

**▶ TODAY'S VERSE**

Revelation 19:9 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.



**▶ FACES OF HAMILTON COUNTY**

People who call our community their own.

What makes Briley Sanford smile? "Horses," said the 9-year-old Cicero resident, a first-year 4-H'er, who will be showing her horse, Lucky, during the Hamilton County 4-H Fair's Horse & Pony Show on Friday. She's a third-grader at Hamilton Heights Elementary School. She's a member of Heartland 4-H'ers and the Giddy-Up Gang and took Mini 4-H before joining 4-H. She is showing Horses, Foods and Archery 4-H projects this year. Favorite activity at the 4-H Fair? She enjoyed participating in the pig competition for non 4-H'ers at last year's fair. How'd she do? "Pretty good." She is the daughter of Jason and Amy Sanford and has a brother, Blake, 20, a 10-year 4-H'er. What's she like most about 4-H? "I like to learn things, like how to shoot a bow, and I like the fair. It's fun." Favorite fair food? "Barbecue pork." The Hamilton County 4-H Fair starts today and continues through Monday at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds in Noblesville. Fair food favorites will range from elephant ears and corn dogs to tenderloin, fruit slushies, corn on the cob, and producers tents featuring dairy, rabbit, poultry, pork, sheep and beef, plus milkshakes, Extension Homemaker Kitchen specials and Junior Leaders Snack Shack with pizza and hot dogs.

**Hamilton County 4-H Fair Schedule**

Today, the food is Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., with a Joint Producers' Barbecue 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Extension Homemakers serving up meals in the Exhibition Center, with spaghetti the day's special. (A special is usually offered each day of the Fair.) The day's activities include: 4-H Bucket Calf Show, 9 a.m.; 4-H Senior Llama Showmanship, 9:30 a.m.; 4-H Crops Judging, 10 a.m.; 4-H Horse & Pony English Show, 10 a.m.; 4-H Poultry Show, 10 a.m.; 4-H Robotics activities, 10 a.m.; 4-H Dairy Show, 10:30 a.m.; 4-H Tractor Driving Contest, 1 p.m.; 4-H Pygmy Goat Show, 1 p.m.; 4-H Llama pack Obstacle, 1:30 p.m.; Indiana Blood Center Blood Drive, 3-7 p.m.; Extension Homemakers Flower Show, 4:30 p.m.; Purdue Extension Celebrates!, 6 p.m.; 4-H Rabbit Ambassador Contest, 6 p.m.; Do-Si-Squares Exhibition, 6:30 p.m.; 4-H Clogging Exhibition, 7 p.m. The 4-H Fair sponsor for the day is VIP Animal Care in Noblesville.

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**Tony Charlton, maintenance supervisor and fairgrounds superintendent for the Hamilton County 4-H Fair, heads up preparation for the 4-H Fair, a job he has been doing for 25 years. The Fair opens today and continues through Monday in Noblesville.**

## A Lot of Work Goes Into Getting Ready for 4-H Fair



**BETSY REASON**  
The Times Editor

When the Hamilton County 4-H Fair officially opens today, only the county building and

grounds employees know how much work goes into getting ready.

"It's a fun time for a lot of people, but it's a lot of work for us," said Tony Charlton, a county employee who is maintenance supervisor and fairgrounds superintendent for the 4-H Fair, which opens today at the 4-H Fairgrounds in Noblesville, where he works year-round.

I stopped by the Fairgrounds on Tuesday afternoon to see what was happening to prepare for today's opening.

Charlton, 60, said work for

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## Nickel Plate Express Taps into Partnership with Primeval Brewing



**PRIMEVAL BREWING**

Railroad fans and craft beer lovers will have a new way to support the historic train line running through Hamilton County while enjoying an adult beverage with an iconic name that carries a history of its own.

Nickel Plate Express (NPX), which operates train excursions between Noblesville and Atlanta, Indiana is partnering with Primeval Brewing to introduce Nickel Plate Light, a train-themed refreshing light beer that's perfect for summertime sipping.

"By partnering with Nickel Plate Express and using the Nickel Plate name, we're able to tap into the rich history of the local railroad as well as the rich history of brewing in Indiana to create something truly special,"

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## The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset  
RISE: 6:27 a.m.  
SET: 9:12 p.m.

High/Low  
Temperatures  
High: 84 °F  
Low: 63 °F

Today is....

- Bastille Day
- International Non-Binary People's Day
- National Mac and Cheese Day

What Happened On This Day

- 1789 Storming of the Bastille
- 1957 First female parliamentarian in the Arab world is elected to office
- 1965 Mars flyby of Mariner 4

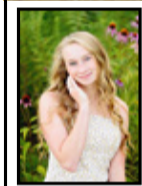
Births On This Day

- 1912 Woody Guthrie American singer-songwriter, musician
- 1913 Gerald Ford American politician, 38th President of the US

Deaths On This Day

- 1881 Billy the Kid American criminal
- 1965 Adlai Stevenson American politician, 31st Governor of Illinois

### Stars of 4-H Faith Hittle 10-Year Member



Daughter of Joshua and Billie Hittle, Faith Hittle is a ten year member of Husky 4-H'ers. Faith served as senior class president and FFA secretary at Hamilton Heights High School. She was a member of National Honor Society. Her awards include an Agriculture Department award, Top 10% of her class, and competing at nationals three times for BPA (medical coding). Faith will major in biochemistry for the medical field at Manchester University.

### Stars of 4-H Janel Gerardot 10-Year Member



Daughter of Amy and Anthony Gerardot, Janel Gerardot is a ten year member of Clover Kids. She has exhibited in Beef Barbecue, Chicken Barbecue, Creative Writing, Fine Arts, Foods, Microwave, Photography, and Sewing. She is a graduate of Fishers High School and plans to study secondary education at Indiana University in Bloomington.

### Stars of 4-H Delaney Howard 10-Year Member



Delaney Howard is the daughter of Brad and Pam Howard and a ten year member of Stringtown Pipers. Delaney has been honored to learn how to lead this year by serving as the Hamilton County Junior Leader president. She loves helping younger 4-H members learn necessary life skills that she has learned through 4-H as well as completing service projects for the community. Serving on the 4-H Queen's Court for two years as 4th and 3rd Runner Up also let her see a new side of the 4-H Fair that she will forever be grateful for. Delaney could not have become the person she is today without 4-H. Delaney was a three-time National Speech Qualifier for Noblesville High School. She plans to major in biochemistry and political science at Indiana University.

### Stars of 4-H Gracie Fisher 10-Year Member



Gracie Fisher is the daughter of Jon and Tracy Fisher and a ten year member of Fishers Showstoppers. Some of her favorite projects are Beef Cattle, Junior Leaders, Pygmy Goats, and Sheep. She has thoroughly enjoyed serving as Mini 4-H chairman and her club president. Gracie's most treasured moments have been attending teens as Teachers 4-H Camp, and competing in both the Royal and Supreme showmanship contests. Gracie participated in FFA, DECA, Student Council, and National Honor Society at Hamilton Southeastern High School. She graduated Summa Cum Laude and was also named a D&R Good Citizen. She plans to study finance.

### Stars of 4-H Cole Wade Cowan 10-Year Member



Cole Wade Cowan is the son of Amy Jackson Cowan and a ten year member of Walnut Lassies & Laddies. He has served as a club officer and an Ag Day presenter. Cole exhibited Bucket Calf and ten years of Sheep, winning several champions. Cole was a varsity wrestler and FFA member at Hamilton Heights High School. He will attend the Kentucky Welding Institute in the fall.

### Stars of 4-H Cody Ensor 10-Year Member



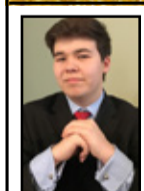
Cody Ensor is the son of Matt and Roxanne Jackson and Gene Ensor. He is a ten year member of White River Blue Ribbon. 4-H has been a huge part of his youth and Cody has enjoyed every moment, from earning awards to raising his own livestock. Cody participated in baseball, basketball, football, soccer, and track and field at Hamilton Heights High School. He received the 2021 Derrick Dean Heart & Dedication award for soccer. Cody attended the John Hinds Career center to learn about criminal justice. He wants to get involved in the Department of Natural Resources and conservation.

### Stars of 4-H Ava Friedman 10-Year Member



Daughter of Jason and Julie Friedman, Ava Friedman is a ten year member of Westfield City Slickers. Ava loved participating in Fashion Revue, Foods, People in My World, Photography, and Sewing. She earned reserve champion and champion in Fashion Revue, reserve champion in Sewing and People in My World. Ava was a member of National Honor Society, Academic Honors, and the Dance Marathon executive committee. She was a four-year varsity swim team member and team captain at Westfield High School. Ava will study health sciences at Dayton University.

### Stars of 4-H Brian Fitzgerald 10-Year Member



A ten year member of Noblesville H&H, Brian Fitzgerald is the son of Andrew and Lillian Fitzgerald. Brian's highest award achieved is his 2017 Reserve Grand Champion in Aerospace. He completed ten years of Aerospace and participated in other projects like Arts and Crafts. Brian was a Cub Scout and Boy Scout, earning his Eagle Scout Rank in 2021. He has over a 3.8 GPA at Fortune Academy, and also participated in the track and cross country teams. In addition, he was a member of his school play team. Brian plans to attend Ball State University.

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**▶ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP**

Women aged 65 years or older should have a bone density screening. 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](http://www.thetimes24-7.com).



**▶ HONEST HOOSIER**

Looking for something to do tonight? How about the Farmers' Market in Westfield at the Grand Junction Plaza? See you there!



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

**▶ TODAY'S QUOTE**

"It requires wisdom to understand wisdom. The music is nothing if the audience is deaf."

- Walter Lippman

**▶ TODAY'S JOKE**

Where do cows go for vacation?  
Moo York!

**13 WTHR 7 DAY FORECAST**

65/85 P.M. CLOUDS, NO. SHOWERS	63/84 SUNNY	62/88 SUNNY	66/87 30% CHANCE	70/87 50% CHANCE	70/87 50% CHANCE	70/87
WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE

## OBITUARIES

### Thomas E. Cook

Jan. 1, 2022 - June 24, 2022

A Celebration of life is scheduled to be held on August 13, 2022 at 12 p.m. noon at the Atlanta Christian Church, 200 East Main St., Atlanta IN. 46031  
The family asks that you please wear a mask.

### Robert Earl Everitt

January 24, 1938 - July 11, 2022

Robert Earl Everitt, 84, passed away on Monday, July 11, 2022, at Community Hospital in Anderson after a brief illness.

He was born January 24, 1938, in Noblesville, Indiana to Earl and Odessa F. (Mitchell) Everitt.

Mr. Everitt was a graduate of Lapel High School. He was a retiree of General Motors and was also a longtime farmer.

He attended Faith Baptist Church in Anderson. Mr. Everitt was past president, secretary and chaplain for Lapel Eagles Aerie #4323 and Anderson Eagles Aerie #174.

Survivors include his wife Sharon (Harper) Everitt; seven children Jim (Lisa) Everitt of Ligonier, Indiana, Lisa (Churck) Woodruff of Atlanta, Brad Everitt of Lapel, Sherri Everitt of Anderson, Teresa (Stacey) Carnahan of Anderson, Jannie Farley of Anderson and Sandra (Ted Tylicki) Sheffel of Anderson; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother John Everitt; sister Mildred Holloway; and grandson Sam Buntin.

A funeral service is scheduled to be held on Friday, July 15, 2022, at 10 a.m., at Hersberger-Bozell Funeral Home, 1010 North Main Street, Lapel, Indiana 46051 with the Rev. Gary Klinger officiating.

Visitation is scheduled to be from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, July 14, 2022, at the funeral home.

Entombment will be at Brookside Cemetery in Lapel. Memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society of Madison County or the Lapel Eagles Aerie #4323.

Online condolences may be shared at [www.hersberger-bozell.com](http://www.hersberger-bozell.com).

### Cathy A. Manson

March 25, 1950 - July 9, 2022

Cathy A. Manson, 72 of Noblesville, Indiana, formerly of Fort Wayne, IN, passed away unexpectedly at home on Saturday, July 9, 2022.

She was born on March 25, 1950, in Marion, Indiana to Charles H. and Helen "Peggy" (Riley) Gardner.

Mrs. Manson was a 1968 graduate of Eastbrook High School. She married the love of her life, Daniel E. Manson, on June 24, 1972. The two recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. She formerly worked as a dental assistant and for Weaver Popcorn. Her favorite job and the one she was most proud of was being a wife to her husband Dan, mom to Laura and Melissa and Nonnie to Hannah, Addy, Joey, Mia, Chase and Mason. Mrs. Manson enjoyed traveling with her husband and family, watching and playing with her 6 grandchildren, euchre, baking, vacationing in Daytona Beach, cheering on the Butler Bulldogs Basketball team and the Indianapolis Colts, and especially cheering on her grandchildren in their activities which include softball, baseball, basketball, and diving. She liked to attend Jimmy Buffet concerts, watch March Madness, and Hallmark Channel Movies. To Mrs. Manson, family was everything. Her greatest joys in life were being able to spend time with her family and hosting get togethers, holidays, and birthday parties.

Survivors include her husband Dan Manson of Noblesville; two daughters Laura (Matthew) Justice of Fishers and Melissa (Todd) Davis of Fishers; six grandchildren Hannah Justice (18), Addy Justice (16), Joey Justice (14), Mia Davis (10), Chase Davis (7) and Mason Davis (5), all of Fishers; and sister Diane (Hugh) Salmons of Kansas City, MO.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Peggy Gardner; and brother and sister-in-law, Robert "Bob" and Mary Ann Gardner.

Friends and family are scheduled to gather to share and remember at the Van Buren UMC Fellowship Hall 105 S. 2nd Street, on Friday, July 15, 2022, from 5 to 8 p.m. A funeral service is scheduled to be held on Saturday, July 16, 2022, at 11 a.m., at the Van Buren UMC Fellowship Hall with the Rev. John Parks officiating. Viewing is scheduled to be held one hour before the service, starting at 10 a.m. Burial will follow in the Matthews IOOF Cemetery, where Mrs. Manson will be laid to rest next to her parents.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 50 91st Street, Suite 100, Indianapolis, IN 46240.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Ferguson and Glancy Funeral Home in Van Buren.

Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting [www.glancyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.glancyfuneralhomes.com).

### Karen Robinson

August 2, 1947 - July 12, 2022

Karen Robinson, 74, of Cicero, passed away on Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at her home.

She was born on August 2, 1947 to Harry and Olga (Sidel) Overlease in South Bend, Indiana.

For over 20 years, Mrs. Robinson worked as an office manager for Channel 40 WHMB. She enjoyed boating and traveling to Wisconsin and Tennessee.

Survivors include her husband of 55 years Donald Robinson II; four children Don (Shea) Robinson III, Marnie (Dwayne) Thompson, Matthew (Dierdre) Robinson and Tim (Kyndal) Robinson; six grandchildren Ava Robinson, Mason Robinson, Malorie McDole, Mabrie Thompson, Josie Robinson and Clint Robinson; two nieces Cheryl (Leon) Lord and Nancy Berzai; and nephew Fred Christman.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers and one sister.

Visitation is scheduled to be from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., with services scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m., on Saturday, July 23, 2022 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, in Noblesville. Andrew Airwood will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to The CJD Foundation, Inc., PO Box 5312, Akron, OH 44334 ([www.cjdfoundation.org](http://www.cjdfoundation.org)).

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



I saw a commercial the other day for a product similar to Narcan – a prescription medication used in case of suspected opioid overdoses.

The TV spot showed a cheery young woman who could pass for the all-American girl next door. She's happily getting ready to go out with friends. She's smiling, petting her dog, you get the idea. Near the end, the announcer says if you are like her, be sure to get all the important things for your fun evening, keys, chewing gum, phone and, oh yeah, a nasal spray that will bring you back from the brink of death in case of a drug overdose.

Wait, what?

Oh, and the commercial came from the good folks at the Centers for Disease Control – of in other words, our government.

Look, on one hand, I get it. Drug overdoses are expensive and they take time that first responders might be spending saving others who haven't caused their own predicament. So if it's going to happen, why not get in front of it?

Sorry, this isn't about dollars and cents. This is wrong.

Very. Very. Wrong.

First off, when did the government get into the business of condoning drug use? No, I'm not talking about the idiot district attorney in Indianapolis who picks and chooses which laws to enforce. This is the federal



**TIM TIMMONS**  
Sagamore News Media CEO

government – a source that some people still think has all the right answers.

Are you telling me that if a 10-year-old sees this commercial that they don't come away with the idea that drug use is OK? After all, the CDC is saying, HEY YOU GOOFY KIDS – GO OUT, HAVE A GREAT TIME AND IF YOU PARTY TOO MUCH AND TAKE TOO MANY NARCOTICS, IT'S OK!

You simply can't make this stuff up.

This is the same government that not too long ago issued guidelines on "gender-affirming care and young people" that actually states: "Research demonstrates that gender-affirming care improves the mental health and overall well-being of gender diverse children and adolescents." (<https://opa.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/2022-03/gender-affirming-care-young-people-march-2022.pdf>)

I've asked before and I'll ask again, how is that not criminal? I guess because it's from the Depart-

ment of Health and Human Services – a cabinet-level department.

How can our tax dollars be used to create programs, messages and slick advertisements that not only condone immoral and illegal acts, but endorse them?

We are so far off the rails in our country today that it's frightening.

Whether we are talking about abortion or serious drug use, it seems to me that an important part of the debate is completely ignored – abstinence.

It wasn't all that long ago in this country the idea of pre-marital sex was wrong. It wasn't that long ago that the government penalized drug use, especially the harder drugs, instead of making available get-out-of-OD-free cards.

Of course, you can't have that conversation.

Celebrities like Pink and several others have issued profane-ridden messages that tell those of us who disagree with her to F off. Their argument is that the government can't tell women what to do with their bodies.

Hasn't the government been telling us what to do with our bodies since 1776? We're told when we can drink and how much we can put into our bodies without risk of going to jail. We're told when we can smoke, when we can speak out if we disagree . . .

It's actually a pretty long list of what the government tells us we can and

can't do with our bodies. But those folks don't seem to have a problem with anything that encourages drug use, pre-marital sex and perverse acts many people see as a sin.

Here's a chilling thought? How much worse could Sodom and Gomorrah have been? I mean c'mon. Did you see the gay pride parade last month in Indianapolis? It was certainly celebrated by sponsors Delta Faucet, Indianapolis Airport Authority, Eskenazi Health, AES Indiana and Majestic Care. Indy TV told us what a wonderful event it was. What they didn't show or talk much about was some of the men dressed as women with very revealing outfits.

I'm all for equal rights and for showing decency and respect to my fellow man. But there's a big difference between that and celebrating what a lot of us believe is wrong. Promoting drug use, gay and trans lifestyles, killing of babies . . . let's ask again: How much worse could Sodom and Gomorrah have been?

*Two cents, which is about how much Timmons said his columns are worth, appears periodically on Thursdays in The Times. Timmons is the chief executive officer of Sagamore News Media, the company that owns The Noblesville Times. He is also a proud Noblesville High School graduate and can be contacted at [ttimmons@thetimes24-7.com](mailto:ttimmons@thetimes24-7.com).*

## Morals, Standards Gone

### A Return to Fashion



**RIX QUINN**  
Quinn Summary

All my life, I've found it hard to resist a good bargain. So the pandemic briefly

curtailed my excellent purchasing decisions.

I was always out in the stores, shopping for the latest in exercise equipment, self-help videos, or ideas to impress my supervisors.

And, I really liked clothes. At work, I usually wore nice khakis and a golf shirt that made me look semi-cool.

I shopped both in-store and online. Truth is, I wanted to look better than I actually am. I believe in that old saying, "If you don't have a good act, you better wear a good costume."

But my shopping stopped when in-office activities got cancelled temporarily. Instead, my company scheduled a series of daily video conferences.

So, I had to adjust to just looking great above the waist. I positioned my home office in a

small storage space we call Uncle Bob's Basement, because it smells like old relatives. I put a bookcase behind my chair, so viewers would think I had actually read them.

But each day at home my physical appearance descended closer to Hades. First, I quit shaving my scraggly beard. I looked like a guy who fell face-first onto grass clippings.

I started wearing sweatshirts with the sleeves cut off. I bought two pair of gray sweatpants, which I alternated every other week.

One day a cousin came for a social visit, and suddenly appeared in my basement. He said he found me by the smell.

But in the last few months, we've returned to the office. I'm showing every other day now, and my wife says I look almost normal again.

Truthfully, my socks don't match every day. But that's a style choice.

*Got a story idea for Rix? E-mail him at [rix@rixquinn.com](mailto:rix@rixquinn.com).*

### PUBLIC NOTICES

#### CITY OF FISHERS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Owner: City of Fishers, Indiana  
Director, Parks & Recreation  
8100 E 106th Street, Suite 150  
Fishers, IN 46038

Project: ROY G. HOLLAND MEMORIAL PARK – PICKLE BALL COURTS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Fishers, Hamilton County, Indiana ("Fishers") will receive sealed bids for the above-referenced Project addressed to the Director of Parks and Recreation, City of Fishers, 8100 E 106th Street, Suite 150, Fishers, Indiana 46038 until 12:00PM on or before July 22, 2022. Any Bid received after the designated time will be returned to the Bidder unopened. The Bids will be publicly opened and read by the City of Fishers at 12:00 pm on July 22, 2022 at 8100 E 106th Street, Suite 150. The Bid should be clearly marked "BID ENCLOSED Holland Park - Pickle Ball Courts" on the outside of the envelope, and as otherwise set forth in the Bid Documents.

In general, the Work shall be completed by State of Indiana certified/qualified Contractors and Subcontractors for the Project all as required by the Bid Documents which have been assembled into a bound Project Manual and generally consists of the construction of six (6) pickle ball courts and associated site work, all as further specified by the Bid Documents.

Any Bid may be withdrawn prior to the deadline for receipt of Bids, but no Bidder shall withdraw its Bid within sixty (60) days after the opening of the Bids. If a contract is awarded, it will be to the "lowest responsible and responsive bidder" in accordance with Ind. Code §36-1-12-1 et seq. The Owner, however, 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 Owner, and waive any informalities, discrepancies, omissions, variances, or irregularities in bids received in its sole discretion. The Bid Bonds and certified checks of unsuccessful bidders will be returned upon selection of the successful Bidder, execution of the Agreement, and provision of the required Performance and Payment Bonds and Certificate of Insurance.

Each Bid shall be accompanied by bid security in the form of a Bid Bond as provided in the Project Manual in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total Bid amount, including alternates with a satisfactory corporate surety qualified to do business in the State of Indiana or by a certified check made payable to Fishers, on a solvent bank in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the amount of the total Bid including alternates. The Bid Bond or certified check shall be security that the successful Bidder will, within ten (10) calendar days or such other time specified by Owner from the acceptance of the Bid, execute the Agreement and provide the required Payment and Performance Bonds, included in the Project Manual and Certificate of Insurance.

A Performance Bond with good and sufficient surety as required by the Owner on the Form provided in the Project Manual, shall be required of the successful Bidder in an amount equal to at least one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Sum, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the Agreement. The surety of the Performance Bond may not be released until one (1) year after the Owner's final settlement with the Contractor.

The Contractor shall provide a Payment Bond with a good and sufficient surety as required by the Owner on Form provided in the Project Manual, in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Sum. The Payment Bond is binding on the Contractor, its subcontractors, 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 bidder 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.  
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# Substitute All Those Invasive Species for Free Trees Courtesy of Hamilton County

The Hamilton County Invasives Partnership (HIP) and Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) want to help you replace your invasive landscape vegetation with native species that support a diverse, healthy environment. Via a trade in program, Hamilton County property owners can show proof of removal of an invasive species on their Hamilton County property and receive up to three, three-gallon native trees or shrubs for free.



Over 80% of invasive species growing in Indiana are thought to have come from the landscape trade. Many popular landscape trees and shrubs such as callery pear species and burning bush easily escape landscape cultivation and take over nearby right of ways, roadsides, and natural areas. These infestations cause erosion,

animal habitat degradation, and loss of important native plant species. While many property owners may not see their specimen spreading, birds delight in the high sugar berries of invasives like Asian bush honeysuckle and burning bush then deposit the seeds in natural areas as they fly.

To encourage homeowners to remove these species from their properties, the SWCD is offering a trade in program. Successful applicants will be able to choose from the over

thirty-five native tree and shrub species available in the SWCD's fall native tree sale.

Landscape plantings of callery pear species, burning bush, Japanese barberry, and Norway Maple are the preferred species for removal but you can apply when removing other invasive species listed on the Official Indiana Invasive Species Council Invasive Plant List. Trades are limited to one per address.

Learn more and apply at [www.hcinvasives.org](http://www.hcinvasives.org)

## Business News

### Former Mayor Candidate Julia Church Kozicki Joins CCHA



Julia Church Kozicki

Julia Kozicki, a former Noblesville mayor candidate, has joined the law firm of Church Church Hittle and Antrim.

Kozicki will work in the firm's Business Services and School + Education Law practice sections.

She has served as general counsel for Sigma Kappa Sorority at the national headquarters in Carmel since 2002, prior to which she clerked for U.S. District Judge Allen Sharp. She was elected to the Noblesville Schools Board of School Trustees in May 2006 and re-elected in May 2010 and November 2014, and her board tenure of more than twelve years is the second longest in board history.

Kozicki was named one of 25 Noble Millers for the Noblesville Schools 150th Anniversary, served as the Region 5 director for the Indiana School Board Association, and continues to serve on the board of the Noblesville Schools Education Foundation. She is a graduate, past dean and past board president of the Hamilton County Leadership Academy, is currently on the board of directors for Conner Prairie Museum, and is the 1st Vice District Governor for Lions Clubs International District 25D.

"Julia is a wonderful addition to the firm," says CCHA's Managing Partner, Alexander Pinegar. "Her professional background, working for a federal judge and for a national women's organization, brings a breadth of experience. Moreover, she is deeply-involved with the communities

we serve, which will only complement her opportunities to serve clients throughout the state."

Kozicki is a Noblesville native. She obtained her bachelor's degree from Indiana University, before earning her J.D. at Loyola University Chicago School of Law. She is a member of the Indiana State Bar Association, where she served as past section chair, as well as the Hamilton County Bar Association.

"CCHA has been serving Hoosiers for over 140 years," says Kozicki. "I'm humbled and honored to join this practice of outstanding attorneys."

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## Business News

### Centier Bank Welcomes Nick Jefferis to Carmel Location Mortgage Team



Michael E. Schrage, Chairman and CEO of Centier Bank, has announced Nick Jefferis as a Mortgage Loan Officer, located at 244 E. Carmel Dr.

Jefferis joined Centier in June 2022, after working in various financial guidance roles in the banking industry. He will be working with clients on credit counseling, referrals, loan applications and construction lending.

"I want to help clients find the best mortgage solutions to fit their needs," Jefferis said. "I look forward to strengthening relationships and being known as a trusted advisor who can answer any questions that arise."

Dave Miller, Mortgage Production Manager at Centier Bank, said Jefferis' knowledge and expertise in mortgage lending is what makes him a helpful guide through the homebuying process.

"Nick's excellent customer service skills along with being a true mortgage expert will enable him to serve our customers with the best advice and support," Miller said.

Jefferis is certified in



Nick Jefferis

IBA Consumer Lending and is a Certified Credit Union Financial Counselor. He resides in Fishers with his wife, Amanda, and their daughters.

Centier Bank is Indiana's largest private, family-owned bank, having served hometown banking

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Centier Bank has ranked on Forbes' list of Best-in-State-Banks annually from 2019-2022. Additionally, Centier Bank has been among the top "Best Places to Work in Indiana" by the Indiana Chamber of Commerce and received national attention by American Banker magazine as the Top Best Bank to Work For in Indiana and #2 in the U.S.A. For more information on Centier products and services, visit [centier.com](http://centier.com).

### Russ Dellen Memorial Ride Rolling Toward Final Year

The Russ Dellen Memorial Ride is back for one last lap on July 23. The annual motorcycle ride, presented by Harley-Davidson of Indianapolis, will take riders for an IMPD-escorted loop around I-465.

The event will begin at 10 a.m. at HD of Indy, located at 12400 Reynolds Drive in Fishers, and the ride will depart at 12:30 p.m. Once back at HD of Indy, riders can enjoy lunch provided by Texas Roadhouse, live music from American Fools Band-A Tribute to John Cougar Mellencamp, and beer and wine for purchase.

The event will also include a raffle for a chance at a 3-day pass to the Buffalo Chip concert series during the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally in Sturgis, SD starting August 5. One raffle ticket is included in each bike registration, and additional tickets are available for purchase, with a maximum of 600 tickets sold. Participants must be present to win, but participants do NOT have to be registered riders. The event will also include a silent auction with a broad range of items from generous sponsors including Ambre, The Drive, Parts Unlimited,

and many more.

All proceeds will benefit The Patachou Foundation, a local nonprofit organization that prepares and serves healthy meals to children impacted by poverty and hunger and increases their awareness, connection and excitement about food. This is the third year HDI has partnered with The Patachou Foundation.

"My family has spent generations in Central Indiana, and takes great pride in giving back to the community that has given so much to us," said David Dellen, co-owner of Harley-Davidson of Indianapolis. "We're also grateful for the support of IMPD in providing us with a safe, escorted ride."

Tickets are available at HD of Indy or online for \$25 each or two for \$40 through July 22. On ride day, tickets will be available onsite for \$30, or two for \$50. Each ticket includes a Russ Dellen Memorial Ride tee-shirt, complimentary lunch, and a raffle ticket.

This will be the final year for the ride, which began in 2009. It was known as the Loop for Life until 2009, when the name was changed to honor the late Russ Dellen, founder of HD



of Indy, among other automotive groups, and organizer of the ride.

While this is the last year for the ride, Dellen's impact will continue next year in the form of a community-focused event to be held at HD of Indy.

"The Dellen family feels passionately about continuing to both serve the community and honor my father's legacy," said David Dellen. "Converting to a community event will allow even those without a bike to safely participate, broadening our impact for those in need."

For more information and event updates, visit [www.facebook.com/hdofindy](http://www.facebook.com/hdofindy) or follow on Instagram @hdofindy.

Since 1978, Harley-Davidson of Indianapolis has been the premier authorized dealer of both new and pre-owned bikes serving the Indianapolis Metropolitan area. Family owned and operated since its founding, HD

of Indy boasts the largest selection of MotorClothes in the state, plus a service department with over 100 years combined service. The dedicated staff at HD of Indy strive to give each individual an unrivaled experience, while offering a family environment for all who walk through their doors. Learn more at [www.hdofindy.com](http://www.hdofindy.com).

The Patachou Foundation seeks to cultivate an equitable future for youth by amplifying the value and power of food. Through a radically different and radically better hunger relief model - one that addresses both immediate needs and root causes - The Patachou Foundation serves more than 75,000 scratch-made meals to children in need annually, and each menu is planned with children's voices at the center. The Foundation, which was established in 2013, also educates youth about cooking skills, food literacy, and healthy habits; empowers teens through a paid workforce development program; and equips schools to create community-centered, sustainable solutions to school food. Learn more at [www.thepatachoufoundation.org](http://www.thepatachoufoundation.org).

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**A Place in Time featuring Kenyetta Dance Company was one of the winning proposals in the 2021-22 inaugural round of New Works commissions at the Center for the Performing Arts**

# Apply Now for New Works Program at the Center for the Performing Arts



Indiana-based artists and organizations are invited to submit proposals for New Works, an annual commission program now in its second year at the Center for the Performing Arts.

Three winning proposals will receive \$2,500 each in funding, along with rehearsal time and technical support, to premiere their works onstage during a special public event at the Center's Palladium concert hall on June 10, 2023.

New Works is an initiative by the Center for the Performing Arts to promote and sustain local artists and arts communities in an inclusive way by supporting the creation of new works across all performing arts disciplines, including but not limited to music, theater and dance.

The core theme of the proposed works must align with one or more of the Center's organizational Core Values: Integrity, Excellence, Innovation, Collaboration and Inclusion. Artists of color, indigenous artists, artists in the LGBTQ+ community, artists with disabilities, and women artists are strongly encouraged to apply. There is no application fee.

The application deadline is Sept. 13. Awards will be announced in Jan. 2023. Further details and application instructions are available at [TheCenterPresents.org/NewWorks](http://TheCenterPresents.org/NewWorks). Questions can be emailed to [NewWorks@TheCenterPresents.org](mailto:NewWorks@TheCenterPresents.org).

In its inaugural 2021-2022 season, New Works supported the development of three performance works: Fly High, a music and choreography piece by Monika Herzig and Zackary Herzig with Peter Kienle; A Place in Time, a contemporary ballet piece by Nicholas A. Owens and Lalah Ayan Hazelwood with Kenyetta Dance Company; and "Women's Work," a short play by Callie Burk-Hartz and Alicia LaMagdeleine with Betty Rage Productions. Video of the performances, which premiered June 4 at the Center's Tarkington theater, is viewable on the Center's YouTube channel.

The mission of the nonprofit Center for the Performing Arts is to engage and inspire the Central Indiana community through enriching arts experiences. Its campus in Carmel, Indiana, includes the 1,500-seat Palladium concert hall, the 500-seat Tarkington proscenium theater and the black-box Studio Theater. The Center presents and hosts hundreds of events each year, including the Center Presents performance series, featuring the best in classical, jazz, pop, rock, country, comedy and other genres. Educational and experiential programming for all ages includes children's concerts and camps, book clubs, lectures, and classes in music and dance. The Center is home to the affiliated Great American Songbook Foundation and provides space and support services for six resident arts companies. More information is available at [TheCenterPresents.org](http://TheCenterPresents.org).

# Carmel Development Receives Special Mention in Prestigious Urban Land Institute Awards Program

Monon Boulevard and Midtown Plaza was just recognized by the Urban Land Institute as a special mention in the Americas Awards for Excellence -- one of the most prestigious awards programs in real estate.

The projects -- which must be financially viable and in operation -- were evaluated across an array of factors including design, amenities, economic impact, community engagement, and sustainability.

According to the Americas Awards for Excellence nominations, Monon Bou-

levard & Midtown Plaza is a bold example of strategic investment in visionary public space as a catalyst for economic development, public engagement, civic pride, celebrations, artistic expression and personal and environmental wellbeing.

As part of the 2012 Midtown Master Plan, Monon Boulevard expands the former "rails-to-trails" Monon Greenway project into a complete street, providing accessibility and multi-modal transportation options through dedicated sidewalks, high speed

and local bike lanes, and roadway. Often referred to as Carmel's "beachfront property," Monon Boulevard is the backbone of Carmel spurring the rebirth of a formerly abandoned industrial corridor into the thriving Midtown redevelopment area. Providing a local connection from Carmel's Art & Design District to City Center and bikeable connection to neighboring Indianapolis, Westfield, and Sheridan, the district now hosts a diverse mix of residents, workers, and visitors with opportunities

to engage with the community in meaningful and accessible ways.

Midtown Plaza, the largest recreation area integrated into the project, has become the "backyard" for the many apartment dwellers and workers in the district and a popular destination for more remote Carmel residents and visitors. Carmel provided 124 events in 2021, from Movies at Midtown and lunchtime concerts to the International Arts Festival, Holiday Trolley rides, and talent competitions open to people of all ages.

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# Indiana Department of Education Analysis of Covid Academic Recovery, Assessment Results

The Indiana Department of Education yesterday presented updated findings from a study on COVID-19's academic impact on student learning. The results showed that while learning is stabilizing or recovering for many Indiana students, innovative and collaborative accelerated learning activities must be implemented to increase academic momentum for all Hoosier students.

"Today we're seeing the positive collective impact we can have when educators, communities and families come together to support our students' learning," said Dr. Katie Jenner, Indiana Secretary of Education. "Foundational learning in English/language arts and math is stabilizing or recovering for most of our students, and Indiana's educators and students should be proud of this progress. At the same time, we must continue to aggressively pursue innovative solutions to best support all of our students, especially our students who are still overcoming the challenges posed by the pandemic, as well as students who were underperforming prior to the pandemic."

Indiana has partnered with the National Center for Assessment for the last two years to measure academic impact from pandemic-related learning disruptions. While students have attended school in person full time during the last two years, this study analyzes student assessment data and categorizes the speed of students' academic improvement into three impact levels: recovering, stabilizing and declining.

Learning is recovering for many students in math,

following a significant academic impact in math observed following the 2020-2021 school year. For these students, the speed of their recovery is the strongest, outpacing a year's worth of learning. This pace of learning may allow students to attain the level of learning they would have reached without pandemic-related learning disruptions.

Learning is stabilizing for many early grade students in English/language arts, following a moderate to significant academic impact in English/language arts observed in the 2020-2021 school year. For these students, they are rebounding from learning disruptions related to the pandemic. However, additional support is needed in order for these students to reach recovery and attain learning they would have reached without pandemic-related learning disruptions.

Learning is declining for a smaller number of students in both English/language arts and math. For these students, learning is stalled or deteriorating and they continue to experience additional academic impacts slowing their progress. Intensive support is needed for these students to recover to the level of learning they would have achieved without pandemic-related learning disruptions.

This year's analysis also shows some student populations have not stabilized or recovered at the pace of other student populations in English/language arts, including English learners and Hispanic students, and will need additional support to accelerate learning. Without meaningful intervention, significant gaps may continue to persist



compared to the general student population.

The study includes an analysis of multiple assessment data points, including statewide results from the spring 2022 Indiana Learning Evaluation and Readiness Network (ILEARN) assessment. ILEARN, which meets state and federal assessment requirements, was previously administered in 2019 and in 2021. It assesses proficiency in content standards in English/language arts and math in grades three through eight, science in grades four and six, social studies in grade five, and U.S. Government and biology in high school. Each state conducts its own annual assessment, and ILEARN is an Indiana-specific assessment. Therefore, ILEARN results cannot be compared to results from other states.

This year, more than 99% of students in these grades statewide participated in this year's ILEARN assessment, which were all conducted in person. The results show that most grade levels and student populations increased their proficiency rates in English/language arts and math by one to four percentage points compared to 2021. Statewide, 41.2% of Indiana's students are at or above proficiency standards in English/language arts, and 39.4% of students are at or above proficiency standards in math. This means that Indiana's rate of student learning is increasing, but that many

students have not caught up to where their learning should be today.

Full ILEARN results, as well as results from other assessments, are available online at <https://www.in.gov/doe/it/data-center-and-reports/>. Results from this year's assessment and the academic impact study show the following areas of success -

- Students are either stabilizing or recovering in math across grade levels, with proficiency rates in math from 2021 to 2022 increasing by two to four percentage points.

- Students in early grades are either stabilizing or recovering in English/language arts, with proficiency rates in English/language arts from 2021 to 2022 increasing by one to two percentage points.

- Special education students are stabilizing or recovering in math with a 1.6 percentage point increase in math proficiency rates.

- Proficiency rates in English/language arts and math are gradually increasing for Indiana's racially and ethnically diverse students.

- o Black students outpaced White students in English/language arts proficiency rate increases, with Black students' English/language arts proficiency up 1.7 percentage points compared to 2021.

- o American Indian, Black, Hispanic, Multi-racial and White students all gained 2.5 percentage points in math proficiency rates.

- Students receiving free or reduced price meals had an increase in English/language arts proficiency rates of 1.1 percentage points and an increase in math proficiency rates of 2.6 percentage points.

Results from this year's assessment and the academic impact study show the following areas in need of improvement -

- Learning outcomes are declining for Indiana's lowest performing students. They are not demonstrating improvement, either by stabilizing or recovering.

- Despite English learners experiencing a 2.2 percentage point increase in English/language arts proficiency rates and a 2.9 percentage point increase in math proficiency rates, their proficiency rates remain significantly below their grade level peers and their academic growth is not at the pace of other student populations. Therefore, English learner students have a lower rate of recovery in English/language arts, especially in middle grades, compared to their peers.

Academic recovery will require multiple years of accelerated learning to make sure that every Indiana student has the opportunity to achieve success, and every student will require different levels and types of support to get back on track. While many Indiana students are experiencing learning growth, educators, communities and families must continue to come together to work to accelerate learning for all of Indiana's students.

"To positively change outcomes for our students, we must act with urgency to chart an innovative path to academic recovery,"

said Jenner. "Pre-pandemic education models must be reimaged to meet our students where they are and propel them toward success. Together with our legislative, community, family, and educator partners, we must double-down to bring everyone to the table to implement new, intentional and focused solutions that provide additional support for our students."

To boost this important work, Indiana Department of Education is leading innovative initiatives to support schools, educators and students, including the launch of -

- A more than \$150 million state-funded grant program to help schools and community partners support accelerated learning for students through summer and before-, after-school programming;

- The Indiana Graduates Prepared to Succeed performance dashboard (beginning fall 2022);

- An initiative to provide extra support to schools in literacy and science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) instruction through a focus on instructional coaching for educators;

- Parent microgrants for high-impact tutoring (beginning fall 2022);

- The Indiana Learning Lab to provide educators and families with expanded online resources, including in literacy, STEM, digital, special education, and English learner instruction;

- A first-of-its-kind partnership with Get Your Teach On, providing educators with interactive professional development and support; and,

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# IWU Renames Pre-med Program to Pre-Health Care Sciences Program

Indiana Wesleyan University has renamed its Pre-med Program, which will now be known as the Pre-Health Care Sciences (Non-Nursing) Program. The new name reflects a more accurate description of all that the program offers to IWU students, including 12 unique concentration paths.

"The old name was somewhat of a misnomer in that in addition to preparing students for medical school entrance, our program prepares students for eleven other kinds of health care professions schools," said Dr. Daniel Jones, professor of Biology at IWU.

The 12 concentration paths within the Pre-Health Care Sciences Program include:

- Pre-athletic training
- Pre-chiropractic medicine
- Pre-dentistry
- Pre-medicine (DO, DPM, MD)
- Pre-occupational therapy
- Pre-optometry
- Pre-pharmacy
- Pre-physical therapy
- Pre-physician assistant
- Pre-public health
- Pre-speech pathology/audiology
- Pre-veterinary medicine

Concentrations, which can be combined with any major, are housed within the Health and Human Performance as well as the Natural Sciences Divisions.

While the program's name may be new, the curriculum has remained committed to preparing students for their future. All students in the Pre-Health Care Sciences Program take a common core of courses. In addition, they complete a set of specialized courses for their chosen concentration—reflecting the unique requirements of preparation for and practice of the corresponding profession.



Plus, each concentration has been verified to reflect the current pre-requisites outlined by each profession's accrediting organization.

"IWU's Pre-Health Care Sciences Program ends the 'one-size-fits-all' approach to health care professions school preparation," said Jones. "Students can choose a tailored concentration for their path. And, since these concentrations prepare students for related professions, there is some flexibility for students to change concentration as they modify their career goals during college."

Alumni from the program have gone on to become successful doctors, dentists, pharmacists, occupational therapists, optometrists, veterinarians, speech pathologists, physician assistants, and more.

"IWU not only gave me the educational platform I needed to be successful in medical school but also connected me with mentors, research, community outreach, and volunteer opportunities that strengthened my dedication to serve underserved populations," said Dr. Kayla Thomas, a 2017 IWU alum who is an internist and pediatrician at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Illinois. "I'm very grateful for my time at IWU and every professor and mentor that helped shaped the doctor I am today."

To learn more about IWU's Pre-Health Care Sciences Program, visit [www.indwes.edu/undergraduate/division-of-natural-sciences/bs-pre-medi-](http://www.indwes.edu/undergraduate/division-of-natural-sciences/bs-pre-medi-)

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For more information, visit [indwes.edu](http://indwes.edu).

## News Briefs

### July 22 Will Be Indiana's Most 'Perfect Day of the Year', According to Historical Weather Data

There's something about life that just feels inexplicably perfect when it's a sunny, blue-skied day out – especially when you're on vacation with a new place to explore. Science suggests that your body feels less stressed without the need to thermoregulate itself in unnaturally heated or airconditioned climates. And of course, when the weather is good, we're more likely to spend more time outdoors, which is a natural mood-enhancer. If you're wondering what temperature is best for your body during summer, a thermostat setting of 78 degrees Fahrenheit is widely considered to be the most ideal.

FamilyDestinations-Guide.com conducted an analysis of weather data

across the country to pinpoint the exact day each state can expect to experience the most perfect day of the year. This was based on the following factors:

- date with the most predicted sunshine;
- date with the best temperature;
- the longest day of the year.

In Indiana, the most perfect day will be on July 22 this year. This date is an average of the following data: the date with the most predicted sunshine - July 2; the date with the best temperature - Sept. 11; and finally, the longest day of the year - June 21.

However, different locations will experience their most perfect days on different dates. In

Arizona, for example, the most perfect day will happen a little later in the year: Aug. 4. Similarly, Hawaii will experience its most ideal day in August – more specifically, Aug. 24.

FamilyDestinations-Guide.com has created an interactive map (click on 'embed' to host on your site), so that readers can see when each location in America will experience its most perfect day of 2022.

"No one wants a vacation spoiled by rain and gloomy skies!" says Rose Ackermann of FamilyDestinationsGuide.com. "We hope our research gives people across the country the best chance of getting great weather when going on their vacations."

## Indiana DWD Receives \$3.9M Grant to Expand Apprenticeship Programs



The Indiana Department of Workforce Development recently received \$3,907,725 in grant funding through the U.S. Department of Labor's Apprenticeship Building America program. The money will expand Registered Apprenticeship Programs in the state.

"Data show apprenticeships and work-based learning opportunities lead to more career options, more engaged and happier employees, and provide benefits to both the student and the employer," said DWD Interim Commissioner Josh Richardson. "This grant funding will enable DWD to diversify and enhance Indiana's current apprenticeship options in Hoosier communities."

DWD was awarded funding for state apprenticeship system building and modernization. The

department will partner with regional WorkOne locations to incentivize and expand apprenticeships, including State Earn and Learn programs. SEALs are certified through the Office of Work-Based Learning and Apprenticeship, housed within DWD. SEALs are structured, but flexible, programs that include an education component, an on-the-job training component, industry certifications and college credit. SEALs are also used as high-quality, pre-apprenticeship programs for Registered Apprenticeships in both the youth and adult spaces.

The Apprenticeship Building America grant program is designed to expand and modernize Registered Apprenticeship by increasing the number of programs and apprentices, diversifying the industries that use Registered Apprenticeship and improving the access to and performance of Registered Apprenticeship Programs for underrepresented and underserved communities.

"The ABA grant will allow Indiana to continue the important work of scaling

these programs through its statewide system of intermediaries - the Regional Workforce Boards," said DWD's Executive Director of the Office of Workforce Solutions and Engagement. "Helping to ensure alignment of needs and resources, with a focus on skills and credentials that employers value, should provide a significant gain in efficiencies and effectiveness across all regions in the state."

Indiana DWD was one of 30 recipients of the Apprenticeship Building America grant program that will incorporate cross-cutting principles to ensure access to quality Registered Apprenticeship Programs including equity, job quality, sustainability, evidence-based approaches and new opportunities for innovation, engagement and ease of access.

Additionally, Ivy Tech Community College received \$4,736,976 in ABA funding. As a Registered Apprenticeship Hub, Ivy Tech will facilitate the establishment, scaling and expansion of Registered Apprenticeship Programs in new and fast-growing industries and occupations.

## Arts Commission, Department of Education Partner to Provide Professional Development to 80 Classroom Educators, Teaching Artists

The Indiana Arts Commission (IAC) announced yesterday that 80 classroom educators and teaching artists will participate in the Arts Integration Learning Labs professional development opportunities this week. The Learning Labs, developed via a partnership between the Indiana Arts Commission and the Indiana Department of Education, are designed to empower classroom educators and teaching artists to partner together on meaningful arts integration experiences for their students. Arts integration is the work

of skillfully combining arts learning with other learning goals.

The two Arts Integration Learning Lab full-day trainings will occur on July 13 at the Cornerstone Center for the Arts in Muncie and July 15 at the Thyen-Clark Cultural Center in Jasper. The Muncie Arts and Culture Council and Jasper Community Arts will serve as local partners for the trainings. Classroom educators from 20 school districts and artists from 21 different counties will be participating. The Learning Labs follow

the Partnering Arts, Communities, and Education (PACE) program, a research program conducted by the IAC from 2015 to 2021, which explored the impact of a long-term artist residency in elementary classrooms. Research findings from the PACE program demonstrated clear growth and a positive impact on the learning outcomes and engagement of young people involved in the program. The Arts Integration Learning Labs will utilize the learnings from the PACE program to expand educators' and artists'



tools in creative teaching strategies. Following the Learning Labs, educators will be eligible to apply for up to \$3,000 in fellowship funding to put their learning into practice in their own classrooms. "As shown by the PACE

research, arts education is a key element in student learning and engagement," said Miah Michaelsen, IAC Executive Director. "These Learning Labs and the subsequent fellowships will provide the training, networking, and funding to spread this work around the state to the benefit of Hoosier students." Learn more about the program and the participating classroom educators and teaching artists by visiting <https://www.in.gov/arts/programs-and-services/training/arts-integration-learning-labs/>.

## Meeting Notice

### Hamilton County Election Board

The Hamilton County Election Board will convene a public meeting at 11 a.m. on July 25, 2022, in the Conference Room of the Hamilton County Clerk's Office at the Hamilton County Judicial Center. The address is One Hamilton County Square, Suite 106, Noblesville, Indiana 46060.

The purpose of the meeting is to accept a request for a referendum question from the Westfield Washington School Corporation for the 2022 General Election Ballot.



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this year's Fair started the day after last year's Fair. "Sometimes we'll repair damage to equipment from the Fair."

Everything for the fair, from tractors to picnic tables and poster racks to animal pens, are stored in the Sheep Barn at the Fairgrounds. Then everything has to be taken out of the barn for the Fair a couple of weeks in advance. Charlton calls the Fire Department every year to wash out the barns. Last Saturday was 4-H Fair Work Day, when 4-H Junior Leaders and other volunteers helped clean up the Fairgrounds to get ready for the Fair. They put all of the goat pens in the Goat Barns, the sheep pens in the Sheep Barn. Tuesday, a tent company was putting tent stakes in the ground to hold the tents being installed, including the Commercial Tent.

All of the livestock pens, water hoses and washing stations, and big electric fans, were set up for the arrival of livestock on Wednesday. Charlton's staff checks lights and electricity to make sure everything is ready and

working. Charlton said they'll try to keep guests cool, too, with misting fans set up.

While Charlton isn't involved in setting up the Llama Barn, which was being set up on Tuesday night, he said the building and ground employees had to go in and move the mulch that was used in the Llama Barn for the Dog Obedience Contest on Monday. A big chore, he admitted. "It is tedious, yes," he said.

What else? "Today, we've been hanging banners, hanging signs, moving picnic tables," he said.

As COVID trends down, he expects more Fair guests, so they put out more trash cans, up to 80 trash cans, which are put out on the grounds.

He said the livestock pens they don't use after animals arrive will be picked up and put away.

"Once the Fair starts, it's easier for us, because it's more prep work for us to get everything ready. By the time the Fair starts, we're here in case the waterline breaks or somebody breaks a toilet..." His team is cleaning every

day, replacing toilet paper, and emptying trash cans inside and outside the buildings. He answers all kinds of calls for needs on the grounds.

Charlton was born in Pennsylvania and raised in Madison County, Indiana, where he graduated from Pendleton Heights High School and still lives in the area, near Ingalls, with his wife, Debbie, and son, Tony, a 4-H'er. He also has two grown sons, Scott, 35, and Joe, 30.

He came to the 4-H Grounds more than 25 years ago. "Before the county took the 4-H over, the 4-H would hire their own trash crew, and I would take a vacation from my other job (a lumber yard or Town of Fishers), and come here and work for a week and do the trash," he said. Then the employee who Charlton worked for at the Fairgrounds became the supervisor, he asked Charlton to come on full time.

In the past 25 years, the Fair "has definitely gotten bigger." There is more prep work because there are more 4-H projects. His staff of three other

employees annually grows with the addition of five to 10 county employees who help, as night custodians, just during the Fair.

"It's just a lot of prep work, when the Fair is over," Charlton said. "It all gets unloaded in about three days." Once the Fair is done on Tuesday, after the auction is over, pens, tractors, water hoses and more go back to the Sheep Barn. "We'll have rentals in this building at the end of that week," he said. "On a good year ... we average 3.5 rentals a day every day of the year. It keeps us busy."

Charlton didn't complain about his job because he loves working at the 4-H Fairgrounds, and he loves the 4-H Fair.

His favorite activity at the Fair? "I've got one kid who still shows, so probably the pig show or the chicken show," Charlton said. His son, Tony, is a nine-year 4-H'er and shows Swine and Poultry at the county 4-H Fair.

And his favorite food at the Fair? "The tenderloins," he said.

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**PRIMEVAL** From Page A1

said Nathan Compton, who, along with Tim Palmer, are co-owners of Primeval.

During the 1890s, the company that owned the Nickel Plate Railroad contracted with C.L. Centlivre Brewing Company of Fort Wayne to create a beer that could be served in its dining cars. Nickel Plate Beer became a popular staple and was available until about the 1950s when the brewery was sold.

Primeval will host a release party for Nickel Plate Light on Thursday, July 14, at 7 p.m. at its location in downtown Noblesville. While supplies last, 10% of taproom sales from the beer will be donated to a railroad preservation fund that NPX uses to maintain its historic equipment.

NPX also will feature multiple Primeval beers for sampling and purchase during its Ales and Rails excursions on Saturday, Aug. 13. Tickets can be purchased at [nickelpateexpress.com](http://nickelpateexpress.com).

"Thanks to our partnership with Primeval, the Nickel Plate name is brewing once again

and resurrecting a bit of Hoosier history," said Emily Reynolds, director of NPX. "Visiting Primeval's taproom or riding the Nickel Plate Express are great ways to support local business and contribute to our preservation work so we can continue to operate and provide an enjoyable amenity right here in Hamilton County."

Founded in 2017 by the Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad, a nonprofit organization, the Nickel Plate Express operates historic trains from Hobbs Station at Forest Park Depot in Noblesville with excursions through Cicero, Arcadia and Atlanta, Ind. on 12.5 miles of track owned by the Hoosier Heritage Port Authority. For more information, visit [nickelpateexpress.org](http://nickelpateexpress.org).

Primeval Brewing opened its family-friendly taproom in 2019 in historic downtown Noblesville as the dream of award-winning brewers Nathan Compton and Tim Palmer. Primeval features European-style beers along with food, wine, liquor and live entertainment. For more information, visit [primevalbrewing.com](http://primevalbrewing.com).

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## Did You Know?

- Knox County was formed in 1790 and was Indiana's first organized county.
- Knox County was one of the original counties of the Northwest Territory and was created prior to the formation of the Indiana Territory. When it was created, Knox County extended to Canada and encompassed all or part of the present states of Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, and Ohio.
- The population in 2010 was 38,440 with 18,423 residing in the county seat, Vincennes
- According to the 2010 census, the county has a total area of 524.04 sq mi square miles

## Got Words?

As Indiana's first county, what cultural impacts do you think this location played in the development of further counties and cities within Indiana

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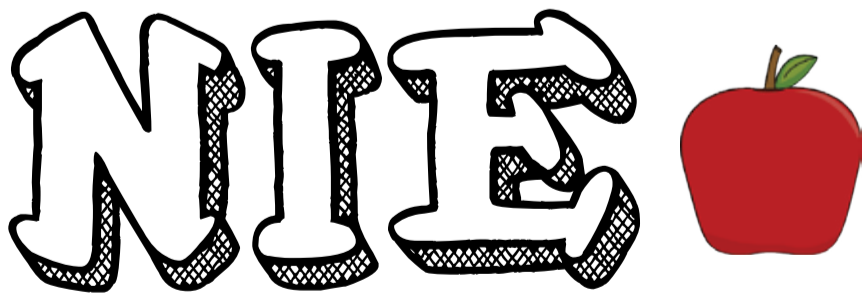
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### Tapping Into National Trend to Live, Work, Play, Retire in or Near University Community

Discovery Park District at Purdue is a testament to the adage, "If you build it, they will come."

And that's for families, young professionals and retirees excited about living near a university community, the vibrancy of its culture — and West Lafayette's No. 8 ranking of the Best College Towns & Cities in America. In compiling its 2022 list, WalletHub gauged 415 communities across three key areas: wallet friendliness, social environment, and academic and economic opportunities.

Anchoring the district's residential effort is Provenance, led by developer Old Town Design Group of Carmel, Indiana. Provenance is seeing strong activity and interest across its offerings of single-family homes, apartments and condominiums:

- Of the 56 single-family homes planned in the first phase, 18 are sold, a pace well ahead of projections.

- Of 12 townhomes in the first phase — three each in the four planned buildings in phase one — four units have already been sold.

- All 125 apartments in the first phase are 100% leased.

Additionally, the \$86 million, 830-bed Aspire at Discovery Park District, a four-building apartment project that opened in 2019, is fully leased. Purdue trustees

announced plans this month to purchase the property from developer Balfour Beatty-Walsh Housing LLC. Purdue Research Foundation is scheduled to complete the purchase, before transferring the property to Purdue for folding it into its residence halls system. University ownership will require state approval.

Continuum, a three-acre, mixed-use apartment and commercial development just west of Convergence, began leasing its 246 luxury one- and two-bedroom apartments as well as 15,000 square feet of street-level commercial space in early 2022. The developer is J.C. Hart Co. of Carmel.

Future plans for Provenance include another 125 apartments and approximately 200 more single-family attached and detached homes. Plans also include possible senior housing for retirees as well as a community center, fitness center, restaurants and retail, a centralized greenspace and community gardens.

Source, a 57-unit condo complex slated for a corner of Squirrel Park, is currently planned to be completed in 2024 with one-, two- and three-bedroom condos for alumni who now want a place near campus for football weekends and other Purdue events.

Purdue's deep ties to Sonny Beck, chief executive of Beck's Hybrids — a family-owned

seed company serving the Midwest for over 80 years — have planted the seed for a novel addition to the district and the Source project. Beck is a Purdue alum and current member of the university's board of trustees.

The Beck family donated a 1938 horse barn that will be repurposed as an event venue and possible restaurant at State Street and Airport Road. The family also made a generous donation to help with costs to dismantle, move and reassemble the historic barn, which is 72 feet by 142 feet and stands 45 feet tall. Uniquely blending that live-work-play concept, the university launched Work From Purdue, an innovative program that incentivizes remote workers to move to the district. Purdue, consistently ranked in the top 10 most innovative colleges in the nation, is the only university to engineer such a future-focused, live-and-work lifestyle for people working remotely.

As demand for housing in the live-work-play community is being met, market demand for amenities such as restaurants, retailing and medical services also grows.

Ascension St. Vincent on May 6 announced it will build a microhospital in the district, featuring eight inpatient beds, eight ER treatment rooms, CT imaging, an ambulatory surgery center, and other health care services. With

site construction beginning this year at U.S. 231 and Airport Road, the microhospital for the first time puts inpatient and emergency room care within the city of West Lafayette.

Going forward, another key driver for residential and commercial development within the district is the Purdue University Airport. Opened in November 1930 as the nation's first university-owned airport, it encompasses 537 acres divided into airside and landside facilities.

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=cGjJ4gXTF9M>

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

- Tech Showcase (all presentations): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Z2gipCAb4g>

### 11 Hoosier Food Banks Will Receive \$1 Million In State Funding

Lieutenant Governor of Indiana Suzanne Crouch and the Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) announced this week that 11 Indiana food banks will receive a combined total of \$1 million to support their efforts in feeding Hoosiers in need.

"This funding provided by the Indiana General Assembly will go far in assisting Hoosiers with food and other basic necessities," said Lt. Gov. Crouch, who also serves as the Indiana Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. "Food banks and pantries are vital in their communities around the state, and they cannot do their work without adequate funding and volunteers. I am proud to support their efforts in making Hoosier families and seniors more food secure."

According to Feeding Indiana's Hungry, while the long lines outside of food banks and food pantries may not have been as noticeable in 2021 as the year before, nearly 1 in 6 Americans received food assistance from the charitable sector last year.

"Our member food banks continue to see clients in numbers well above 2019 levels. New and pressing challenges — including war abroad and inflation and higher costs of food, gas and other necessities — are impacting the ability of individuals and families, especially with lower incomes, to make ends meet. For any Hoosier to be unsure from where their next meal will come is unacceptable," said Emily Bryant, executive director of Feeding Indiana's Hungry. "We're grateful for the support of the General Assembly, Lt. Gov. Crouch and the Indiana State Department of Agriculture for providing additional support to our members to enable them to increase their capacity and ability to serve their communities."

ISDA Director Bruce Kettler is hopeful this increased funding will go a long way in supporting these organizations.

"I am proud that this vital funding flows from the General Assembly through our department to assist these food banks in providing food and nutritional assistance to those who need it most," said Kettler.

The funding was provided by the Indiana Legislature, as part of its biennial budget. The distribution amounts were determined using The Emergency Food Assis-



Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch

tance Program (TFAP) fair share percentages for Indiana, which captures poverty and unemployment levels in each county.

"As the COVID-19 emergency came under control in terms of food insecurity, another took its place. Soaring food, fuel and housing prices are affecting many Hoosier families," said Victor Garcia, CEO of the Food Bank of Northwest Indiana. "Our neighbors know they can turn to the emergency food assistance programs provided by the Food Bank of Northwest Indiana. Simply put, support from our partners at ISDA have helped our organization sustain the unprecedented number of friends and neighbors that need a helping hand."

Garcia continued, "In addition, this funding provided the financial resources needed to launch pilot projects serving Hoosier veterans, individuals experiencing homelessness and at-risk pregnant women."

The following list includes the food banks are receiving funding for fiscal year 2023:

- Community Harvest Food Bank — \$101,400
- Dare to Care Food Bank — \$37,400
- Food Bank of Northern Indiana — \$115,000
- Food Bank of Northwest Indiana — \$97,700
- Food Finders Food Bank, Inc. — \$93,900
- FreeStore Foodbank — \$9,000
- Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana, Inc. — \$318,200
- Hoosier Hills Food Bank, Inc. — \$42,600
- Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central IN, Inc. — \$77,500
- Terre Haute Catholic Charities Foodbank, Inc. — \$44,000
- Tri-State Food Bank, Inc. — \$63,300

Visit [isda.in.gov](http://isda.in.gov) to learn more about the Indiana State Department of Agriculture Department. Visit [feedingindianahungry.org](http://feedingindianahungry.org) to learn more about Feeding Indiana's Hungry.

### Applications Are Now Open For Grant To Promote College Readiness

The Indiana Commission for Higher Education, in partnership with Indiana Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate (GEAR UP) is accepting grant applications through Wednesday, July 6 for the 2022-23 Indiana GEAR UP Bridge to College Day. Bridge to College Days expose high school juniors and seniors to postsecondary opportunities and assist them in completing the necessary steps for applications, financial aid and college success.

The Indiana GEAR UP Bridge to College Day is designed to support collaborative efforts focused on the following college and career readiness priorities:

- 21st Century Scholar Success Program (SSP) completion and maintaining academic eligibility
- Parent and family engagement programming
- Financial aid and literacy information
- Understanding Indiana's colleges and universities (campus tours, admissions process,

departments/services)

- Career exploration and preparation activities

"Early exposure to college and career opportunities can make a tremendous impact on a high school student's decision regarding plans after graduation," said Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Chris Lowery. "Bridge to College Day brings together secondary and postsecondary institutions in collaboration to offer programming with the overall goal of ensuring high school students have the knowledge, support and tools they need to apply and access a post-graduation pathway that works for them."

Applicants are eligible to receive up to \$10,000 for the program, event or initiative(s) that are completed. Preference will be given to applications that focus on developing sustainable support for students and families at one or more of the 10 Indiana GEAR UP partner schools.

- Gear Up Partner Schools
- Funding for the grants



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Indiana GEAR UP is led by a collaborative team of staff from Purdue University and the Indiana Commission for Higher Education. Indiana GEAR UP will follow and provide support to a targeted cohort of students over the course of seven years (2016-23). One of the primary goals of Indiana GEAR UP is to increase the number of students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education.

About the Indiana Commission for Higher

Education

Created in 1971, the Indiana Commission for Higher Education plans, coordinates and defines Indiana's postsecondary education system to align higher learning with the needs of students and the state. The Commission also administers Indiana's financial aid programs, including the 21st Century Scholars early college promise scholarship, which celebrated 30 years in 2020. Learn more about the Commission's Reaching Higher in a State of Change strategic plan at [www.in.gov/che](http://www.in.gov/che).

### Patoka Lake Hosts Annual Star Party July 30

Patoka Lake will host its 31st annual star party on Saturday, July 30 from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Patoka Lake Nature Center and 7 p.m. to approximately 10 p.m. at the Patoka Lake Beach. There will be a number of activities to celebrate the sky.

Participants can make solar bead bracelets with an interpretive naturalist from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The beads change colors with the sun, and some glow in the dark.



Cost is \$2 per bracelet.

From 1 to 4 p.m. attendees can safely view the sun through specially filtered telescopes with help from members of the Evansville Astronomical Society (EAS). At 2 p.m., the EAS will give an informational program about the sun. At 3 p.m.

the EAS will give a talk titled Astronomy 101, which will cover the basics of how to look at planets, stars, and galaxies.

At 7 p.m. at the beach, naturalists from O'Bannon Woods State Park will give a presentation about Indiana's native snakes. At 8:30 p.m., members of the EAS and Louisville Astronomical Society will have telescopes set up to view the night sky and will help viewers find celestial objects.

The entrance fee of \$7 per vehicle for Indiana residents and \$9 for out-of-state vehicles is required for the Newton-Stewart State Recreation Area at Patoka Lake, located north of Wickliffe Indiana, Highway 164. For more information regarding this program or other interpretive events, call the Nature Center at 812-685-2447.

Patoka Lake (on [IN.gov/patokalake](http://IN.gov/patokalake)) is at 3084 N. Dillard Road, Birdseye, IN 47513.

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### Soil Conservation On An Upward Trend



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 Secretary 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."

### Rokita Asks SCOTUS To Rule On Communists

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is asking the U.S. Supreme Court to protect the constitutional liberties of Americans who have suffered persecution by the Chinese Communist Party.

"To safeguard religious liberty for all Americans, we must stand up to defend it anytime it comes under threat," Rokita said. "The Constitution protects not just the rights of the majority. Rather, it applies to all citizens equally."

At issue before the court is whether sidewalk booths used by certain religious groups to proselytize their beliefs fall within the definition of places of worship under a federal statute.

Even in America, CCP-connected groups work to disrupt and hinder religious gatherings and outreach activities — such as committing and/or threatening acts of violence against individuals praying and proselytizing on American sidewalks.

"Recognizing the booths as places of worship," Rokita said, "is consistent with America's history of protecting all manner of religious beliefs and practice."

Rokita has long said he would hold China accountable for its many abuses, including stealing U.S. intellectual property, committing human rights violations, and unleashing a deadly virus on the



Attorney General Todd Rokita

world. He has steadfastly kept that promise.

The Chinese Communist Party enforces state atheism in its own nation — punishing Christians, Uyghur Muslims and other individuals who engage in religious practices through "reeducation" camps, involuntary servitude and physical torture.

"The Chinese Communist Party remains a force for evil in the world," Rokita added, "and it brings its insidious ideologies and tactics right here to our own shores. As Indiana's attorney general, I'll keep doing everything in my power to protect Hoosiers from the CCP's schemes."

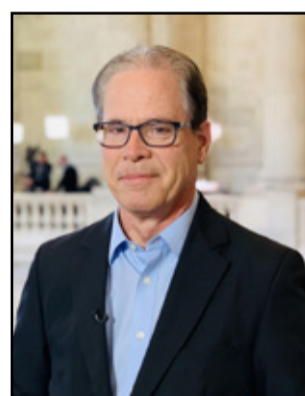
In August 2021, Rokita launched an investigation into Valparaiso University's affiliation with the CCP through its Confucius Institute, a CCP propaganda operation. Weeks later, the university announced it was terminating its relationship with the institute.

### Senator Braun, Colleagues Voice Concerns With USICA Bill, Recommend Changes

Senator Mike Braun, Senator Kevin Cramer, Senator Dan Sullivan, Senator Rick Scott, and Senator Marco Rubio sent a letter to the Senate Conference Committee members appointed to reach an agreement related to H.R. 4521, the United States Innovation and Competition Act, outlining their concerns with provisions in the bill that would strip away tools for competing with China, and proposing changes to incentivize domestic investment.

"We write to reiterate that the economic competition with China is the single most important geo-political issue facing the United States," the Senators note in their letter. "We remain deeply concerned that several provisions germane to the conference would substantially weaken the ability of the United States to combat malicious Chinese economic influence."

The Senators' primary concern is Section 73001



Senator Mike Braun

of the Senate-passed USICA bill. Section 73001 "amends the Trade Act of 1974 to create a rigid exclusion process under Section 301 which we fear would eliminate it as a tool to combat unfair and malicious Chinese trade practices."

The Senators note that President Trump relied on Section 301 to exert economic pressure on the Chinese Communist Party, arguing:

"Section 73001, if passed, would neuter these authorities by creating a statutory exclusion

process so broad that USTR would be incapable of implementing an effective strategy. The provision requires USTR to conduct a detailed analysis of each exclusion request and, for exclusions that it intends to deny, requires USTR to demonstrate both that the tariffs do not impact the internal finances of a business unit, and do not create an anticompetitive market structure. This burden is nearly impossible for USTR to meet. Any request for which USTR cannot analyze in 90-days, or provide for a 120-day extension, would be automatically granted."

Under this provision, Washington lobbyists and special interests could nearly guarantee an exclusion for any client by overwhelming USTR with exclusion requests, rendering it impossible for the agency to conduct a thorough review within the 90-day window.

Other provisions the senators note their concern with include a forced labor provision that may in fact complicate enforcement of the U.S.'s existing ban on imported goods produced with forced labor.

In addition to these concerns, the letter endorses four provisions in the House-passed version of USICA, including:

- Leveling the Playing Field 2.0,
- Sec. 104001. National Critical Capabilities Reviews,
- Section 103002: Additional Exceptions to De-Minimis Treatment,
- Sec. 106002. Limitation on Duty Suspensions or Reductions for Finished Goods.

The Senators conclude: "In order to best represent American workers from the dire economic threat of malicious CCP influence, we respectfully request you support these recommended changes in the conferenced bill."

### Upcoming Online Archaeology Presentation

Over the past 10,000 years, native copper has been transported from deposits in the Lake Superior Basin across the continent, making its way into archaeology sites like Angel Mounds and beyond. This free online 20-minute talk by Ryan Peterson,

IUMAA Research Fellow, will provide a brief introduction into sourcing copper using trace element and lead isotope analysis.

The presentation will be on Thursday, August 18, at 3 p.m. (ET)

Zoom registration - <https://go.iu.edu/4s8A>

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