employees. Through its 10 full-service branches, three satellite branches and innovative digital banking solutions, Purdue Federal offers members a full menu of financial products ranging from locally serviced mortgages, credit cards and business loans to checking, savings and other deposit accounts. Purdue Federal is a member-owned financial cooperative with more than 83,000 members nationwide and assets exceeding \$1.8 billion. Its mission is to be their members' trusted financial partner for life.

Discovery Park District Highlights The Success, Visible Impact Of University-Private-Community Partnerships

The Discovery Park District at Purdue, a \$1 billion mixed-use development embedded into the fabric of the Purdue University campus, highlights the early success of a vision to establish a thriving "live-work-play" community and the impact of university-private-community partnerships.

That's powered by the hundreds of new jobs supporting aerospace and high-tech industry manufacturing and cutting-edge research facilities; a newly announced microhospital; a planned event venue and additional retail establishments, joining high-end offices; and a multiphase development of townhomes, condominiums, apartments and single-family homes with additional plans for senior-living housing.

And there's much more to come as Purdue and its key local and global partners take the steps to capitalize on the growing national trend for those who want to live, work, play and — the latest — retire near a prosperous and progressive university community.

"President Daniels conceived and championed this idea as a way to build the Greater Lafayette economy while making the nearby campus environment exciting and attractive so Purdue can recruit the talent it needs for the future," said Brian Edelman, president of the Purdue Research Foundation.

Purdue Research Foundation is leading the development of the 400-acre district. Already ahead of its 30-year timeline, the district has transformed the west end of the campus into a gateway for intellectual discourse and commercial and industrial collaboration.

According to the Indiana Chamber of Commerce, \$889.5 million worth of public investment and \$1.5 billion in private-sector investment flowed into Greater Lafayette from 2015-20, much of that through the Discovery Park District at Purdue.

The depth and breadth of the public-private investment project is visible through the progress in the district, which has expanded beyond the State Street Redevelopment Project and the established Discovery Park interdisciplinary research complex of facilities that Purdue launched in 2001.

"The Discovery Park District at Purdue will continue to grow and evolve as corporate partners locate jobs and workers to the area," Edelman said. "Our job is to make sure the corporations that decide to locate in the Discovery Park District 'receive the keys' to Purdue University, ensuring that all of the research and recruiting in-

terests of the companies are met and met at the speed of business. Additionally, the vision of Discovery Park District at Purdue calls for providing the options for housing, entertainment, health care, education and lifestyle amenities that those workers need."

Rolls-Royce, Saab and Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories have brought millions of investment dollars to the district and have taken advantage of Purdue's engineering and technology expertise. More importantly, they've added hundreds of jobs to the community.

Aerospace engine manufacturer Rolls-Royce announced plans in April to grow its already sizable and long-standing investment in the district. Through a \$204 million project, the United Kingdom-based company will expand one building and construct two test facilities, creating 30 jobs that will pay average annual salaries in excess of \$90,000.

Rolls-Royce's plans include: A 60,000-square-foot hybrid electric/controls facility. This facility will be added to the Purdue Technology Center Aerospace facility branded with Rolls-Royce's name between U.S. 231 and Newman Road. It will accelerate the development of hybrid electric technologies.

A 23,500-square-foot altitude testing facility that would allow simulation and testing at the altitude of the latest-technology aero engines.

A 280,392-square-foot test utility building that would feed air into the altitude test facility and to the planned Hypersonic Ground Test Center, which would be hosted by Purdue. Known as HGTC, the massive test center that was announced last August would be the first-of-its-kind facility in the U.S., where a nonprofit consortium of defense industry firms can test in Mach 3.5-5.0 and Mach 4.5-7.5 ranges.

Sweden-based global defense and security company Saab, meanwhile, opened its \$37 million manufacturing facility last October near Maurice J. Zucrow Laboratories. Its employment is expected to reach 300 by 2027. The Saab facility, first announced in May 2019, supports production of the U.S. Air Force's next-generation Boeing T-X advanced pilot training aircraft, which will be used to train future Air Force pilots for generations to come.

Schweitzer Engineering opened its \$20 million facility in February 2020 on the west edge of Discovery Park District on U.S. 231. There, 300 employees focus on electric power research and development. The founder of the Pullman,

Washington-based company is Purdue electrical engineering alum Edmund O. Schweitzer III, who created the first digital protective relay in 1982, revolutionizing the electrical protection industry.

These industry partnerships also represent major wins for the national security and technology initiative of Purdue's Next Moves in advancing the university's efforts to become the U.S. epicenter of hypersonics activity.

And strategically and geographically positioned as a hub for academic and industry partnering in the district is the Convergence Center for Innovation and Collaboration, billed as the "business front door to Purdue University." Convergence has 143,000 square feet of space, including 22,000 square feet of LEED silver-certified flexible office space. It also has 6,000 square feet of available retail space.

Convergence is now home to the Purdue Foundry, which supports Purdue's growing startup community. The Purdue Office of Technology Commercialization and Purdue's Office of Corporate and Global Partnerships also are housed in Convergence. Other major Convergence tenants, supported by co-working industry pioneer Carr Workplaces, include:

Wabash, a Lafayette-based leader of engineered solutions for the transportation, logistics and distribution industries.

Bayer, a global life sciences, health care and agricultural company, which will use the space to employ students to provide support in information technology, data science and engineering.

Beck's, an Indiana family-owned and -operated seed company, which has opened a satellite location.

Celebrating Discovery Park District at Purdue

Discovery Park District at Purdue hosted a day of discovery and next-generation solutions on May 25, highlighting innovations such as 6G and Lab to Life for moving from testbed to scalable, real-world deployment into neighborhoods like Discovery Park District. Here's the lineup of the panel and autonomous tech showcase videos from the celebration event:

Global Roadmap to 6G: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pUv2AFHe8m4>

Lab to Life: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c-GjJ4gXTF9M>

Smart Cities: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BSSA1zDB6EU>

Tech Showcase (all presentations): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=42ZgipCAb4g>

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Indiana Building Momentum In Semiconductor Ecosystem

Earlier this week, during the SelectUSA Investment Summit, Governor Eric J. Holcomb and Indiana Secretary of Commerce Brad Chambers joined Purdue Dean of Engineering Dr. Mung Chiang and executives from MediaTek to announce the company's plans to create a new chip design center in partnership with Purdue University. The company plans to create new high-paying jobs in Tippecanoe County to support the new center, establishing a new microelectronics ecosystem in West Lafayette.

"As a global company, MediaTek has literally a world of options at its fingertips, and we couldn't be more thrilled that they've chosen Indiana to grow and build the foundation and future of the semiconductor industry alongside the brightest minds in the world," said Gov. Holcomb. "MediaTek chose a thriving, top-rated university with innovation expertise and a strong talent pipeline that will power these quality careers for decades to come."

Headquartered in Hsinchu, Taiwan, MediaTek plans to create its new semiconductor design center in the Convergence Center for Innovation and Collaboration within

the Purdue University Discovery Park District. The company is working with Purdue to establish a partnership for a chip design focus in engineering education, as well as joint research into next-generation computing and communications chip design. This novel partnership in Indiana, MediaTek's first with a U.S. university, represents a new growth model for MediaTek USA, as most chip design operations are clustered on the coasts.

"We believe strongly that being in Indiana means we'll have access to some of the best engineering talent in the world," said Dr. Kou-Hung Lawrence Loh, corporate senior vice president of MediaTek and president of MediaTek USA. "Not just at Purdue, but West Lafayette is only four hours away from nearly a dozen of the top engineering schools in the country. In the post-pandemic world, top candidates tell us they want to be closer to home, near family, and they want to have a real house and great schools. Indiana offers all that and more."

MediaTek is the world's fourth largest global semiconductor company, providing chips for wireless communica-

tions, high-definition television, handheld mobile devices like smartphones and tablet computers, navigation systems and consumer multimedia products.

The idea for the new design center resulted from discussions during Gov. Holcomb and Sec. Chambers' trip to Silicon Valley in late 2021, convening chip CEOs to pitch Indiana's commitment to the semiconductor sector. Today's news also comes on the heels of Indiana's recent Global Economic Summit where the state launched its Accelerating Microelectronics Production and Development (AMPD) task force to leverage the state's advanced manufacturing expertise to solve the global chip shortage.

"Today's MediaTek's chip design center investment is a testament to Indiana's advanced manufacturing expertise, our world-class university talent combined with our state's best in class business-friendly climate and focus on higher wage industries of the future," said Sec. Chambers. "Our team fully expects that MediaTek's announcement is just the beginning of semiconductor investment in Indiana, and in the coming years the AMPD task force will be

instrumental in facilitating further investment momentum from this critically important industry to the state."

Founded in 1997 and operating in the U.S. since 2001, MediaTek employs more than 19,000 associates worldwide, including 500 employees in eight different locations along the U.S. coasts. MediaTek will begin hiring in West Lafayette for electrical engineering and chip design positions soon, in addition to the search for an industry-leading technologist to lead the new center.

"Attracting a world-class chip design firm to Indiana has been a long-time goal for our team," said Purdue University President Mitch Daniels. "I applaud Secretary Chambers, the IEDC and, of course, the whole team here at Purdue for doing the hard work necessary to get a global company to take a look at Indiana and all we have to offer. The MediaTek investment confirms Indiana's emergence as a center of semiconductor technology, and Purdue's Discovery Park District as the state's premier new economic engine."

Based on the company's plans to create up to 30 new high-paying positions, the Indiana

Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) committed an investment in MediaTek USA Inc. of up to \$1.4 million in the form of incentive-based tax credits. These tax credits are performance-based, meaning the company is eligible to claim incentives once Hoosiers are hired. The Purdue Research Foundation offered additional incentives.

Indiana is home to more than 1,090 foreign-owned business establishments, representing more than 40 countries and territories including nine from Taiwan. In 2021, 47 foreign-owned businesses committed to locating or growing in Indiana.

About MediaTek Inc. MediaTek Incorporated (TWSE: 2454) is a global fabless semiconductor company that enables nearly 2 billion connected devices a year. We are a market leader in developing innovative systems-on-chip (SoC) for mobile device, home entertainment, connectivity and IoT products. Our dedication to innovation has positioned us as a driving market force in several key technology areas, including highly power-efficient mobile technologies, automotive solutions and a

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About IEDC The Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) is charged with growing the State economy, driving economic development, helping businesses launch, grow and locate in the state. Led by Secretary of Commerce Brad Chambers, @SecChambersIN, and governed by a 15-member board chaired by Governor Eric J. Holcomb, @GovHolcomb, the IEDC manages many initiatives, including performance-based tax credits, workforce training grants, innovation and entrepreneurship resources, public infrastructure assistance, and talent attraction and retention efforts. For more information about the IEDC, visit iedc.in.gov.

Spokenote, LLC, Launches Innovative Product That Lets You "Add Video To Anything"

After over a decade of advancing Indiana's startup ecosystem, entrepreneur and community leader John Wechsler has launched a new company of his own. The new technology company — Spokenote, LLC — debuts today with the nationwide launch of spokenote™ stickers, the company's first product.

Spokenote's printed stickers provide a gateway to a video creation and sharing platform. Each spokenote sticker features a unique spokenote™ code that users can pair with a recorded or uploaded video. Once the code and video are

paired, anyone who scans the code on the sticker can view that video.

"With a spokenote sticker, you can add video to pretty much anything," said Wechsler. "It's a powerful concept that's changing the way people communicate. We also made it really easy to use — just scan, smile, share — there's no app to download or account to set up."

At last count Wechsler said he and his team have come up with over 150 different use cases for their product. Some of his favorite applications include: personalizing gifts like flowers, greet-

ing cards and gift cards; enhancing rental properties with instructional videos showing guests how to use a coffee maker or remote control; and even helping patients remember home care instructions after being discharged from the hospital.

"The reception for the product has been nothing short of amazing, because there are so many ways that it can be used," said Wechsler. "In fact, as we've previewed it with potential customers and partners, it has gotten harder and harder to keep things under wraps. When people see it, they

want to try it out."

The company's week-long launch plans are generating some high-profile visibility for the product. Attendees at last week's Daytime Emmy Awards at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium received a 10-pack of spokenote stickers inside their swag bags. The product is also being featured in several of the Spark Fishers events put on by the city of Fishers, Indiana, where spokenote is headquartered.

"It is very exciting to bring our first product to market in association with all these live events as part of our launch," said

Wechsler. "We can't wait to see the many different ways people use spokenote stickers."

Wechsler, who has founded multiple businesses in central Indiana, noted that several large retail outlets and online stores have expressed interest in carrying the product. Until those deals are finalized, spokenote stickers are available via the company's online storefront (spokenote.com) and on Amazon.com.

About spokenote, llc Spokenote develops technology that improves how people communicate, providing tools for human

expression and communication via digital media. The company's initial product — spokenote™ stickers — provide a gateway to a video creation and sharing platform. Each spokenote sticker features a unique spokenote™ code that, when scanned by a mobile device, can be paired with a video created by the user. Once the code and video are paired, anyone who scans the code on the sticker can view the video. The company is headquartered in Fishers, Indiana. For more information or to purchase spokenote stickers, visit spokenote.com.



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Timmons With Another Letter To Lady Liberty

A few years ago, I wrote a letter to Lady Liberty. The world was a tad different then. Donald Trump was being his arrogant self in the west wing. Joe Biden was out of office and many of us were hoping retired and the United States was enjoying gas prices well under \$3 – and on their way to under \$2.

To be fair, I didn't expect her to answer, and she did not. Then again, if I was a proud 240+ years old, I wouldn't respond to every Tim, Dick and Harry either.

So with the another Independence Day just days away, I'm sending her another one and a few more questions. If you'd like me to add your name to the bottom, shoot me an e-mail and I'll gladly do it.

Dear Lady Liberty,

Please allow me to wish you another most happy birthday! Long may your flag wave over the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Before all the festivities start in earnest this weekend, if I may, I'd like to ask you just one more question. You certainly don't have to answer. I've asked before, but haven't really gotten an answer yet.

Why does the mere mention of a word cause the shields and weapons to be raised? What word? Take your pick – socialism, abortion, gays, trans,



TIM TIMMONS
Two Cents

guns, Trump, borders, walls, right, left . . .

Thing is, we don't just argue any more. We hate. You've seen it all, but my memory only goes back a few decades. I don't recall hate like this since the 1960s when young'uns were told not to trust anyone under 30, burn their draft card and those of the opposite sex (you know, back when we only had two) were told to torch their bras.

None of that generated warm and fuzzys with the age group I'm honored to be part of now. And when Mssrs. Crosby, Stills and Nash sang about four dead in O-Hi-O, things went from bad to worse.

Back then we had a man in the White House we didn't like or trust very much and families

found themselves on opposite sides . . . you know, pretty much like now.

We got through it though.

I'll admit I'm not the smartest guy in the room (even when it's a pretty small room), but I surely don't understand why we've become so angry again.

People are fighting about the right to kill an unborn baby while ignoring any rights said baby might have. Democrats are telling us that the economy is great . . . which sort of feels like Ol' Blue peeing down the side of my leg while his owner tells me it's raining. Republicans aren't helping either. Instead of taking the high road and giving the country real reasons to consider this so-called red wave in the next election, they're rolling around in the mud, ripping the Dems every chance they get. In the process they're showing us that no matter which party is in charge they all have the uncanny knack to make us hate politicians.

Our ability to have meaningful conversations that start and end peacefully is farther gone than the dinosaurs and 99 cent gas.

I don't understand any of it. I don't know how anyone expects a government that can't seem to get anything right to suddenly be competent enough to manage healthcare. I don't

know why we trust politicians who get rich off our backs to suddenly look out for the middle class.

It's why the folks clamoring for socialism make me smile. They think the same politicians who got them into this mess can wave a magic wand and get them out. It's hard to believe in much of anything with the government any more.

All I know is that I believe in you.

Please allow me to repeat what I've said for a while. We're a nation of knuckleheads. We always have been. When Betsy Ross and her pals were busy sewing flags, some yahoos were drinking ale and touting the benefits of staying loyal to King George. We turned brother against brother in a terrible war that got mislabeled civil. Radicalism, just another word for the same sort of thing AOC and the squad are touting now, gave Woody Wilson and his cabinet one headache after another. FDR crafted more social programs than anyone, but had to fight a war. And Kennedy, LBJ and Nixon led our nation when troops, tanks and bigotry rolled through the streets.

We've always been angry, often times paying a heavy price for it. Yet we've managed to survive a lot of differ-

ent opinions, a bunch of hatred and all sorts of messes. Perhaps that should provide some comfort. After all, we made it this far, right?

You've given us a lot, Ma'am.

OK, that was my question – but while I have you I'll share a concern I'm hoping you can help with. It seems to me that this only works so long as the majority of us keep giving you our faith and our allegiance – two things that feel like they're in mighty short supply once again. I'm hoping you can tell us how to maintain those. I hope you can help us remember the lives lost and the sacrifices made to get where we are today. Maybe if you can do that, then perhaps we can get back to honest conversations without all the hate.

That's it ma'am. Thanks for listening and I really do hope you have a great birthday, and many, many more! God bless!

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I Have Again Become The Neighborhood Pariah

It happens about this time every year. Despite meaning well and good intentions, I've again become the neighborhood pariah.

Situated smack dab between the two-story modern with the terraced wall and the wrap-around deck to my west, and the venerable ranch on the east, with the two stately oaks in front and the neatly trimmed front lawn, lies my sprawling home -- Shambly Stadium.

I mow my one-acre yard -- front and back -- every week, rain or shine, and still somehow my property looks overgrown and shabby. It is lush with volunteer trees, brambles, and twining vines filling every scratch of sunlit soil



JOHN MARLOWE
With the Grain

or sod. I have accidentally accrued an entire registry of unwanted weed varieties and woody-stemmed plant species, enough to rival any botanical garden.

It is never my intention to let my landscape get away from me. It's not like I rush out each year to buy the first copy of Better Homes and Jungles. I care

about my residence, even though you can't always see it from the street.

I could use the excuse that my home is more than 60 years old. However, there are older homes on my street that are kempt, if not immaculate. I could also use the fact that four of my five neighbors are now retired or approaching retirement, so they have lots of time on their hands for yard

work. The fifth neighbor, however, works two jobs, is studying for his real estate license, and has two preschool age children. Explain to me why his yard looks gorgeous and mine doesn't, will you?

To be honest, I actually like having a wood lot in back. The extra revenue gleaned from harvesting the giant walnut trees -- the ones that the squirrels planted for me by burying the seeds -- could come in handy when it comes time to shuffle me off to the home.

I save money on curtains, too. Curtains are totally unnecessary when right outside your window is Tarzan's front yard.

On the other hand, it bothers me that the neighbors talk about me. I hear them use words that I know are directed at me. Words like:

Hedge Fund

noun

Money needed for the law suit. You know, the one when I can't see around the untrimmed bushes by the driveway, and back into the mailman?

Triskaidekaphobia

noun

The extreme fear that my rickety deck will collapse under the weight of one more

Trisket-euonymus

verb

Suggesting that I don't know who planted the clinging vine now engulfing my neighbor's fence.

Sarcasm

noun

The giant hole in my vegetable garden that I fill with sardine heads, like the pilgrims did.

Zero-Turning Radius

adjective

Failing to correctly install the steering shaft into the steering

gear on my mower, and running through my neighbor's privet hedge.

Porch Swing

verb

Action taken to ward off carpenter bees while sitting on my porch.

Deadheading

verb

Trimming tree branches with a pole saw.

Meadow

noun

Medical bills from the above.

When I hear these words coming from my friends, it upsets me. I'm half tempted to stop pulling out my poison ivy, and let it roam across the street. But then, I like my neighbors. I wouldn't want to do something rash.

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Grilling The Neighbors About Grilling This Summer

The July 4th weekend cookout is just around the corner and we are planning a barbecue with some friends at our house. That was not the original plan, but turns out we were not invited to the cookout around the corner.

"Are you cooking with gas or charcoal this weekend?" asked a buddy of mine. Apparently, people have strong preferences in this area, so I did a little checking. Here is a statistic reported by the people who make propane tanks:

69.3 percent of men vs. 67 percent of women prefer gas grills over charcoal grills.

What could possibly account for this vast taste



DICK WOLFSIE
Life in a Nutshell

variance of 2.3 percent between men and women? I have always accepted the statistical difference between the sexes when it came to the love of shoes, the comic genius of The Three Stooges, and professional wrestling. Those disparities were understandable, but the

gap in the preference of gas vs. charcoal grills is a mystery.

Scientists at one of the many genome labs should take the time to see if there is, indeed, an actual gene to explain this. They have already found one each for selfishness, social skills, and altruism, but not a single study has been dedicated to the charcoal/gas grills discrepancy. You laugh (I hope), but these are your tax dollars squandered by the government—your money up in smoke, especially if you prefer charcoal.

It's times like this that I lament the death of Einstein. Oh, the hours he wasted with electrons and gravity, time and space.

That all seems so trivial now, relatively speaking.

I decided to do some research on my own block to see if the results meshed with the typical American neighborhood. I knocked on the first door. "Hi, Mark, I'm just taking a little survey. Do you prefer a charcoal or a gas grill?"

"Well, that's kind of a touchy question in this house. I prefer gas, but Judy likes coal. I'd rather not go on the record with this. Our kids are still in school and we belong to a very conservative church. Instead, it would be safer to tell you about our sex lives or how much debt we are in. I tried one more house.

"Norman, I just dropped over to find out whether it makes any difference to you whether you fire up your grill with gas or charcoal."

"It mattered a lot to the first Mrs. Collingwood; that's why there's a second Mrs. Collingwood. Things were fine for several years, but then my new wife read something in Prevention magazine and started asking me a lot of health and safety questions about my chosen cooking method. I hate being grilled about grilling, so I decided to purchase my wife a brand new Weber that meets her new barbecuing preference. It was cheaper than a third Mrs. Collingwood.

One final thing: According to most propane manufacturers, 36 percent of grillers don't know they're out of propane gas until they actually are.

Sorry, I don't have a clever ending to this column, but it doesn't really matter. Only 26 percent of my readers know that my last line is supposed to be funny. That's because 74 percent don't get that far.

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Ask Rusty – I’m Getting Spouse Benefits – What Happens To My Own?

Dear Rusty: I was born in late 1951. When I retired 5 years ago, I was made aware that my own Social Security benefit was less than half of my husband’s SS Benefit. So, I chose to take half of his. What happens to my undispensed SS dollars? On the off chance the balance increases beyond the amount I am now collecting, can I eventually switch to my own full SS amount? **Signed: Curious Senior**

SS five years ago and your husband was already collecting his benefits, you had the option to file a “restricted application for spousal benefits only” which would have enabled you to collect only your spouse benefit while letting your own benefit continue to grow. But if you were not yet 66 when you claimed, the “restricted application” wasn’t available to you, so you are now receiving your own benefit plus an additional amount to bring your payment to your spousal amount.

I expect that the latter is the case (that you didn’t file a “restricted application”), which would mean that your current payment amount consists of two parts – your personal benefit (from your own



ASK RUSTY
Social Security Advisor

lifetime work record) plus a “spousal boost” to bring your payment to your spousal entitlement. Except for the restricted application, Social Security always pays your own benefit amount first and then supplements your own benefit with an additional amount to give you what you’re entitled to as a spouse. Thus, your

Social Security Matters by AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor Russell Gloor

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personal benefits aren’t “undispensed” - you’re already getting them, plus a spousal supplement.

Just to complete the picture, if you did file a “restricted application” at age 66, then your own benefit continued to grow until you were 70 (at which point it reached maximum). The growth amount would have been

8% per year additional benefit, so at age 70 your own benefit would have been 32% more than your FRA amount. If you know what your own FRA benefit amount was, then increase that by 32% to see if your own amount is now higher and, if so, contact Social Security to apply for your own higher benefit.

If you don’t know what your personal FRA amount was and/or are uncertain if you filed a restricted application, you’ll need to contact Social Security directly to see if you’re entitled to any additional amount based on your own lifetime work record. You can contact Social Security at either the national center (1.800.772.1213) or at your local office (find the number at www.ssa.gov/locator). If you are currently getting spouse benefits only under a restricted application and your personal benefit is now higher, since you’ll soon be 71 you should request six months of retroactive benefits when you switch from the restricted application to your own benefit.

Happy 4th Of July – We Can Figure It Out

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

America has always been a land of hard work and struggles but always with the hope and dream of success and prosperity.

On the 4th of July we celebrate our Declaration of Independence which was ratified by the Second Continental Congress on July 4, 1776. The Second Continental Congress declared that the thirteen colonies were no longer subject and subordinate to the monarch of England King George the III and were now united, free, and independent states. The Congress voted to approve our independence on July 2 and adopted the Declaration of Inde-



GLENN MOLLETTE
Guest Column

pendence two days later, Benjamin Franklin is reported to have said, “Aye, I know there shall be no nation on earth that works harder than the great and powerful United States, and so I dare say that the celebration of July 4th should be a day

on which none shall work and instead all will refrain from exerting themselves in any way.”

Historians have said that when John Hancock signed the Declaration of Independence, he did so in a bold hand, in a conspicuous manner, and rose from his seat, pointing to it, and said, “There, John Bull can read my name without spectacles, he may double his reward and I put this at defiance.”

“Independence Day: freedom has its life in the hearts, the actions, the spirit of men and so it must be daily earned and refreshed – else like a flower cut from its life-giving roots, it will

wither and die.” – Dwight D. Eisenhower

Our freedom was won by the sheer will power of an early generation who determined to do whatever was necessary for our freedom. We had to fight. Our earliest generation determined whatever it took was worth it to separate from the authoritarian rule of England.

Freedom is never easy. Most Americans at that time had sacrificed everything to pursue freedom of worship, to develop our ideas, businesses and personal interests. It took years for Americans to begin to experience some prosperity and most never did. Our earliest gener-

ation sacrificed, worked and battled diseases with little to no medical care. They had no financial or social security. There were no government hand-outs, bail outs or insurance companies covering their losses. Early Americans were on their own and helped each other as best as they could.

More than ever before we must make whatever is necessary to run this country from chips to run our cars and technology to growing our food and producing sufficient energy. Depending on foreign nations for anything is a poor plan for maintaining our freedom. We become dependent instead of

independent. This is why we must have a mix of energy. Relying only on one source is not a plan for independence. Trade with other countries is good for America because we want other nations to buy our products. Many businesses in America would die if they could not export to other countries. The main idea is that we produce enough to have enough as we need it in America.

I love America. We have a great a history. We have some problems, but who doesn’t? Together we can figure it out.

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

Family Ties Help To Make Us Stronger, Better Individuals

The importance of one’s family connections is something that I believe we are losing in America.

With each generation there are fewer individuals who live close to their extended families, unlike the days when grandma and grandpa lived just in the next room or uncles, aunts and cousins were a short walk down the road.

Many Americans today do not really know the members of their extended family. We spend a few awkward moments together at funerals, family reunions, Christmas and Thanksgiving gatherings and then off we go back to our own lives.

As families build lives miles away from their home many grasp the anonymity of their new surroundings with fervor, often dreading when a distant family member might drop in, disrupting their lives.

Despite the fact that my



RANDALL FRANKS
Southern Style Columns

parents chose to move away from their homes to build a life for themselves in Atlanta, I grew up in a home where our door was open to members of both my mother’s and father’s families. It was not unusual for there to be cousins stretched out on quilted pallets sleeping on the living room floor; uncles rummaging through the refrigerator for green dill pickles as a late night snack; aunts blanching red tomatoes from the garden in the kitchen; or distant kin moving in for an

extended stay while they looked for a job or planned a new start.

Because of the time I spent with these people growing up, I feel a much closer connection to them; the shared experiences make chance meetings and gatherings less of a strain today.

It was not unusual for my Mom to get up and start cooking a batch of turnip greens, cornbread and some fried chicken, while cleaning the house from end to end. When asked why she was doing it, she would say “so and so” will be here directly. Sure enough, after a while they would knock at the door. My Mom has a second sense about that. With no forewarning she knew some relative was on their way.

Sundays were a big visiting day. It was not unusual for Uncle Harvey, Aunt Lois and all their kids to load up in the car

and be knocking at our door before dinner. Sometimes Grandma Allie and Grandpa Jesse would come along for the ride.

Us cousins would spend the afternoon playing as the folks caught up on all the family news. We might ride over to the airport to watch the planes land or go downtown to sight see. We would eat dinner, and then whomever was visiting would load up in the car and head back up to the mountains of Georgia or Tennessee.

I remember one trip when Uncle Harvey and family came down to see Joe Don Baker in “Walking Tall.” Of course, us kids were not old enough to go to the drive-in and see it so we had a sleepover instead, while most of the adults took in the hit movie.

Just like their visits there, we also visited regularly. Despite the distance it was like we were one

family experiencing life together rather than living separate lives and putting up with one another for a few hours at the holidays.

God has called many of those family members for an extended stay at his house. While they are absent here, the experiences still live within me, giving me a sense of the extended family even if there are fewer of them now on this side than there once was.

The stories they told of relatives I never knew made those people alive to me. Through those stories many of my characters come to life on the page in columns and in scripts.

As each holiday rolls by, take the time to experience more than just the ordinary. Help create an experience that will last for yourself and your children throughout the lifetime. It is the shared moments of life that will make the basis for what we know as family.

If we as a country do not work to strengthen our families individually, what will the future hold for the American family as a whole? I guess we will be a country of individuals seeking a group in which to belong. We can only hope those groups aren’t exclusively on social media.

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