

TODAY'S VERSE

Isaiah 53:5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.



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What makes Maggie Williams smile? "Honestly, the (Noblesville) Farmers Market. Just coming out here and interacting with all the vendors makes me excited," said this year's Farmers Market manager. "My favorite part is talking to the vendors." Williams is the onsite coordinator for this year's Noblesville Farmers Market, which is open 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays at Federal Hill Commons in downtown Noblesville. Market-goers and interested vendors are invited to seek out Williams to answer any questions during the market, where she'll be easy to spot in a brightly colored market T-shirt. The 44-year-old grew up in Goshen and graduated from NorthWood High School in Nappanee, where she played the trumpet and enjoyed an all-star band trip to Europe. She also plays piano. "I love music." She said, "I do sing, but I'm a horrible singer," comparing herself to the Elaine character on the "Seinfeld" television sitcom. She and her husband, Adam, a Mississippi native, have been married almost 27 years. They moved to Noblesville about six years ago and recently moved to rural property just outside of Hamilton County where they live in a barn house on acreage. They have four children, ages 19-27. She loves food and loves to cook as does her husband, Adam, a chef. They own and operate Jaws Food Truck and offer made-from-scratch jambalaya, seafood gumbo, pulled pork and butter beignets. She works part time at Lil' Bloomers on the Square and at NobleMade gift shop. She loves Noblesville. "Potter's Bridge is my favorite park. We just go out and about in the town. There is so much to do, something going on, so many activities, so many free activities." Williams, who was Farmers Market manager in 2019 and decided to return to the market after meeting with new Main Street executive director Kate Baker. Passions? "I love being outside and gardening." The weather forecast for this Saturday is sunny and in the 70s. Today, it's Kids Day at the Noblesville Farmers Market, with kids who've already reserved spaces, will sell their homemade wares and services. The next Kids Day at the Market is Sept. 17, with electronic Google applications available at <https://www.noblesvillemainstreet.org/>

And Another Thing...

Motorcycle enthusiasts from across Indiana are invited to ride in the inaugural "Stands Up for Recovery" ride on next Saturday. Organized by Renegade Recovery, the ride begins and ends at The Salvation Army Harbor Light Center at 2400 N. Tibbs Avenue in Indianapolis. Proceeds from the event will fund need-based scholarships for those seeking addiction treatment at the Harbor Light Center. Tickets for the event will be sold on site the day of the event with registration opening at 10:00 a.m. in front of the Harbor Light Center. The cost is \$25 per bike and tickets include a lunch prepared by volunteers and Harbor Light staff. In addition to food, riders and non-riders are invited to enjoy live music, games, and shopping from a variety of vendors that will be on site. Kickstands go up at noon and riders will enjoy a 2-hour trip exploring west-central Indiana.

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Ask Rusty - What Are My Wife's Benefits While I'm Living and as My Widow?

Dear Rusty: I will be 70 in January and my wife will be 65 in February, at which time we will both go on Medicare. I am currently working, and my approximate Social Security benefit will be around \$2,900. My wife was a stay-at-home mom and, therefore, has minimal Social Security benefits on her own. At 65 she is eligible for \$870 and at full retirement age will qualify for \$990. A few questions: if she starts



ASK Rusty
Social Security Advisor

Social Security Matters

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to draw benefits at 65, what would be her total spousal benefit? If she waited until

her full retirement age, what

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Designing Your Garden for Better Mental Health

(StatePoint) Gardening is not only a means for beautifying outdoor spaces and growing delicious foods. According to those who spend significant time in the yard, getting outside can also support your wellbeing.

"Gardening is good for the mind, it's good for the soul and it's good for the body," said legendary football coach, Vince Dooley. "I enjoy coming out to garden, and when I finish, I feel

like I've done something, and I feel good."

Landscape architect Doug Scott of Redeem Your Ground recently visited Dooley in Athens, Ga. to discuss gardening and mental health. Here are some of the insights they shared:

Health Benefits

• **Active benefits:** Gardening exercises the body and clears

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BBB Tip: Back to School Shopping for Tech Supplies

Technology has become a permanent fixture of the education experience. After the crash course in educational technology that was the 2020 school year, teachers and students are increasingly confident in using technology for learning. Though its role in the classroom will continue to evolve, a precedent

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Noblesville High School orchestra director David Hartman (middle) talks to NHS sophomore Isaac Keiner (left), and Isaac's mom, Maureen Keiner, during NHS's parent-teacher open house on Thursday. Hartman said he taught Isaac's mom in guitar class, his dad in orchestra class, and now he is teaching Isaac in guitar class.

Meeting the Teachers at Open-House Night



BETSY REASON
The Times Editor

I felt a sense of normalcy attending the Noblesville High School back-to-school open house on Thursday night.

It was kind of like the old parent-teacher night, where parents could meet their kids' teachers.

The evening was a little less structured than in elementary school, where parents would actually go in and meet the teachers at a pre-set time.

On Thursday, there was no formal program or schedule. We could travel from teacher to teacher at our leisure.

Parents were asked to bring

their student's schedule with them to better find their student's classes. But it was easy because most parents brought their student with them or, like us, met our student at school.

It was definitely easier navigating the high school building with our own personal student guide, who is now a junior.

The evening wasn't for talking to teachers about specific concerns or grades but just to meet the teachers.

And we did. We focused on

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HONEST HOOSIER

This from a reader: Democrats spent six years calling Trump supporters stupid. So they voted for someone who managed to get \$5 gas, skyrocketing inflation and food shortages. Who looks stupid now?



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TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Your skin can be damaged by UV light on cloudy days too. 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.



OBITUARIES

None

TODAY'S QUOTE

"Honest criticism is hard to take, particularly from a relative, a friend, an acquaintance, or a stranger."
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Jessica (Carr) Kuramata (HHHS, '11), Class of 2022 Hamilton Heights High School Athletic Hall of Fame inductee.



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Brittney (Curfman) Hensley (HHHS '01), Class of 2022 Hamilton Heights High School Athletic Hall of Fame inductee.

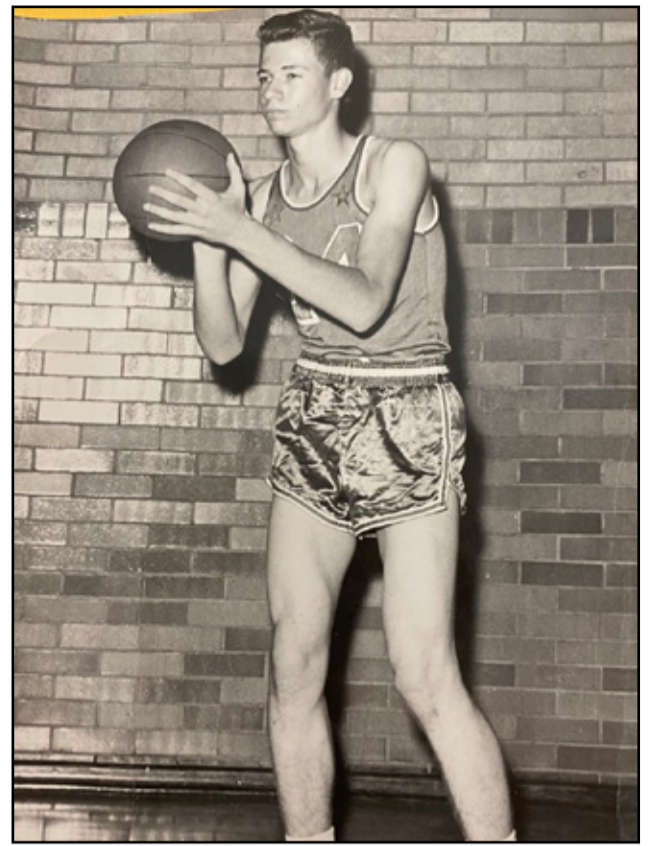


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Roger Bryant (Walnut Grove, '60), Class of 2022 Hamilton Heights High School Athletic Hall of Fame inductee.

Heights Names Athletic 2022 Hall of Fame Class

Hamilton Heights Athletic Hall of Fame Selection Committee is pleased to announce its Class of 2021 which includes 1 team, 3 multi-sport athletes and a standout basketball player who is still a recordholder. This year's inductees include Roger Bryan ('60), Brittney (Curfman) Hensley ('01), Chad Sherer ('08), Jessica (Carr) Kuramata ('11), and Hamilton Heights 2012-13 Hamilton Heights Girls State Runner-Up Team.

"On behalf of the Hall of Fame selection committee, we are very excited about this class," said Mitch Street, Hamilton Heights High School Hall of Fame Committee Chairman and Dean of Students. "In Roger Bryant, we have our first Walnut Grove graduate being recognized in the Hall of Fame. We are excited that Roger is going to deservedly get this recognition."

"With the induction of Brittney Hensley, not only do we have a unique multi-sport athlete, but we have the first girls' soccer player being inducted," Street continued. "The girls' soccer program has become one of the most successful programs in our school history. The induction of Chad Sherer

gives us another multi-sport athlete that went on to play football at Indiana University, but perhaps recognizes what many might believe to be the best overall athlete to come through Heights."

"The last of our individuals being inducted is Jessica Carr," he said.

"She was our first female Indiana Basketball All-Star and is the all-time leading scorer in history. To round out the class, the committee is proud to induct the 2012-2013 girls' basketball team. Not only are they the first and only girls' team to participate in a state championship, but they along with Jessica Carr represent the girls' basketball program, which has become one of our most successful programs."

Roger Bryant. Bryant is a 1960 graduate of Walnut Grove High School, where he was a standout basketball player. Roger was a 1,000-point scorer (1071) during his career. He was All Hamilton County for three years. Roger holds the record of 71 points for the most points scored in a single Hamilton County Tourney and also for the single game scoring record with 32 points. Roger has remained in the community and is a frequent attend-



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Hamilton Heights 2012-13 Hamilton Heights Girls State Runner-Up Team, Class of 2022 Hamilton Heights High School Athletic Hall of Fame inductees.

for most goals in a season and goals in a career. Her single season goals are currently 2nd and 3rd respectively, and she is 2nd in career goals. She was all-conference, all-county, and all-state in each of her four years playing soccer. Although she was likely best known for her success on the soccer field, she also was the kicker for the football team, where at the time of her graduation she held the record for most PATs in a game and a season. Brittney went on to play soccer at Indiana Wesleyan University. Brittney currently still resides in the community and actively serves

leader in rushing yards and is the all-time leader in rushing touchdowns. In baseball he still holds the records for highest batting average in a season. Chad went on to play football at Indiana University, where he was a three-year letter winner.

Jessica (Carr) Kuramata. Kuramata is a 2011 graduate of Hamilton Heights High School. She was a standout basketball player during her time at the high school. She is the school record holder for points in a career (1340) - which ranks her 12th overall in Hamilton County history, as well as the all-time assist leader.



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Chad Sherer (HHHS '08), Class of 2022 Hamilton Heights High School Athletic Hall of Fame inductee.

was the first girls' team to make an appearance in a state finals contest. They finished the year 23-3 before losing a tough one to Mt. Vernon High School, a team they had beaten earlier in the year. They were a team who set the tone on the defensive end and were explosive offensively. As a team they shot over 38% from the three-point line and they outscored their opponents by over 23 points a game on the season. They had multiple athletes who went on to play college basketball.

The Athletic Hall of Fame is designed to recognize and honor Hamilton Heights High School

followed by the induction ceremony begins at 1 p.m. on Saturday, September 17 at Hamilton Heights High School, 25802, SR 19 Arcadia, Indiana. Inductees will be given a metal display and their names and pictures proudly displayed in the Athletic Hall of Fame located in the Athletic Center.

Nominations for the Hamilton Heights Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2023 will be accepted December 1, 2022, through March 31, 2023. The nomination form can be downloaded at https://drive.google.com/file/d/1MkOxpOpHN-rmXFzEI_rLPXbEIIdeK-vaVP/view.

Keep Noblesville Beautiful Awarded IDDC Public Art Activation Grant

Keep Noblesville Beautiful was among one of 49 organizations awarded almost \$250,000 by the Indiana Destination Development Corporation (IDDC) to support public art projects throughout the state.

The Noblesville non-profit received \$5,000 to fund a portion of their roundabout sculpture

planned for the Hauge and Carrigan Road intersection.

The sculpture pays tribute to the tourism and aquatic recreation opportunities brought to Noblesville thanks to nearby Morse Reservoir. Dubbed "Sail Away IN Indiana," the sculpture is the work of artist Kevin Huff, whose previous work

includes the "Embrace the Trace" sculpture installed on Hazel Dell Road in 2021.

"Keep Noblesville Beautiful is excited to celebrate one of Noblesville's most important natural resources with this highly visible public art piece" said Darren Peterson, Keep Noblesville Beautiful Board President. "We are grateful

to the IDDC for continuing to support public art and the vibrancy it adds to our growing communities."

"Sail Away IN Indiana" is scheduled for a late fall 2022 installation. Those interested in making a tax-deductible contribution to support public art and clean community initiatives can visit KeepNoblesvilleBeautiful.org.



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A rendering of the proposed roundabout installation celebrating Morse Reservoir. The installation is planned for the intersection of Hauge and Carrigan roads.

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Brooks, Tinder Slam Attorney General Rokita For Baseless Claims

By Leslie Bonilla Muñiz
Former U.S. Congresswoman Susan Brooks and former federal judge John Tinder, in a Wall Street Journal column Wednesday, excoriated Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita for his investigation of the physician who oversaw an abortion on a 10-year-old rape survivor from Ohio. Rokita first announced his office was investigating Indianapolis obstetrician-gynecologist Dr. Caitlin Bernard on Fox News' "Jesse Waters Primetime" on July 13, saying he was examining her license and implying she didn't properly report the procedure. Though later news accounts confirmed Bernard had followed reporting requirements, Rokita said his office's investigation continued.

"A prosecutor should never wield the government's extraordinary authority for political or ideological aims," Brooks and Tinder wrote. "That smacks of McCarthyism and is especially pernicious at a sensitive political moment." In the commentary, Brooks described herself as having a "consistent pro-life record in Congress," while Tinder wrote that as a retired judge, he'd never taken a public position on abortion. Tinder was appointed to the bench by two Republican presidents. Brooks was a federal prosecutor. The pair, both native Hoosiers, rebuked Rokita for launching his investigation before reviewing the evidence Bernard had complied with reporting



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requirements. Brooks and Tinder also criticized Rokita's "inflammatory rhetoric," referring to his characterization of Bernard as an "abortion activist acting as a doctor" on Fox News. Incendiary public statements, they wrote, jeopardize the "justice system's legitimacy" and harm the individuals spotlighted. "Government investigations should remain confidential unless and until a defendant is charged, with respect for the presumption of innocence and

government's burden of proof," Brooks and Tinder wrote. "A baseless investigation, if disclosed publicly, causes the target reputational damage, humiliation and loss." Bernard has filed a tort claim notice — a precursor to a lawsuit — against Rokita. Her lawyer called Rokita's statements a "smear campaign" in an interview with NPR. **Rokita responds**
Rokita provided a statement to the Capital Chronicle saying, "Since the doctor's comments about one of her patients

to the media made international news, the disclosure of such private information, which is protected by state and federal law, is a matter of general public concern. Keeping the public informed is an important part of my duties as Attorney General. The indication of a review or investigation does not imply guilt or innocence and the media and others need to stop rushing to judgment and keep an open mind, relying on our promise to get all of the facts and not be deterred." **Brooks and Tinder**

weren't the first to criticize Rokita's actions. Earlier this year, former IU Maurer School of Law Dean Lauren Robel alleged that Rokita's statements on Fox News were "false or baseless," according to a three-page complaint to the Indiana Supreme Court Disciplinary Commission. Rokita responded to a question about Bernard's tort claim notice while on Newsmax Monday. "There's been some evidence that one report was made — we're researching that," he said. "There's other reporting duties as well. And then there's privacy duties and expectations that we have to determine whether or not they've been upheld." "No matter what the intimidation tactics of attorneys are out there, we're going to do our job," he added.

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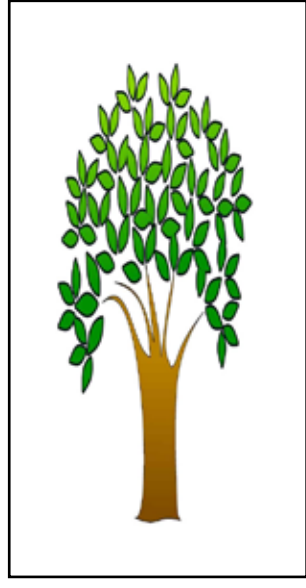
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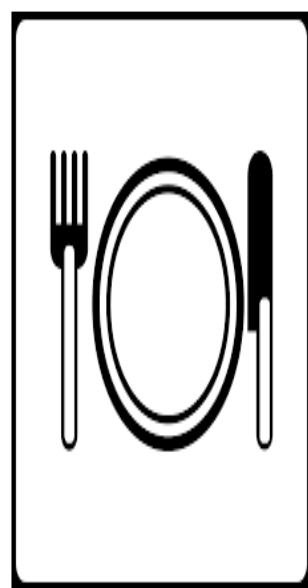
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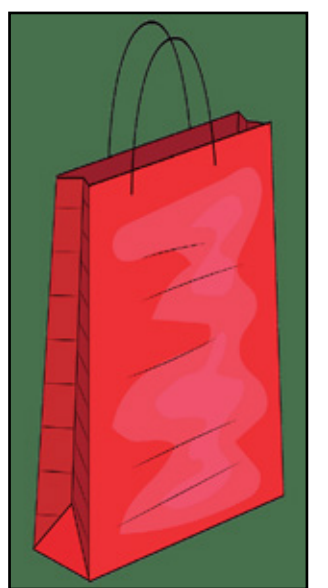
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Indiana University, Purdue University Announce New Vision for Indianapolis Campus

Indiana University and Purdue University took the first steps Friday on a bold new vision for higher education in Indianapolis, designed to increase the number of job-ready graduates in an innovation-led economy, fuel economic growth in the region and the state, and enhance service to the Indianapolis community and beyond.

This new vision, outlined in a Memorandum of Understanding approved Friday by the IU Board of Trustees and the executive committee of Purdue's Board of Trustees, will transform the 52-year-old IUPUI – a joint venture between the two universities on a campus IU owns and manages – into separate academic organizations in which IU and Purdue will each govern their own programs. It calls for a more energized role for each university and the production of more graduates ready to participate in the modern economy.

The MOU outlines a platform for collaboration in which each university's strengths will expand research activity in Indianapolis and enhance funding opportunities for joint research initiatives, including the creation of a joint biosciences engineering institute. This new institute will harness the power of the universities' collective academic and research strengths and ongoing collaboration between Purdue's Weldon School of Biomedical Engineering and other Purdue health-related disciplines, and Indiana University's School of Medicine and health-related disciplines to develop new life-enhancing therapies and technologies while simultaneously creating a highly sought-after pool of professionals whose unique research and training will create startups and attract new companies to Indiana.



The presidents of both universities pointed to the joint institute as an example of how this agreement brings them together in ways that will create transformational change in Indianapolis and the state, creating a global center of research and an engine of growth.

The MOU charges campus leaders to work together over the next year toward the optimum model for strengthening the city and state in the modern economy. To create that model, various operational details will be worked out through careful planning and consultation with all impacted groups. Working groups will be formed to address a variety of specific areas, and both universities are committed to executing a smooth transition that puts students first. Completion of the realignment is expected in time for the fall 2024 semester, at which time the new academic organizations will become official.

Both presidents hail decision

Presidents Mitch Daniels of Purdue and Pam Whitten of IU hailed the trustees' support and action for the positive effects they foresee.

"This is an historic moment for Indianapolis, for IU, and for our entire state," Whitten said. "We

are building on IUPUI's more than 50 years of accomplishment to propel us into becoming one of the preeminent urban research universities in this country. In addition to expanding our science and technology programs, we plan to grow across the board, create more opportunities for students, and become even more deeply integrated with the Indianapolis community through close relationships with local businesses, nonprofits, sports organizations, and more."

Said Purdue's Daniels: "This new vision will enable the number of Purdue's STEM graduates to grow and also provide more opportunities to our students and faculty both in Indianapolis and in West Lafayette. What we are announcing today responds to calls we have heard from Indianapolis and across the state for a bigger and more visible Purdue in Indianapolis. Our state and its largest city require a world-class, high-technology research presence of the quality Purdue represents."

Each university building on its strengths

Indiana University owns and operates the IUPUI campus, but certain programs grant Purdue degrees. Under the MOU, various activities will be allocated as follows:



Indiana University will take over operation of what is now the School of Science at IUPUI, except for its Department of Computer Science, which will become part of Purdue. IU will accelerate training for tomorrow's IT workforce by expanding its Luddy School of Informatics, Computing and Engineering with new computer science programs in Indianapolis.

IU also expects to enhance integration of its science programs with its School of Medicine and other allied health science schools, expanding the number of students who will be prepared for health science-based careers, improving the pipeline of doctors and nurses and keeping more graduates in the state. IU will also establish innovative collaborations in new research areas, which will benefit the state through increased funding and resulting startups.

In addition, IU will have responsibility for providing certain administrative services for both academic organizations and for maintaining the intercollegiate athletic program. IU will continue to provide innovative educational experiences for the more than 27,000 students in other IU programs such as business, law, nursing, social work and a wide range of other academic disciplines.

Purdue will assume responsibility for engineering, computer science and technology as a fully integrated expansion of Purdue West Lafayette. The new structure will allow Purdue to grow engineering, technology and computer science enrollments in Indianapolis, and create exciting opportunities for current West Lafayette

students to "study away" in Indianapolis while pursuing internship or cooperative work opportunities with Indianapolis companies.

In addition to its new urban campus, Purdue intends to open a branch of its Purdue Applied Research Institute on or near the current IUPUI. Overall, Purdue anticipates growing today's Indianapolis enrollment by more than 1,000 students, housing many together in a new residential building near their academic buildings, Daniels said. These may be seniors finishing their education on the new urban campus, students who opt to undertake their entire Purdue experience at Indianapolis or options in between.

New programs to support growth, opportunity

In Friday's announcement, both presidents emphasized IUPUI's 52-year record of accomplishment. During that time, it has evolved from a local commuter school to the third-largest undergraduate campus and one of the biggest research campuses in Indiana. Its 206,000 living alumni contribute mightily to the state's economic growth.

But the opportunities and challenges of that growth and the changing demands of a modern economy demand a new approach, they said. Central Indiana and business community leaders have expressed concern about shortages of talent, especially in the sciences, engineering, technology, and health care, as well as a need for high-end research. Companies have even reported that they've had to invest elsewhere as the result of a lack of trained local talent.

"This new arrangement will give us opportunities to create immersive new programs in innovation and entrepreneurship that strengthen Indianapolis' position as one of our country's great urban centers," Whitten said. "And, in recognition of the importance of research as an engine of economic growth, I am today announcing a goal of raising our School of Medicine's ranking in NIH funding for research in medicine and biosciences among public universities from 14th, where we stand today, into the top 10 within five years."

Daniels and Whitten will welcome reactions and suggestions to these plans and hope for active support from business, public sector, and philanthropic leaders in bringing them to reality.

Both leaders also emphasized that, amid the change, key elements of what has made IUPUI successful would remain:

- Proximity to world-class employers.
 - Proximity to state government, within walking distance of campus.
 - Engagement with the community, extending even to faculty, a cutting-edge attribute only now being emulated by others.
 - The collaborative spirit on campus, which will be maintained under the new structure.
 - Pride in what has been accomplished over 52 years, gratitude to the faculty and staff who made it possible, and a loyal alumni base.
 - A commitment to continuing executive and mid-career education.
- What will ultimately emerge from that transition will be a much stronger platform for two world-class higher education powerhouses to meet the needs of Indiana and its capital city for decades to come. An FAQ is available online.

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the mind. Studies show that increased outdoor exposure leads to fewer long-term health problems, helping improve cardiovascular fitness, flexibility, strength, and dexterity—all leading to better mental health. Simply planting, growing, harvesting and maintaining plants gives you a direct emotional boost. Why? Gardening helps foster nurturing instincts and restores a sense of hope and purpose, ultimately improving self-esteem.

• Passive benefits: Don't have a green thumb? Don't worry. Scientific evidence proves that just being in nature has positive impacts on stress levels and brain chemistry. It can also lower blood pressure, increase concentration and improve mood. What's more, being outdoors offers a deeper sense of belonging and a new sense of purpose outside the daily grind.

Designing Your Garden Scott advises designing your garden to reflect how you want to live outside. He typically builds "rooms" connected by meandering paths for resting, unwinding, and feeling restored. However, your outdoor spaces don't always need to be quiet. They can encourage activity as well. If you enjoy company, create gathering spaces. Or, if you have hobbies that can be done outdoors like exercising, painting or writing, you can set aside areas for them.

Finally, Scott recommends designing your garden to awaken your five senses. Here's how:

1. Sight: Choose calming colors, or those that bring you joy. The

simple sight of a breathtaking array of plants or an arrangement of favorite flowers is bound to give your mental health a boost.

2. Taste: Growing your own food will provide you with an incredibly rewarding harvest. Not only will you be able to enhance meals with the fruits of your labor, you'll get the personal satisfaction of a job well done.

3. Hearing: Among the plants and flowers, add fixtures, such as wind chimes and water features, that'll produce soothing sounds. And with the new habitat you've created, you'll enjoy bird song, too!

4. Touch: From the light, feathery textures of petals to the rough surfaces of bark or bush stems, touch offers a deeper sense of connection to nature.

5. Smell: You may already use aromatherapy indoors. Take this concept outside by growing fragrant flowers and herbs, so you can literally "stop to smell the roses."

Scott and Dooley offer more insights in "Garden Therapy," a recent episode of "Done-In-A-Weekend Projects," an original series from lawn care equipment manufacturer, Exmark. To watch the video, visit Backyard Life, which is part of a unique multimedia destination with a focus on helping homeowners make the most of outdoor spaces. There you can also download additional tips and view other Exmark Original Series videos.

By gardening, your mental health will be better off for it. Just be sure to start small, simple and stress-free.

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meeting all of the teachers new to our student this school year. And we were very pleased to learn that our daughter finds all of this year's teachers to be engaging.

Teachers being excited about teaching and being interested in the content helps a lot for student learning. But it's not always that way.

The teachers who we visited seemed much more enthusiastic about their course subject and making learning fun. The classrooms were interesting and showed the teachers' personalities and interests. One of the teachers remembered that our stu-

dent was absent from her class one day. We learned that one of our students' teachers is a big Star Wars and movie fan and another teacher used to work at Conner Prairie, where our daughter is a fifth-year youth volunteer.

We're excited about this school year because our daughter is looking forward to the school year. No more mask mandates, thankfully. It's the first time in a couple of years that we've seen her happy about going back to school. And for that, we are thankful.

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would the amount be? Of greater concern, what would be her survivor benefit given the same criteria as mentioned above. **Signed: Planning Ahead**

Dear Planning Ahead: Based on the Social Security amounts in your email, your wife is eligible for a spousal benefit while you are both living. Her spouse benefit when she claims will consist of her own Social Security retirement benefit plus a spousal boost to bring her payment to her spousal entitlement. Spouse benefits are computed using full retirement age (FRA) benefit amounts, so if your age 70 benefit is "around \$2900" then your FRA (age 66) benefit amount (known as your "prima-

ry insurance amount") should be around \$2,225. Your wife's base spousal boost would be the difference between her FRA amount and 50% of your FRA amount, so her total benefit, if taken at her full retirement age, would be about \$1,112 (her \$990 plus a \$122 spousal boost). But taken at age 65, both her own benefit and her spousal boost would be reduced. At age 65 your wife's total benefit would be around \$963 (her own \$870 plus a reduced spousal boost of about \$93).

Regarding your wife's survivor benefit as your widow, if she has reached her full retirement age (66 years and 8 months), at your death she would get the same amount you were getting when you

died – the \$2,900 you will get by claiming at age 70. Your wife's survivor benefit as your widow will replace the smaller spousal amount she was receiving while you were both living. Since your wife will be already collecting a spousal benefit from you, if she has reached her FRA when you pass your wife will be automatically awarded her survivor benefit at that time. If she hasn't yet reached her FRA when you pass, the spousal portion of her benefit will stop but she can request a reduced survivor benefit early. In that case her early survivor benefit will be actuarially reduced by .396% for each month before her FRA it is claimed. If you were to die in the month your wife turns 65, her early

survivor benefit would be about \$2668.

One final thought about Medicare: if you continue to work and have "creditable" healthcare coverage from your employer, you can defer enrolling in Medicare Part B (coverage for outpatient services), thus avoiding the Part B premium until you stop working. If your wife is covered under your "creditable" employer healthcare plan, she can also defer enrolling in Medicare Part B until that coverage ends ("creditable" is a group plan with at least 20 participants). However, enrolling in Medicare Part A (coverage for inpatient hospitalization services), for which there is no premium, is mandatory to collect Social Security after age 65.

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has been set – technology is a critical component of education.

Market research firm Deloitte details how educational shifts influence consumer shopping habits. Research indicates that nearly half of consumers want to shop online for technology purchases which opens them up to be potential scam victims. As families begin to invest in reliable technology, BBB® advises shoppers to beware of scammers who could spoil your hopes for academic success.

Along with the desire to upgrade or purchase technology, shortages of essential supplies like computer chips may limit the options available to shoppers, making some deals, too good to be true when you come across them. Together, these trends put consumers in a risky position – where they need products but

can't find them available from trustworthy sellers. In times like these, scams are increasingly likely.

Scammers may target shoppers with phony deals, enticing ads and attractive but fake websites. To ensure you don't fall prey to a scam, savvy online shopping is a must.

BBB offers these tips for buying tech products ahead of the new school year:

• Shop with familiar retailers. Laptops, tablets or other tech accessories can be a significant investment. Shop with businesses you know and trust to ensure you're getting a quality product and good customer service.

• Don't buy from impostors. Fraudsters may use the name, logo and other characteristics of brands you trust. Closely examine the website to verify that they are who they say they are.

• Approach low prices

with caution. Low prices and short-term sales could signal you've encountered a scam. If the price seems too good to be true, it probably is.

• Some companies rarely offer sales. Do more research if a company that rarely discounts products offers a huge sale. The products may be used or refurbished, or it could be a fake website.

• Know what you're shopping for. Set a budget, identify what capabilities will benefit your student and compare your options. Then, shop around for a reliable seller. Researching the best product for your needs will help you avoid scams and buyer's remorse.

• Ensure you know who is the seller. Some big box retailers allow third-party sellers to list items on their site, and those items can be hard to distinguish from the rest. Read all the fine print to

ensure you're comfortable with the seller.

• Finish your shopping early. Supply shortages are possible, especially as many consumers begin shopping for the same products. Do your shopping now to avoid paying higher prices or falling victim to a scam.

Report scams at BBB.org/ScamTracker.

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Design a Bird-Friendly Landscape

By Melinda Myers

Temperature extremes, drought and storms take a toll on our landscapes. Sometimes a bit of pruning, proper care and patience is all that is needed to help plants recover. Other times, plants need replacing. It is always sad to lose a favorite plant. The memories, time and money invested are lost, but it presents an opportunity to grow something new.

Consider creating a bird-friendly landscape when selecting replacements for failing and dead plants. Working with nature is a great way to support birds without the use of feeders.

Look for seed, berry and nectar producing plants that attract songbirds. You will enjoy the color and motion these birds add to your landscape. Plus, 96% of terrestrial North American birds feed upon insects, helping you manage garden pests.

Plant bird-friendly flowers, shrubs, and trees in clusters whenever possible. This creates an impressive display in the landscape and allows birds to gather food more efficiently and waste less energy traveling between plants.

Select a variety of plants to ensure both seasonal and year-round birds have plenty of food. Include a mixture of plants that provide seeds, berries, or nectar from spring through fall. These plants are nature's birdfeeders, eliminating the need to clean and fill traditional feeders.



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Evergreens, like this yew, provide year-round appeal and shelter for birds.

Include native trees, shrubs, and flowers whenever they are suited to the growing conditions in your yard. Native plants, birds and insects have co-evolved over time, making them a great source of food and shelter for native birds. Audubon's Native Plant Database provides lists of plants suited to your location.

Consider plants with year-round appeal. Evergreens provide screening and a backdrop for other plants and shelter for the birds. Junipers come in a variety of sizes and shapes and tolerate hot dry conditions once established. Choose hemlocks for those shadier locations. They require moist well-drained soil and shelter from winter wind and sun.

Deciduous trees and shrubs – those that lose their leaves in winter – can provide multiple seasons of beauty with flowers, fruit, fall color

and interesting bark. Many of these also provide shelter and food for songbirds. Serviceberries have multiple seasons of beauty and produce edible fruit you and the birds will enjoy in June. Dogwoods, including red twig and pagoda, have flowers for pollinators and late summer fruit for the songbirds. Winterberry is an excellent source of winter food. You will need at least one male for every one to five female plants for pollination and fruit to form. Grow these in full sun to light shade and moist acidic soil.

Reduce the risk of injury and the inconvenience of accidentally knocking out power, cable or other utilities while making bird-friendly additions to the landscape. Contact Diggers Hotline at least three business days before you get started planting. Just call 811 or file a request online at <https://call811.com/811-In-Your-State>. They will

contact all the appropriate companies who will mark the location of their underground utilities in the designated work area. Aug. 11 has been declared 811 Day to remind everyone to call 811 prior to any digging project.

Your efforts now to welcome birds into your landscape are sure to provide much beauty and enjoyment for years to come.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the recently released Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition and Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD instant video series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and her website is www.MelindaMyers.com.

Celebrate Start of Fall With Perennials

Many perennials have one last glow-up before winter dormancy sets in. This means you can enjoy a surprising number of flowers in warm fall colors, such as ochre yellow, warm red and deep purple. They are stunning combined with radiant white fall bloomers, such as black cohosh (*Actaea simplex*), which appears to glow when dusk sets in.

Herbaceous perennials & late bloomers

With a well-chosen mix of perennials, you can experience the seasons close to home. For a vibrant fall border, combine herbaceous perennials with late bloomers. You will see summer turning slowly into fall. Herbaceous perennials are perennials that start blooming in summer and just don't know when to stop. Some even flower well into November, for example white gaura (*Gaura lindheimeri*), knotweed (*Persicaria*) and vervain (*Verbena bonariensis*). In the course of late summer and fall, the real fall bloomers are added, such as fall aster, great burnet (*Sanguisorba*) and Japanese anemone (*Anemone hybrida* 'Honorine Jobert').

Ornamental grasses

& leafy plants

Ornamental grasses are indispensable in fall borders. Many ornamental grasses look their best in late summer and fall, when they bloom with lush plumes, whether or not combined with coloring leaves. Fountain grass (*Pennisetum*), silver grass (*Miscanthus*) and purple moor grass (*Molinia*) are real fall beauties. Don't forget leafy plants with their gorgeous leaf colors, such as coral bells (*Heuchera*). Visit www.perennialpower.eu for even more plants for your fall border.

Tips & ideas

- Fall is the perfect season for planting because the soil is still warm and it rains more often than in spring. This means that plants will take root easily.

- Also plant fall-flowering perennials in pots to add more color to your patio or balcony. A combination with ornamental grasses always works well.

- Do not cut perennials back when fall draws to a close, so you can continue to enjoy their winter silhouettes. Pruning can be done in (early) spring, just before the first green shoots appear.

Award-Winning Outdoor Space Inspiration

(Family Features)

Renovating your home's outdoor spaces not only enhances the aesthetic but can also provide a host of recreational benefits. Taking a look at award-winning projects can help many homeowners draw inspiration while also identifying capable, reputable contractors to take on the project.

For example, selected by a panel of industry experts based on functionality, aesthetics, craftsmanship, innovation and degree of difficulty, these 2021 National Association of the Remodeling Industry National Contractor of the Year (CotY) Award Winners showcase a variety of ideas for upgrading your outdoor spaces. Find the complete list at nari.org/cotywinners.

Residential Landscape Design/Outdoor Living Under \$100,000

The clients wanted to upgrade a poorly draining, impractical backyard into an attractive, functional outdoor entertainment space that flowed from the renovat-

ed basement. The project included an outdoor area for entertaining, outdoor kitchen, spacious patio with a custom concrete fire pit, oversized ceiling fans, ample storage and landscaping complete with native plants around the perimeter.

"By working on this project, we learned how important it is to take a holistic look at what clients are trying to accomplish with their renovations," said Thomas Boyce, president of Boyce Design & Contracting. "Often with outdoor living projects, designers and contractors look at the exterior of the home in isolation. We learned to look at how the interior and exterior of the home connect to each other to make sure the features and floor plan flow and work well together. By taking this approach, we were able to achieve a better finished product that is more functional and attractive for our clients."

Residential Landscape Design/Outdoor Living \$100,000-\$250,000

A young, active family

was looking to create a distinct outdoor living space with multiple entertainment spaces that tied in with the existing aesthetic and elevated the home amongst its neighbors. The low-maintenance backyard now features an outdoor dining area, sunken living room, entertainment area and additional storage space built with the home's current architectural features while also maintaining a large enough yard for the kids and their friends to play.

"The aesthetic of the outdoor areas was designed not only for function but also to reflect the interiors and keep the inside-outside living feeling continuous," said Tim Johnson, owner and founder of Livit Site + Structure. "For example, the shiplap used on the fire table is the same shiplap featured inside the home. Likewise, the Douglas fir timbers used on the pergola are the same as the interior ceiling beams."

Residential Landscape Design/Outdoor Living Over \$250,000

A 4,000-square-foot project built at four different elevations, this client wanted to include a safe way to move from the upper level to the backyard without coming through the house, a structure for shade and protection from mosquitoes and a pool with features that reflected the home. Adding a covered screen room with individually controlled wall panels, see-through fireplace, fountain, pool with sheer descent waterfalls, recycled rock walls and staircase from the upper elevation while enclosing it all within a stone wall met those expectations.

"A sound piece of advice for anyone building anything in the backyard: get a plan," said Ken DePratt, owner of KD Pools, Ltd. "Have it match your expectations list. Then, and only then, will you know if it matches your budget. We would recommend doing your research when taking on a pool project of any size. It's hard to push that hole around once it's dug."

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Tree Talk

4 tips for planting trees

FAMILY FEATURES

Trees are virtually everywhere you turn, from your own backyard to nearby parks and forests where you enjoy hiking. They provide shade and beauty, and some even bear fruit. Beyond all the immediate benefits, you may be surprised to discover trees are also a critical key to the future.

These facts and tips from the book “Now is the Time for Trees” offer practical insight on the importance of trees and how to nurture one from selection to planting and beyond.

A compelling and ever-growing body of evidence generated by scientists, health care professionals, conservationists, humanitarians and both public and private corporations supports the critical importance of trees and their impact on the human condition.

Trees filter pollutants out of the air and water and provide protection for people and communities from dangerous heat and flooding. They lower urban temperatures, reduce energy bills and sequester carbon to slow the rate of climate change.

When you plant a tree in your yard or neighborhood, that tree goes to work filtering out pollutants, intercepting stormwater and capturing carbon. With proper placement, that tree can also help lower household energy use by as much as 20%.

You can engage in the tree planting movement and make a difference by planting trees around your home and surrounding community with these tips.

Consider the Growing Region

Choosing a tree that will flourish in your growing region is fundamental to becoming a successful tree planter. Start by getting familiar with the growing conditions of your planting site, including factors like sunlight, soil condition and room to grow.

The amount of available sunlight at your planting location will determine which tree species will be successful. Most trees require full sunlight for proper growth and flowering. Some do well in (or even prefer) partial or light shade, but few perform well in dense shade.

Before you plant, get your soil tested by a lab to evaluate what’s happening underground. Test results, which are usually returned in a couple of weeks, provide a complete analysis of nutrients, possible contamination and pH (alkalinity or acidity), as well as directions for correcting problems.

Be conscious of overhead or underground utilities, pavement, buildings, other trees, traffic intersections and other factors that may impact your planting space.

Shopping for a Tree

When choosing which kind of tree to plant, be conscious of details like size, flowering, color (including how colors may vary through the seasons) and your view from inside the house. While shopping, you can rely on plant labels to learn details about a tree’s growth pattern, sun requirements, watering needs and soil requirements.

Two common styles of trees are container-grown trees, which spend their entire nursery lives growing in a container, and ball-and-burlap trees, which grow in the ground until they achieve a targeted size.

A well-tended container-grown tree has been carefully monitored and moved into larger containers as the plant grows. Be wary of a tree with roots that circle or twist within the container, which may cause roots to die. For a ball-and-burlap tree, look for a firm, securely tied root ball that is large enough to support the mature tree; it should be about 10-12 inches wide for every inch of trunk diameter.

Prepare Your Planting Site

Properly preparing your planting site is one of the best things you can do to get your tree off to a strong start. Before you plant, make sure your tree is thoroughly hydrated by watering the container or root ball several hours before proceeding. When planting a tree into a lawn, remove a circle of grass at least 3 feet in diameter where the tree will go to reduce competition between turf and fine tree roots.

Start Digging

Dig a broad, shallow planting hole with gently sloping sides 3-4 times wider than the diameter of the root mass and the same depth. Mound removed soil on a tarp for easy backfilling. Loosening the soil on the sides of the hole allows roots to easily expand and establish faster, but don’t disturb soil at the bottom of the hole.

Once the tree is positioned, replace the soil while firmly but gently tamping the original soil around the base of the root ball to stabilize it. Create a water-holding basin around the tree by building up a ring of soil and water to settle roots. Spread protective mulch 2-4 inches deep in a 3-foot diameter around the base of the tree, but not touching the trunk.

Find more tips to successfully plant and care for your trees at arborday.org.



The Power of Trees

From backyards to tropical rain forests, trees provide the necessities of life. Trees clean air and water, provide habitats for wildlife, connect communities and support human health.

- Trees are a proven affordable, natural way to pull carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere.
- Trees filter water and slow storm surge and flooding in cities.
- Trees provide shade, cooling cities by up to 10 degrees, which can help prevent heat-related deaths.
- Neighborhood trees can reduce stress, improve overall health in children and encourage physical activity.
- Trees support wildlife and aquatic life by providing habitats and helping keep waterways healthy, which ensures ecosystem balance and promotes biodiversity.
- Trees and other forest life work together to ensure a clean source of drinking water, buffer against extreme weather, provide medicines, offer outdoor recreation and enrich human culture.

A Handy Guide for Planting Trees

A rally cry against climate change, “Now is the Time for Trees” is an inspirational and informative guide that explains the important role trees can play in preserving the environment.

Author Dan Lambe, CEO of the Arbor Day Foundation, offers compelling reasons to plant more trees while providing simple, actionable steps to get involved, choose the right tree and achieve planting success. For each book sold, the foundation will plant a tree in a forest in need.

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Kroger Symphony on the Prairie Presents The Spinners and Three Dog Night with Special Guest Danny McGaw

On Friday, Kroger Symphony on the Prairie presents The Spinners. Timeless in a way that few other acts today are, The Spinners are one of the most iconic and enduring groups in R&B history. With a towering legacy spanning over six decades, The Spinners have never lost their universal appeal. In 2021, they returned with their first all-new original album, the aptly-titled *Round the Block and Back Again*. The group created and came to define the smooth sound of Philadelphia Soul, channeling the highs and lows of romance and heartbreak into a catalogue of classic hits, beloved across generations. Throughout the years the Spinners continue to top the Pop, R&B and now Adult Contemporary Charts, with smash singles like, "I'll Be Around," "Could It Be I'm Falling In Love," "Then Came You," "The Rubber Band Man," and many more—earning Six Grammy nominations, 18 Platinum and Gold Albums, a Star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, and selling millions of records worldwide in the process.

On Saturday, July 30, Kroger Symphony on the Prairie presents Three Dog Night with special guest Danny McGaw. Legendary music icons Three Dog Night, celebrating nearly 5 decades, claims some of the most

astonishing statistics in popular music. In the years 1969 through 1974, no other group achieved more top 10 hits, moved more records or sold more concert tickets than Three Dog Night.

Three Dog Night hits wind through the fabric of pop culture today, whether on the radio, in TV commercials, or in major motion pictures—songs like "Mama Told Me (Not To Come)", "Joy to the World", "Black and White", "Shambala" and "One" serve to heighten our emotions and crystallize Three Dog Night's continuing popularity. The group's eclectic taste, combined with its ability to recognize and record hits in a unique, distinctive and appealing style, resulted in Three Dog Night dominating the charts for years.

Performing with Three Dog Night is guest artist Danny McGaw, a singer-songwriter, multi-instrumentalist, producer, and sound engineer. Danny's voice packs an emotional charge that commands any room. Whether it's intimate acoustic ballads or explosive folk-rock anthems, his incisive lyrics and emotional intensity leave an unforgettable impression. General admission lawn seats, reserved seating, tables, and seats in the Huntington Bank Sunset Lounge are available for purchase.

Performances begin

at 8 p.m. EDT, each evening at Conner Prairie. Gates open at 6 p.m. EDT. Proof of negative COVID-19 test or COVID-19 vaccine will not be required to attend. Masks are optional at Conner Prairie. For more information regarding the policies of Conner Prairie and to review the FAQ, please visit the ISO website.

About Kroger Symphony on the Prairie

Gates open at 6 p.m. EDT and the concerts begin at 8 p.m. EDT each evening. Date-specific tickets must be purchased for each concert. Visit the ISO's website to purchase tickets and visit the Conner Prairie FAQ page for more information. You can also contact the Hilbert Circle Theatre Box Office at 317-639-4300. Special thanks to our generous partners at Kroger for their continued support of Symphony on the Prairie. The ISO is also grateful for the continued support of Huntington Bank as the Presenting Sponsor of the Sunset Lounge.

About the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra
The Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, at home and thriving in the heart of Indianapolis, offers an exceptional artistic and musical experience. The orchestra is open to all and dedicated to creating an inclusive and innovative experiential environment that is inspiring, educa-

tional, and welcoming. The ISO celebrates historically beloved performances while engaging audiences by introducing new voices through programming including the DeHaan Classical Series, the Printing Partners Pops Series, the holiday traditions of AES Indiana Yuletide Celebration and the popular Bank of America Film Series. For more information, visit www.indianapolisymphony.org.

About Conner Prairie
Conner Prairie is the destination for living history, inviting guests to step into the story and actively experience the connection between today and yesterday. With more than 1,000 wooded acres on the White River, Conner Prairie offers education and adventure to more than 400,000 visitors of all ages each year. As Indiana's first Smithsonian Institute affiliate museum, Conner Prairie provides both outdoor interpretive encounters and indoor experiential learning spaces, melding history and art with science, technology, engineering and math. A 501(c)3, nonprofit organization, Conner Prairie is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums, and relies on grants and philanthropic donations from individuals, corporations, and foundations to fuel its sustainability and growth. For more information, visit Conner Prairie's website.

Classic Cars, Vintage Planes & Country Music Fill Mansfield's Fantastic Final Friday Weekend

Travelers will want to plan a trip to Mansfield Aug. 26-28, when a jam-packed weekend filled with fantastic times offers loads of opportunities to make memories with family and friends. The action actually gets rolling on Wednesday, when the rare and massive WWII planes of the Air Power History Tour fly into Mansfield Lahm Regional Airport. The Final Friday live concert at the Brickyard and the Heart of the City Cruise-In round out the weekend fun.

Mansfield Lahm Airport Day

The first of what's expected to be an annual event in Mansfield will show off the area's updated Mansfield Lahm Airport on Saturday, Aug. 27 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Designed to spark and interest in aviation among young people, free Young Eagles Flights are offered to attendees age 8-13 who've never been on a plane, starting at 9:30 a.m. Registration for these limited flights is recommended and opens at 1 p.m. Aug. 19 at yeday.org. A Food Truck Rally will host nearly a dozen different offerings, while the special KidsZone bounce houses and interactive inflatables are staffed by members of the Civil Air Patrol. An area showcasing the businesses of Mansfield Lahm Airport will introduce all that's new at the airport.

Aug. 24-28, the sights, sounds and stories of World War II aviation fly into the airport as the AirPower History Tour brings five of the era's most important aircraft the main terminal ramp. The tour is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily and access is \$20 for adults, \$10 for youths age 11-17 and free for kids age 10 and under. Details and tickets are found at airpowersquadron.org/mansfield-ohio. Presented by the Commemorative Air Force, the tour gives visitors a rare opportunity to view aircraft up close and to tour B-29 and B-24 cockpits when the aircraft aren't flying. The CAF is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to honoring American military aviation history by keeping these majestic aircraft flying and through exhibition and remembrance. A highlight is a ride aboard any of five iconic 1930s-1940s aircraft. Advance reservations are recommended, with 20- and 40-minute ride prices ranging from \$299-\$3700/person. Rides are available in the B-29 Superfortress "Fifi," B-24 Liberator "Diamond Lil," T-6 Texan; PT-13 Stearman and P-51 Mustang "Gunfighter." Ride schedules and booking is available online at airpowersquadron.org.

ron.org/book.

Final Fridays Concert in the Brickyard:

The wildly popular Final Friday Concert Series takes place in the historic downtown Mansfield's Carrousel District. Friday, Aug. 26, 2022, an all-country line-up includes Jose Sanchez, Tom's Kitchen Table, and County Line, who take the Brickyard stage at 5:30 p.m. Guests often bring their own chairs to this popular outdoor arts and cultural venue, where local craft beer and food trucks draw lines of hungry and thirsty music lovers. Once a bustling commerce and warehouse district, the area faded, leaving deteriorated old industrial buildings, long past their prime. Local visionaries developed the Brickyard to create a downtown cultural center. Today, a live music stage, farmers markets and pop-up shops have replaced the wholesale demolition of littered alleys and piles of bricks.

Heart of the City Cruise-In:

The 25th anniversary Heart of the City Cruise-In rolls into downtown Mansfield, Saturday, Aug. 27 at noon and runs through 8 p.m. One of the state's largest car shows, the event features drool-worthy cars, trucks, and vans, competitions with trophies, show favorites, a 50/50 raffle, live music and great food. Held rain or shine, entrants in this massive antique car show cruise up SR 13 from Central Park. With the hundreds of cars lined up to strut their stuff, the parade will feature every imaginable antique vehicle, plus some modern stunners, from a 1920s Model T, a 1933 Plymouth PD Coupe or a '65 Ford Shelby GT350, to a rare 1964 Chevy Corvair Rampside, a 1920s Packard Roaster or the 1957 Chevy 210. Live entertainment will have some of that same vintage flare, with hometown 1960's rock bands Ohio Express, Music Explosion, and The Cyrkle, along with Journey cover band Departure. Anyone who wants to show off their ride can register at the show at 9 a.m. for \$15.

A destination unlike any other, Mansfield, Ohio offers unusual travel adventures and experiences, such as spending the night in a haunted former state prison where Hollywood blockbuster movies are shot, world-class motorsports, skiing, hiking, biking, golf, and loads of other outdoor adventures attract families and visitors of all ages. Complete visitor information, lodging details and free visitor guides are available at destination-mansfield.com.

Tribute to The Statler Brothers

American Pride, a tribute show to the Statler Brothers returns to the Boot City Opry on Saturday July 30th. A song "The Class of 57" written by brothers Don and Harold Reid propelled the Statler Brothers to

the top of the country charts and earned them Country Group of the Year in 1972. In addition to "The Class of 57" the Statler's recorded many hits including, "Flowers on the Wall", "Do You Remember These",

"Elizabeth", "I Still Miss Someone", "Bed of Roses" and others.

Today the quartet, American Pride, relives the memories of the Statler Brothers with their musical tribute that includes many of

their greatest hits. Like the Statler Brothers, the American Pride quartet has a set of brothers that started their careers with southern gospel. American Pride presents a very exciting and professional show.

5 Tips To Ride Motorcycles Safely And Comfortably

(Family Features) A warm day on the open road is a dream opportunity for riders, whether it's a longer trip or a quick jaunt through town. Regardless of the adventure, and no matter what you ride, a thrilling ride is a safe ride.

Whether you're new to the open road or a seasoned veteran, remember to follow best practices for safe riding like those outlined in the Responsible Rider program from BRP, makers of Can-Am 3-wheel vehicles. The program prioritizes being an attentive rider and always considering safety, the environment and riding etiquette from highways to city streets and everywhere in-between.

As a rider, you are part of a global community and a steward of the open road. To keep your ride safe and comfortable, consider these additional tips:

Wear the Right Gear
While your fashion statement is largely a matter of personal preference, there are some safety items designed to protect your health and well-be-

ing that should be worn. Protective riding gear helps keep you safe while enjoying the open road.

Full-hand gloves, riding boots that cover ankles, pants and jackets help protect against wind, sun, cold, heat and flying objects such as bugs or rocks. Drivers and passengers should also wear an approved helmet and eye protection to prevent injuries to the head, brain and eyes.

Choose a Proper Helmet
Every rider should wear a helmet, and the abundance of options available can make it tough to decide what's best. Start by looking for a DOT Certification sticker, which means the helmet meets the strict safety standards of the Department of Transportation.

- Full Face: This style of helmet provides protection for the head and neck with a fixed chin that helps absorb impact. Simply slip it on and adjust the visor.

- Open Face: Helmets like the Can-Am N21 are usually worn with goggles or a small integrated

shield. This option provides ultimate freedom on the road.

- Crossover: These helmets are easy to personalize based on ride intensity and weather conditions. Crossover helmets can be configured in numerous ways by transforming from full face to jet, which keep it breezy with a full field of view.

Maintain Your Hairdo
Keep hair out of your face. If you have longer hair, choose a hairstyle that's high and away from your eyes like a low bun, simple braid or ponytail. Secure hair at the nape of your neck and, when possible, wear a neck gaiter around the back of your head and across your nose to keep loose hairs secured. Bonus tip: Keep a compact brush on your ride so you can brush your hair upon arrival at your destination.

Prepare Appropriately for Riding Conditions
Weather is unpredictable, and you should be ready for whatever Mother Nature throws your way. Regardless of the forecast, always make

a plan for unforeseen conditions like wind and rain. An easy way to stay prepared is to keep a small packable jacket on your ride so you're never left without an extra layer.

Cooler conditions call for warm yet lightweight gear such as a base layer with additional light layers over the top like a jacket or thin vest. Hotter days require vented clothing that allows airflow to keep you cool and dry.

Consider Your Passenger's Safety

The most important rule for packing a passenger is ensuring your bike has a specific seat intended for a second rider. Be aware of how the added weight can affect the handling and behavior of the vehicle.

Generally, riding with a passenger requires more gradual riding from acceleration and braking to steering. Instruct your passenger how you prefer him or her to ride with you to ensure the most enjoyment possible.

Find more responsible riding tips at can-am.brp.com.

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