

**➔ TODAY'S VERSE**

Romans 12:1-2 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.



**➔ FACES OF HAMILTON COUNTY**

People who call our community their own.

What makes Walt Thacker smile? "Having a good day," said the 67-year-old Carmel resident, an artist and board member of Hamilton County Artists' Association. He was found painting a picture at the HCAA's 2021 Art Fair on the Square at the Hamilton County Courthouse Square in downtown Noblesville. He's an oil painter and has belonged to HCAA for about 10 years. "I paint what makes me feel good." As a kid, he always liked to draw, and he took lessons in school. Thacker was born in Sullivan, Ind., south of Terre Haute, and his family moved to Indianapolis when he was 6 months old. He graduated in 1973 from Pike High School, where he majored in art. "It certainly didn't lead anywhere," he said. "I had a lot of encouragement from my teachers, but still, you live in the real world, and you grow up and have to have a real job." He fell in love, got married, had a family and got a job. He didn't pursue art. He owned a Pepperidge Farm business that he operated for nine years, then bought a Mikesell's snack food business closer to home, for 23 years. Now, he works as a self-employed courier. "I like being out and about." When he was 36, he started painting consistently and has painted about 300 pieces. His artistic style? "I like antiques. I like landscapes. A lot of colors. You can almost call it Gothic. There's a story going on. There are people in the pictures. There are animals. There is usually activity that goes on (in his artwork)." He is married to wife, Kris, and has a stepson, Erich, 46; son, Paul, 40, Washington, D.C.; daughter, Mary, 38, near Brazil, Ind., and two grandchildren, Hudson, 6, and Miles, 8. "I had four brothers, and we all were artistic." They all were art and music appreciators. But, he said, "I'm the only one who picks up a brush." He said, "I don't paint as a business; I just paint because I enjoy it. I sell a few pieces here and there. The love is in the painting, not so much in the selling." He was showcased in the White River Canoe project and Carmel water barrels and was a nominee for Artist of the Year for Nickel Plate Arts. The HCAA's 2022 Art Fair on the Square is 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday on the Courthouse Square. The annual Fair will feature more than 60 juried artists and vendors. Admission is free.

**And Another Thing...**

Governor Eric J. Holcomb on Tuesday announced several appointments to various state boards and commissions, including one new appointment to the State Lottery Commission, who will serve until June 30, 2026: Roger Utzinger (Carmel), management consultant.

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## Gaylor President & CEO Chuck Goodrich Named Among Best CEOs in US

Gaylor Electric's President and CEO, Chuck Goodrich, was announced as one of the United States' Best CEOs of Diversity for 2022, according to Comparably.

In addition to 5-million ratings across 70,000 companies, Goodrich holds himself and his company to a higher standard by emphasizing the value of diversity in the workplace. Such matter has resulted in being ranked as #96, next to the other

top national performing CEOs with a diversity-minded corporate initiative.

"At Gaylor Electric, we are committed to bringing in the best people possible. And I have found that talent comes from a wide net of cultures," said Chuck Goodrich, President & CEO of Gaylor Electric. "Construction is one of most diverse professional industries. On our larger national construction projects, we have 30-40% Hispanic



Chuck Goodrich

individuals as our workforce."

Comparably allows for all anonymous employee voices to be heard through an annual

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Photo courtesy of the Sheridan Marching Band

The Sheridan Marching Blackhaws performed "Another Day of Sun" (from "La La Land" motion picture) by Justin Hurwitz, during the 2021 Indiana State Fair Band Day and placed 19th and third place in Class A.

## Sheridan Marching Blackhaws, Now AA, to Take Band Day by Storm



**BETSY REASON**  
The Times Editor

A growing Sheridan Marching Blackhaws band is prepared to take Indiana State Fair Band Day by storm.

The band's State Fair Band Day show theme is "Into the Storm," by Robert W. Smith. The musical piece presents the intensity, fury and relentless pounding of the wildest of storms and was inspired by the "Storm of the Century," the great blizzard of 1993.

Tonight, the community can preview the State Fair Band Day performance at 7:30 p.m. at Sheridan High School's Bud

Wright Stadium in Sheridan.

Wednesday was the band's last full practice, and the band is focused on the goal ahead: "Performing our absolute best on Friday. We've made changes to the music and drill last week and earlier this week. Today (Wednesday) we are cleaning as much as possible, smoothing out trouble spots, encouraging the students every step of the way, and making the most out of this gorgeous but incredibly hot day," Marching Band Director

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## NPD Now Accepting Applications for Fall Citizens Police Academy

The Noblesville Police Department is currently accepting applications for our next Citizens Police Academy classes. The academy is a 12-week course, free of charge,



designed to provide community members with an opportunity to become better acquainted with our professional staff and to learn about police procedures.

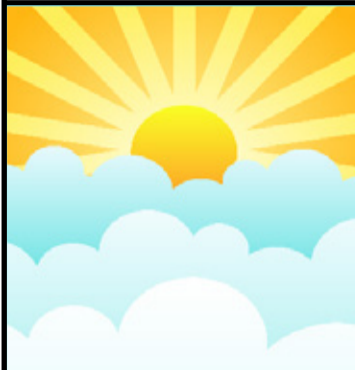
The Academy familiarizes citizens with the operations of the police department. This includes classes on patrol procedures, criminal law, narcotics, search and seizure, tactical operations,

investigations, juvenile law, emergency vehicle operations, use of force issues, and a police canine demonstration.

Participants will also have the option to ride with a patrol officer and witness the activities our officers encounter on a day-to-day basis.

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## The Daily Almanac



**Sunrise/Sunset**  
RISE: 6:45 a.m.  
SET: 8:54 p.m.



**High/Low Temperatures**  
High: 85 °F  
Low: 73 °F



**Today is...**

- Assistance Dog Day
- Single Working Women's Day
- U.S. Coast Guard Day



**What Happened On This Day**

- 1914 Britain declares war on Germany
- 1944 Anne Frank is captured
- 1977 U.S. President Jimmy Carter signs legislation creating Department of Energy



**Births On This Day**

- 1901 Louis Armstrong American trumpeter, singer
- 1961 Barack Obama American politician, 44th President of the United States, Nobel Prize laureate

**Deaths On This Day**

- 1792 John Burgoyne English general
- 2007 Raul Hilberg Austrian/American political scientist, historian

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**➔ OBITUARIES**

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**➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP**

Not receiving enough sleep can lead to increased appetite and obesity. 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**

This from a reader: AOC - single-handedly putting an end to dumb blonde jokes.



**➔ TODAY'S QUOTE**

"We cannot solve problems with the kind of thinking we employed when we came up with them."

- Albert Einstein

**➔ TODAY'S JOKE**

What did E.T.'s mother say to him when he got home?  
"Where on Earth have you been?!"

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

**13 WTHR 7 DAY FORECAST**

73/85 SCATTERED	72/86 STORM CHANCE	71/90 HOT & HUMID, STAY AT HOME	73/90 HOT & HUMID, STAY AT HOME	72/88 STORM CHANCE	70/84 SCATTERED	67/81 SCATTERED
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## OBITUARIES

### Susan Joyce Roseff

December 21, 1946 - July 31, 2022

Susan Joyce Roseff, 75, of Fishers, formerly of Terre Haute, passed away on Sunday, July 31, 2022.

She was born on December 21, 1946 to Everett and Alice (Joyce) Hendrickson in Patterson, New Jersey.

Mrs. Roseff's life's work served the medical community in a variety of ways. After setting up an intensive care unit at a hospital in Mexico, she continued her nursing career in emergency rooms, hospitals, rehabilitation centers and long term care facilities. Serving others brought her so much joy.

She and Hilly, her husband of 52 years, loved to travel anywhere with sand, surf, sun and great pizza. Mrs. Roseff's role as Grammy was her ultimate achievement followed closely by her love for her many dogs throughout the years: Samantha, Snowball, Mariah, Lucy and Desi.

She enjoyed shopping for the latest styles, playing Mahjong, participating in book clubs, gardening and traveling with "the girls".

Survivors include her husband Dr. Hilliard Roseff; two daughters Stacy (Andrew) Alvarado and Michelle (Michael) Beachkofsky; four grandchildren David Beachkofsky, Parker Beachkofsky, Evie Alvarado and Alex Alvarado; brother David (Patty) Hendrickson; two sisters Holly Hendrickson and Lisa Hernandez; sister-in-law Ruth (Jack) Poles; as well as several cousins, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to Susan G. Komen Central Indiana, 3500 DePauw Blvd., Suite 2070, Indianapolis (www.komencentralindiana.org); or Humane Society for Hamilton County, 10501 Hague Road, Fishers (www.hamiltonhumane.com).

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

### Jennifer Susan (Braun) Schieffer

May 1, 1963 - July 31, 2022

Jennifer Susan (Braun) Schieffer, 59, of Westfield, passed away on Sunday, July 31, 2022 at Copper Trace in Westfield.

She was born on May 1, 1963 to Thomas and Betty Braun in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Ms. Schieffer graduated from Bishop Dwenger High School, class of 1981, where she was the president of the student council. She went on to receive additional schooling at IPFW and Ivy Tech College.

She was a valued team member of the St. Vincent Cardiac Transplant & VAD Services in Indianapolis, serving as Project Coordinator.

Ms. Schieffer also had a home sewing business where she sewed for friends, family, and those in her neighborhood. During the pandemic, she made thousands of masks for various organizations and family members. She especially honored First Responders and Military personnel by maintaining their uniforms, sewing on badges at no cost as a tribute for their brave service.

She was known for her sewing of beautiful nursery furnishings of quilts, sheets, curtains, and baby items that she lovingly made for family and friends. Ms. Schieffer also liked to crochet cozy blankets for those lucky friends and family.

Survivors include her parents Thomas and Betty Braun; two sisters Laura (Joe) Hontz of Churubusco and Elaine (John) Wiening of Fort Wayne; brother Thomas (Laura) Braun Jr. of Fort Wayne; two sons Andrew (LJ) Eberwine of Brownsburg and Nicholas (Ashley) Eberwine of Brownsburg; daughter Jessica (Zach) Gray of Zionsville; seven treasured and beloved grandchildren Rachel, Mason, Hudson, Quinn, Rowan, Silas & Reese; along with many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

A service of remembrance is scheduled to be held at 6 p.m. on August 11, 2022 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road in Noblesville, with visitation scheduled to run from 4 p.m. to the time of service.

Those who wish to remember Jenny in a special way may make gifts in her memory to Ascension St. Vincent House, 2031 Dugan Drive, Indianapolis (https://give.stvincent.org/StVHouse).

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

### Noah Jacob Shahnnavaz

May 18, 1998 - July 31, 2022

Noah Jacob Shahnnavaz, 24, of Fishers, was killed in the line of duty on Sunday, July 31, 2022.

He was born on May 18, 1998, to Matthew and Laurie (Bousman) Shahnnavaz in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Mr. Shahnnavaz was a 2016 graduate of Fishers High School and attended the J. Everett Light Law Enforcement program. He was a freshman wrestler and a four-year member of the FHS Drumline. He proudly served his country as a Sergeant in the United States Army in the 591st Military Police Company and was awarded the Air Assault Badge.

Mr. Shahnnavaz was deployed to the Middle East from June 2017 to February 2018 and served in two border missions. After his discharge, he became an officer for the Elwood Police Department in August 2021, graduating from the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy in May 2022.

He attended ITOWN church and was a member of the F.O.P. Mr. Shahnnavaz treasured his family and enjoyed hiking, boating, and gaming. He had a special love for his family dog, Phoenix.

Survivors include his parents Matthew and Laurie Shahnnavaz; sister Sarah Shahnnavaz; brother Elijah Shahnnavaz; grandparents Jalaluddin & Nahid Shahnnavaz and Barbara "Grand Barb" Batson; two aunts Beth (Joe) Krejsa and Lana Boswell; and five cousins William Boswell, Cooper Boswell, Chloe Krejsa, Anna Krejsa and Wyatt Krejsa.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother Cynthia Miller.

Visitation is scheduled to be held from 2-7 p.m. on Friday at ITOWN Church, Olson Farms Campus, 12491 E. 136th Street, in Fishers. Services are scheduled to be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at the church, with Pastor Larry Davis and Pastor Dave Sumrall officiating. Burial will follow at Crown Hill Cemetery, Heroes of Public Safety, 700 38th Street, in Indianapolis.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Indiana Fallen Heroes Foundation, Inc., 1710 South 10th Street, Noblesville, or online at https://indianafallen.org/fallen-heroes

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



**TIM TIMMONS**

Two Cents

Let me be upfront here. I voted for the guy that seems to be the most loved / most hated man in America. If Donald Trump and Joe Biden are the only two choices on the ballot, I'll vote for him again (and I am desperately hoping for better choices by then).

But this aforementioned idolization and intense hatred of the guy is getting ridiculous.

Is he the greatest president we've ever had?

Sorry, Trumpers, you can't say that.

The measure of a president can't completely be made until they've been out of office a while - longer than this. It takes time to see what impacts different programs they spearheaded had. From the initial looks of it, Trump did a lot of things good for

this country. How good, and how does that rank historically? We'll know in a few more years.

In the meantime, the Democrats and others keep fanning the flame of hatred. We're at a point where Trump could find a cure for cancer and there'd be something wrong with it. Think not? Remember it was Trump who fast-forwarded the vaccine while leading Democrats screamed from the rooftops that they would not take a vaccine under Trump or his FDA.

Meanwhile, say anything that even remotely questions the ex-president and his supporters come out of the woodwork after you. Believe me on that one, I've got the e-mails to prove it.

Has there been a president in our lifetimes who inspired such loyalty, such hate?

Not that I can think of. Frankly, I have advocated for a pro-business president for a long time - dating back to Ross (I'm Ross, you're the boss) Perot. This country has had too many politicians for far too long. We're so far off course it's no longer funny, it's tragic.

From the insane debt we are handing future generations to the purposeful dividing of the country to the term after term after term incumbents who have never held a real job (and gotten rich off our backs) . . . OK, let's stop there. We all know this list could go on and on. So how about if we just say that our country is on a bad path that will not end well unless something dramatic changes.

And a presidential election that further rips this country apart isn't it.

Thing is, it's not up to the Dems and the GOP. It's up to us.

It's. Up. To. Us.

It's! Up! To! Us!

I think if the idiot leaders of both parties continue like this, and if a really viable alternative throws their hat in the ring, we might see the first non-Democrat or non-Republican president since the 1800s.

But more importantly than what happens in 2024 is what is happening now. We need, very much NEED with all capital letters, Americans to remember that the office is the bigger deal, not the man or woman. The country is the

bigger deal, not the party. There is no party without the country and unless both the left and right stop trying to divide us further for their own gain, there may well not be a country.

We, as in we the people, need to be the adults in the room. If we haven't learned by now that the hired hands in Washington aren't going to be, then stick the proverbial dunce cap on our heads and sit us in the corner.

It doesn't matter what Trump said or did. It doesn't matter what Biden says or does. We're stuck with both whether we like it or not. But going forward? Going forward we have a choice. Here's hoping we make that choice with clear heads and open hearts, not political bias and hatred.

*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 timmons@thetimes24-7.com.*

## Hamilton County Company Helps Flood Victims

A Fishers company is stepping up to help flood victims in Kentucky.

Land Betterment Corporation, an environmental solutions company fostering positive impact through upcycling former coal mining and industrial sites to create sustainable community development and job creation, announced mobilization of its ekō homes in relief for the recent destructive flooding in eastern Kentucky.

"We are so saddened that Kentucky is enduring yet another natural disaster which has devastated eastern Kentucky," Mark Jensen, Executive Chairman of Land Betterment said.

"With our recent experience with rapidly providing western Kentucky ekō homes following devastating tornados, we are ready to jump into action again and help victims of these terrible floods by providing them with our ekō Solutions shipping container homes. We need help and are asking for the support needed to deliver sustainable homes to families in need. Please contact us for more information and to make donations - info@landbetterment.com. We want to move quickly and help these folks get back on their feet, starting with a safe and secure roof over their heads."

ekō Solutions, a Land Betterment Company, uses innovative ecological structures to replace legacy

inefficient and ineffective methods of living, growing and working. We provide durable structures which are affordable to operate, inhabit while also maintaining the ability to be utilized in a mobile environment. ekō homes are designed to be high quality, durable and affordable to live in from 1- 10 years. The sustainable craftsmanship of our homes is what separates us from the alternatives.

For more information visit ekosolutionsllc.com and connect with ekō Solutions on LinkedIn and Twitter.

Land Betterment Corporation, an Indiana Benefit Corporation and Pending B-Corp, is an environmental solutions company focused on fostering a positive impact through upcycling former coal mining sites to create sustainable community development and job creation. The Company utilizes a complete solution-based



Photo courtesy of ekō homes

An ekō home currently deployed in Kentucky.

lifecycle program to restore and rehabilitate the environment and revitalize communities in need of change and opportunity.

Land Betterment accomplishes this by identifying un-reclaimed, run-down and neglected coal mining sites, fixing the environment through reclamation and remediation, and then repurposing the land to support a sustainable business that serves the com-

munity. Land Betterment firmly believes that with real solutions it is possible for restoration of impacted areas to live side-by-side long term employment, while building sustainable and safe surroundings for communities and our planet.

For more information visit landbetterment.com or connect with the Company on Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn.

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### 2022 Flix and Float Schedule

 June 18th Moana G	 June 24th Finding Nemo G	 July 1st Jumanji PG-13
 July 16th Waterhorse G	 July 22nd Encanto G	 July 30th The Shallows PG-13
 August 13th The Goonies PG	 August 20th Dog PG-13	 September 3rd Top Gun PG

Cost: \$5 per person / Members get in free

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- Buddenbaum & Moore
- Holt Legal Group
- Sign Craft
- Lew's Plumbing
- Troy & Alicia Tricker

# Duke Energy Announced as Supporting Sponsor of OneZone Chamber Eggs & Issues Program



OneZone Chamber of Commerce announced Eggs & Issues as their new monthly advocacy event. Starting in December, OneZone member attendees will hear about a variety of topics - the first one being our state legislators, what they are working on at the Statehouse, and how you can get involved.

They will also be looking at topics such as The

State of Tourism, Agriculture in Indiana, hear from local schools, county and cities, and hear from local community nonprofits.

"We're proud to work hand in hand with regional chambers of commerce like OneZone that play a critical role in supporting economic development in the communities we serve and enhancing the quality of life for our customers," said Duke Energy



Jack Russell

Government and Community Relations Manager Mark LaBarr. "We look forward to sponsoring this event, which will provide an opportunity for local business leaders to connect and engage with their state lawmakers."

"We want to thank Duke Energy for being our supporting sponsor for this new program. We believe that this event gives our businesses the



Mark LaBarr

opportunity to get connected with their community. Our goal at OneZone is to continue to be a voice for our business community in our cities, county, and region." Stated Jack Russell, President and CEO at OneZone Chamber of Commerce.

Registration for the first Eggs & Issues will open in August. The first event will include state legislators.

# Learning to Read



**RIX QUINN**  
Quinn Summary

Do you remember the books you read in first grade?

I sure do. And I fondly recall spelling tests, recess, flavored milk, and a girl name Lynne. I still drink flavored milk, but my wife tells me a recess with Lynne today is unacceptable.

The best part of school was the "Dick and Jane" stories that taught us to read.

If you grew up in the 1950's through the 1970's, you may remember Dick and Jane. I'm not sure they had a last name, which would make them quite trendy today. They lived in a

little house somewhere in America...we just didn't know where.

They had a puppy called Spot, and a cat named Puff. (I once had a girlfriend named Puff, but that's another story.)

One of the books' writers - Sterl Artley -- died in 1998. A famous reading teacher, Sterl began his stories with basic words, gradually building vocabulary.

It's hard to find these readers today. I guess a few educators chose different teaching methods, for reasons unknown to me or my friends, many of whom read quite well.

Sadly, there will be no new Dick and Jane adventures for future generations. Oh my, oh my. Did someone say, "Baby Boomers getting older?"

Goodbye, Dick, Goodbye, Jane. Goodbye, childhood.

Hello, Arthur Ritis.

*Got a story idea for Rix? E-mail him at rix@rixquinn.com.*

# White River Alliance, White River Canoe Company Kick Off Six Free Paddle Days Beginning on Aug. 12



The White River Alliance, the premier organization for regional water resource protection in Indiana, in cooperation with the White River Canoe Company, is offering six Free Paddle Days Aug. 12, 14, 19, 21, 26 and 27. Two of the paddle days, Aug. 26 and 27, are in conjunction with river clean-ups.

"We are excited to offer Free Paddle Days once again as a way to introduce more people to the beauty, serenity and fun that the river brings to our community," said Jill Hoffmann, White River Alliance executive director. "We hope that paddlers will be inspired to learn more about what's needed to protect and improve this critical

resource that sustains all of us."

Free Paddle Days will kick off on Friday, Aug. 12 at the White River Canoe Company. A \$20 deposit fee will be required with registration to help ensure that the reservations are well used; however, the deposit will be refunded upon arrival for paddling.

In conjunction with Free Paddle Days, there will be two River Clean-Up days. On Aug. 26, clean-up efforts will take place on the river starting and ending at the White River Canoe Company in partnership with the City of Noblesville. On Aug. 27, clean-up activities will start and end from Conner Prairie in partnership with Conner Prairie, the City

of Fishers and the City of Carmel. The Conner Prairie event will offer a variety of trip lengths, including a short paddle for young families, as well as concessions and free entry to Conner Prairie for the day.

More information on Free Paddle Days and registration can be found at [www.thewhiteriveralliance.org/programs/white-river-paddle-days/](http://www.thewhiteriveralliance.org/programs/white-river-paddle-days/).

The White River Alliance exists to improve and protect water quality on a watershed basis in the White River region in Central Indiana. The Alliance supports local governments and other key stakeholders by helping them improve water quality protection, leverage financial resources, educate large numbers of people and cooperate across political or social boundaries. The collective assets of the Alliance lead to an innovative regional approach to understanding and addressing water quality and land use changes. In addition to the The Collective Tap and White River Art

**Want TO GO?**  
**2022 Free Paddle Days**  
**What:** White River Alliance Free Paddle Days  
**When:** Friday, Aug. 12; Sunday, Aug. 14; Friday, Aug. 19; Sunday, Aug. 21, Friday, Aug. 26 (Clean-up event, starting and ending at White River Canoe Company); Saturday, Aug. 27 (Clean-up event, starting and ending at Conner Prairie)  
**Where:** White River Canoe Company, 17180 River Road, Noblesville, IN 46060

Canoes, the Alliance's programs include the national Clear Choices Clean Water program, which encourages residents to take individual action to improve water quality and increase water conservation, as well as several other local and regional public engagement and professional training programs including the statewide Indiana Water Summit. For more information, visit [www.thewhiteriveralliance.org](http://www.thewhiteriveralliance.org).

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**Meeting Notice**  
**Hamilton County E911 Executive Board**  
Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County E911 Executive Board will be meeting on Monday at 8 a.m. The meeting is held in the Mayor's Conference Room in Noblesville City Hall, 16 South 10th Street, Noblesville. The discussion will be regarding E911 operations.

# Young Votes for PACT Act to Support Veterans Who Faced Toxic Exposure

Senator Todd Young on Tuesday issued the following statement after voting for the Honoring Our PACT Act, comprehensive legislation to provide toxic-exposed veterans with health care and benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA):

"I am committed to ensuring that our veterans have access to the care they have earned, which is why I voted for this important bill. The PACT Act will provide new and important benefits to thousands of veterans who have been exposed to toxic substances. The bill also includes authorization for a new medical lease in Lawrence, Indiana, which will help our Hoosier veterans receive better service.

"While I support this bill, I am disappointed that Senate Democrats rejected an amendment to fix a budget gimmick issue included in the legislation. I voted for an amendment to fix this issue, because I believe this fix would help ensure the PACT Act's ultimate success.

"When this bill becomes

law, oversight will be essential. We must not allow the presumptions of exposure that are extended under this legislation to overwhelm the VA system. The VA must be provided with the resources necessary to prevent any veteran covered under this legislation from waiting for care," said Senator Young.

The legislation passed the Senate 86 to 11. The bipartisan legislation will expand health care for post-9/11 combat veterans, create a framework for the establishment of future presumptions of service connection related to toxic exposure, expand the VA's list of service presumptions, and improve resources to support VA's claims processing.

Senator Young previously voted for this bill in June. Due to technical errors in the version he voted for and the Senate passed in June, the bill had to be approved again by Congress, allowing for an opportunity to improve the bill via amendments.

# WHO'S HIRING?

Companies are searching high and low for good help. Are you in the market for a job? Are you perhaps tired of retirement? Looking to move up and earn more income? Maybe it's time for a career change? Then take a look at these fine companies and open up new doors to a brighter future!

<p><b>WHO'S HIRING?</b></p> <p>At Ashlin Hadden Insurance, we have an amazing team that is on a mission to serve people through protecting their assets. We are looking for licensed personal lines and life insurance agents who will reach out to the community to bring in new customers, quote and issue policies, and handle policy renewals and service requests for customers. Candidates should be organized self-motivators who can work independently and are willing to advocate for our customers.</p>	<p><b>ABOUT THE JOB</b></p> <p>We are currently looking for inside and outside advertising sales help. If you have an outgoing personality, strong attention-to-detail skills and a desire to make top income, this might be the job for you. The Times is currently looking for inside phone sales and outside advertising sales representatives. Our company offers flexible hours and a professional and enjoyable work environment. Come join a winner and start reaping the rewards right away!</p>	<p><b>RATE OF PAY</b></p> <p>This is a commission-based job where we ask that you focus on what is right for the customer.</p> <p>Base pay, plus commission</p>	<p><b>HOW TO APPLY</b></p> <p>Send your resume to Ashlin@AshlinHaddenInsurance.com</p> <p>E-mail resume to jobs@thetimes24-7.com</p>
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# BBB Scam Alert: 'Brushing' Scam Indicates Serious Problem for Victims



Free box loads of merchandise from Amazon or other companies, right on your doorstep! What could possibly be bad

about that? Plenty! Better Business Bureau (BBB) warns consumers that there is a scary downside to this recent scam. You

are not the one who hit the jackpot; a scammer is the real winner.

This scam is called brushing, and it has been popping up all over the country. Suddenly, boxes of unordered merchandise from Amazon begin arriving. There is no return address, or sometimes it just appears to come from Amazon or another retailer, and the receiver has no idea who ordered the items. The items are varied. For example, in one case a humidifier, a hand warmer, a flashlight, a Bluetooth speaker and a computer vacuum cleaner arrived unordered. Often, the items received are lightweight and inexpensive to ship, such as ping pong balls, face masks or seeds from China.

Why would such merchandise be sent to you if you didn't request it? The companies, usually foreign, third-party sellers sending the items are simply using your address which they discovered

online. Their intention is to make it appear as though you wrote a glowing online review of their merchandise, and that you are a verified buyer of the merchandise. They then post a fake, positive review to improve their products' ratings, which means more sales for them. The payoff is highly profitable from their perspective.

### Why it's bad news for you

The fact that someone was able to have the items sent to you as if you purchased them indicates that they probably have some of your personal information such as your name, address, and possibly, your phone number. Once the information is out there on the internet, it could be used for numerous crooked enterprises.

The fake online review angle is only one way they benefit. By using the brushing scam, they also are increasing their sales numbers. Increased sales

numbers, even though padded with fake purchases, look good for the company and help lead to more sales.

### What can you do?

**• Notify the retailer.** Brushing and fake reviews are against Amazon's policies, so contact Amazon Customer Service if this happens to you and the product appears to come from Amazon. They will investigate and take action against the bad actor. Go directly to Amazon's website to get their contact information. The company also takes security seriously and encourages customers to report fraudulent purchases or other security issues. If the preference is to contact them by phone; be cautious of searching for support phone numbers.

**• Change your account passwords.** This may be a sign that personal information has been compromised and to improve account security, keep a close eye on credit reports

and credit card bills.

**• You are allowed to keep the merchandise.** The Federal Trade Commission says you have a legal right to keep unordered merchandise.

Other questions regarding shipments of unordered merchandise may be directed to your local BBB, or visit BBB.org.

Report suspicious activities to BBB Scam Tracker.

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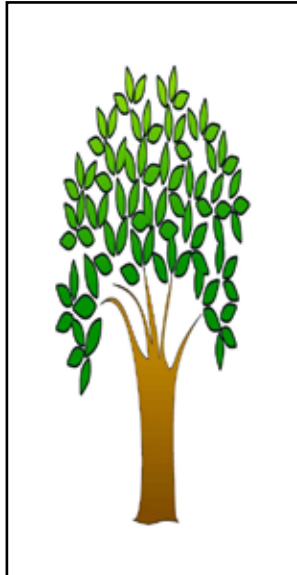
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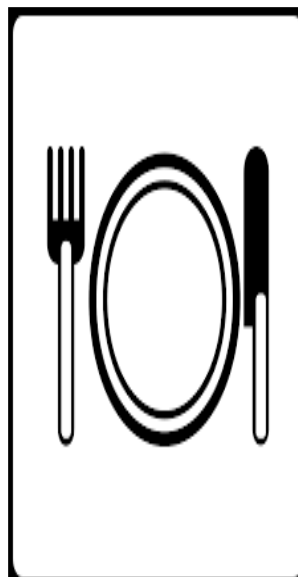
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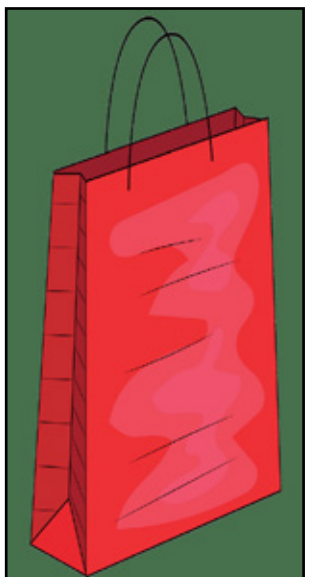
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# What You Need to Know When Filing A Homeowners Claim

Homeowners insurance includes a type of property insurance that pays for losses and damages to your home if it is damaged or destroyed by fire, weather, theft, or another covered disaster. When those events happen, you will need to file a claim. The Indiana Department of Insurance (IDOI) provides tips and resources to assist you through the process.

## What To Consider Before Filing A Claim

Know when to file a claim. Before reporting the property damage to your home, find out what your deductible is. If the damage is minor, you might decide you are better off paying for the repairs out of pocket. If you believe the damage will cost more than your deductible to repair, or there is a lot of damage, you may want to file a claim.

If you decide to file a claim, it is important to notify your insurance company right away. The amount of time you have to report your claim varies by state.

Here are the steps you will need to take:

Make a list of all your damaged property. You will need this when you meet with your adjuster.

Take photos and videos of damage.

Contact your insurance company or agent with your policy number, name, address, and phone number.

You will need to explain what happened and describe the extent of the property damage.

## What If Your Home Has Flood Damage

Flood damage is generally not covered by a standard homeowners or renter's insurance policy. If you have a separate flood insurance policy, remember to include a copy of the policy and the contact details for the insurer on your list. Flood is a covered event in most auto insurance policies.

Flood insurance is a separate coverage you can purchase through an agent or insurer participating in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). It is a program administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), which works closely with more than 80 private insurance companies to offer affordable flood insurance to homeowners, renters and business owners.

In order to qualify for flood insurance, the home or business must be in a community that has joined the NFIP. If your community does not participate in the NFIP, contact your licensed insurance agent to ask about private flood insurance.

It is important to note that the NFIP insurance policy does not go into effect immediately after you purchase it. There is typically a 30-day waiting period unless a policy is bought at the same time as

a newly purchased home.

## Know The Difference Between Actual Cash Value And Replacement Cost

Actual Cash Value is the cost to replace your damaged, stolen or destroyed personal property with new property of like kind and quality, minus depreciation. It is what you would pay at today's cost, minus the depreciation. It is important to account for depreciation when considering Actual Cash Value coverage. Keep in mind that the cost of the insured property will be valued at a lower amount based on wear and tear and the age of the property. You will, however, be reimbursed for the actual cash value of your property at the time of the claim, minus your deductible.

Replacement Cost is the amount it would take to replace or rebuild your home or repair damages with materials of similar kind and quality, without deducting for depreciation. In other words, it is what you would pay to replace your property at today's cost. Many insurance companies require homes to be insured for at least 80 percent of their replacement value. With 80 percent coverage, the insurance company will pay losses in full, less any deductible, up to the face amount of your policy.

## Things You Should Do To Prepare

Take an inventory. Go through every room in your home; write down and take pictures or videos of everything in the room. Inventory everything, including valuable items such as antiques, electronics, jewelry, collectibles, and guns.

Do this before a disaster strikes. The NAIC's free Home Inventory App will help you with the process. You can download it from the App Store and Google Play. It allows you to take pictures and document your items by room and category.

If you do not use an app for your inventory, store your inventory in a secure place at another location, such as your workplace, a safe deposit box, a relative's house, or online.

Review and update your inventory annually, including your pictures/videos.

Update your inventory when you buy new items.

Keep receipts with your inventory for all repairs and new items you buy for proof if you have to file a claim.

Work from memory if your property was destroyed and you have no records.

Review photos (e.g., on your cell phone or from family or friends) taken inside your home. That may help you make the list.

## Search Online Retailers To Help Estimate Costs.

Consider getting appraisals for high-value items, such as jewelry, antiques, electronics, collectibles,



and guns, and scheduling them under the policy. Most homeowner's policies only have fixed limits and fixed causes of loss for these items. The limits are minimal to the value of some of these items. If you want to have valuable items properly covered, they need to be specifically scheduled on the policy and backed up by a current and valid appraisal.

Collect the 24-hour contact information for your insurance agent and insurer and enter it as a contact on your smartphone. Make a list that includes your policy numbers, insurer and insurance agent's phone numbers, website addresses and mailing addresses. Also, check to see if the company or agent has an emergency information hotline.

Know how to work with contractors. A contractor is someone you hire to manage the repair of your home. The contractor is responsible for supplying the necessary equipment, material, labor, and services to complete repairs. Don't feel rushed or pushed to agree with something you aren't comfortable with when it comes to repairs. It might help to have your contractor meet with you and the insurance adjuster.

## How The IDOI Can Help You With A Complaint About A Claim

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# Indiana House Committee Advances Abortion Ban Bill to Full Chamber

By Casey Smith  
An Indiana House committee on Tuesday advanced a Republican-backed bill that would ban virtually all abortions in the state, though the panel removed several controversial amendments that were added in the Senate.

The committee heard more than 100 Hoosiers speak over nearly eight hours before voting 8-5 to advance the abortion ban to the full House chamber. Senate Bill 1 is expected to be further amended on Thursday. House lawmakers could vote to send the bill back to the Senate as early as Friday.

Senators debated the bill for more than three hours on Saturday before barely voting to send the bill to the House during a special legislative session.

## House committee scraps Senate amendments

The amendment accepted on Tuesday expanded the exception that allows abortions up to 20 weeks post-fertilization "to prevent a substantial permanent impairment to the life or physical health" of the mother. An earlier version of the bill only allowed the procedure to prevent the death or "irreversible impairment" of the woman.

Changes made in the House so far also set a deadline of 10 weeks post-fertilization for all rape and incest survivors to be able to obtain an abortion. Previous qualifications for those exceptions limited abortions performed in cases of rape or incest to 12 weeks for those under the age of 16, and eight weeks for anyone aged 16 or older.

The House Courts and Criminal Code committee also eliminated the notarized affidavit required victims of rape or incest to access an abortion. The Senate narrowly voted to add that requirement to the bill last week.

Rep. Wendy McNamara, R-Evansville, said the amended bill puts the House in a good spot.

Licensure for abortion clinics would also come to an end, requiring abortions to be performed in hospitals or hospital-owned surgicenters, according to another addition in the amendment.

"We have to have something that everybody can agree on, so that's our goal," McNamara said. "That's what we're working towards — to make sure that we protect the unborn, and that we protect mothers and children."

But some of the language removed guaranteed "yes" votes in the Senate, making its future uncertain.

How lawmakers in the House Courts and Criminal Code committee voted on Senate Bill 1:

- YES votes
- Rep. Mike Aylesworth, R-Hebron
- Rep. Steve Bartels, R-Eckerty
- Rep. Chris Jeter, R-Fishers
- Rep. Wendy McNamara, R-Evansville

- Rep. Sharon Negele, R-Attica
- Rep. Donna Schaibley, R-Carmel
- Rep. Greg Sturwald, R-Avon
- Rep. John Young, R-Franklin
- NO votes
- Rep. Ryan Dvorak, D-South Bend
- Rep. Ragen Hatcher, D-Gary
- Rep. Matt Pierce, D-Bloomington
- Rep. Robin Shackleford, D-Indianapolis
- Rep. Cindy Ziemke, R-Batesville

Democrats agreed to the changes, although Rep. Matt Pierce, D-Bloomington, said he still has "a lot of problems" with the bill overall.

"This (amendment) fixes a lot of problems that were created in the Senate," Pierce said. "As you can imagine, there are still a lot of problems that remain."

The House amendment also eliminated a provision that would allow the state attorney general to take over prosecution of abortion-related cases if a local prosecutor refuses to. The language was added to the bill in the Senate last week.

Sen. Aaron Freeman, R-Indianapolis, who authored the amendment, signaled that it was aimed at Marion County Prosecutor Ryan Mears, who said last month that he would not prosecute abortion-related cases if the state legislature criminalized the procedure after the U.S. Supreme Court overturned the landmark *Roe v. Wade* opinion.

The new bill language adopted Tuesday instead creates a task force to study any instances in which local prosecutors make "blanket" refusals to prosecute certain laws. The task force is charged with making a report by Dec. 1, before the next legislative session.

The latest bill language states explicitly that the abortion ban does not apply to cases where the fetus is diagnosed with a lethal fetal anomaly, or in vitro fertilization.

Several Democratic amendments — including those seeking to expand accommodations for pregnant employees, and repeal Indiana's existing ban on tele-health for abortion care — failed to pass the House committee.

## Amended bill earns little support during public testimony

More than a dozen physicians spoke on the bill in the House committee Tuesday. Most said they were pleased to see the new criminal penalties against doctors amended out, but doubled down on concerns about the remaining bill.

As approved by the Senate, the abortion-restricting bill created new felony penalties imposed on physicians for performing unlawful abortions. The amendment adopted in the House committee deleted those new penalties, but an existing felony in state law for performing an unlawful abortion would apply.

Still, Dr. Andreia Alexander, with the Indiana State Medical Association, which has opposed the bill, maintained there should be no criminal penalties for doctors who perform unlawful abortions. Penalties should be handled by the state medical licensing board, she said.

Dr. Mary Abernathy, a maternal fetal medicine specialist, said she was worried that the proposed abortion ban — and the loss of abortion clinic licensing provision — will make it harder to get doctors to Indiana to provide prenatal care.

"(This bill) will lead to a loss of OB providers, leading to a loss and a decreased access in prenatal care," Abernathy said, noting that women in rural areas will be most affected.

Dr. Elizabeth Eglén, who practices family medicine in Indianapolis, added that the 10-week limit for the rape and incest exceptions is too restrictive and will not give victims enough time to weigh their options.

"Women and girls, especially girls and teens, don't know they're pregnant by then. Most haven't even seen a doctor yet," Eglén said. "Trauma strangles the normal thinking processes, so rape survivors often don't seek care right away, and delays in care are more common."

Further, many medical students and trainees will not stay in Indiana if the legislature bans abortion, said Dr. Beatrice Solderholm, a fourth-year medical resident. She cited a recent survey of Indiana medical trainees, which showed 80% percent of respondents would leave the state if the bill becomes law.

Nearly all of people who testified Tuesday also remained opposed to the measure. The committee did not limit the number of people who could testify — unlike in the Senate, where only 61 people testified on the bill over two days.

Indiana Right to Life remains opposed to the amended bill, said spokesperson Jodi Smith. She called the fetal anomaly exception "vague and very controversial," adding that the group cannot support language "that would allow for an abortion of an unborn baby that is past viability stages."

"These babies should not and do not need to be aborted," she said.

The organization is also "very concerned" about the exception for abortions after rape and incest, Smith continued. Notably, the bill no longer requires a notarized affidavit.

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# Senators Young, Coons, Braun Introduce Bipartisan Legislation to Recognize American Discovery Trail

U.S. Senators Todd Young (R-Ind.), Chris Coons (D-Del.), and Mike Braun (R-Ind.) introduced bipartisan legislation this week to increase national recognition to the American Discovery Trail — the nation's only coast-to-coast, non-motorized recreational trail.

The National Discovery Trails Act would make the American Discovery Trail part of the National Trails System, which will bring greater visibility to the trail and boost tourism in local communities across 15 states and the District of Columbia. The House companion is led by Rep. Mark DeSaulnier (CA-11) and is cosponsored by 64 members, including Indiana delegation members Reps. Trey Hollingsworth (IN-09) and Greg Pence (IN-06).

"The Hoosier state is fortunate enough to have two routes of the American Discovery Trail (ADT) to provide hikers and bicyclists a great outdoor adventure through both northern and southern Indiana," said Senator Young. "I'm glad to join my colleagues to recognize the importance of this trail which connects small towns, cities, and histor-



Senator Todd Young  
ical sites at no cost to the taxpayer."

"The American Discovery Trail connects trails in state parks and federal lands with county roads in rural areas and sidewalks in towns and communities from coast to coast," said Senator Coons. "I am a strong believer in the value of trails and what they represent: recreation for families, friends, and individuals, tourism and economic development for local parks and towns, and the opportunity to connect communities with the outdoors. Making the American Discovery Trail part of the National Trails system will help more Americans find and enjoy this unique network of trails, which begins in Delaware at the Cape Henlopen State Park."

"Volunteers are a driv-

ing force for conservation and play a vital role in preserving and restoring our land," said Senator Mike Braun. "I'm proud to introduce legislation with Sen. Coons and Sen. Young to create the first coast-to-coast trail and empower volunteer groups to designate and maintain trails of regional significance in the Hoosier State and across the country!"

The 1968 National Trails System Act created a framework for a national network of connected scenic, historic, and recreational trails. Today, the National Trails System includes eight National Scenic Trails, 15 National Historic Trails, and more than 1000 National Recreational Trails. However, it does not include any trail linking the network from coast to coast. The National Discovery Trails Act would create a new category within the National Trails System for long-distance trails that connect urban areas with outdoor resources, public lands, rural areas, and other communities. The bill would designate the American Discovery Trail the first of this new category of "Discovery Trails."

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**BETSY** From Page A1



Photos courtesy of the Sheridan Marching Band

**Sheridan Marching Blackhawks practice over the summer for Friday's Indiana State Fair Band competition, which will be at 9:27 a.m. at the Indiana State Fairgrounds.**



Photo courtesy of the Sheridan Marching Band

**Sheridan Marching Blackhawks practice in their black and white costumes for their "Into the Storm" theme for Friday's Indiana State Fair Band competition.**

Libby Doublestein said Wednesday morning. The Blackhawks band -- which moves from Class A up to the larger Class AA (Class AAA being the largest bands) -- will compete at 9:27 a.m. Friday at Indiana State Fair Band Day presented by Music Travel Consultants and Paige's Music at the Indiana State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis. The Sweet 16 finalists will compete again Friday night for the championship.

Class AA is for 26-50 playing members (winds and percussion), and the band has 26 playing members this year. In years past, Sheridan Blackhawks have competed in Class A for smaller bands.

Does that mean the Blackhawks have tougher competition this year at the State Fair?

"In part, yes. Bumping up a class means that we are competing with much larger bands for Class Awards (first, second, third place in each class) and Class Caption Awards - Guard (Auxiliary) and Percussion," Doublestein said. "But for the overall competition, all the bands compete together regardless of class. The top 16 bands overall compete again in the Finals Friday evening. We could have capped it at 25 winds/percussion to stay in Class A, but we didn't want to turn students away from being a part of this summer marching band experience."

Doublestein said their growing marching band is a good thing.

"Our total numbers have almost doubled from last year, and we are thrilled with that," she said. "We have 26 winds and percussion and 10 guard members, plus a drum major. Having a larger group means some things are harder and some things are easier. There are more people to teach (14 rookies this year), but there's also more we can do musically and visually for greater impact. We strive for ex-

cellence no matter the size of the band, and truly put our hearts into everything we do. We are so thankful to have more students to share this program with."

This year, the band has been to three contests so far, placing 11th at Centerville, second at Montgomery County, 12th at Muncie Central, and 13th at Anderson.

Doublestein believes in this year's Blackhawks State Fair competition theme. "We had this show theme picked out a few years ago, but postponed due to COVID. We felt the group this year was up to the challenges of performing this music, and they have risen to that challenge," she said. Set pieces depict a farm, including a barn, windmill and silo. "Toward the end of the show, the band forms concentric circles to move dramatically across the field like a tornado, causing the set pieces to succumb to the storm," she said.

The music is about 5-1/2 minutes long, "and we've practiced so that we can get on the field in about a minute and off in about a minute as well," she said. There is a 9-minute limit once the band starts marching on the field.

Winds and percussion students will wear a black sleeveless shirt, white marching band pants, and black marching shoes. "This uniform not only allows them to be in something cooler than a typical formal marching band uniform but also makes their movements easier to see because of the stark contrast of the black and white," Doublestein said.

The guard members will wear gray uniforms to represent clouds, and they have blue silks for blue skies, yellow lightning bolt silks, and black and white swing flags, made by band parents and community members, which represent swirling wind. There will also be a guard member in red and



Photo courtesy of the Sheridan Marching Band

**Sheridan Marching Blackhawks has grown from a Class A (25 and fewer) to a Class AA (for 26-50 playing members) for the Indiana State Fair Band Day.**

white dress and boots, acting as the farmer experiencing the storm.

Practices for Band Day began six weeks ago. Two weeks after the last day of the 2021-22 school year, the Marching Blackhawks began summer practice on June 20. There were daily practices from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and five days of 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Band Camp, plus 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. the rest of the summer with sectional time after practice.

For the marching band this summer, besides marching band director Libby Doublestein, there are assistant director and show designer Johnny McGinnis, and guard instructor Kaitlyn Tipton. Other staff includes Sean Knochel (Logistics), Patrick Cronin, Eli Donaldson, Ariel Marley, and Melissa Stultz.

There are also a lot of parent volunteers.

"We have a fabulous team of parents who have worked tirelessly on making the set pieces and figuring out the logistics for getting them on and off the field," said the band director, who is also director of high school choirs and is assistant director of bands.

In 2021, the Blackhawks performed the joyful and uplifting "Another Day of Sun" (from "La La Land" motion picture) by Justin Hurwitz, and placed 19th at Indiana State Fair Band Day and third place in Class A. There were 17 musicians and four guards (who wore bright yellow dresses) in the 21-member Sheridan Marching Blackhawks band at the 2021 competition.

The Sheridan Marching Blackhawks' greatest achievements over the past five years are the 2018 Class A Best Auxiliary, 2016 Class A third place and 2015 Class A second place and Best Visual. While there was no band day in 2020, the band earned 22nd place during band day in 2019,

**Want TO GO?**

**What:** Sheridan Marching Blackhawks free community preview of Indiana State Fair competition performance.  
**When:** 7:30 p.m. today (Thursday).  
**Where:** Sheridan High School's Bud Wright Stadium, 24795 Hinesley Road, Sheridan. Rain location is the SHS gymnasium.  
**Band Day:** The 75th Indiana State Fair Band Day performance is at 9:27 a.m. Friday at the Indiana State Fairgrounds, 1202 E. 38th St., Indianapolis.

with the theme "From Now On" from "The Greatest Showman."

Sheridan Marching Blackhawks' first time to enter the Indiana State Fair competition, in its 75th year (starting in 1947) was 1953, with band director Wayne Van Sickle and drum major Robert Seymour, leading 32 band members, according to IndianaTrackMarchingBands.com. In 1954, the band, with 43 members, performed to the Theme from "Oklahoma," featuring "The Surrey With the Fringe on Top," and tied for sixth place.

Doublestein said this year's directors are incredibly proud of their students.

"I hope the students put everything out there on the field on Friday and are proud of every step they take. We have a 'Call to Attention' that ends with 'Eyes - With Pride, Eyes - With Pride, Eyes - With Pride!' My hope is that each and every student knows that we as directors look at them with such pride in our eyes. The amount of dedication and heart they put into this band makes them truly an honor to work with."

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**GOODRICH** From Page A1



survey. The results are derived from non-Caucasian employees, about their CEOs.

"Listening to and promoting the voices of all diverse employees is critical," said Comparably CEO Jason Nazar. "This year's list of CEOs implements equity and inclusion at the forefront of how they lead, according to feedback directly from their employees of color."

"At Gaylor Electric, diversity entails so much more than how someone looks. We have developed our own brand of what true IED looks like," said Goodrich. "The best teams are made up of diverse thinking individuals, and unique perspectives are an advantage to developing solutions. This is the key to our successful teams."

Comparably is a leading workplace culture and corporate brand reputation platform with over 15 million anonymous employee ratings on 70,000 companies. With the most comprehensive data on large and SMB organizations in nearly 20 different

workplace categories it is one of the most used platforms for employer branding and a trusted site for workplace culture and compensation.

See the entire 2022 Comparably Results list online at <https://www.comparably.com/news/best-ceos-for-diversity-2022/>

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Photo courtesy of NPD

**Participants from the Spring 2022 Citizens Police Academy.**

The objective of the Citizens Police Academy is to produce informed citizens. The academy is intended to open lines of communication between the community and the police department. By allowing citizens a firsthand look at the police department and how its operations are handled, citizens take away a better understanding of the police role in the community.

Additionally, citizens bring a wealth of knowledge about their community. In this way, our police officers learn and better understand the concerns of the citizens.

Eligible candidates must:

- Be at least 16 years of age
- Have no felony convictions and no misdemeanor convictions within

the last (3) years

- Pass a background check
- Reside or be employed in Noblesville

Noblesville Police are currently accepting applications through Sept. 6 for the 2022 Fall session which will begin on Sept. 7 and will conclude on Nov. 22 with a graduation ceremony. Classes are held every Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Applications are available online at [www.city-ofnoblesville.org/police](http://www.city-ofnoblesville.org/police) or at the Noblesville Police Department. Class size is limited so be sure to apply as soon as possible. For further information, please contact Lieutenant Bruce Barnes at (317) 776-6340 ext. 1243 or [bbarnes@noblesville.in.us](mailto:bbarnes@noblesville.in.us).

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# 44 LaGrange

## Number $\div$ Stumpers

1. How old is LaGrange County?

$\geq$

2. How many people live in the county, but not within the city of LaGrange?

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3. What percentage of people live in the city of LaGrange?

$\geq$

4. What is the population density of the county?

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$\%$

Answers: 1. 187 Years. 2. 34,503  
3. Around 93% 4. 104/sq mi

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## Got Words?

Sharing a border with Michigan, what unique circumstances could residents find when traversing from state to state frequently?

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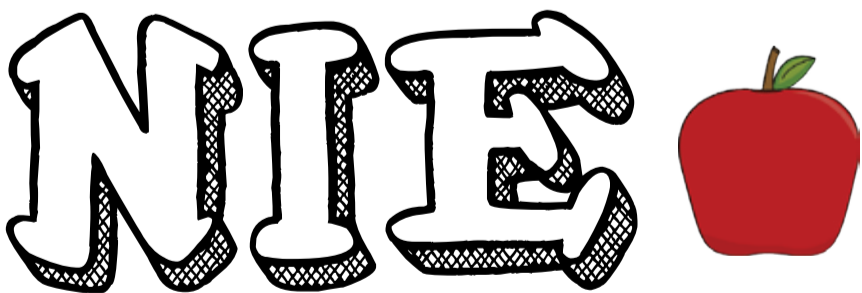
## Word Scrambler

Unscramble the words below!

1. GLAANGE
2. MASHI
3. CHMIINAG
4. EKLHTRA
5. ROTHN

Answers: 1. LaGrange 2. Amish 3. Michigan  
4. Elkhart 5. North

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## Dual Credit Instructors Now Have Until 2025 To Meet Credential Requirements

Indiana teachers and faculty now have two additional years to complete requirements so they can continue teaching dual credit courses.

The Higher Learning Commission (HLC), a regional college accreditor, announced that it will extend the previous deadline from Sept. 1, 2023 to Sept. 1, 2025 to allow more time for states and institutions to ensure dual credit instructors have the necessary credentials to teach dual credit. HLC requires anyone teaching dual credit to hold a master's degree and complete at least 18 credit hours of coursework in the content area in which they teach.

"It is welcome news that Indiana's corps of dedicated dual credit instructors will have more time to complete these requirements," said Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Chris Lowery. "Providing quality dual credit opportunities for Hoosier students is vital to saving Hoosier families millions of dollars in tuition, increasing students' odds of attending college, and improving their likeli-

hood for completion. We are committed to continuing to work closely with the Indiana Department of Education and other partners to help Indiana's teachers earn the credentials they need."

Nearly two-thirds of Hoosier high school students earn some form of dual credit while in high school, including Advanced Placement, as well as the Indiana College Core, which provides an avenue for students to earn up to a full year of general education courses while in high school. Students who earn early college credit are shown to be more likely to go to college and succeed. More than 90 percent of 2020 high school graduates who earned the Indiana College Core went to college, compared with the statewide college-going rate of 53 percent.

"We know that students who earn dual credits in high school are more likely to complete postsecondary credentials and even graduate early, saving them time and money. We also know that this increased edu-

cational attainment leads to a better quality of life, greater health, expanded employment opportunities and increased wages, making the expansion of dual credit essential to ensuring every child has access to the quality education they need to enjoy lifelong success," said Dr. Katie Jenner, Indiana Secretary of Education. "This federally-allowed extension will allow more Indiana educators to obtain the necessary credentials to teach dual credit and, ultimately, support our students as they work towards their post-graduation goals, whether that includes employment, enrollment, or enlistment leading to service."

This is the second extension the HLC Board of Trustees has approved, after an extension announced in 2020 due to the impact of COVID-19. Indiana's Dual Credit Advisory Council analyzed dual credit policies and explored potential solutions to maintain dual credit options for Hoosier students when the policy change was first announced in 2015. Since that time, Indiana

has employed numerous strategies to ensure dual credit instructors meet the HLC guidelines and the Commission, along with the Indiana Department of Education and the state's higher education institutions have taken steps to increase the number of dual credit instructors who meet the requirements.

Indiana's dual credit teachers have free options to gain credentials through the Teach Dual Credit and STEM Teach initiatives, supported by the Center of Excellence in Leadership of Learning (CELL) at the University of Indianapolis, the Independent Colleges of Indiana, the Commission and INvestEd.

These rules affect about 1,500 current dual credit teachers in Indiana, ranging from those needing a few credits in a subject area to those without master's degrees. Career and Technical Education (CTE) educators are not impacted by the HLC requirements.

Indiana has previously been recognized for instructor eligibility and quality by the HLC.

## DNA: What Do I Do With it Now That I Have it? Working with DNA Test Results

By Laura Street Chaplin

Once you get your DNA test results back, how can you best understand and utilize them? This presentation will cover lots of tips, such as: transferring raw DNA results, skeleton DNA tree, and working with other people's tests. PLUS learn about analysis tools like Dots Super-Power, Shared Matches, Matches spreadsheet, Known Relationships, and Quick & Dirty trees.

Laura Street Chaplin, of Willowtree Research: Family History and Genealogy Services, currently lives in Sugar Grove, Illinois but was raised in southeastern Iowa and has lived all around the Midwest: Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, and Ohio.

She and her husband were inspired by the "Roots" mini-series in college, which began a lifelong love of research and genealogical learning, raising their three daughters tramping through graveyards - and now with six grandkids in training!

In everyday life Laura is an indulgent grandmother of six, and homeschools three of them full-time. She spent over twenty years employed in several midwestern Catholic parishes as a musician, liturgist, and pastoral associate; earning a master's degree in Pastoral Studies.

In addition to her genealogy business doing client work and offering on-line Study Groups, Laura is a former History & Genealogy Manager at

the Lawrence J. Martin Heritage Center in Elburn, IL. She has been active as a genealogy speaker for several years. She is also a member of the APG, GSG, Board member for the Kane County Genealogical Society, and a Director on the Governing Board for the Illinois State Genealogical Society.

The idea of the 'willow tree' expresses her favorite feeling of sitting under a willow, surrounded by a sense of family.

This program is FREE to WVGS members, and will be held via Zoom on August 8, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. If you are not a member, you may join this meeting and all of the following meetings in 2022 by sending \$15 per individual, or \$20 per family to Wabash Valley Genealogy Society, P O Box 7012, Terre Haute, IN 47802-7012. If you wish to pay using Paypal, add \$2 to each choice. You can obtain the application by going to [www.inwvgs.org](http://www.inwvgs.org). Click on membership. Watch this site to see more upcoming events or check WVGS Facebook page. Send application at least one week before the meeting date.

For this fee, you will be able to obtain assistance from other members when you reach a "brick wall" in your research. You will also receive a bi-monthly newsletter. Handouts and recorded videos will be available for periods of time for members only . . . so join to take advantage of the WVGS offerings.

## Ivy Tech Crawfordsville to Offer Courses in Early Childhood Education

Montgomery County residents interested in a career in early childhood education can begin earning a certificate or associate of applied science degree from Ivy Tech Community College Crawfordsville. Beginning this fall, two classes will be offered as the first step in becoming an early childhood educator.

The college will offer ECED 100 Introduction to Early Childhood Education, and IVYT 111 Student Success which is a college success course. Students will take IVYT 111 for eight weeks, followed by ECED 100 for the next eight weeks. Classes will meet once a week every Tuesday evening. The Fall semester begins August 22.

Ivy Tech offers a pathway that allows students to earn certificates along the way to earning a full degree. In the early childhood education program, the first step is a Child Development Associate (CDA) Certificate that requires six classes and 18 credits. The next step is a Technical

Certificate (CDA plus four classes/12 credits). Students can continue towards an associate of applied science degree in Early Childhood Education (Technical Certificate plus 10 classes/30 credits).

To apply to Ivy Tech, go to [ivytech.edu/apply](http://ivytech.edu/apply). An advisor is available at the Ivy Tech Crawfordsville campus on Wednesdays by appointment. Call (765) 269-5682 or email [aclark505@ivytech.edu](mailto:aclark505@ivytech.edu) to make an appointment.

Ivy Tech's early childhood education program focuses on childhood development and growth as well as adult-child relationships. It emphasizes appropriate environments and care for children as well as the physical, emotional, social, and cognitive areas of early childhood development. Childhood education courses are instructed in a variety of settings such as traditional classrooms, online classes, on-campus labs, and field experiences.

This program has been created in conjunction

with the Montgomery County Community Foundation to increase the number of trained childcare providers in the community and support the current providers who want to increase their education. The TEACH scholarship is also available to help fund tuition and textbook costs.

The ECED program is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). NAEYC standards focus on providing high-quality educational and developmental experiences for children, birth through 8 years old.

About Ivy Tech Community College

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engine of workforce development, offering associate degrees, short-term certificate programs, industry certifications, and training that aligns to the needs of the community. The College provides seamless transfer to other colleges and universities in Indiana, as well as out of state, for a more affordable route to a Bachelor's degree.

Ivy Tech Community College Lafayette serves Benton, Carroll, Clinton, Fountain, Montgomery, Tippecanoe, Warren and White counties from the main campus in Lafayette and sites in Crawfordsville, Monticello and Frankfort. Ivy Tech Lafayette offers associate degrees and certificates in the areas of advanced manufacturing, business, health sciences, information technology, nursing, social services, education, public affairs, engineering technology, supply chain, and liberal arts.

Follow Ivy Tech Lafayette on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram for the most up to date information.

## Ivy Tech Lafayette Introduces Tuesdays @ the Tech and FAFSA Tuesdays

Starting a college education can be daunting and confusing to anyone unfamiliar with the process of applying for admission, financial aid, and enrolling in classes. Ivy Tech Community College Lafayette has introduced Tuesdays @ The Tech to help first time college students take the first steps towards an education that leads to a satisfying career. Special Tuesday events are scheduled each month.

Every Tuesday on the Ivy Tech Lafayette campus at 3101 S. Creasy Lane, offices in the enrollment and advising centers are open later than normal hours, from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. to provide help with admissions, enrollment, and financial aid. The offices of the Bursar, Registrar, Disability Services, Diversity, and Student Life are also open later during these times.

On the fourth Tuesday of each month from 3 - 5 p.m., the Lafayette campus hosts a School Spotlight. A different school is featured each month. The Schools highlight their programs and faculty are on hand to meet and talk to students.

The second Tuesday of the month is FAFSA Tuesday. Financial aid advisors are available from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. in Ivy Hall Room 1239 to help new and current students fill

out the FAFSA form and answer any questions about the financial aid process.

FAFSA Tuesday will also be held at surrounding Ivy Tech sites. The Ivy Tech Frankfort campus located at 251 E. Clinton St. will offer financial aid assistance on Oct. 11. The Ivy Tech Crawfordsville campus will host FAFSA Tuesday on Nov. 8.

For more information on Tuesdays @ The Tech, School Spotlight, and FAFSA Tuesdays, go to [IvyTech.edu/Tuesdays](http://IvyTech.edu/Tuesdays).

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## Indiana Forage Council Hosts Inaugural Hoosier Hay Contest

The Indiana Forage Council (IFC), with assistance from Purdue Extension and SureTech Laboratories, is hosting a contest for Indiana producers who will harvest forage for hay or baleage for the 2022 hay season.

The Hoosier Hay Contest, sponsored by Huston Inc., seeks to promote forage production, inform hay producers on the nutritive value of their hay and encourage producers to sample and test their hay

or baleage before feeding it to livestock. The event also creates a friendly competition among Indiana producers on who produces higher-quality hay.

SureTech Laboratories in Indianapolis will analyze all samples and release them to the contest organizer, producer and producer's local Purdue Extension agriculture and natural resources educator. The Purdue Extension educator and producer can then

work together to interpret the analysis and determine how best to use the forage in the producers' operation.

The Hoosier Hay contest has two categories: hay or baleage. Prize money will go to first-, second- and third-place entries in both categories. First place will receive \$250 and a one-year membership to IFC, second place \$150 and third place \$100.

Winners will be recognized at the annual IFC

meeting and on the IFC website. The cost to participate is \$10 per sample with the contest being limited to 100 samples. Entries must be received by Sure Tech Labs and the Indiana Forage Council by Sept. 30.

Rules and entry forms can be found at [online](http://online). For more information, contact Nick Minton at 812-279-4330 or [nminton@purdue.edu](mailto:nminton@purdue.edu) and Jason Tower at 812-678-4427 or [towerj@purdue.edu](mailto:towerj@purdue.edu).

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