⇒ TODAY'S VERSE

Isaiah 54:17 No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD.



⇒ FACES OF HAMILTON COUNTY

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'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. "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. "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)."

And **Another Thing...**

Gov. Holcomb offered the following statement last week after signing Senate Enrolled Act 1(ss) and Senate Enrolled Act 2(ss), passed during the special

"Today, I proudly signed Senate
Enrolled Act 2 to return \$1 billion back
to Hoosier taxpayers. This fulfills what I
set out to accomplish when calling the
General Assembly into special session
in order help Hoosiers hurting from
historically high inflation. I am also
especially grateful for the nearly \$100
million in long overdue increased funding
to support the health of our Hoosier
mothers and babies. While there is still
more to do, better access and awareness
of all our programs will be critical to
improving our infant and maternal
mortality rates – a long-standing priority

of my administration.
"The exemplary teamwork and seriousness of purpose put into each element of SEA 2 is a testament to the elected leaders who helped shape it. I would like to thank Senator Travis Holdman, Chairman Doc Brown, and Representative Sharon Negele and the many other members from both sides of the aisle who contributed to the strength of the final product.

"The effort to provide the programmatic supports and the billion dollars of inflation relief contained in SEA 2 is all the more remarkable as it was crafted amidst the thorough and thoughtful debate on Senate Enrolled Act 1, which I also signed today.

"Following the overturning of Roe. I stated clearly that I would be willing to support legislation that made progress in protecting life. In my view, SEA 1 accomplishes this goal following its passage in both chambers of the Indiana General Assembly with a solid majority of support. These actions followed long days of hearings filled with sobering and personal testimony from citizens and elected representatives on this emotional and complex topic. Ultimately, those voices shaped and informed the final contents of the legislation and its carefully negotiated exceptions to address some of the unthinkable circumstances a woman or unborn child might face.

"Thank you Senator Sue Glick and Representative Wendy McNamara for your brave authorship of SEA 1. Each of you demonstrated a steady hand and uncanny poise while carrying this oncein-a-generation legislation.

"Overall, I would be remiss if I did not share a special thanks to my friends House Speaker Todd Huston and Senate President Pro Tem Rod Bray for their partnership, strength and resolve during the lead up and all the way through this special session. You each displayed the best Indiana has to offer in steering your respective chambers through unprecedented waters and delivering on your promises to conduct a respectful and thorough process.

"Lastly, to the people of Indiana, let me assure you that the democratic process marches on, and you should continue to reach out to all your elected representatives to have your voice heard. Looking back, I am personally most proud of each Hoosier who came forward to courageously share their views in a debate that is unlikely to cease any time soon. For my part as your governor, I will continue to keep an open ear."



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A group of seasoned sailors plus one scallywag and his dog Bruno -- Joe Aiello (Bruno the dog), Earl Campbell (Louis de Rougemont), Vickie Phipps (Captain Jensen), and a bevy of rough and tough sailors, including Tom Smith, Jayda Glynn, Margot Everitt, and Hannah Janowicz -- rehearse for Carmel Community Players' production of "Shipwrecked: An Entertainment!" opening Friday at The Cat in Carmel.

CCP's 'Shipwrecked' Brings Adventure, Fun to the Stage



BETSY REASON
The Times Editor

Carmel Community Players' show director Lori Raffel gets goosebumps when she hears the words on the page brought to life.

"Shipwrecked: An Entertainment!" which tells the "amazing adventures of Louis de Rougemont, as told by himself, is "like a pop-up book for the stage," Raffel said.

It's filled with seasoned sailors, plus one scallywag and his dog Bruno. Louis de Rougemont invites theater-goers to hear his amazing story of bravery, survival and celebrity. Dare to be whisked away in a story of

"Kids don't come with

Rob Evans, a probation officer

and class instructor. "That can

leave parents feeling frustrated

and helpless especially when

it comes to modern problems

like cell phones, social media,

drugs. We are here to help.'

proven to reduce juvenile de-

linquency and has helped over

uses a support group model to

100,000 families nationwide. It

allow parents to learn from each

other as well as the curriculum

and provides parents concrete

prevention and intervention

strategies that can be put into

immediate use within the home.

'Parents of strong-willed

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children often question their

on-line schooling, and designer

The Parent Project has been

instruction manuals," says

Parent Project Designed to Help

Reduce Juvenile Delinquency

the high seas, populated by exotic islanders, flying wombats, giant sea turtles and a monstrous man-eating octopus.

The Carmel Community
Players' show -- which opens
Friday and continues with a total
seven performances through
Aug. 21 at The Cat in Carmel
-- is by the Pulitzer prize-winning Donald Margulies, one of
Raffel's favorite playwrights,
who includes no less than 10
pages of instructions to the cast
and director for the producing of
this play, Raffel said.

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Reaching Out to Grieving Students

The disruption of learning during a pandemic affected all students and educators the last few years. For quite a few students, however, academics and school routines were also affected by something from which there is no quarantine: grief. "Unfortunately, students in our little community have suffered a great deal of loss," Hamilton Heights High School Counselor Jessica Cantlon told the Cicero Kiwanis Club audience at the August 6 meeting.

Fortunately, Cantlon, along with all Hamilton Heights school counselors and Early Intervention Advocates, have participated in specialized training to meaningfully support students

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The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset RISE: 6:51 a.m. SET: 8:45 p.m.



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Today is....
• Ingersoll Day

- Annual Medical Checkup Day
- Son and Daughter Day



What Happened On This Day

- 1948 First Olympic Games after the 1938 Berlin Olympics open in
- London
 1992 Mall of America opens its doors to shop-
- pers
 1999 Last total Solar
 Eclipse of the Millennium





Births On This Day

- 1950 Steve Wozniak American computer scientist, programmer, co-founded Apple Inc.
- 1953 Hulk Hogan American wrestler, actor

Deaths On This Day

- 1919 Andrew Carnegie Scottish/American businessman, founded the Carnegie Steel Company
- 1956 Jackson Pollock American painter

⇒ INSIDE TODAY

The Hamilton County Courts'

Department of Probation Ser-

vices is offering an 11-week

willed children. The Parent

Project is designed to curb

program for parents of strong-

destructive teen behaviors like

and drug use, runaways, and

poor school attendance, alcohol

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TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Make a grocery list and only buy what's on it. 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.



⇒ HONEST HOOSIER

Want to catch a falling star and put it in your pocket? OK, maybe not. But the Old Faithful of meteor showers hits its peak tonight and tomorrow. The moon might be a bit bright though.



→ TODAY'S QUOTE

"Life is like a sewer... what you get out of it depends on what you put into it." - Tom Lehrer

TODAY'S JOKE

The computer beat me at chess the other day. I turned around and beat it in kickboxing. The way I see it, we're even.





OBITUARIES

Bonnie Lou (Mathis) Rihm

April 18, 1946 - August 7, 2022 Bonnie Lou (Mathis) Rihm passed

away at the age of 76 on August 7, 2022, in Carmel.

She was born in Nashville, IN, on April 18, 1946.

In 1965, Bonnie helped Indiana University in Bloomington, IN, convert to an automated registration system to enroll their students. She was later School Secretary for Our Lady of Greenwood Catholic School

in Greenwood, IN, for ten years and Executive/Manufacturing Assistant at Pearson Education in Indianapolis, IN, for twenty years, retiring in 2011.

She was married to John F. Rihm for nearly 56 wonderful years.

Survivors include her husband John Rihm; two sons Michael Rihm of Noblesville and Steven (Joanne) Rihm of Zionsville; two sisters Sarah Smith of Indianapolis and Mary (Darrell) Lucas of Columbus, IN; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents Samuel and Emma (Snyder) Mathis; and four brothers and three

A memorial service is scheduled to be held at 10:30 a.m., with visitation scheduled for one hour prior, on Monday, August 15, 2022, in the St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 10655 Haverstick Road, Carmel with burial following at Our Lady of Peace Cemetery, 9001 Haverstick Road, Indianapolis, IN.

Kind words and expressions of sympathy can be left for the family at www.randallroberts.com

Please send memorial donations to Easterseals Crossroads, 4740 Kingsway Dr, Indianapolis, IN 46205.

The Rihm family is being served by the professional and caring staff of Randall and Roberts Funeral Home in Fishers.



Photo courtesy of Cicero Kiwanis

Gene Powell, President of the Board of the Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad, will share about all things Nickel Plate, past, present, and future. The Nickel Plate Express draws in visitors from across the coun-

Gene Powell to be Featured Speaker for Cicero Kiwanis Meeting, Saturday

All Aboard for train and railroad enthusiasts! Gene Powell, President of the Board of the Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad, which operates as Nickel Plate Express (NPX), based in Noblesville, will be the distinguished guest speaker at the Cicero Kiwanis Club breakfast meeting this Saturday. He will share a behind-the-scenes glimpse at the latest activities of the Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad and its

impact on the community. An Indiana native, Powell is a Ball State University graduate and member of the Deans advisory council of the College of Communications, Information, and Media. He is a founding editor of USA Today, retired in 2020 as president of the Freedom Forum Institute, part of one of the nation's largest non-profit education foundations and remains Senior Scholar for the First Amendment at the Foundation.

He serves as secretary of the Board of Trustees of the First Amendment Museum in Augusta Maine; and on the Board of Indiana's Friends of the Lincoln Collection, based in Fort Wayne.

An adjunct faculty member of the Department of Communications at Winthrop University, he attended the Nashville, Tenn., School of Law, and is a certified journalism educator by the Journalism Education Association. An avid bike rider, he and his wife Kathleen, a retired educator, live in Cicero.

The Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad is a charitable nonprofit that operations the historic Arcadia Depot and offers entertainment and educational excursions on historic train equipment out of Forest Park in Noblesville. The Nickel Place Heritage Railroad is the operator of the Nickel Plate Express program which runs on 12.5 miles of track between Noblesville and Atlanta, Ind. This section of track is owned by the Hoosier Heritage Port Authority.

The Cicero Chapter of the Kiwanis International as a part of a non-profit global organization with members who are dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time. In the greater Cicero-area community, the Cicero Kiwanis provide scholarships to local high school students, support local schools through donations to various programs and manpower, provide food and assistance to local food pantries, support families and individuals in need or in crisis and help the community-at-large through donations to Riley's Children's Hospital. Weekly meetings begin at 7:30 a.m. on Saturdays at the Red Bridge Community Park Building in

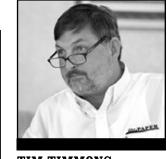
Obituary deadline

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Daily obituary deadline is 4 p.m. for the following

day's print publication. To read more obituaries, visit www.thetimes24-7.com.

Taking a Break from the Heavy Stuff



TIM TIMMONS Two Cents

It seems a lot of my scribbles lately have been heavy on the heavy stuff. I don't know what it is. The more I look around at the world, the more I worry for my grandpups. Still, there's a limit as to how much I can rant and rave, and most certainly on how much you are willing to read.

So let's lighten up a bit this week, shall we?

One of our readers was kind enough to send me an e-mail with a bunch of thought-provoking and smile-inducing images and words. I take no credit for any of these, but they are certainly worth sharing. I hope you enjoy them as much as I

I'm old enough to remember when paper bags were being blamed for the destruction of the trees – and plastic bags were the solution. Kind of makes you

wonder what "common

wisdom" will tell us in 40 or so years, doesn't it?

I'm so old I remember when multiplication was called "Times Tables."

Oh, me too! And I remember even more a few nuns at Our Lady of Grace losing patience with one young moron, uh, me, who couldn't seem to grasp the table involving sevens!

I'm so old that when I was a kid we actually had to win to get a trophy.

Sadly, that no longer means you're THAT old!

When I was a kid I didn't need an Elf on the Shelf to motivate me during Christmas time. I had a belt on the shelf that motivated me to behave the whole year through.

Didn't we all! Some of y'all never held a flashlight for your dad when he was working on the car . . . and had him vell at you for not shining it in the right place. And it shows.

What I wouldn't give to have another day of working on the car in the garage with my dad, or my grandpa.

This one just has a picture of an old man and a young kid walking arm in arm and says: Spend time with your elders. Not everything can

be found on Google. Amen!

Y'all enjoy those 20s, 30s and 40s, because in your 50s that check engine light is gonna come on.

Amen, again!

If Jesus tried to feed the 5,000 today, he'd hear: I can't eat fish. I'm vegan. Is that bread gluten free? Has the fish been tested for mercu-

It'd be funny if it weren't the truth.

One minute you're 21, staying up all night drinking beer, eating pizza and doing sketchy stuff just for fun. Then in the blink of an eye, vou're 50, drinking water, eating kale and you can't do any sketchy stuff because you pulled a muscle putting on your socks.

Those pulled muscles hurt!

I survived playing in the mud, getting spanked, rusty playgrounds, second-hand smoke, toy guns, lead paint, no seatbelts, no helmets and drinking from the hose?

And most of those things were pretty darn

One of my favorites is a photo of a toy cap gun. You remember the cowboy six shooters

that had the roll of caps

inside? The caption simply says: I can smell this photo.

So can I! And my favorite one: Kids today will never know the joy of laying

around and reading the

Sunday funnies.

I'm sure every generation looks back and feels similar. I have no idea where things are going and what kind of world those aforementioned grandpups will grow up in. But one thing I do know, I don't think we're in a better world than the one our grandparents grew up in. And unless we make some course corrections pretty quick, I'm pretty sure it ain't getting any better.

So I hope you'll bear with me when I harp on some of the silliness that goes on today. If we all say enough is enough, then maybe your grandpups and mine have a

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.

Indiana Farm Bureau Young Farmers & Ag **Professionals Awards Finalists Announced**

• INDIANA FARM BUREAU

A Hamilton County resident has been selected among the finalists for the Indiana Farm Bureau's 2022 Young Farmers & Ag Professionals awards - the Excellence in Agriculture Award and the Achievement Award. These state award competitions are conducted as a part of the American Farm Bureau Federation's Young Farmers & Ranchers Award competition.

The Excellence in Agriculture Award honors Farm Bureau members who do not derive the majority of their income from an owned, production agriculture operation, but who actively contribute and grow their involvement in Farm Bureau and agriculture. Winners must be members of INFB between the ages of 18 and 35.

Excellence in Agriculture Award winners will receive an \$11,000 cash prize, courtesy of Farm Credit Mid-America and Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance, and an all-expenses paid trip to San Juan, Puerto Rico to compete at the 2023 American Farm Bureau convention in January. Runners-up receive a \$1,000 cash prize from Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance.

The three finalists are: Rachel Hyde, Hamilton County

Rachel Hyde has a passion for advocating for agriculture. She is the seventh generation to help grow corn and soybeans on her family farm, as well as help support her uncle's sheep operation. Rachel graduated from Purdue University with a degree in agricultural communication with a minor in agronomy. She now works at Beck's Hybrids as a field sales marketing coordinator where she serves as a liaison between the field sales team and the marketing department. Her goal is to encourage, equip and educate the field sales team and dealers about marketing tools and tactics. Rachel is a member of the Hamilton County Farm Bureau board, a member of the local FFA Boosters leadership team, and an avid 4-H volunteer on the county level, while also judging sheep and goat shows across Indiana and neighboring states.

Carter and Abby Morgan, Vermillion County

Carter and Abby Morgan took different paths to find their love of agriculture. Carter's started at a young age as the fourth farm producing corn, soybeans and wheat. Abby got her start in agriculture by showing sheep as a first-generation member of 4-H. They both attended Purdue University earning degrees in agriculture. In addition to farming with his family, Carter serves as a soil health consultant at the local Soil and Water Conservation District where he promotes conservation practices such as no-till, cover crops and conservation management. Abby works as the 4-H Extension educator for Purdue Extension in Montgomery County. She serves over 600 youth from kindergarten through 12th grade and manages nearly 100 adult volunteers. In addition to their involvement in 4-H and their local church, the Morgans are active Farm Bureau members, with Carter having served as a member of the county's board of directors since 2013. The Morgans also served on the Vermillion County Farm Bureau YF&AP Committee from

2013 to 2021 Michael and Jentzi Lash, Orange County Michael and Jentzi Lash both grew up with a love for raising cattle and judging livestock. They attended Southern Illinois University, where they graduated with degrees in agriculture, and now both work in the swine division of River View Farms. Michael is the marketing and logistics production manager where he manages and schedules all swine movements within the company. Jentzi is the sow farm manager, managing a 4,000-head sow farm and overseeing production at the 2,200-head gilt development site. The Lashes also work at home on their family farm where they raise a herd of Boer goats. They are excited to grow their livestock operation in the future, expanding to cattle and potentially sheep. Both Michael and Jentzi volunteer on the local 4-H goat and beef com-

mittee, and Jentzi currently

serves as Orange County

Farm Bureau president,

spearheading various

activities throughout the county.

The Achievement Award recognizes INFB members who earn the majority of their income from production agriculture and measures applicants on their leadership involvement and farm management techniques. Winners also must be members of INFB between the ages of

18 and 35. The winner of the Achievement Award will receive an \$11,000 cash prize, courtesy of Bane Welker Equipment and Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance, as well as an all-expenses paid trip to compete at the 2023 American Farm Bureau convention in San Juan, Puerto Rico in January. The winners also will be awarded the David L. Leising Memorial Award. Runners-up for the Achievement Award will receive a \$1,000 cash prize from Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance.

The three finalists are: Whitney Nickless, Knox

County Whitney Nickless has worked on her family's diversified farm, Melon Acres, since she was 12 years old. Melon Acres has been owned and operated by her family for three generations. The farm grows various produce including watermelon, cantaloupe, sweet corn, asparagus, tomatoes, strawberries and peaches. Melon Acres also boasts a farm market, The Big Peach, which sells the fresh produce grown on the farm to the local community. Whitney is a graduate of Purdue University where she earned a degree in disciplinary agriculture. In addition to her involvement in a variety of local, state and national melon associations, she is a current member of the Knox County Farm Bureau

YF&AP Committee. Johan and Déjanne de Groot, Huntington County The de Groots own a diversified farm operation, which includes a large dairy farm of approximately 2,600 cows, as well as acreage for alfalfa and corn production. Both are natives of Holland. Johan moved to the U.S. in 2002 with his family to start the dairy farm. He graduated from Michigan State University where he studied dairy production. After completing internships in the U.S., Déjanne finished her studies in agricultural entrepreneurship in Holland and officially joined Johan to run the family operation in 2018. Johan



Rachel Hyde

manages the employees and multiple aspects of the farm, including a robotics facility. Johan also oversees the breeding program, manages crop rotations, and makes planting decisions. Déjanne is responsible for all the bookwork and payroll. She also oversees the heifer operation. The de Groots are active Farm Bureau members. Both chair the Huntington County Farm Bureau YF&AP Committee, and Déjanne also serves on the board as secretary and treasurer.

Brandon and Kayla Neibert, Newton County

Neibert Farms consists of a corn, soybean, wheat and hay operation. Both Brandon and Kayla grew up on family farms, which instilled their passion for agriculture. Brandon works on the farm fulltime, managing day-today operations such as planting, spraying, and maintaining the equipment. Kayla, a Purdue University graduate with a degree in agriculture economics and a minor in agronomy, writes the fertilizer and planting prescriptions, manages the books, and works full-time for Integra Ag, a chemical and fertilizer retail company. Kayla served as Collegiate Farm Bureau president at Purdue University. The Neiberts also are active members of their church and local community.

The winners of both contests will be announced on the Indiana Farm Bureau Facebook page on Monday, Aug. 22.

For more than 100 years, Indiana Farm Bureau (INFB) has promoted agriculture in Indiana through public education, member engagement, and by advocating for agricultural and rural needs. As the state's largest general farm organization, INFB works diligently to ensure a farmer's right to farmprotecting the livelihood, land, equipment, animals and crops of Hoosier farmers-because agriculture is vital to Indiana's economy. Learn more at

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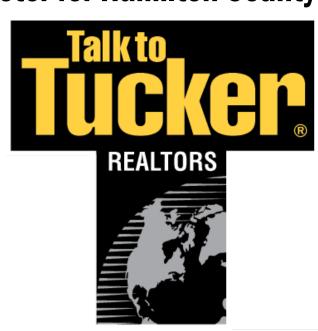
Housing Market Dynamic for Central Indiana, Quieter for Hamilton County

July was a dynamic month for central Indiana's residential real estate market with significant inventory increases across all 16 central Indiana counties, home sale prices continuing to increase and houses selling quickly. Monthly real estate statistics from F.C. Tucker Company revealed that central Indiana housing inventory increased 63.8 percent compared to this time last year, while pended home sales decreased 10.9 percent compared to July 2021. Year-to-date home sale prices continued their upward climb, increasing 13.7 percent.

- The average July home sale price for the 16-county central Indiana region was \$332,178 an increase of 11.1 percent compared to July 2021.
- Pended home sales decreased, down 10.9 percent compared to this time last year.
- Available housing inventory increased, up 63.8 percent compared to July 2021.

The July residential real estate market was slightly quieter in Hamilton County, with another increase in the average home sale price, which was up 14.4 percent to \$474,041. Housing inventory continued to increase significantly by 123.6 percent. However, the number of pended home sales decreased compared to this time last year, down 16 percent.

In Noblesville, the number of homes closed decreased 19.7 percent compared to this time last year, but housing prices increased 11.2 percent to an average sale price of \$398,191. The price per square for a home in Noblesville also increased to \$180.13, up 15.7 percent. Noblesville homes continued to sell quickly, leaving the market 2 days, or 16.7 percent faster than July



2021.In July 2022, 3,794 central Indiana homes were purchased, down 10.9 percent from the 4,258 sold in July 2021. Specifically:

- Jackson County showed the greatest increase in pended home sales with 37.1 percent growth compared to July 2021.
- Brown County pended sales had the greatest decrease with 47.7 percent fewer homes sold in July 2022 compared to this time last year.

Central Indiana yearto-date home sale prices continued to increase:

- Decatur County recorded the highest average year-to-date home sale price increase at 25.7 percent.
- Boone County had the highest average year-to-date home sale price in the region at \$474,420, with Hamilton County close behind with an average year-to-date home sale price of \$474,041.
- Homes sold in 17 days on average, which is 15 percent faster than in 2021. Hamilton County homes left the market 6 days, or 31.6 percent, faster than in 2021 the greatest decrease of the 16-county central Indiana area.

Central Indiana experienced a 63.8 percent increase in overall available home inventory July 2022, with 1,627 more homes available for sale than in July 2021. All 16 counties saw an inventory increase in July 2022

- Hancock County had the largest inventory increase – up 276.4 percent compared to July
- Marion County experienced the smallest increase in inventory up 30.5 percent compared to this time last year.

"July was a hot month for residential real estate in central Indiana," said Jim Litten, CEO of F.C. Tucker Company. "We experienced yet another significant increase in inventory and despite an increase in the average home sale price compared to this time last year, houses continued to sell quickly, creating a

dynamic market." Of the pended home sales in the region last month, eight (8) were priced \$2,000,000 or higher; 49 were priced \$1,000,000 to \$1,999,999; 390 were priced \$500,000 to \$999,999; 1,146 were priced \$300,000 to \$499,999; 1,159 were priced \$200,000 to \$299,999; 846 were priced \$100,000 to \$199,999; and 196 were



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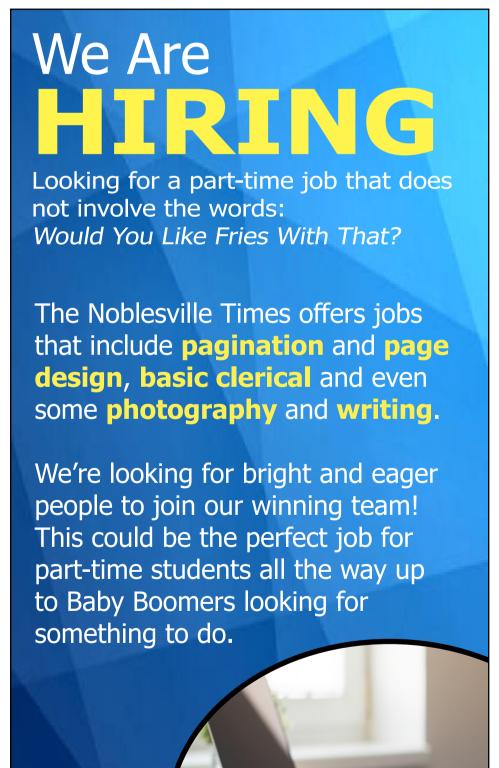
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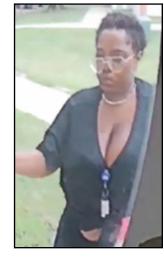
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The woman sought in connection with a fire in Kokomo (left, center) and her vehicle at the scene.

Fire Investigators Seek Help IDing Woman at Scene of Kokomo Fire

Indiana State Fire Marshal investigators are seeking help in identifying a woman who may have information about a suspicious fire in a Kokomo apartment building.

Staff at the Kokomo Manor Apartment complex in the 600 block of Elk Drive called the fire department after smelling smoke shortly after 3 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 8. Fire crews found a small fire had occurred in a second-floor apartment but had extinguished itself

before arrival.

Video of the building entrance captured prior to the fire report included a woman wearing black jogging shorts with white trim, a black t-shirt, white shoes and glasses. The woman left the scene in a

red Dodge Caravan with a mismatched front rim on the passenger side and rear window stickers.

Anyone with information about the identify of the woman or the fire should contact the Indiana arson hotline at 800-3824628.

Established in 2005, the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) leads the way to a safer and more secure Indiana. With jurisdictions involving emergency management, building

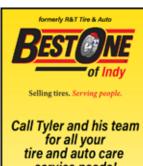
code enforcement, as well as training and certification for first responders around the state, IDHS works to provide a safe, secure and resilient Indiana. For more information about IDHS, visit dhs.in.gov.



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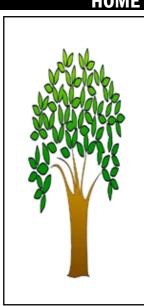
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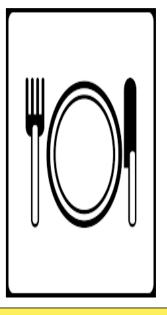


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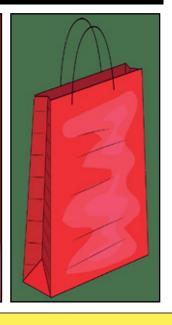
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Indiana Governor Calls Special Election to Replace U.S. Rep. Walorski

By Casey Smith Indiana's governor on Tuesday formally called a special election to fill the congressional seat made vacant after U.S. Representative Jackie Walorski, R-2nd, was killed last week in a car crash.

The special election to complete Walorski's unexpired term will be held concurrently with the general election on Nov. 8, according to Gov. Eric Holcomb's executive order. Her position for the current term must be filled under U.S. and Indiana law because the vacancy occurred more than 74 days before the general election.

Republican leaders in the 2nd Congressional District, which includes South Bend and Elkhart, will additionally have to select a nominee to replace Walorski on the general election ballot. She was seeking another term in the heavily Republican district, beginning January 2023.

The congresswoman earned the Republican nomination in May and was slated to defend her congressional seat against Democratic challenger Paul Steury in November.

Who gets to vote for Walorski's interim replacement and for her successor will vary, however. That's because



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A black ribbon adorns the nameplate of the late Rep. Jackie Walorski (R-IN) at her office in the Cannon House Office Building on August 4, 2022 in Washington, DC. Walorski, 58, and two staff members were killed in a car crash in Elkhart County, Indiana.

some Hoosiers saw their 2022 congressional districts change during Republican-led redistricting.

Some voters in the 2nd Congressional District – as it's currently drawn — will only be eligible to vote in the special election. Other voters drawn into the district under the new maps can only vote in the November election.

Two state GOP caucuses to select nominees Both the Republican and Democratic parties will first caucus to decide who to nominate for the special election.

Indiana Republicans will also caucus to select the candidate to fill Walorski's spot on the ballot in the general election on Nov. 8.

Indiana GOP Chairman Kyle Hupfer on Tuesday officially called two caucuses of eligible precinct committee members to separately fill ballot vacancies for the both the special and general elections. They're scheduled to meet Aug. 20 in Mishawaka.

We are still in shock by the tragic passing of Rep. Jackie Walorski and not eager to talk about the next steps,' Hupfer said in a statement. "Unfortunately, Indiana Code requires us to move much faster than any of us would like.'

While the Indiana Republican Party would generally have 30 days to fill a ballot vacancy, Indiana Code requires a certificate of nomination be submitted to the Indi-



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ana Election Division no later than noon, 74-days before the date of the election, meaning noon, Aug. 26.

Democrats nominated Steury for November's general election at the May 2022 primary. The Libertarian Party's candidate for the general election was also appointed following the Libertarian Party state convention.

This means the Democratic and Libertarian parties do not need to take any further action to nominate candidates for the "new" congressional district in the general election. The deadlines for an Independent or other minor party candidate to file for November's general election have already passed.

It's likely that the same candidate will win both elections. But in the event that two different candidates win the special and midterm elections, the winner of the special election would serve until the end of Walorski's unexpired term, on Jan 3, 2023. Then, the winner of the

midterm election would take office that same day, at the start of the next term.

Who gets to vote The congresswoman's northern Indiana district remained solidly Republican after redistricting.

Voters in Elkhart, Fulton, Marshall, Miami, Pulaski, St. Joseph, Starke and Wabash counties will have both the special election and general election for the 2nd Congressional District on their ballot.

These voters will have two decisions to make: who should serve out the remainder of Walorski's term, and who should serve the following term.

But some voters in Cass County, LaPorte and Kosciusko counties will not have both the special election and general election questions for the 2nd Congressional District on the November ballot. Prior to redistricting, portions of those counties were contained within other congressional districts, making voters there ineligible to participate in the special election.

Only the candidates for the new term of office will appear on the November ballot for voters in other areas of the three counties that are now located in the 2nd Congressional District.

Walorski, a South Bend native, was 58 when she died. She served in the U.S. House of Representatives starting in 2013, and before that spent five years in the Indiana House. She would have been seeking a sixth term this fall.

A special election was previously held in 2010 for Indiana's 3rd Congressional District, which includes Fort Wayne, to fill former Republican Rep. Mark Souder's vacant seat. Souder withdrew his reelection bid shortly following the May 2010 primary after admitting to an affair with a female staffer. A special election was called by then-Gov. Mitch Daniels to be held the same time as the November midterm election, which he said was more less costly for counties and more convenient for voters.

Indy Airport Hosts Behind-the-Scenes Look at Massive Runway Construction

The Indianapolis Airport Authority yesterday hosted a private tour of the first phase of its \$190 million construction project underway at the **Indianapolis International** Airport (IND) to enhance capacity for Runway 5R-23L and the initial construction and electrical phase of Taxiway D.

This construction investment will be instrumental for both passenger and cargo aircraft and the future of aviation operations at the Indy airport.

IAA officials discussed the project at length on the airfield construction site with elected officials, state and city leaders and local news media, explaining the project will create more than 2,700 jobs and has spent more than \$14.2 million to date with more than 15 diverse businesses. The IAA anticipates more diverse business participation as the project proceeds in subsequent years.

"This is public asset management in its finest form," said IAA Executive Director Mario Rodriguez who led the IAA to secure more than \$100 million for the project, including the largest Federal Aviation Administration Airport Improvement Program grant in the airport's history - and the largest in the country received in last year's funding. "This project will pay dividends to the community for decades to come and will play a crucial role in Indiana's economic growth over time."

The first phase of the construction is expected to be completed in

October 2022, with the two additional phases of construction in 2023 and 2024 during April through October of each year.

To put it into perspective, the project will use enough concrete to replace the smallest pyramid in Giza, which is equivalent to building a two-lane highway from Indianapolis to Terre Haute," said Jarod Klaas, IAA senior director of planning and development.

The existing concrete will be recycled into the new runway pavement section, and a new concrete that captures carbon dioxide, preventing it from contributing to global warming, will also be used.

"IND will be the first airport in the United States to use this carbon-capturing concrete



Indianapolis Airport Authority

technology and is another concrete example of our commitment to long-term sustainability,' Klaas said. Additional sustain-

able improvements will include LED lighting and an extra inch of concrete to extend the life of the concrete runway, from a 20-year expected life cycle to a 40-year life cycle, providing an additional two decades of resiliency. The construction process has also had substantial environmental benefits, such as construction waste management, water reuse, material reuse, and reduced emissions and fuel by using onsite materials.

The IAA is pursuing **ENVISION** certification for this project to ensure the delivery of infrastructure that tackles climate change, addresses public health needs, creates jobs, and spurs economic recovery.

The Indianapolis Airport Authority owns and operates Indiana's largest airport system in the Indianapolis metropolitan area. In addition to the **Indianapolis International** Airport (IND), its facilities include the Downtown Heliport, Eagle Creek Airpark, Hendricks County Airport-Gordon Graham Field, Indianapolis Regional Airport

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Nob City Goes Dancing at Noblesville Street Dance

The Times' Betsy Reason joined Noblesville residents at the Noblesville Street Dance and captured photos of what took place. Enjoy!

The Times photos courtesy of Betsy Reason



Saturday was a beautiful evening for Noblesville Street Dance, which brought out folks in their lawn chairs sitting on Ninth Street and the Hamilton County Courthouse lawn.



Indy Gorgeous Club, featuring Jay Thornbury, bass; Drew Matthews, guitar; Caleb Beik, keyboards; and Aidan Board, drums , performed as feature act on Saturday during the Noblesville Street Dance.



Indy Gorgeous Club performs on Noblesville Parks & Recreation's mobile stage on Saturday during the Noblesville Street Dance.



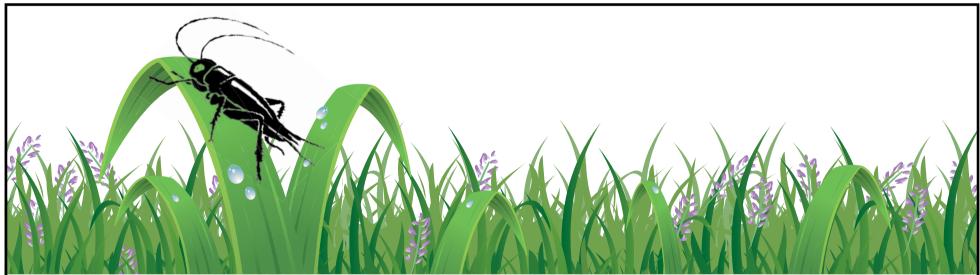
Touch-A-Truck, sponsored by Reynolds Farm Equipment, let kids get up close with some cool equipment used in agriculture during the Noblesville Street Dance on last Saturday night.



Noblesville High School 2018 graduate Todd Breese (YouTuber T.J. Breese) (in the middle in red and black shorts) poses for a photo with friends and fans during the Noblesville Street Dance.



Noblesville's Kelli Yates sings and plays guitar as opener for the Noblesville Street Dance entertainment on Saturday night.



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A rough bunch of sailors, me hearties, heading for the briny deep, join Vickie Phipps, Earl Campbell (of Noblesville), and Joe Aiello for Carmel Community Players' production of "Shipwrecked: An Entertainment!" opening Friday at The Cat in Carmel.

"Much like Mr. de Rougemont, Mr. Margulies wants his story told with creativity, authenticity and love," she wrote in her director's notes in the playbill.

"Louis is the main character who tells the story, and he is naïve and innocent in a wonderful way," Raffel said. It is

storytelling with Louis as the storyteller and the two players -- Player 1 and Player 2 -- as most of the characters.

"Kind of a Ted Lasso from London at the turn of the century, which is when the story takes place," Raffel said. "It's a departure for me in a sense because I love a

Meet the **CAST**

Louis de Rougemont, Earl Campbell of Noblesville; Player 1, Vickie Phipps of Carmel; Player 2, Joe Aiello of Lawrence.

Ensemble features Hannah Janowicz of Noblesville, Tom Smith of Westfield, Margot Everitt of Indianapolis and Jayda Glynn of Carmel.

Meet the CREW

Lori Raffel, producer, director, set design, board operator and artwork; Dave Muse and Charlie Hanover, set construction; Karissa Monson, light design; Margot Everitt, sound design; Sally Carter, dialect coach; and Bill Miller, program graphics.

good David Mamet or Terrence McNally."

The greatest ease is the cast. "The three players are a dream team. I have worked with each one of them before, Earl Campbell (of Noblesville, who was last seen as Ed in CCP's "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time."), Vickie Phipps (of Carmel in her 37th production), and Joe Aiello (of Lawrence who studied acting in Central New York). To put them together on stage is pretty magical."

The ensemble features Hannah Janowicz of Noblesville (who played the Mute in CCP's "The Fantasticks," Tom Smith of Westfield (who has never worked with the cast or crew of "Shipwrecked," but has performed at The Belfry, Basile Westfield Playhouse, Booth Tarkington Civic Theatre and other theaters), Margot Everitt of Indianapolis (making her CCP debut) and Jayda Glynn of Carmel

(a senior at Carmel High School).

Her greatest challenge for this show was the props and costumes. There are more than 100 props and costume pieces that are used on the stage. "It needs to look like it is kids playing dress up and pulling things out of a trunk in the attic to make a show," Raffel said.

Carmel Community Players had the show on its schedule before the pandemic. Raffel submitted the show three years ago and conducted auditions two years ago. She had the actors cast, but then came the Covid pandemic.

"There were a few possible stops and starts, but I finally decided that I would wait until this summer in this time slot to do it. The three original cast members were available but everyone else had to be replaced due to scheduling conflicts," she said.

Raffel chose the play because of her past history. When she worked as a marketing and media relations director at the Phoenix Theatre in downtown Indianapolis, the theater did a production of "Shipwrecked." She said, "My boss (the late Phoenix co-founder) Bryan Fonseca directed it, and Chuck Goad (Phoenix founding member) starred in it with Eddie Curry in fall 2009.

"I got to do the music for the show, but I always wanted to be able to direct it," Raffel said. "The problem is finding the right Louis de Rougemont and the other players. I would watch it every single night even if I didn't have to housemanage and I just fell in love with the show.'

Based on a true story, part of the magic of "Shipwrecked" is that the themes are timeless, Raffel said. "Our need as a society to build heroes only so we can knock them down is as old as time. At the end of the play, you will have your own opinion on what is truth and what is embellished in the story, and that is how it should be."

The show isn't a musical but there is a sea shanty.

Raffel, who joined CCP in 1997, moved with her family to Carmel when she was in the third grade and finished high school and college here. She has a degree in theater from Indiana University, and her focus has always been on directing. Although, she has stage-managed,

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costumed, set designed, sound designed and even a little acting at the Phoenix Theatre, Theatre on the Square, Fringe Theater and more. She has directed productions at several professional, semi professional and community theaters around Central Indiana. She is the current president of Carmel Community Players' board of directors and has been the artistic director on and off for a few years. She loves reading scripts and directing plays. But, she said, "As I get older, they have to be the right thing. I like it to be my choice."

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All Hamilton Heights School Counselors and Early Intervention Advocates have participated in the Brooke's Place grief support facilitator training. The most recent group includes (back row: 5th-8th from the left) are Chelsea Pacheco (HHMS), Tricia Rudy (HHES) and MaryAnn Haymaker (Youth Assistance). Front row (2nd from the right) is Sabrina Duncan (HHMS).



Photo courtesy of HHSC

Jessica Cantlon (HHHS School Counselor), Toby **Etchison (Tony Etchison Memorial Foundation board** member), and Tricia Rudy (HHES School Counselor) spoke about the positive impact of the BP8 program. The program returns for a second year at Hamilton Heights and will also be offered at the elementary and middle schools this year. through the grieving to enhance the Gathering

process. The grief support program is called BP8 and is offered through Brooke's Place, a center for grieving youth, established in 1999. Though Brooke's Place offers grief support services for anyone who comes to the center, Heights' counselors saw few people go to its Indianapolis location to participate.

After going through the training, Cantlon formed the first BP8 program at the high school last spring. Students' reactions, comments, and observed growth "were a blessing to witness" and Cantlon is excited to begin the second program next month. BP8 also will be launched at the middle schools this fall and used

Place grief support group at the elementary school. Having this grief-support program at school is convenient and allows the school community to reach out to grieving students in more meaningful ways than without the program. Joining Cantlon in the

presentation to Kiwanis were Tricia Rudy, the elementary school counselor, and Toby Etchison, Tony Etchison Memorial Foundation board their perspectives on the program. For Rudy, the training equipped her to sit in grief with a student and not have to provide answers for them. Showing compassion toward and acceptance of each student's grief journey



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Hamilton Heights High School Counselors Jessica Cantlon and Rebecca Johnson (HHHS School Counselors) upon completion of the specialty grief support facilitator training program through Brooks Place in Indianapolis. They said the relationships and connections they saw form during the inaugural BP8 Program was a blessing to witness and look forward to starting up for second year in September. A grief support program will be added at the middle school and the elementary school will use the BP8 program to enhance their already established Gathering Place grief group.

is healing. Both Cantlon and Rudy mentioned how BP8 gave counselors and students a support structure across the schools, because they were all following the same program.

Etchison shared her support and appreciation for the program as a parent whose sons have benefited from participating at the high school after their father—and Toby's husband Tony-died in a farming accident. Attending the 8-week support group helped her sons' express emotions they didn't discuss with her. Additionally, her own parents had long been

involved with Brooke's place.

BP8 emphasizes that a person's journey through grief is individual. It also can look different because of culture, religion, and families. Grieving isn't a gradual, straight line toward healing. We all face it. In fact, 1 in 7 children experience the death of a parent, sibling or close loved on by age 20.

More than 24,000 children and their families have been supported by Brooke's Place programs. More information about Brooke's place can be found at: https://www. brookesplace.org/

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ability to parent effectively," Evans adds. "This program will help them identify the off-putting behaviors, empower them to take back their homes, and improve their relationship with their child. We have been providing this class to Hamilton County for over 15 years and know it can change the course of a From Page A1

family." The Parent Project requires 33 hours of online classroom work. The next class begins Sept. 6 at 5:30 p.m. Parents meet one night a week for approximately two and one-half to three hours. The program fee is \$80 per family. Visit

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Did You Know?

- Lake county is part of Northwest Indiana and the Chicago metropolitan area, and contains a mix of urban, suburban and rural areas. It was founded in 1837.
- The population in 2010 was 496,005 with 27,317 residing in the county seat, Crown Point
- It is the home to a portion of the Indiana Dunes and to Marktown, Clayton Mark's planned worker community in East Chicago.
- According to the 2010 census, the county has a total area of 626.5 sq mi square miles

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Located in the northernwest part of the state, Lake County is close by to one of the largest cities in the country, Chicago. How do you think this location might impact the people who live and work in Lake County?

Stumpers

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2. How old is Lake County?

3. How many live in the county, but not in **Crown Point?**

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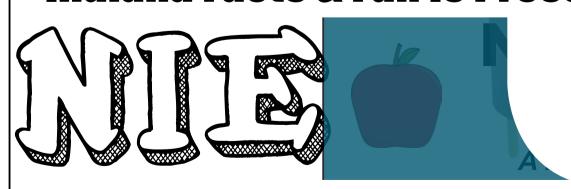
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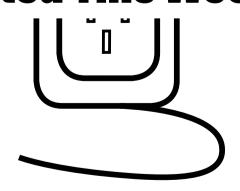
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Slight Increase in Producer Sentiment Despite Rising Costs and Lower Crop Prices

The Purdue University/ CME Group Ag Economy Barometer farmer sentiment index rose 6 points in July to a reading of 103. Producers were somewhat more optimistic about both current and future economic conditions on their farms when compared to June. The Index of Current Conditions rose 10 points to a reading of 109, and the Index of Future Expectations rose 4 points to a reading of 100. Although all three indices rose this month, they were still 23% to 24% lower than a year earlier. The Ag Economy Barometer is calculated each month from 400 U.S. agricultural producers' responses to a telephone survey. This month's survey was conducted July 11-15.

"Even though we saw a slight uptick in sentiment this month, there is still a tremendous amount of uncertainty in the agricultural economy," said James Mintert, the barometer's principal investigator and director of Purdue University's Center for Commercial Agriculture. "Key commodity prices, including wheat, corn and soybeans, all weakened during the month and producers remain concerned over rising input prices and input availability."

Farm operators in this month's survey voiced concerns about several key issues affecting their operation, including higher input prices (42% of respondents), lower crop prices (19% of respondents), rising interest rates (17% of respondents) and availability of inputs (15% of

respondents).

The Farm Financial Performance Index, which is primarily reflective of income expectations for the current year, improved 5 points to a reading of 88 in June. However, this month, 49% of respondents said they expect their farm to be worse off financially a year from now, which compares to 51% who felt that way in June. This is a markedly more pessimistic outlook than producers provided a year ago when just 30% of respondents said they expect their financial condition to worsen in the upcoming year.

Producers remain uncertain over their expectations for crop input prices over the next 12 months. In July, 18% of crop producers said they expect 2023's crop input prices to decline between 1% and 10% when compared to 2022's prices, versus 12% who felt that way in June. Meanwhile, 26% of respondents in July said they expect 2023's prices to rise by 10% or more, compared to 38% who expected a crop input price rise of that magnitude in June.

The rise in input costs is leading some producers to reassess their cropping plans for the upcoming year. In this month's survey, nearly one out of four (24%) of crop producers said that as a result of the rise in input costs, they plan to change their farm's crop mix in 2023. In a follow-up question, over half (53%) of respondents who said they plan to change their mix will increase the percentage of their cropland

devoted to soybeans. In a separate set of questions, 26% of producers who said they planted winter wheat last year indicated they plan to increase their wheat acreage this fall.

The Farm Capital **Investment Index remains** near its record low, up one point to a reading of 36 in July. To shed light on why, respondents who said now is a bad time for large investments were asked for the primary reason they felt that way. Of those respondents, 44% indicated an "increase in prices for farm machinery and new construction," 15% said "uncertainty about farm profitability," and 14% chose "rising interest rates" as the primary reason they viewed now as a bad time for large investments. Somewhat surprisingly, only 7% of respondents chose "tight farm machinery inventories at dealers" as their primary reason for responding negatively to

the investment question. Producers' views on farmland values diverged this month as the Short-Term Farmland Value Index declined 9 points to 127, while the longterm index rose 9 points to 150. The short-term index is down 20% from its peak reading in 2021, while the long-term index is only 6% lower than the peak reached last year. Short-term, there was a shift away from expectations that farmland values will go higher, with more producers in July expecting values to remain about the same. The long-term change was attributable to more respondents this month

expecting values to rise with fewer expecting a decline over the next five years.

"The short-run and long-term farmland indices don't always move in tandem, but the magnitude of this month's divergence between the short and long-term indices is unusual,' Mintert said. "Producers who expect values to rise over the upcoming five years continue to say that nonfarm investor demand and inflation are the two primary reasons they expect values to rise."

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Read the full Ag Economy Barometer report at https://purdue.ag/ag-barometer. The site also offers additional resources – such as past reports, charts and survey methodology – and a form to sign up for monthly barometer email updates and webinars.

Each month, the Purdue Center for Commercial Agriculture provides a short video analysis of the barometer results, available at https://purdue.ag/barometervideo. For even more information, check out the Purdue Commercial AgCast podcast. It includes a detailed breakdown of each month's barometer, in addition to a discussion of recent agricultural news that affects farmers. Available now at https:// purdue.ag/agcast.

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Indiana Leans into the Arts, Culture with New Economic Development Tool

Indiana will soon begin investing in growing its creative industry, offering a new Film and Media Tax Credit for television, film, music or digital media productions. This tool, established in the 2022 legislative session through Senate Enrolled Act 361, will help build a robust, competitive and sustainable media industry and infrastructure in Indiana while attracting new investment and tourism to the state.

"Creativity is an essential ingredient to the vibrancy of any community, and this new tool will encourage artists to do their work here in the Hoosier state," said Indiana Secretary of Commerce Brad Chambers. "By attracting media companies and their service businesses to Indiana, and by extension, continuing to diversify Indiana's economic portfolio, it is my hope that we are enabling more of our talented young people to pursue careers that align with their passion, without having to leave home."

Applications open Aug. 5, 2022, for the Film and Media Tax Credit, which will provide an incentive to members of the creative economy to film or record qualified media productions in Indiana, encouraging student, amateur and professional crews to leverage the state's urban, rural and natural assets.

"I've been advocating for an incentive like this for many years," said Angelo Pizzo, writer and director of "Hoosiers." "Not only does this incentive make Indiana a competitive spot for media production, but it will go a long way in encouraging our talented graduates to stay within the state. I hope that this incentive will continue to grow."

The incentive offers an income tax credit of up to 30% to help offset certain production expenses including:

Up to 20% for qualified production expenses, including expenses for acquisitions, filming and sound, labor and story rights;

Up to 5% for using Indiana-based workforce during, pre- and post-production;

20% of the overall workforce must be from Indiana to qualify, including student and intern staff

Up to 5% for adding an IEDC-approved Indiana brand to the qualified production's credits.

A full list of qualified

A full list of qualified expenditures will be available on the IEDC website. Additionally, production crews and talent with Indiana accommodation stays of 30 consecutive days or more may be exempt from the County Innkeeper's Tax, further incentivizing Indiana as a production destination.

Qualified applicants are persons, corporations, limited liability partnerships, limited liability companies, or other entities engaged in making a qualified media production in Indiana.

Eligible media producers are encouraged to apply online beginning Aug. 5, 2022, through Oct. 31, 2022.

USDA Begins Issuing Payments for Spot Market Hog Pandemic Program

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is increasing the amount of funding available for the Spot Market Hog Pandemic Program (SMHPP) and expects to issue approximately \$62.8 million in pandemic assistance payments to hog producers starting this week. SMHPP assists eligible producers who sold hogs through a spot market sale from April 16, 2020, through Sept. 1, 2020. USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) accepted SMHPP applications through April 29, 2022.

"In order to provide more targeted support to hog producers affected by the pandemic, FSA was able to increase funding for SMHPP to provide

full payments to producers instead of applying a payment factor," said FSA Administrator Zach Ducheneaux. "We are pleased to be able to provide more equitable opportunities for hog producers who were

hard-hit by the pandemic." **SMHPP Payments**

SMHPP payments will be calculated by multiplying the number of head of eligible hogs, not to exceed 10,000 head, by the payment rate of \$54 per head.

FSA originally planned to apply a payment factor if calculated payments exceeded the allocated \$50 million in pandemic assistance funds for SMHPP. Payments are not expected to be factored due to Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack's decision to

a producers to receive 100% FSA of the calculated SMHPP payment.

payments.

There is no per person or legal entity payment limitation on SMHPP

SMHPP Background USDA offered SMHPP in response to a reduction in packer production due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which resulted in fewer negotiated hogs being procured and subsequent lower market prices. The program is part of US-DA's broader Pandemic Assistance for Producers

for hog producers.

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initiative and addresses

gaps in previous assistance

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

State of Indiana Accepting Applications for Teaching, Early Graduation Scholarships

Four scholarship opportunities for Indiana students are open for the 2022-23 school year, according to the Indiana Commission for Higher Education. Funding is available for Black and Hispanic and Latino student teachers, those who plan to teach in high-need fields, such as math, science or Special Education, and those who graduated from high school at least one year early.

Scholarships for Future

Educators:
William A. Crawford
Minority Teacher Scholarship: Open to minority
students (defined as Black
or Hispanic and Latino
individuals) who intend
to pursue or are currently
pursuing a course of study
that would enable them to
teach in an accredited Indiana school. Application
deadline: Aug. 31, 2022

deadline: Aug. 31, 2022.
Earline S. Rogers
Student Teaching Scholarship for Minorities: This scholarship is available for minority students (defined as Black or Hispanic and Latino individuals) who plan to participate in student teaching or a school administration internship as part of their degree requirements. Priority will be given to student teaching applicants. Application deadline: Sept. 30, 2022.

Student Teaching
Scholarship for HighNeed Fields: The Student
Teaching Scholarship
for High-Need Fields
is available for students

who plan to teach Special Education (any grade), middle school math, middle school science, high school math or high school science. Application deadline: Sept. 30, 2022

Students who receive any of the scholarships for future educators agree to apply for teaching positions at an accredited school in Indiana and, if hired, teach in the state for at least three years.

Mitch Daniels Early Graduation Scholarship: The Mitch Daniels Early Graduation Scholarship is a one-time \$4,000 scholarship for students who graduate from a publicly supported high school at least one year early. Application deadline: Aug. 31, 2022.

Apply through ScholarTrack. For instructions on how to apply, and for a full list of eligibility requirements visit learnmoreindiana.org/finaid.

"The cost of college

is the main factor for those deciding to pursue education and training beyond high school," said Indiana Commissioner for **Higher Education Chris** Lowery. "Each year, the state makes \$385 million of state financial aid available to Hoosiers, but for students to use the aid, they must apply by the deadline. Don't miss out on these opportunities to make the cost of going to college manageable for you and your family."

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Purdue Ranked No. 4 Most Trusted Several Products **Public University in United States**

Purdue University has been voted America's No. 4 most trusted public university, and No. 21 overall, in Morning Consult's "Most Trusted Universities" study measuring how deeply the public currently trusts universities "to do the right thing."

In recent years, public trust in U.S. institutions has faltered, leading to declining enrollment rates and increasing tuition costs at many universi-

Purdue sits behind only William & Mary (No. 12 overall), the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (No. 18 overall) and Clemson University (No. 19 overall) as public universities on the list that ranks the top 135 doctoral research universities. Purdue is the highest ranked among public Big Ten universities, and second overall behind Northwest-

"We don't know which



of Purdue's characteristics produced this encouraging ranking," said President Mitch Daniels, "but we are frequently commended for being affordable, academically rigorous, and protective of free inquiry and diversity of viewpoints. It's rightly said that trust is not given, it's earned. At Purdue, we know that trust must be constantly re-earned."

The survey was conducted in June 2022 among more than 11,000 U.S. adults and 1,000 high school students ages 16 to 18. According to the report, universities

are sorted by net trust, or the share of respondents who said they trust each brand to do the right thing "a lot" or "some" minus the share who said "not much" or "not at all."

The Morning Consult list is the latest top ranking added to Purdue's portfolio, which also includes being named a top 10 public university and No. 7 best value school in the U.S. by the Wall Street Journal and Times of Higher Education.

As the only university named a "Brand that Matters" by Fast Company in 2021, Purdue continues to recruit high-caliber

students by prioritizing accessibility and affordability, despite the report showing Gen Z respondents being 14 percentage points less likely to trust U.S. higher education compared to baby boomers. As higher education costs have grown, Purdue has frozen tuition for 11 consecutive years, saving Boilermakers more than a billion dollars since 2012-13. As 40 million Americans have life experience and some college credit, but no degree, Purdue Global is Purdue's accredited and affordable online solution designed for working adults who seek an online education they can trust. While the Indiana Commission for Higher Education reports significant declines in Indiana high school students going to college, Purdue has proven to be an exception, countering the college-going rate with continued year over year enrollment increases.

Recalled in July

The Attorney General's office reminds Hoosiers to be aware of products recalled in July. Consumers should take full advantage of the solutions available for those who purchased the recalled items.

"Summer is a time to be outdoors, but that time should be spent safely with well-made products. This month's list has several items you might find in your own backyard. Hoosiers should be aware of potential danger and solutions available for these recalled items," Indiana Attorney General Rokita said. "Consumer protection is one of my office's top priorities. If you have difficulty finding a resolution, call my office for help.'

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the following consumer products were recalled in July:

- Lawn Tractors from John Deere
- Tents from Westfield
- Fugleman Utility Terrain Vehicles from Segway Powersports
- Tony Hawk Silver Metallic Multi-Purpose Helmets from Sakar Inter-

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- Key West Knock Down Hammock Stands from The Hammock Source
- Cayden 9-Drawer Chests from Samson Inter-
- i330R SCUBA Diving Computers from Aqualung
- Silicone Baby Toy Bear Activity Toys from Konges Sløjd Denmark
- Toy Box with Bins from Monti Kids
- LiftActiv Peptide-C Ampoules from Vichy Laboratoires
- LRB™ Leg Loops from Crye Precision
- Look Touch Books from Scholastic

If you believe you purchased a recalled product, stop using it and check its recall notice. Follow the notice's instructions, including where to return the product, how to get the product fixed, how to dispose of the product, how to receive a refund for the product, or what steps must be taken to receive a replacement product.

To view recalls issued prior to July, visit the Consumer Protection Safety Commission web-

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-tocoast, 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 historical 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 driving 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 coastto-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.'

Lost Magnetic Fields cores in cylindrical tubes The first letter ever etched on the Martian – to be returned to Earth

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surface is the letter L. Far from being an act of interplanetary graffiti, though, it's there for scientific purposes. And it won't be there forever – scientists plan to bring the marked rock home someday to be studied in a laboratory.

Roger Wiens, professor of earth, atmospheric, and planetary sciences in the College of Science at Purdue University and an expert in Mars robotics technology, led the team that built SuperCam, one of Mars rover Perseverance's most innovative and effective tools. Recently, SuperCam used its laser to etch the first letter – L – on the Martian surface to learn more about Mars' lost magnetic field.

"Humanity has only ever had one planetary magnetic field to study as recorded in rocks - Earth's," Wiens said. "Being able to study Mars - which we think once had an Earthlike magnetic field and lost it – will increase our knowledge by a whole new planet."

Scientists on the Perseverance rover team are collecting rock samples – drill

by the next mission. But to understand Mars' magnetic field, they need to know how the sample was oriented when it was in the rock on Mars. The letter L is the easiest way - the way with the least number of strokes - to record how the rock was aligned on the planet. Scientists will compare the marking on the rock itself once it arrives on Earth with the marking as it was laid out in photos taken by the rover as it marked the rock. Comparing the rock sample's alignment with Mars' poles with qualities of the rock itself will give the researchers insight into the history of the planet's magnetic field, which is currently very weak compared to Earth's.

"We don't yet fully understand our own magnetic field on Earth - how it formed and how it changes," Wiens said. "Understanding Mars' magnetic field might help us understand our own. A planet's magnetic field protects it from cosmic radiation. Mars' loss of its magnetic field contributed to the loss of its atmosphere and liquid surface water."







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