TODAY'S VERSE

Isaiah 12:2 Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation.



FACES OF **HAMILTON COUNTY**

What makes Jeremy Luna smile? "Inside of school, it's my students. I love hanging out. My job is being a disciplinary/attendance guy, but I really enjoy connecting with the kids...," said the 48-year-old Noblesville resident of his job as Dean of Students at Noblesville High School. He was easily spotted using a megaphone while supervising the crowd during the final regular-season home NHS boys varsity football game in 2021 at Beaver Materials Stadium. Why does he use a megaphone? "Humor, levity, but mostly crowd control. It's hard when there's 700 kids; it's hard to yell loud enough. So this thing helps me, at least get their attention, maybe not control them but get their attention." Luna was born and raised in Muncie and graduated in 1993 from Wapahani High School, then played college baseball and studied elementary education at University of Central Missouri. "I loved baseball, so I went wherever I could go to keep playing." He even played baseball in the college world series twice. "Then we decided we wanted to move back (to Indiana) and be close to family, so we moved back here," and he became an assistant principal. They moved about 15 years ago to Noblesville, where he is Dean of Students, overseeing "attendance, discipline, school culture, making sure the kids do what they're supposed to do most

And Another Few Things...

of the time."

1. Spartz Letter

Yesterday, Congresswoman Spartz sent a letter to President Biden, Secretary Blinken, Secretary Austin and General Milley urging them to improve efficiency and volume of direct lethal aid to Ukraine, implement P2P (point to point) logistics to the frontline, and establish an advisory and oversight joint task force in collaboration with the U.S. Embassy in Ukraine for distribution of financial aid to address high risks of incompetency, corruption, infiltration and abuse of

power in the Ukrainian government. "Last week, I visited Ukraine for the 7th time since the war started and was very impressed with our new diplomatic team in Ukraine", Rep. Spartz said. "However, the Biden Administration has to take some urgent actions for our strategic mission to succeed and save Ukrainian lives"

See the full letter online at https://spartz.house.gov/sites/ evo-su bsites/spartz.house.gov/ files/evo-media-document/Spartz Letter_8.22.2022.pdf.

2. Halloween at CPA

Halloween lovers can get into the spirit Oct. 22 at the Palladium when the Center for the Performing Arts presents One Dark Night ... A Rock Symphony of the Macabre. Conceived as "a terrifying

orchestral exploration of all things evil and dark from the world's greatest composers," One Dark Night is a classical/rock stage extravaganza assembled around electrified arrangements of spooky masterworks by composers such as Beethoven,

Mozart, Chopin and Prokofiev. Classically trained rock guitarist Neil Zaza, known for his viral YouTube videos, leads a six-piece band, accompanied by vocalists, costumed actors, narration and multimedia clips from classic horror and monster films to a create an immersive seasonal experience.

Tickets starting at \$25 will go on sale at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 26.

3. Job Opportunities

The Indiana Chamber of Commerce is launching the Talent Resource Navigator enabled by a \$2.5 million investment by the Lilly Endowment. The Talent Resource Navigator is a first of its kind platform that offers the convenience of onestop shopping for education and job training opportunities. Supported by on-demand customer service and technical assistance, the Navigator intentionally guides and connects individuals and employers with a tailored set of talent development resources based on each user's identified needs and selections.

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Photo courtesy of Nathan Fulton

Peter Fulton, 20, Fishers, sings "Heaven's Light" from "Hunchback of Notre Dame" on Sunday at the Indiana State Fair's Pioneer Village Opry House, winning second place in Overall Vocal in the 2022 Indiana State Fair Youth Talent Contest.

Peter Fulton Loves Singing to Others

20-Year-Old Wins 2nd Overall Vocal at Indiana State Fair



BETSY REASON The Times Editor

Peter's Fulton best advice for young singers?

"When you're performing, don't focus on sounding 'good.' Focus on telling the audience a story. If you try to sing perfectly, you'd be putting too much pressure on yourself. But if you try to tell a story, you'll be letting the lyrics do the work for you, and you'll leave the audience with something to think about," said the 20-yearold Fishers resident, a former Hamilton County 4-H'er who has competed in the 4-H Fair's Talent Show for 10 years.

'Singing is a nice outlet. The more opportunities I get to sing in front of an audience, the better. It feels fulfilling," he said.

On Sunday, Fulton won second place Overall Vocal in the Indiana State Fair's Senior Division of the 2022 Youth Talent Contest, with his song, "Heaven's Light" from "Hunchback of Notre Dame." He was also named first place in Male Vocal Solo. He qualified to compete at the State Fair after being named Hamilton County Youth Talent Show Grand Champion for Vocal Solo in the Senior Youth Division at the 4-H Fair in July. Sunday's State Fair competition was on stage in the Pioneer Village Opry House at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. There were 14 contestants in the Senior

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The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset RISE: 7:03 a.m. SET: 8:29 p.m.

High/Low **Temperatures** High: 83 °F Low: 59 °F

Today is....

- Buttered Corn Day
- Internaut Day
- Valentino Day

What Happened On This Day

- 1939 Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact is signed
- 1944 Romania switches sides in World War II
- 1966 First photograph of the Earth taken from the orbit of the Moon

Births On This Day • 1978 Kobe Bryant

- American basketball player
- 1988 Jeremy Lin American basketball player

Deaths On This Day • 1305 William Wallace

- Scottish knight, landown-
- 1926 Rudolph Valentino Italian/American actor

Inaugural Advancing **Noblesville Awards**

The public has been invited to submit nominations for the inaugural Advancing Noblesville Awards to be presented this November. On what is sure to be a celebratory evening, the community will gather to recognize innovation, excellence, leadership and spirit of service in Noblesville.

So many businesses, individuals, and organizations contribute

so much to the city's vibrancy. The Noblesville Chamber of Commons needd your help in discovering those hidden stories of innovation, excellence and extraordinary service. Perhaps even a self-nomination for your business or organization is in

The Noblesville Chamber

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Andretti Global Plans \$200M Headquarters Facility in Fishers

Andretti Global, the parent company of Andretti Autosport, announced plans today to establish its universal motorsports headquarters in the City of Fishers, enabling increased innovation and creating up to 500 new jobs by the end of 2026.

"Indiana has long been the racing capital of the world, and Andretti Autosport's commitment to growth here will only further cement our state's leadership position in Motorsports and STEM-related pursuits,"

said Governor Eric J. Holcomb. This new campus will not only bring new, exciting employment opportunities and serve as an asset for one of our fastest-growing communities, but it will also show just how much this living legacy, one of the most globally iconic brands known, continues to invest in the future of our great state."

"I am excited to celebrate this legendary racing family of en-

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Hamilton County Hires New 911 Center Director

Hamilton County has hired Michael Hubbs as the County's new Executive Director of Communications. Hubbs has served as the Director of the Marion County 911 Center in Indianapolis since 2014.

"This is a once in a lifetime career opportunity," Hubbs says. "Hamilton County's 911 Center is highly regarded within the industry as one of the best. Its dispatchers are second to none. It will be a true honor to work alongside folks who are just as passionate about helping people as I am."



Michael Hubbs

Having dedicated his life to law enforcement, Hubbs has worked as a 911 dispatcher, an Indiana State Trooper, a com-

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A Night of Make-Believe



JOHN O. MARLOWE With The Grain

Close your eyes. Wait a minute! What am I

thinking? That won't work. How are you going to read the rest of this experiment if your eyes are closed? Let's start

Make-believe that your eyes are closed.

That's better! And it is a perfectly acceptable preamble to what's coming next. Because from this point on, we are only dealing with the imaginary.

I want you to imagine that you are something that you are not.

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

🗢 HONEST HOOSIER 🎤

President Biden ran on the platform of bringing the country together. I don't think anyone knew that meant into a recession.

TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Walking at least six miles per week can help reduce age-related memory

Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Times and online at www.thetimes24-7.com.



TODAY'S QUOTE

"The man on top of the mountain didn't fall there." Vince Lombardi

TODAY'S JOKE

How do you keep the Detroit Lions out of your front

Put up goal posts!





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Lt. Colonel John William Brill

OBITUARIES

1930 - August 19, 2022

Lt. Colonel John William Brill, USAF, passed away peacefully in Noblesville on August 19, 2022.

Lt. Colonel Brill served as a jet-fighter interceptor squadron commander during the Korean and cold war era, beginning in 1952 at Otis USAF base followed by 15 years of active reserve duty based in Baer Field, Indiana. He piloted the following military aircraft: F-861, F-94C, F-80, F-84F, B-25, along with many civilian aircraft. In his 70's he could be spotted landing his ultralight amphibious aircraft on various Indiana waterways.

He was born in 1930 to Athalia and Dwight Brill in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Lt. Colonel Brill served as cadet commander during his Howe

Military Academy days, followed by his graduation from Purdue University in 1957 with a degree in Industrial Economics. He met the love of his life (Carolyn Rudy Brill) when the DePauw Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority took a road trip to Purdue and appeared at his Kappa Sigma fraternity social event.

He had a career built upon being an entrepreneur. Lt. Colonel Brill served as president of Brill Industries executive search firm, and president of Brill video productions, including wedding photography and aerial photography. He took part-time jobs as a photographic model for many print publications and closed many transactions with his real estate license. He served as an FAA flight instructor for 15 years. He also owned an Indianapolis-based limousine company and piloted a nationwide tourist bus for Gruninger Travel Tours. Lt. Colonel Brill also served as engineer, coach attendant, brakeman, conductor, and chief dispatcher of the Indiana transportation museum railroad group.

He served as president and chairman of the board for the Indianapolis Aero Club, commander of legion post #153, vice-president of the INDPLS Service Club, and distinguished as the longest active member.

He served as president of the Indiana Trade Association and five corporate boards. Lt. Colonel Brill was a member of the Quiet Birdman aviation fraternity and won the FAA's Wright Brothers Award for attaining 64 straight years of piloting safety. He was an active member of INDPLS 2nd Presbyterian Church and the First Presbyterian Church of Noblesville.

Survivors include his two sons John II and Crystal; six grandchildren Blake, Alexa, Corey, Jaylon, Javen and Jersey; great-grandson; Nolan; and nephew Jay and his wife Jan, of Carmel.

He was preceded in death by his son Robert.

His celebration of life is scheduled to be held following his life-long companion Carolyn's service at 11 am on Saturday, September 3, 2022 at First Presbyterian Church of Noblesville, 1207 Conner Street in Noblesville, with Pastor Eric Gale officiating. A luncheon will follow the services at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Service Club of Indianapolis, PO Box 586, Carmel.

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

Jane Konrad

1927 - August 19, 2022

Jane Konrad, of Carmel, passed away peacefully at age 94 on August 19, 2022, while in hospice care following an illness.

She was born in 1927 in Louisville, Kentucky, the second of two daughters of James Porter Bourne and Wilner T. Bourne.

After finishing high school, she attended the University of Louis-

ville, where she would meet her future husband Mark Konrad, who completed medical school there. They married in December 1949, and they remained married until Mark's death.

After graduating from the University of Louisville with a bachelor's degree, Mrs. Konrad attended the University of Iowa in Iowa City, where she earned her master's degree in psychology at a time when relatively few women pursued advanced degrees. Afterward, she and Mark moved together to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he would complete his residency training. In 1954, the Army called Mark back into service, and they were stationed for the next two years at Ft. Eustis, in Virginia.

In 1956, Mark was hired to chair the Radiology Department for a new hospital in Western Pennsylvania, a place where they would spend the next 57 years. They would raise their children together there, and Mrs. Konrad would go on to put her academic background to good use, first as a high school science teacher at Sewickley Academy. She then moved on to work as the Education Outreach Coordinator for the Pittsburgh Supercomputing Center and finally as the Executive Director of the Pittsburgh Regional Center for Science Teachers through the Education Department at the University of Pittsburgh. She spent over 40 years working to help develop teaching curricula for local area science teachers. During this time, Mrs. Konrad instilled in her own children the importance of education and encouraged and ensured their ability to pursue their studies to whatever extent possible.

Outside of her work, she had many eclectic interests, including painting, drawing, bookbinding, needlepoint, sewing, embroidery, and scrapbooking to name a few. She was also an avid collector of all kinds of glass.

She was passionate about nature and the environment and shared with her husband a special appreciation of botany and plants, especially flowering azaleas, rhododendrons, and herbs. Together, Mrs. Konrad and her husband maintained a large garden in their Western Pennsylvania backyard for more than 40 years, where each spring and summer they entertained friends, family, and visitors from the regional rhododendron society, the Pittsburgh herb society, and many other local organizations. She remained most passionate, however, about science and trying to find ways to educate both students and teachers about the importance that a basic understanding of science has for society.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband Mark in 2015, to whom she was married for more than

She will be greatly missed by all those who knew her over the years, most especially her family and close friends. Her immediate family is most grateful for the excellent care that she received while she was a patient at the St. Vincent's hospice facility in Indianapolis, where the wonderful and caring staff ensured that she was always treated with dignity and made to feel as comfortable as possible during her final days.

A private celebration of life will take place at a later date for the immediate family.

Bussell Family Funerals is privileged to assist the

family in arrangements.

Peggy Joan Apple

January 22, 1935 - August 21, 2022

Peggy Joan Apple, 87, of Indianapolis, passed away on Sunday, August 21, 2022 at her home surrounded by her family.

She was born on January 22, 1935 to Roscoe and Agnes (Woods) Lambert at Fort Benjamin Harrison,

Mrs. Apple graduated from Lawrence Central High School in 1953 where she was an active leader in

student activities. She worked for 14 years as the school secretary at Skiles Test Elementary School and 16 years as secretary to the principal at Belzer Middle School, retiring in 1996.

She was a member of East 91st Street Christian Church, and was previously a member of Lawrence United Methodist Church and Oaklandon Christian Church, where she was baptized.

Survivors include her husband Winfred C. "Pete" Apple; daughter Lori (Scott) Crossen; son Greg (Kathy) Apple; five grandchildren Matthew Crossen, Lauren (Thatcher) Ritz, Mark Crossen, Steven (Alisa) Apple and Kia Apple; and sister Sue Stewart.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Apple was preceded in death by her grandson Todd Michael Crossen.

Visitation is scheduled to be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with services scheduled to begin at 1 p.m., on Thursday, August 25, 2022 at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, in Fishers. Pastor Tom Warner will officiate. Burial will be at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Indianapolis.

Memorial contributions may be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children, Attn: Processing Center, PO Box 947765, Atlanta, GA 30394, www.lovetotherescue. org/memorial-gifts, or by phone 844-739-0849. (https:// www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org/shc).

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

Sylvia Hoefer

April 12, 1957 - August 18, 2022

Sylvia Hoefer, 65, of Noblesville, peacefully passed away on Thursday, August 18, 2022 at her home.

She was born on April 12, 1957 to Sylvan "Slick" and Dorothy (Hochgesang) Casper in Jasper, Indiana.

Mrs. Hoefer was a 1975 graduate of Jasper High School and received her Bachelors and Masters degrees in Audiology from Ball State University. She worked as a medical Audiol-

ogist for several Ear, Nose and Throat practices in the Indianapolis area for over 40 years.

Survivors include her husband Rob; son Luke (Jillian) Hoefer; brother Don (Marilyn) Casper; sister Beth (Joe) Stasey; brothers-in-law Jim (Debbie) Hoefer and Fritz (Fiona) Hoefer; sister-in-law Maryanne (Lou) Rohan; 12 nieces and nephews Brian (Betsy Field) Stasey, Danielle (Brian) Butz, Michelle (Matt) McGovern, Katie (Ryan) Kuiper, Steve (Sarah) Casper, Mike (Lois) Casper, Andrea (Dave) Jones, Sean (Julie) Hoefer, Heather (Mike) Bragg, Chris (Yuri) Hoefer, Gus Hoefer and Rogan Hoefer; her Springer Spaniel puppy Sadie who was her pride and joy; and many, many great-nieces and -neph-

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her father- and mother-in-law Fred and Ann Hoefer; sister, Mary Jo Casper; brother, Patrick Casper; and her brother-in-law, Eric Hoefer.

Visitation is scheduled to be held from 10-11:30 a.m. on Friday, August 26, 2022 at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 9900 East 191st Street, in Noblesville. The Rosary Service is scheduled to begin at 11:30 a.m., with Mass at Noon.

Memorial contributions may be made to Bethlehem Farm (A Community Outreach and Development Ministry), PO Box 415, 572 Bethlehem Farm Lane, Talcott, WV 24981 (www.bethlehemfarm.net/donations).

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

Donald E. Wethington July 21, 1939 - August 20, 2022

Donald E. Wethington, 83, of Noblesville, passed away on Saturday,

August 20, 2022 at Riverview Health in Noblesville. He was born on July 21, 1939 to

Joseph and Gertrude (Woodrum) Wethington in Clementsville, Kentucky. Mr. Wethington graduated from

Sheridan High School and was a farmer his whole life for Purdue Universi-

ty Lynnwood Farms. He was a past member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church. He liked to frequent flea markets & garage sales. Mr. Wethington loved his T-Buckett which he called "The Green Ghost", enjoyed taking his tractors to tractor shows and looked forward to playing Santa Claus for local Noblesville businesses during the holiday season. He was dearly loved and will be missed by many.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years Juanita Wethington; two sons Gene Wethington (Denise) and Daniel Wethington (Janet); son-in-law Jeffrey Ogle; six grandchildren Nicholas Ogle (Danielle), Brandon Ogle, Amber Petrisin (Tyler), Amanda Wethington (Jeff Tucker), Neal Wethington (Erin) and Kyle Wethington (Alexis); five great-grandchildren Jacob, Alivia, Lauren, Emmett and Levi; two sisters Louise Eaton (James) and Rosie Wethington; brother-in-law Charlie Stapleton; sister-in-law Beth Roudebush; as well as many nieces & nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter Mary Ann Ogle; three brothers Marvin, Hurley and Joseph "Ted" Wethington; and sister Sue Stapleton.

The Wethington family has entrusted Randall & Roberts Funeral Home with Donald's cremation.

Online condolences may be made at www.randall-

roberts.com



Blues Fest Returns Labor Day Weekend Music at Nickel Plate District Amphitheater



The Nickel Plate District AMP will host the 10th annual Blues Fest over Labor Day weekend, Sept. 2-3. The free two-night festival includes performances by renowned local and national blues artists. New this year, Saturday night will be themed Ladies in Blues to highlight female artists in the genre.

The all-ages, family-friendly concert lineup includes:

Friday, Sept. 2: 1. Jamiah Rogers from

4:15-5:15 p.m. 2. Nick Alexander from 5:45-6:45 p.m.

3. Grady Champion from 7:15-8:45 p.m.

4. Larry McCray from 9:15-10:45 p.m. Saturday, September

3: Ladies in Blues 1. Veronika Jackson from 4:15-5:15 p.m.

2. Nora Jean Wallace from 5:45- 6:45 p.m.

3. Melody Angel from 7:15-8:45 p.m.

4. Joanna Connor from 9:15-10:45 p.m. No tickets are required

for admission. Vendors will be on-site to purchase alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, food, and refreshments. Coolers,

chairs, and blankets are welcome.

Free parking is located in the Switch, Police, and Spark Apartment garages. Street parking is also available throughout the Nickel Plate District and downtown Fishers.

For more information, visit npdAMP.com.

Fishers Parks create a community of exploration and discovery for all ages. Whether you are looking for the perfect summer camp, a makerspace to tinker, a night to let loose, or the perfect spot to unplug, our parks and activities are made for making memo-

With 24 park properties totaling over 591 acres, 131 miles of nature and multi-use trails, and vibrant events throughout the year, find your next adventure with Fishers Parks. Learn more at playfishers.com and find updates on Facebook and Instagram.

The City of Fishers is a suburb of Indianapolis, Indiana, located in Hamilton County and was named #1 Place to Live in the US by Money Magazine in 2017. With a population of 91,832 (2017), Fishers is one of the fastest growing communities in Indiana and has received national accolades for entrepreneurship, livability, and safety.

CCHA Welcomes Matt Banker

Church Church Hittle + Antrim will welcome in the coming weeks Matt Banker to its Sports Law section. In his new role with the firm, Banker will serve as an advisor to the CCHA Sports Law group.

Banker will support the firm with client work, in handlings with NCAA infractions matters, NIL work, and Title IX work.

Banker is the former Associate Athletic Director at the University of Louisville, where he spent nine years handling a wide range of duties - most recently, managing their NIL activities.

Additionally, he served as sport administrator for Men's Soccer, Women's Lacrosse, Women's Rowing Cardinal eSports and Spirit Teams and represented University of Louisville on the ACC's Men's Soccer Committee and ACC Constitution & Bylaws Committee.

"We are very excited to welcome Matt to the firm," said Kelleigh Irwin Fagan, partner in CCHA's Sports Law and Business Services practice groups. "His recent campus experience and long history in college sports will serve our clients well.' Banker has been work-

ing with student-athletes, coaches, and administrators in college sports his whole career and will



Matt Banker

continue to interact with those individuals through his work with CCHA.

Founded in 1880, CCHA is the oldest law firm in Hamilton County, Indiana. As a full-service law firm, CCHA provides myriad legal services to clients across a wide variety of practice areas including: complex litigation, personal injury, governmental entity and municipal law, education, business formation and representation, divorce and family law, estate planning and administration, real estate law, criminal law, labor and employment law, mediation services and appellate litigation. Church Church Hittle + Antrim serves clients

across the state with offices in Noblesville, Fishers, Fort Wayne, Tipton, Merrillville and Westfield.

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Must Stop and We Have to Support our Police Officers on the Frontlines Daily



REP. VICTORIA SPARTZ Congresswoman, IN-5

Amidst an ever-changing news cycle, I remain extremely concerned about rising anti-police sentiment across our country. Baseless claims of institutionalized police violence, oppression and incompetence avoid a simple and undeniable truth - strong and wellfunded police departments make our communities safer. An Obama Administration report confirmed this, concluding that a 10% increase in the size of a police force leads to as much as a 10% reduction in crime. The bipartisan takeaway is clear - the most important way we can increase public safety is by increasing support for our police, men and women who serve on the frontlines

every day to protect us. An alarming consequence of the antipolice narrative in our country is that it is now more dangerous than ever to serve as a police officer. The numbers confirm this - in 2021 there were 73 officers murdered nationwide in the line of duty, and as of August 18, 2022, 42 officers have been tragically killed this year. Historic numbers pale in comparison to what we are seeing today.

One of these tragedies occurred in my district in July, when Elwood, Indiana Police Officer Noah Shahnavaz was murdered while conducting a routine traffic stop. Noah dedicated his life to serving and protecting his country and community, spending five years in the military before joining the Elwood Police Department last year.

I recently had the privilege to meet with Noah's incredible parents and learn about their son. His father, Matthew, shared a story with me that truly reflects Noah's character.

Matthew, like many parents, did not understand Noah's "gaming" habit, encouraging him to spend his time more wisely. After Noah's tragic and untimely death, an unknown friend from Canada came through the visitation line, sobbing. Noah had befriended him online, talked him through a difficult time, and prevented him from

taking his life. Noah's parents were stunned they had no idea Noah had saved someone's life while online. It turns out, he had helped multiple people with their mental health struggles in this way.

We must remember that it is individuals like Noah who are placed in danger when anti-police attitudes are peddled by those in power, and we must continue to back our police departments for the support they provide and the safety they uphold. A strong, wellfunded police department is the backbone of a safe community and free republic, and I am committed to using my position in the United States Congress to fully support our men and women in blue.

Thank you to the Elwood Police Department for their extreme professionalism and continuing to protect every single person's constitutional rights even during the most trying of times.

Rep. Victoria Spartz represents the Indiana 5th District, comprised of the north side of Indianapolis, Marion, Carmel, Anderson, Noblesville, Fishers and parts of Kokomo. She is the first Ukrainian-born person ever elected to Congress.

Spartz: Anti-Police Rhetoric Indiana Facing 125 Degree Days, Severe Rain Events



Howey Political Report

This past month, Indiana was bookended by two "thousand year" floods, coming in St. Louis and eastern Kentucky, in which at least 37 people were killed. This comes on the heels of a July 6 rainfall event in Fort Wayne that yielded nine inches, as well as a June 13 derecho that snapped hundreds of utility poles.

Then there was the Clear Lake fishkill up in Steuben County that DNR characterized as a "natural event" caused by extreme heat.

We better be getting used to it.

According to Axios, in the past month, floods, heat waves and wildfires across the U.S. have killed dozens and reshaped entire communities from Kentucky to northern California. "This summer has demonstrated again and again that our infrastructure isn't sufficient to withstand today's changed climate, let alone what's on the horizon," Axios extremeweather expert Andrew Freedman writes.

Even more severe temperatures are expected to hit a swath of the country stretching from northern Texas and Louisiana to Illinois and Indiana, both Axios and the Washington Post reported. First Street's analysis found that tens of millions more people living in this region are likely to see a heat index above 125 degrees by midcentury. The group calls this area an "extreme heat belt."

In the 2018 Indiana Climate Change Impacts Assessment report compiled by researchers from Purdue, IU, Notre Dame, Ball State and the Midwestern Regional Climate Center, they reported:

Indiana has already warmed 1.2°F since 1895. Temperatures are projected to rise about 5°F to 6°F by mid-century,

The Goonies PG

with significantly more warming by century's end.

The number of extremely hot days will rise significantly in all areas of the state. In the past, southern Indiana averaged about seven of these days per year, but by mid-century this region is projected to experience 38 to 51 extremely hot days per year.

Average annual precipitation has increased 5.6 inches since 1895, and more rain is falling in heavy downpours. Winters and springs are likely to be much wetter by midcentury, while expected changes in summer and fall precipitation are less certain.

"Heavy precipitation and flooding ... is likely to increase the frequency of floods in Indiana. Over the last half century, average annual precipitation in most of the Midwest has increased by 5 to 10%," the report said. "During the next century, spring rainfall and average precipitation are likely to increase, and severe rainstorms are likely to intensify.

Averaged across the entire state, historically, an extreme rain event occurs when more than 0.86 inches of rain falls in a day. Since 1900, the number of days per year with extreme rain has been increasing by 0.2 days per decade on average. However, most of that increase has occurred since 1990.

The Indiana climate study added that the occurrence of extreme heat events is projected to rise substantially.

"Our analysis shows that the state's average hottest temperature of the year is also projected to rise. Over the last century, the average hottest day of the year was 97°F, the report explained. "By mid-century, the hottest temperature of the year is projected to be about 8°F higher than in the past three under both emissions scenarios. Elevated high temperatures can create challenges for roadways and pavement as the risk of warping and buckling during the hottest times of the year increases. The roadway materials used historically may be inappropriate for these new temperatures."

"Summers in Indiana will increasingly feel like those we associate with Mississippi, Arkansas, and other states to Indiana's southwest," researchers said. "Winters will feel more like those recently seen in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Maryland."

Earlier this month, the federal government announced plans to give Indiana up to \$177 million over the next five years to make its transportation infrastructure resilient to things like flooding and extreme heat.

U.S. Department of Transportation said the funding from the federal infrastructure law can be used to either adapt existing or build new transportation infrastructure. It can also be used for green infrastructure — like rain gardens — to reduce flooding and protect aquatic life in waterways nearby.

That \$177 million seems like a lot, until you consider how much the total adaptation will cost.

There's another way to look at the coming climate crisis. While Evansville and New Albany and points south will be baking at the end of this century, Michigan City, Portage, Valparaiso, South Bend, Elkhart and Angola could become "climate refuge" destinations, particularly if the Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico coasts flood due to sea level rise, sending a diaspora into the Great Lakes.

The World Bank estimates that more than 140 million people could become internally displaced by the climate crisis in coming decades, including 13 million Americans by 2100, according to a report by Matthew Hauer's research published in the journal Nature Climate Change.

We've seen this kind of population shift before, when 2.5 million moved from the Dust Bowl during the Great Depression, and approximately 1.4 million Black southerners moved north or west in the 1940s during the Great Migration that came in three waves between 1900 and 1970, followed by 1.1 million in the 1950s, and another 2.4 million people in the 1960s and early 1970s.

The columnist is publisher of Howey Politics Indiana at www.howeypolitics.com.

Lt. Gov. Crouch, IHCDA Announce Changes to "My Community, My Vision" Initiative

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Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority

Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch and the Indiana Housing and Community **Development Authority** (IHCDA) today announced the revamp to the My Community, My Vision (MCMV) program, which connects high school students across Indiana to each other and to their neighborhoods, towns, and cities.

"Maintaining strong and viable communities is important to the future of Indiana, and we need future leaders to begin thinking about their own vision for their city or town," said Crouch. "My Community, My Vision invites these future decision makers to share their ideas and plans with local officials. By their involvement, student leaders will learn about the planning process and the collaborative efforts required to create an even more vibrant community.'

In collaboration with the Indiana Philanthropy Alliance (IPA) Youth Council program and the Association of Indiana Municipalities (AIM) Mayoral Youth Council program, five selected cohorts of students across the state will participate in four months of workshops, planning, and fundraising for a place-based community project they would like to see come to life in their town or city. Utilizing the features of IHCDA's crowd-granting CreatINg Places program, students who successfully strategize, plan, and raise a fundraising goal of between \$5,000 and \$50,000 towards their community project will receive a matched grant

from IHCDA. High school youth council groups, alongside their foundation or local unit of government sponsor, will work throughout the semester to determine a project, craft a budget, develop a fundraising goal and strategy, and raise the needed funds for all materials during a thirtyday fundraising campaign. Throughout the semester, students will be required to participate in three in-person workshops hosted by IHCDA, where they will learn about place-based community development, project planning, fundraising strategies, and stakeholder engagement. Each workshop will prepare students to brainstorm



Lt. Gov. Crouch

and reach their project goal, as well as provide networking and leadership opportunities. In the final workshop, students will present their work and success to their peers and Indiana's community

development leaders. Local units of government and community foundations interested in having their AIM or IPA youth council participate in the My Community, My Vision program should apply to IHCDA. The full application, including checklist of additional documents, is now available on the IHCDA website at https://www. in.gov/ihcda/placemakingindiana/my-communitymy-vision/. Applications are due to IHCDA Nov. 7, 2022 with selected teams to be announced Nov. 30, 2022. The selected teams will officially kick off with a workshop event on Jan. 21, 2023.



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Holcomb Leads Trip to Asia to Strengthen Economic, Academic Partnerships

Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb is in Taiwan to kick off an economic development trip in Taiwan and the Republic of Korea. The trip will include visits with Taiwanese and South Korean government officials, business leaders and academic institutions to further strengthen Indiana's economic, academic and cultural connections with Taiwan

and South Korea. "I couldn't be more energized to spend this week building new relationships, reinforcing long time ones and strengthening key sector partnerships with Taiwan and South Korea," Holcomb said. "This week marks my second trip to South Korea as Governor, and I am also proud to be the first U.S. governor to visit Taiwan since before the COVID-19 pandemic. I'm committed to building an economy of the future with these global partners who are helping propel Indiana forward by creating tomorrow's businesses, today."

The trip to Taiwan comes on the heels of two recent semiconductor industry announcements in Indiana including

Taiwan-based MediaTek, as well as the recent signing of the federal CHIPS Act, placing a focus on strengthening Indiana's technology microelectronics ecosystem. The delegation will focus on strengthening Indiana's economic and academic partnerships and reinforcing the state's commitment to innovation, as well as committing to working together to build the economy of the future on an international scale.

"The unprecedented economic progress Indiana has secured this year doesn't happen without like-minded partners here and around the world," said Indiana Secretary of Commerce Brad Chambers. "A shared commitment to innovation and collaboration is key to continuing our success, and I'm thrilled to spend the week strengthening that collaboration with our friends in Taiwan and South Korea."

The delegation includes Indiana Economic **Development Corporation** staff, Purdue University Dean of College of **Engineering Mark** Lundstrom and Chief of



Governor Eric Holcomb

Staff Alyssa Wilcox. The group will visit Taiwan over two days, during which they will meet with business leaders, academic leaders and government officials. The group will then travel to Seoul for two days, returning to Indianapolis on Saturday. Lundstrom will return to Indiana after departing Taipei, and Purdue University president-elect Mung Chiang will join the delegation in Seoul after the first days of the new academic year on Purdue campus.

"Purdue University is delighted to be invited as part of the state of Indiana's delegation led by Governor Holcomb and Secretary Chambers," Chiang said. "Boilermakers have

long-standing academic partnerships with institutions in Taiwan and South Korea, and we look forward to attracting tech companies and jobs to the hard tech corridor in the Hoosier state."

Indiana is home to more than 1,050 foreign-owned business establishments, representing more than 40 countries and territories —

including 10 from Taiwan and 12 from South Korea. In 2021, 47 foreign-owned businesses committed to locating or growing in Indiana. Together, these firms plan to invest \$3.55 billion in Indiana, creating jobs with an average wage of \$29.57 per hour and accounting for 14 percent of the total new jobs committed in 2021.

U.S. governor to visit Taiwan since 2019 and the first Indiana governor to go to Taiwan in 17 years. This marks Holcomb's 12th international economic development trip as governor. The cost of the trip is being paid through private donations to the Indiana Economic Development Foundation.

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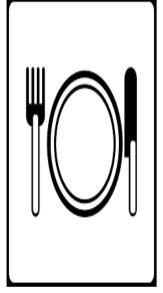
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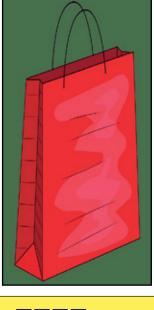
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2023 Kia Sportage Hybrid is the 'Tweener for Aspiring EV Fans

When I recently drove the Kia EV6 electric crossover, I suggested it was a car from 2030 available today. But I realize not all of you are ready to make the full journey to the future and still worry a lot about driving range. I get it, and may have a better choice that takes you to say, 2027, but not all of the way to the next decade. It's the 2023 Kia Sportage Hybrid.

Judging by all of the looks from other drivers and my dog-walking neighbors, the Sportage's new suit hints at electric and gets attention. It is distinctive with boomerang driving lamps, small LED headlamps, and wide satin silver accent beneath the hood edge. Curvaceous fenders and detailed satin window trim over 18" wheels beautify side glances. Around back, the EV6' futuristic

curved rump with arching lamps remain. It is quite a looker.

More of that EV6 style is found inside with twin angled screens for gauges and infotainment that includes navigation plus Apple CarPlay and Android Auto connectivity. A wireless phone charger keeps everything humming. I enjoy details like the rotary gear selector, panoramic sunroof, heated front seats, and heated leather-wrapped steering

Details impress. I could drink the contrasting blue trim that adds a classy touch. When did cars quit having colors other than gray, beige, and black anyway? Check the touch pad and knobs for the audio system. Press a spot and they convert to climate (volume/tuning become temp adjustments). It seems a bit much, but

most people set and forget temperature, so it works better than imagined.

Being a Kia, safety was a priority. Automatic emergency braking, lane centering steering, lane departure warning, and rear occupant detection are on the menu – as are rear cross path detection and safe exit assist that uses the blind spot system to prevent passengers from stepping into traffic. I only wish adaptive cruise and a head-up display had been included to fully match the EV6 I

enjoyed so much. It's not just about looks as the Sportage Hybrid is at least partly an electric car. The powertrain mates a 1.6-liter turbocharged four-cylinder gas engine with batteries and motors to generate a combined 227 horsepower and 258 lb.-ft. of torque. Unlike most hybrids with their annoying revving

2023 Kia Sportage Hybrid 5-passengers, AWD Crossover

Powertrain: 1.6-LT4, hybrid Output: 227 hp/258 lb.-ft. Suspension f/r: Ind/Ind **Wheels f/r:** 18"/18" alloy Brakes f/r: Regen disc/disc Must-have features: Style, MPGs Fuel economy city/hwy: 38/38-MPG Assembly: Gwangju, Korea **Base/as-tested price:** \$25,990/33,860

continuously variable transmissions, the Sportage uses a traditional 6-speed automatic for a more normal driving feel. It feels peppy at almost any speed, carried on a wave of turbo and electric torque, while delivering an impressive 38/38-MPG city/highway.

As complicated as all that sounds, it's a very peaceful vehicle to drive. The steering and suspension are the right balance between firm handling and a compliant ride.

With weight down low in the chassis, you can toss it into a corner, but is also happy soaking up long miles of Interstate or rough city streets too. The Drive Mode Selector adjusts performance on a continuum from spirited Sport to efficient Eco.

Given the Sportage spends a significant part of its existence routing power from batteries to motors, it is the perfect 'tweener for aspiring EV fans. It's not an EV6, but it is a joy to drive, artful



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to operate, and a good choice for many families headed for the future.

It's also an incredible value. A base Sportage costs \$25,990, but this one came to just \$33,860 loaded for bear. Competition includes the Ford Escape Hybrid, Toyota Corolla Cross Hybrid, Honda CR-V Hybrid, and similar Hyundai Tucson Hybrid.

Storm Forward!

Send comments to Casey at AutoCasey@aol.com.

Marta, Me and Piccolina Pink Eye; Cause, Treatment and Prevention



CARRIE CLASSON The Postscript

I was walking down an old street in an old part of San Miguel de Allende, Mexico.

Brightly colored wooden doors lined the streets. There was no indication from the outside what might be within. It could be a courtyard filled with flowers and a fountain, or a small business, or somebody's kitchen. It is always a mystery what is behind these doors, and so, when one is open, naturally I look inside.

Last week, a door was open, and I saw a few items of clothing for sale, so I stepped inside. That's when I met Piccolina.

Who is this?" I asked. "That is Piccolina," a woman at a sewing machine answered in Spanish.

Piccolina was a fat little puppy with blue eyes and black-and-white spots. She was delighted to meet me, and I was delighted to meet the woman with the sewing machine because I had a square tablecloth that I wanted to be round. I had thought of bringing it back home with me to the States to do the alteration, but that seemed like a lot of heavy fabric to haul back-and-forth when, the odds were, I would run into someone like Piccolina's mother. And now I

had. I explained my tablecloth situation as best I could, and it was clear from the woman's nodding and pantomimed gestures that she understood the project. I agreed to bring it the next day.

"And then I get to see Piccolina!" I thought.

The next day I called, "Where is Piccolina?!" and the little dog came running, and the woman, whose name was Marta, also came running. I handed off my tablecloth, and we agreed on a price that seemed like far too little for the work involved.

A few days passed, and

I came back. The floors had just been mopped, and Piccolina was not being allowed on the floors until they were dry. She was being held by a young relative of Marta's and this made her unhappy, which she indicated by chomping down on my finger when I went to greet her.

"Oh, no! Piccolina!" Marta said. She didn't think Piccolina should be biting the customers, but they were just puppy bites, and the customer had been asking for it.

The tablecloth was not finished because Marta was proposing something more complicated—and prettier—than I had envisioned.

"Fine!" I said, even though I wasn't entirely sure what she was saying. I promised to return in a few days.

"And then I get to see Piccolina again!" I thought.

The next time I arrived, the tablecloth was finished, with a fringe all around the edge that transitioned from one color to another, with a mixture of the two colors in between. It had taken a lot of thread-pulling and time, and I paid Marta more than she had asked for and I said goodbye to Piccolina.

But not for good. Yesterday I stopped by, even though I had no business with Marta.

"Piccolina, where are you?" I called, and she was easy to find because she was waiting at the doggy gate that Marta had installed.

"Piccolina has a gate!" I said.

"Piccolina has been running onto the street!" Marta tut-tutted.

The street is quiet and cobblestone, so I don't think Piccolina was in much danger, but I also imagine Marta got tired of running outside to retrieve

"You are a naughty little dog!" I informed Piccolina, and Marta agreed.

You can tell friends things like this, and we are all friends now-Marta and me and Piccolina.

Till next time, Carrie

Carrie Classon is a freelance writer and author and lives in New Mexico. Her columns appear each week.



JOHN R. ROBERTS, M.D. **Hamilton Health**

Now that schools are back in session, the incidence of "pink eye" will likely start to pick up. This is a very common condition that accounts for over 30 percent of patient visits for eye problems.

Conjunctivitis is the medical term for "pink eye." The conjunctiva is the continuous connective tissue membrane that covers the inside of the eyelids. It then folds back on itself to cover the front of the eyeball up to the edge of the cornea where the white part of the eye (sclera) meets the colored

part of the eye (iris). The purpose of the conjunctiva is to provide a barrier to keep infectious organisms from entering the sensitive eye tissue. Conjunctivitis occurs when there is an irritation or breakdown of this defensive layer, a change in the normal organisms inhabiting the eye, or trauma that breaches the membrane.

There are a number of causes of conjunctivitis. The most common are bacteria, viruses, allergies, fungi, parasites, and

chemicals. These irritants cause varying degrees of redness, discharge, irritation and perhaps even pain on exposure to bright light (photophobia).

It can be difficult to determine the exact cause of conjunctivitis unless a doctor has special equipment. Ophthalmologists and optometrists use microscopes called slit lamps that can help differentiate the cause. A slit lamp is the instrument that you rest your chin on where the doctor sweeps a bright

light across your eye. Doctors without slit lamps can sometimes get clues to the cause of the inflammation. For instance, people who have had a recent cold are more likely to be suffering from a viral conjunctivitis. Viruses are also more common from early spring through late fall. Bacterial conjunctivitis is more common in the winter and spring. Patients can usually recall an exposure to something that might cause a chemical or

allergic conjunctivitis. The symptoms of conjunctivitis can be quite variable. Most causes result in some type of eye discharge that results in matting of the eyes, particularly in the morning, when the eyelids may be stuck together. Patients may describe cloudy vision and itching, burning or a gritty "dust in the eyes" sensation.

Bacterial conjunctivitis usually comes on fairly rapidly, has minimal pain, and may have some associated itching. There

is often thick discharge that may be yellow or green. Staph and Strep are the usual causative organisms. More serious bacterial organisms include Chlamydia and Neisseria gonorrhoeae, the organism responsible for gonorrhea. These latter two bacteria can lead to severe scarring and blindness, particularly in infants.

Viral conjunctivitis typically starts more slowly than bacterial types and usually is not painful. The discharge is generally more watery and does not result in as much matting of the eyelids. It usually lasts a week or longer and is transmitted like the common cold – through sneezing, coughing, touching infected surfaces and also through contact with contaminated swimming pools.

Adenoviruses are the most common cause of viral conjunctivitis. Varicella virus that causes shingles, and is a member of the herpes virus family, can cause very serious eye infections. These viruses can infect the surface of the cornea and cause scarring and loss of vision.

Allergic conjunctivitis is also very common. The hallmark of this type of irritation is itching along with watery discharge and burning. There is often associated sneezing. There is usually a history of exposure to some known allergen.

Treatment for conjunctivitis is based on the cause. Most cases will

resolve on their own with time and don't have any lasting effects. However, most people don't want to wait it out.

Since it is often difficult to tell whether the infectious agent is bacterial or viral, most doctors choose to treat a presumed infection with antibiotic eye drops or ointments. Drops are nice since they don't interfere with vision. Ointments are more soothing and allow the medication to be in contact with the conjunctiva longer, but can temporarily cloud vision.

Local treatment with cool compresses can also be soothing. Most schools and daycares prefer children to be treated for at least 24 hours before they return.

Allergic conjunctivitis can be an ongoing problem as long as the offending agent comes into contact with the eye. The person should avoid the allergen if possible. In addition to cool compresses, over the counter antihistamine eye drops such as Naphcon A (naphazoline/ pheniramine) can also be helpful.

There are steps you can take to help prevent conjunctivitis. Wash your hands frequently. You can also use hand sanitizer, but it is not as effective. Also, don't share eye drops or washcloths with people who have colds or eye infections.

Dr. John Roberts is a member of the Franciscan Physician Network specializing in Family Medicine.



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as Part of Organic **Transition Initiative**

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced details of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) \$300 million investment, including with American Rescue Plan funds, in a new Organic Transition Initiative to provide comprehensive support for farmers transitioning to organic production. This initiative will deliver wrap-around technical assistance, including farmer-to-farmer mentoring; provide direct support through conservation financial assistance and additional crop insurance assistance, and support market development projects in targeted

markets. This initiative is part of USDA's food system transformation effort to support local and regional food systems, expand access to markets to more producers and increase affordable food supply for more Americans, while promoting climate-smart agriculture and ensuring equity for all producers.

"Farmers face challenging technical, cultural, and market shifts while transitioning to organic production, and even during the first years after successful organic certification," said Vilsack. "Through this multi-phased, multi-agency initiative, we are expanding USDA's support of organic farmers to help them with every step of their transition as they work to become certified and secure markets for their products.'

USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), Risk Management Agency (RMA) and Natural **Resources Conservation** Service (NRCS) are the primary agencies supporting the Initiative, which will focus on three areas.

• Transition to Organic **Partnership Program:** AMS will build partnership networks in six regions across the United States with trusted organizations serving direct farmer training, education, and outreach activities. USDA will provide up to \$100 million for this program.

• Direct Farmer **Assistance:** NRCS will develop a new Organic Management conservation practice standard and offer financial and technical assistance to producers who implement the practice. USDA will provide \$75 million for this effort. USDA will provide \$25 million to RMA for the new Transitional and Organic Grower Assistance Program (TOGA) which will support transitioning and certain certified organic producers' participation in crop insurance, including coverage of a portion of their insurance premium.

• Organic Pinpointed **Market Development Support:** This AMS initiative will focus on key organic markets where the need for domestic supply is high, or where additional processing and distribution capacity is needed for more robust organic supply chains. USDA will invest up to \$100 million to help improve organic supply chains in pinpointed

markets. **Other USDA Organic**

Assistance This USDA initiative complements existing assistance for organic producers, including FSA's Organic Certification Cost Share Program (OCCSP) and Organic and Transitional Education and Certification Program (OTECP). OCCSP helps producers obtain or renew their organic certification, and OTECP provides additional funding to certified and transitioning producers during the pandemic.

NRCS offers conservation programs, such as the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP), which can provide assistance to help with managing weeds and pests, and establishing high tunnels, improving soil health, and implementing other practices key to organic operations. RMA also administers federal crop insurance options available to organic producers, including Whole Farm Revenue Protection and Micro Farm.

The National Organic Program (NOP) is a federal regulatory program, administered by AMS, that develops and enforces consistent national standards for organically produced agricultural products sold in the United States.

USDA to Invest \$3M White River Alliance Announces Fifth Annual **Indiana Water Summit, Season Two of Podcast**



WHITE RIVER

The White River Alliance (WRA), the premier organization for regional water resource protection in Indiana, is returning in a hybrid manner for the fifth annual Indiana Water Summit Sept. 7-8 as it also prepares to launch season two of the organization's new podcast series, "The Collective Tap." The podcast, developed to examine the complex interests and issues that face the state's diverse water supply, reflects and extends the goals of the Water Summit to build awareness and strengthen shared knowledge around this critical

asset. "Water knows no political boundaries and serves no one use or need above another; rather, it simply flows across a shared landscape and through systems of users that rarely communicate or coordinate its use and quality," said Jill Hoffmann, Executive Director of the White River Alliance. "This must change if we are to ensure a safe, equitable and prosperous future.'

For those attending in person, the Summit will take place at the historic Athenaeum in downtown Indianapolis. All topics will continue to build upon last year's discussions and are intended to help lay the framework for state and regional-level water planning. Some major topics

to be discussed include funding for critical water and wastewater infrastructure, legislative proposals surrounding watershed commissions, development and restoration of rivers to revitalize communities and water quality improvements associated with agriculture. The Summit will open with a look at where Indiana's waters stand 50 years after the passage of the Clean Water Act. Registration is open now.

Complementing Water Summit conversations, Season two of "The Collective Tap," titled "Well to Table," will also go deep into agriculture, climate change, and the ways farming depends on and impacts water resources. Additionally, the season will look at the many ways water is interwoven with the production of food and beverages in Indiana. At the commercial level, this includes corporations such as Coca-Cola and Ingredion. At the local level, hosts will speak with the individuals producing some of the community's favorite beer, ciders and spirits.

"We are proud supporters and participants in both the Water Summit and The Collective Tap," said Brandon Alexander, local Plant Manager for Coca-Cola Consolidated. "We need to be having conversations and taking

action across all water sectors to help protect and manage our water supplies.

2022 Indiana Water **Summit Event Informa-**

- 1. Regional Planning **Forum**
- Wednesday, Sept. 7 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30
- Virtual and In-Person Attendance Options
- The Athenaeum, 401 E. Michigan St., Indianapolis, IN 46204
- Wednesday's topics will focus on funding state water and wastewater improvements, examine whether or not the state has enough water through a regional water study on Central Indiana, and how to organize regional cooperation.
- 2. Main Summit Event • Thursday, Sept. 8 from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30
- Virtual and In-Person Attendance Options
- The Athenaeum, 401 E. Michigan St., Indianapolis, IN 46204
- In-person, networking and celebration happy hour event – at the conclusion of programming. The Rathskeller Biergarten, 401 E. Michigan St.
- This event will cover a variety of integrated water topics. It will also include a water task force roundtable to discuss insights and actions of five key legislative water-related task forces.

Get Involved in the future of the Indiana **Water Summit**

The Summit recently launched a new Working Group to advance Summit discussions into year-round action. This multi-stakeholder group is lining up strategies that will strengthen cooperation

between agencies, the legislature, and businesses to implement priorities within the Indiana Water Roadmap such as drinking water protection, wetland and floodplain management, stormwater infiltration and soil health practices. Participation in this group is welcome, as is financial support for the Water Summit via participation in the Water Investors group, established specifically to support future Water Summit events. Learn more and register of Summit events by visiting www. indianawatersummit.org.

About The White River Alliance

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

In addition to the The Collective Tap and White River Art Canoes, the Alliance's programs include the national Clear Choices Clean Water program, which encourages residents to take individual action to improve water quality and increase water conservation, as well as several other local and regional public engagement and professional training programs including the statewide Indiana Water Summit. For more information, visit www. thewhiteriveralliance.org.



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Abortion Ban's Hospitals Requirement Will Further Curtail Access

By Leslie Bonilla Muñiz Indiana's new abortion-limiting law, set to go into effect on September 15, has been dubbed a near-total ban for its succinct list of narrow exceptions — but its requirement that legal abortions be done in hospitals will further flatten access, experts and abortion rights advocates say.

The ban, set out in Senate Enrolled Act 1, delicenses Indiana's abortion clinics, literally crossing the facility type out of Indiana Code. Seven of them performed 98.4% of the state's 8,414 abortions in 2021, according to a report from the Indiana Department of Health.

Instead, the ban requires that exempted abortions — for rape, incest, lethal fetal anomalies and the life of the mother — be performed in state-licensed hospitals or in ambulatory surgical centers that are majority-owned by hospitals.

Physicians must refer eligible patients out, unless they have admitting privileges at particular hospitals; then, physicians and patients will travel to qualifying facilities for the procedures.

Outpatient surgical centers, under Indiana law, must operate under at least one licensed physician or hospital governing board, with more requirements on anesthesia, laboratory exams, and transfers to hospitals for patients who develop complications.

But experts say the measure is better at narrowing location options than it is at ensuring safety.

"The wide concurrence among the scientific community is that these requirement are ... basically harassment measures to make it more difficult for these facilities to provide abortions," said Jodi Madeira, an Indiana **University Maurer School** of Law professor.

"They've been very effective in cutting down the number of facilities that can provide abortions," Madeira added. She's the school's foremost expert on law and medicine.

Hospital access inequitable in Indiana

Planned Parenthood of the Great Northwest, Hawaili, Alaska, Indiana and Kentucky says the hospital location requirement will disadvantage those who already struggle to reach hospitals. Particularly for people in rural locations - but also for those with disabilities or those who are immigrants.

"Even if a patient is legally entitled to abortion care under an exemption, they may practically be unable to find a provider as a consequence of abortion providers no longer being licensed or because of the ambulatory surgical requirement," said spokeswoman Nicole Erwin.

"Reducing the number of locations in the state where patients can access care in a life-threatening



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emergency — one of the few exceptions provided under this outright ban — will force patients to travel farther distances and potentially wait longer to get the care they need," Erwin added.

Planned Parenthood's facilities alone accounted for 51% of last year's Indiana abortions.

Directed to say no Some hospitals, however, almost never perform abortions.

Catholic hospitals, for example, follow directives by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

About 30 of Indiana's 170 hospitals are Catholic-sponsored, according to Indiana Hospital Association spokeswoman Natalie Russell. More, she wrote, "maintain close, historic affiliations with various faith groups even though they are not technically part of a religious order.

About 3,500, or nearly 25%, of Indiana's hospital beds were in Catholic hospitals in 2016, according to an American Civil Liberties Union report. That included just 22 Catholic hospitals.

The directives, last

updated in 2018, bar Catholic health providers from performing abortions unless the "direct purpose" is the "cure of a proportionately serious pathological condition of a pregnant woman" that can't be safely postponed until fetal viability. Another directive notes no exception for rape.

"Catholic health care organizations are not permitted to engage in immediate material cooperation in actions that are intrinsically immoral, such as abortion, euthanasia, assisted suicide, and direct sterilization," the conference adds.

The conference notes that Catholic health care providers should be worried about the "danger of scandal in any association with abortion providers."

A Franciscan Health spokesperson said the organization doesn't perform abortions because it is "a Catholic health care system."

"We believe the gift of life is so valued that each person should be cared for with joy, respect, dignity, fairness, and compassion that he or she is consciously aware of being loved," the spokesperson

wrote. "We are grateful for the Supreme Court's recent ruling because we always celebrate life and protect it at every stage." Still, according to I.U. Maurer's Madeira, the directives aren't "hard and

fast."

"They do have some wiggle room. There are ethics committees that meet in the hospital," Madeira said. "... The law allows them to refuse to provide care that does not comport with their beliefs. They just have to transfer

And for those cases in which the patient's death without an abortion is clear, inaction constitutes medical malpractice, she

But not every case is that clear-cut.

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the patient."

Indiana hospitals, which last year performed just 1.4% of the state's procedures, have just a month left to adjust to the law which mandates the revocation of a doctor's license who performs an abortion determined unlawful.

Typically, the Indiana Attorney General's Office investigates consumer complaints against doctors, and can file formal charges in cases it finds credible. The seven-member state Medical Licensing Board acts as the

judge hears the cases. But under SEA 1, the board "shall" revoke licenses if the AG's office proves the case with a "preponderance of evidence" rather than "be-

vond a reasonable doubt." Hospitals are hard at work on policy and procedure updates, according to Indiana Hospital Association President Brian Tabor.

"As providers implement this new framework, IHA remains committed to ensuring that elected officials, at every level, understand the importance of supporting medical professionals and protecting them from liability and other repercussions when working in good faith to comply with the new law while providing lifesaving care to Hoosier moms and babies," Tabor said in a statement.

The Indiana State Medical Association and others expressed similar concerns for medical professionals earlier this month, before SEA 1's passage.

"Indiana cannot have an effective health care system if the training and expertise of physicians is not respected and they are under constant threat of political interference for practicing medicine and assisting their patients," executive vice president Julie Reed said then.

Many Indiana Students Have to Pay for School Lunches Again — Which Could Increase Debt

By Casey Smith

After two years of receiving free school lunches, thousands of Hoosier families will have to pay for them again this fall, including at dozens of eligible Indiana schools that could continue offering free food but chose not to.

Federal child nutrition waivers were offered as a form of COVID-19 relief starting in March 2020, enabling school districts in Indiana and across the country to give out free lunches and breakfasts, regardless of family income. The program ended June 30 after Congress declined to include another waiver extension in its March spending bill.

With a new academic year underway, thousands of students across Indiana will have to go back to applying for free or reduced-price meals as they had before the pandemic.

But not all will qualify. Free school meals only available to some

Children are automatically eligible for free meals if anyone in their household gets SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR benefits all supplemental safety net programs funded by the federal government.

Depending on family income, additional kids can qualify for free or reduced-price meals, but only if their family submits an application and is approved.

A student in a four-person household can get reduced-price lunch if their family earns less than \$51,338 a year, according to the Indiana Department of Education. To get lunch for free, that same student's family must earn less than \$36,075 per year.

More than 508,000 Hoosier kids — or about

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45% of all students in the state — qualified for free or reduced-price school lunches during the 2021-22 school year, according to the National Center for Educational Statistics. It's not yet known how many students will apply and participate in the program for the current academic year.

Indiana will continue providing free meals for all U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) program, known as the Community Eligibility Provision, according to the latest state data available.

schools that the state education department deemed eligible are not taking advantage of the federal meal servicing program that allows schools with high poverty rates to provide free breakfast and lunch to all students, regardless of their economic

To qualify for CEP, 40% of an individual school's enrolled population (ISP) must be:

• Students certified through food assistance programs like SNAP,

in early childhood Head

 Children already receiving free or reduced lunches through the National School Lunch **Program**

quired to submit an application for the community provision like they would for the free and reduced meals program. That guar-

Not all qualifying schools take advantage of federal program

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Still, more than 1,000

TANF, FDPIR, or Medicaid

· Homeless children or "runaways"

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antees free breakfast and lunch for any student at a participating school.

Indianapolis Public Schools, as well as the surrounding Perry, Warren and Wayne school districts, are offering rree mears – both lunch es and breakfasts - to students through CEP for the 2022-23 school year. Certain MSD of Lawrence Township schools are also participating in CEP to provide free meals.

Thousands of students at other Indianapolis-area schools — in the Decatur, Franklin, Pike, Speedway and Washington school districts - will not automatically get free food, though. Beech Grove City Schools provides free breakfast to all students. but free lunches require an approved free/reduced application.

Emily LeMay, a spokesperson for MSD of Decatur Township, cited recent redistricting when asked by the Indiana Capital Chronicle about why the southwest Indianapolis school district in not par-

ticipating in CEP. Franklin Township Community Schools spokesperson Kent Pettet said only that the CEP program "is very complex" and that the district 'is currently not considering this program."

For a school to qualify for the CEP, at least 40% of the individual school's enrolled population must already participate in another means-tested program or are part of

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a protected group, such as students experiencing homelessness, in foster care, or migrant students.

Schools that meet the minimum threshold to qualify for the community provision receive reimbursement for 62.5% of meals served, according to federal guidelines. Schools with enrolled populations over 62.5%, where nearly two-thirds of students fall into the above categories, get fully reimbursed for

students' meals. While any school with an enrolled population of 40% or more can participate, many schools on the lower end of the scale "fear participating" because the level of reimbursement from the federal government would not fully cover the cost of all meals served to students, said Allyson Pérez, a child nutrition policy analyst with the Food Research & Action Center.

Many schools also choose not to participate out of fear that losing data from school meal applications may also result in the loss of Title 1 funding.

Data collected by the national nonprofit shows 79% of Indiana schools with enrolled populations over 60% participate in CEP, compared to 17% of schools with population's between 40%-50%, and 61% of schools with or 50%-60% of population.

"While we definitely understand where these fears come from, we have found that there are schools with lower ISPs across the

country who are able to successfully implement community eligibility and be financially solvent by implementing strategies," she said.

School lunch debt concerns rise again

School nutrition ad vocates argue the end of pandemic-era free meals is likely to mean the return of student meal debt.

That's because families who qualify for free meals may not realize they have to fill out paperwork again, and then struggle to pay the fees, Pérez said. Other students who ate for free during the pandemic might rack up debt before realizing their families don't meet the low income thresholds.

"Collecting meal applications is often a challenge for schools and may not always capture all students who are eligible for free or reduced-price meals for a variety of reasons," Pérez told the Indiana Capital Chronicle. "Schools may have an even harder time collecting applications this school year since there was not such an emphasis on collecting applications during the pandemic ... it's fair to assume that not all students who qualify for free or reduced-price meals will ultimately know to apply for them without robust outreach efforts from school nutrition departments.'

The USDA has largely left decision-making on meal debt policy up to state and local school authorities.

In Indiana, there is no statewide policy for student meal debt, leaving policies to be decided at the district level.

Pettet said Franklin Township schools, which serves roughly 10,500 students, has nearly \$9,300 in student lunch debt on record. The debt includes some carry-over from previous years, and some has been accrued since school started last month.

In that district, students can charge an unlimited number of meals, but at the end of each semester, any account with more than \$20 in unpaid meals lunches or breakfast – will be turned over to a collection agency, Pettet said.

If a child in Decatur Township — a district with roughly 6,800 students — has a negative lunch account balance, they will also be provided a regular meal but accrue another negative lunch account balance. LeMay said student accounts greater than -\$75.00 are reviewed at the end of each school year, and the district's business office determines if the collection process is warranted.

Indiana does not keep track of statewide school lunch debt. A 2021 report by the Education Data Initiative estimated that Hoosier students owe more than \$9 million for unpaid school meals. Advocates predict that number will

"Before the pandemic hit, students would show up in the cafeteria and did not have cash in hand or funds in their account, and those kids had their lunch taken away from them," Pérez said. "We expect some of those stories to pop right back up with schools charging again for meals."



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nominations are: Business of the Year - More than 25 employees, superior customer satisfaction, positive economic impact, exhibits communi-

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mander for the Marion County Sheriff's Office and a United States Secret Service agent. Originally from the south side of Indianapolis, Hubbs graduated with degrees in Criminal Justice and Spanish from the University of Indianapolis.

"Public Safety is a top priority in Hamilton County, so we did a national search to fill this position," County Commissioner Christine Altman says. "Turns out the best candidate was in our backyard. Mr. Hubbs' From Page A1

extensive law enforcement background and depth of experience have earned him the respect and support of Hamilton County Public Safety leadership, our Dispatch team, and makes him the perfect person to lead us through the building of a new 911 center."

Hubbs replaces Jeff Schemmer who accepted a job in May as Executive Director at the Indiana Statewide 9-1-1 Board. Hubbs' first day with the County will be Monday, Sept. 19.

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Vocal division, including Laura Wertz, 19, of Noblesville, who earned third place for Senior Division Female Vocal Solo. Also notable, Jacob Wells from Hamilton County won third place Overall Dance in the Senior Division of the 2022 Youth Talent Contest and second place Dance Solo on Saturday at the State Fair.

This was Fulton's last year to compete in the Hamilton County or State Fair Talent Show. While he would still be eligible in 2023, he'll be having jaw surgery, which will prevent him from singing in the contest, he said. Talent show age limit is

The first year that Fulton participated in the county 4-H Fair's Talent Show in 2013, he was Junior Grand Champion. He went on to win Senior **Grand Champion various** years and was the Senior **Division Overall Winner** in 2019 at the Indiana State Fair with Frank Sinatra's "I'm Gonna Live 'Til I Die.'

In previous years, he would spend weeks taking vocal lessons to train for a specific song. "In the past couple of years, though, I've decided my songs a week or two beforehand. I make sure to memorize the songs, but I don't plant all my phrasing and body language anymore. I let those choices happen naturally through the emotions I feel on stage," he said last week.

"It's hard to choose a song because of the two-minute time limit. But in a way, I guess it narrows down the song-choosing process and makes it easier," Fulton said.

How did he choose this year's song? "I fell in love with 'Heaven's Light' after hearing my friend sing it in a local production of the 'Hunch-

petitive quest to inno-

industry," said Indiana

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Brad Chambers. "Indiana

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"Indiana holds an

important place in the

history of racing, and in

my career as a driver and

an owner; I'm happy to

confirm that the Racing

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for a long time to come,"

chairman and CEO of An-

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said Michael Andretti.

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a modern, 575,000-square-

back of Notre Dame' musical," he said. The songs he usually chooses typically fall under the genres of jazz or Broadway.

Besides the Fair, he won first place in 2018 and second place in 2017 at Carmelfest Has Talent, and first place in 2020 in Midtown's Got Talent in Carmel. In the 2016 county Youth Talent Contest, Fulton teamed up with Brielle Cowger to sing "Somewhere Out There," from the film, "An American Tail," winning champion in the Senior Vocal Group division, and moving on to the State Fair. The duo also earned a spot in the finals of Hoosier Star, a vocal competition featuring youth and adult competitors, with the winners chosen by audience votes and celebrity judges.

He likes talent shows, which he said, "help build my confidence and communication skills. They're also a great way to meet other local musicians.'

To prepare for Sunday's competition, he practiced his song at home, and he visited the State Fair to see what the new venue would be like (the contest used to be in the Farm Bureau Building), to see if the stage is raised, if there's air conditioning and if there is a place to change clothes.

Fulton has learned a lot from previous years of competitions, from all of the judges' notes about his vocal technique, stage presence and clothing choice. "This year, I'm wearing just a T-shirt and sweats, to mimic the Hunchback) because I know how hot it is at the State Fair. The outfit is cool, and it doesn't require much effort to change into," he said before the contest.

Fulton is in his senior year of college and majoring in 3D Art and

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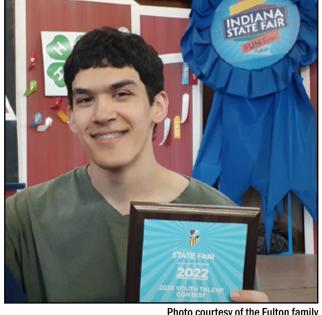


Photo courtesy of the Fulton family

Peter Fulton, 20, Fishers, the 2022 Hamilton County 4-H Fair Senior Vocal Solo division winner, won second place Overall Vocal and first place in Male Vocal Solo on Sunday at the 2022 Indiana State Fair Youth Talent Contest, with the song, "Heaven's Light" from "Hunchback of Notre Dame."

Video Game Development and is also learning Japanese. This year, he will be one of the musical directors for IUPUI's acapella group, On a Side Note. "That means I'll be arranging music, leading practices and giving musical feedback to the group members," he said.

He hopes to continue singing in the future. He especially likes singing for nursing home residents. "I love singing jazz standards, and nursing home residents tend to gravitate toward that genre of music," he said. Fulton has also helped record songs for Perfect Harmony, a musical program for older adults living with dementia.

When Fulton first started singing, he wasn't shy but very confident in his voice. But around middle school, he grew self-conscious. "If you watch a recording of me during that time, you'll see that my body language was timid, and my voice was bottled up inside me," he said. "Then I went to a vocal coach (Miss Lynne)

who showed me how to let loose and share my voice with the world. And now I'm no longer shy on stage. But I am shy offstage," Fulton said. (By the way, 40 recordings of Fulton's singing performances can be watched on YouTube channel, TheSoundofPeter.)

Last week, he looked forward to Sunday's Senior Vocal Talent Contest, to sing and to hear the other performers. "It's cool to see how people's skills have evolved and what new song choices they make," Fulton said. "I also look forward to singing my song and sharing it with everyone at the State Fair. Non-competition-wise, I look forward to sitting in the art gallery and absorbing all the artwork over there."

To those who have been following Fulton, he has a message: Thanks for being here, ever since the beginning. It's been a great nine years.'

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() ANDRETTI **UMARLOWE** From Page A1

Make-believe you are a novelist. You could be a renowned surgeon. Perhaps a famous celebrity. Maybe just a grandpa.

How does that make you feel? Are you happier in vour make-believe world?

You should be. Make-believers, by inference if not definition. are happy people. Rarely do make-believers ever imagine themselves worse off than they already are. Make-believers get to choose their own destiny; steer their own course.

I picked the term "make-believe" intentionally. I could easily use "fantasize" or "pretend." However, those terms are impersonal. They don't evoke emotion or sentiment. You can fantasize that the world is a better place. You can pretend that you are an honest businessperson. Neither of those plots tell me anything about YOU!

The make-believe world is your world? We are only in it with you if you invite us.

My Mother used the term make-believe almost exclusively. I was reminded of this the other evening. It was the beginnings of a beautiful summer night, and the bright flecks of starlight were just assembling into constellations above.

In the summertime, on nights when the temperature is warmish, and the night air dew-less and clean, she would sit with her two sons on the beautiful wrap-around deck that Dad built onto the second story of our brick ranchstyle house. Enwrapped by a palisade of mature maple, birch and sweet gum trees, we'd sit in the dark, peering through the canopy at the glittering light above.

"Close vour eves. she'd say to her boys. "Just listen. Tell me what you hear." In the distance, a train's

airhorn punctured the darkness. On a normal night, its blaring signature goes unnoticed in a visual world, too far away to matter to the eyes; an imperceptible melody lost under the din of a family readying for bed, concluding its day.

Tonight, however, it is unmissable. "I hear a train!" my brother says.

"Now make believe that you are on that train," Mother said. "Where are you going?'

"The mountains," my brother says. "Colorado". We listen until the train, its horn and its signature clackity-clack, perishes

"What do you hear, now?" Mother asks.

into the night.

"I hear crickets and frogs . . . and Jenny Lake yelling at her Mother!" I say, and we all laugh. Mother plays this game again. And again. And one more time, until our happy minds are full of glorious dreams of where we may go, and of what we may become.

There are sweet mysteries in the night.

Our Mother taught us a simple game, really. Yet, its lesson is profound. We too often are restrained by the limits of our own convention -- only believing what we can see, or feel, or taste, or smell in that moment.

But if we listen . . . ah, we can hear the sounds of make-believe, and therein lies all possibilities of our

Now, close your eyes.

John O. Marlowe is an award-winning columnist for Sagamore News Media

From Page A1 trepreneurs in their comthe cars; it's about having a global motorsport home and sharing that with our ate in the global racing

> sport and leave a lasting legacy.'

Planning of the new headquarters is underway, with construction expected to begin in the fall and the facility expected to be operational by 2025. The collaborative campus will feature modern technologies and create a work-life environment to support Andretti's team, fans, and partners. Additionally, the headquarters' location will allow Andretti Global the opportunity to welcome community and race fans from the around the world through involvement with the Fishers Parks Nature First program, planned indoor amphitheater and museum and innovation center that will preserve and showcase the Andretti legacy and inspire the future of motorsports.

"Partnering with Andretti to bring an incredible mix of innovation, visitor experiences and a commitment to the local community is a dream come true for this special property at the Indianapolis Metropolitan Airport," said Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness. "Fishers will be a welcomed home for the future of Andretti, and I look forward to celebrating their successes together."

Andretti operates worldwide in seven racing championships and across eight types of motorsports with 17 full-time drivers. Since establishing the team in 2003, Michael Andretti has built a diverse, global enterprise competing at the

highest levels of motorsport and reaching all five habitable continents. In his time as a team owner. Andretti has collected 17 championship titles and 252 race wins - including five Indianapolis 500 victories, victory at the Bathurst 1000, a Sebring 12 Hour title and wins in the ABB FIA Formula E World Championship and Extreme E series.

"In 2015, the Indianapolis Airport Authority and the City of Fishers partnered to maximize the use of this land and thus increase to an even greater level the quality of life for residents of Fishers, said Mario Rodriguez, executive director of the Indianapolis Airport Authority. "We are so pleased Andretti chose this location and supports the vision for this vital part of Fishers and the iconic team that leads this great effort."

Pending approval of the Indiana Economic **Development Corporation** (IEDC) board of directors, the IEDC will commit an investment in Andretti Autosport of up to \$19 million in the form of conditional tax credits and up to \$125,000 in training grants based on the company's plans to invest in its Indiana operations. The city of Fishers has approved additional incentives.

Andretti Autosport, led by racing legend Michael Andretti, boasts a wide racing portfolio rooted in tradition and designed for success.

Under the banners of Andretti Autosport and Avalanche Andretti Formula E, the India-

napolis-based team fields multiple entries across the CAR SERIES, Indy Lights, the FIA Formula E World Championship and the IMSA Prototype Challenge LMP3 division. The team also competes as Walkinshaw Andretti United in the Australian Supercars category through partnership with Walkinshaw Racing and United Autosports. Additionally the team fields an entry in the Extreme E championship via Andretti United Extreme E.

The global racing enterprise boasts four INDYCAR SERIES championships, five Indy Light titles, one Pro Mazda championship, a Silver Class GT4 Championship and has captured victory five times at the famed Indianapolis 500. The team also holds two X Games Gold Medals and five U.S. rallycross championships.

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

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serving up game day grub. One of the benefits of cheering on your favorite teams from the couch and bringing the tailgate to your literal home field is the availability of appliances you may not otherwise have access to at the stadium like the oven or air fryer. However, that doesn't mean missing out on the

action and being sidelined in the kitchen all game or that these recipes won't travel to a tailgate.

With a flavor-packed, vibrant recipe, the lineup of Fresh Cravings Salsa offers a homemade-tasting alternative to softer, duller blends of jarred salsa. Made with high-quality ingredients like vine-ripened tomatoes, crisp vegetables, zesty peppers and spices, the salsas make a perfect addition to these recipes from celebrity chef and entertainer George Duran, author of "Take This Dish and Twist It" and host of Food Network's "Ham on the Street" and TLC's "Ultimate Cake Off."

Kickoff your menu with an app like these Jalapeno Bacon and Salsa Biscuit Bites that

meld together traditional tailgate tastes. Then put a Tex-Mex twist on a traditional favorite with this Enchilada Lasagna, perfect for feeding a crowd of hungry fans.

To round out the playbook, this Layered Mediterranean Hummus Salad can make for an accompaniment to a variety of main courses. The cucumbers, olives, cherry tomatoes and other veggies are balanced by the savory taste of Fresh Cravings Hummus. Made with a short list of high-quality ingredients like chickpeas, tahini and Chilean extra-virgin olive oil, it has a smooth, creamy mouthfeel.

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Layered Mediterranean Hummus Salad

Recipe courtesy of chef George Duran Servings: 4-6

- 2 containers (10 ounces each) Fresh Cravings Hummus,
- any flavor
- cup sliced cucumbers 1/2 cup Kalamata olives, seeded and roughly chopped
- 1/2 cup canned garbanzo beans, drained 1/4 cup crumbled feta cheese
- 3/4 cup cherry tomatoes, quartered 1/4 red onion, finely chopped
- tablespoons finely ch 1/2 lemon, juice only extra-virgin olive oil

zaatar, for sprinkling (optional)

pita bread or tortilla chips On bottom of large, flat serving dish or platter, use spoon to evenly spread hummus.

Layer cucumbers, olives, garbanzo beans, feta cheese, cherry tomatoes, red onion and parsley throughout hummus. Squeeze lemon juice over top. Drizzle with olive oil and sprinkle with Zaatar, if desired. Serve

immediately with pita bread or tortilla chips.



Enchilada Lasagna

Recipe courtesy of chef George Duran Servings: 4-6

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- large onion, chopped (1 cup) deli roasted chicken, skin and bones
- removed, shredded tablespoons taco seasoning
- 1 cup chicken stock or broth 8 ounces cream cheese, at room
- temperature
- 2 cups shredded Tex-Mex cheese blend ounces Fresh Cravings Chunky Salsa, plus additional for serving
- cup fresh cilantro, chopped nonstick cooking spray
- 6 flour tortillas (9 inches each) cup tortilla chips, crushed
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese

Preheat oven to 350 F.

In large skillet over medium-high heat, add olive oil. Add onions and cook until soft and translucent, 4-5 minutes.

Add shredded chicken and stir in taco seasoning. Add chicken broth and bring to simmer, about 5 minutes.

Add cream cheese, Tex-Mex cheese, salsa and cilantro. Stir until cream cheese is melted and simmer 3-4 minutes until slightly thickened.

Spray square baking dish with nonstick cooking spray. Place two tortillas in bottom of pan, folding over or trimming sides of tortillas to fit.

Spoon half chicken mixture over tortillas. Repeat then place remaining tortillas over top. Mix crushed tortilla chips with cheddar cheese and sprinkle over top. Bake 30 minutes, or until lasagna is bubbling and lightly browned.

Let stand 10 minutes then top with additional salsa before serving.

Jalapeno Bacon and Salsa **Biscuit Bites**

Recipe courtesy of chef George Duran Yield: 16 biscuit bites

- 1 tube biscuit dough (8 biscuits total)
- 7 ounces grated mozzarella
- cheese cup jarred jalapenos,
- chopped 8 slices cooked bacon, chopped
- 1 cup Fresh Cravings
- Restaurant Style Salsa nonstick cooking spray

Preheat air fryer to 350-360 F.

Divide each biscuit in half by pulling apart in centers. Use hands to flatten each biscuit into circles.

In bowl, mix mozzarella cheese with chopped jalapenos, bacon and salsa.

Add heaping spoonful into each flattened biscuit and pinch each together tightly to form balls. Top each with small amount of salsa mixture.

Spray nonstick cooking spray in air fryer and, working in batches, cook biscuit bites 6-9 minutes until golden brown.

Note: If air fryer access is unavailable, biscuit bites can be baked 8-10 minutes at 400 F in oven, or until



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flavors like these ideas from the experts at Aramark.

bratwursts is all you need to do before kickoff.

Tackle Tailgate Menus with Fast, Flavorful Foods

Sweet and Spicy Bratwurst Subs

Recipe courtesy of Aramark Servings: 8

Kimchi:

- 1 1/2 cups green cabbage, cut into thick strips
- 1/4 cup water 4 teaspoons white vinegar
- tablespoon gochujang paste
- teaspoons fish sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon minced garlic 1/2 teaspoon minced, peeled ginger root
- 1/2 cup daikon radish strips
- 1/4 cup shredded, peeled carrot 1/4 cup sliced green onion

Mango Slaw:

- cups shredded green cabbage 1/3 cup diced mango chunks, thawed from frozen
- 1/4 cup shredded, peeled carrot
- 1/4 cup sliced green onion
- 1/4 cup red bell pepper, cut into thin strips
 2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
 2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro tablespoons minced, peeled ginger root
 - tablespoons white vinegar
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon minced garlic

Spicy Sesame Mayonnaise:

- 1/3 cup mayonnaise tablespoon sriracha
- 1 1/2 teaspoons sesame oil
- 1 1/2 teaspoons seasoned rice wine vinegar
 - 8 bratwursts (4 ounces each)

8 hoagie rolls (6 inches), split

To make kimchi: Place cabbage in microwavable bowl. Add water. Cover and microwave on high 2 minutes, or until tender-crisp. Rinse with cold water and drain well.

In large bowl, mix vinegar, gochujang, fish sauce, garlic and ginger. Add steamed cabbage, daikon, carrot and onion: toss to coat. Cover and chill.

To make mango slaw: Mix cabbage, mango, carrot, onion, red bell pepper, cilantro, ginger, vinegar, salt and garlic. Cover and chill.

To make spicy sesame mayonnaise: Mix mayonnaise, sriracha, sesame oil and vinegar until well blended. Cover and chill.

Heat grill to medium and lightly oil grill rack. Grill bratwursts 8 minutes, or until internal temperature reaches 155 F.

Spread mayonnaise on rolls. Place grilled bratwurst on rolls and top with kimchi and slaw



hile they may not strap on helmets and head to the field for kickoff, football fans often feel like they're as much a part of the game as the players themselves. When the team is in the locker room

way to feed your crowd is with small plates, appetizers, samplers and innovative sides that feature a variety of

An easy hack for your next game day meal can be a recipe you prepare at home before heading to the stadium. The toppings are what set these Korean-inspired Sweet and Spicy Bratwurst Subs apart. Just make the crunchy kimchi, bright mango slaw and spicy sesame mayonnaise up to two days ahead of time so grilling the

As tailgate grub continues to trend toward easy and quick, Sweet Heat Foil Packets provide another nomess, single-serve solution. Load up individual packets with shrimp, chicken, andouille sausage and favorite

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veggies then head to the game and grill on-site for a hot meal to fire up your fellow fans.

laying out the game plan, scores of fans are fueling up with tantalizing tailgate foods. In fact, many tailgaters believe food is the most important aspect of the pregame festivities, and one trendy

Sweet Heat Foil Packets

Recipe courtesy of Aramark

- Servings: 8 1/2 cup cold butter, diced
 - cup diced yellow onion
 - cup diced, peeled potatoes cup diced, peeled carrots
 - cup diced red bell pepper
 - 2 cups diced skinless, boneless chicken breast 16 extra-large shrimp, peeled, deveined and tails removed
 - teaspoons Cajun seasoning
 - cup diced pineapple cup andouille sausage, cut in half and sliced
 - frozen mini corn cobs, cut in half (16 pieces)

1 cup sliced green onion salt, to taste pepper, to taste

Heat grill to medium. Place eight 18-by-18-inch squares heavy-duty aluminum foil on work

On half of each foil square, evenly layer butter, onions, potatoes, carrots, red bell peppers, chicken, shrimp, seasoning, pineapple, sausage, corn cobs and green onions.

Fold foil in half over filling. Fold edges of foil tightly toward filling to seal packets.

Place packets on baking sheet. Grill 15 minutes with lid closed until chicken and shrimp are cooked through. Season to taste with salt and pepper.



Korean Bratwurst Subs









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IHIE, IDOH Partner on Advancements Rosacea and What in Healthcare for Hoosiers, to Present You Need to Know at National Health Data Conference The comedian W.C. Fields once said, "I never Fields once said, "I never The comedian W.C.

Indiana Health Information Exchange (IHIE), one of the largest health information exchange networks in the U.S., and the Indiana Department of Health (IDOH), are partnering on advancements in healthcare for Hoosiers and will present together at the Civitas Networks for Health Annual Conference Aug. 21 to Aug. 24 in San Antonio, Texas. Through their partnership, IHIE and IDOH want to make advancements in public health such as improving maternal and infant outcomes and diabetic

vaccination efforts.
"While IHIE has
supported public health
throughout its 18-year history, we're now working
more actively with the
state," said John Kansky,
president and CEO of
IHIE. "We appreciate
the engagement of IDOH

care and continuing to

collaborate on COVID-19

leadership, which will enable us to have more impact on health of Indiana citizens."

IHIE and IDOH will present on an emerging concept in healthcare health data utilities (HDU) - which are organizations that serve the health data or analysis needs of its state, both the private sector, such as healthcare providers, payers and employers, and state government. They will focus on how HDUs must have cooperative relationships with the state government and any other sector they serve. There are many organizations that exist around the country, including IHIE, that resemble the HDU model, so IHIE and IDOH will explore how they can benefit patients, healthcare organizations, the government and taxpayers.

"While we embrace the many gains in public health over the last century, future advancements depend on our ability to leverage data with a public health focus," said Dr. Lindsay Weaver, chief medical officer at IDOH. "The Indiana Department of Health and IHIE share a vision for using data to inform work in health equity and disease surveillance, and we look forward to a continued collaboration that will enhance the delivery of public health services to Hoosiers."

The four-day conference will include nationally recognized healthcare thought leaders and bring together peers from across the country to connect, share experiences and learn – together. More information about the conference can be found here. To learn more about Indiana Health Information Exchange, visit www.ihie.org.

IHIE was founded in 2004 as a health informa-

tion exchange that enables hospitals, physicians, laboratories, pharmacies, payers and other health service providers to avoid redundancy and deliver faster, more efficient, higher quality healthcare to patients in Indiana. Today, by making information available to more than 50,000 healthcare providers in Indiana and neighboring states, we deliver services that make a real difference in health and healthcare. For more information, visit www. ihie.org.

The Indiana Department of Health was formed as the State Board of Health in March 1881. Its mission is to promote, protect, and improve the health and safety of all Hoosiers, helping them to achieve their optimal health regardless of where they live, work, or play. For more information, visit www.health.in.gov.

The comedian W.C. Fields once said, "I never drink water; that is the stuff that rusts pipes." This referred to his penchant for drinking alcohol. So what do alcohol and W.C. Fields have to do with this week's topic of rosacea? Read on.

Rosacea is a common skin condition usually found on the face, which can be a great source of consternation. It is a disease with various clinical presentations. These can include redness, flushing, coarse skin, and bumps and pustules resembling acne. It may also present with visible spider-like superficial blood vessels called telangiectasias.

The condition is found three times more often in women and usually presents between 30 and 60 years of age. It is also more common in fair-skinned people of European and Celtic origin, also being known as the "curse of the Celts."

The diagnosis of rosacea is made on clinical grounds (i.e. signs and symptoms). There has to be a persistent rash on the central part of the face for at least three months to qualify as rosacea. Classifying rosacea is important in determining the best treatment.

The exact cause of rosacea is not well understood, though there are numerous factors that likely play a role. The flushing associated with rosacea is thought to be due to the increased number of blood vessels that are close to the skin surface as well as the increased sensitivity of the vessels to heat. Sun exposure may play a role based on the location of the rash though some

studies refute this.

Skin inflammation is a major finding in rosacea. Demodex, a species of skin mite, may also play a role in the development of an inflammatory reaction though studies are somewhat conflicting. Free radicals in the skin produced by various biochemical reactions can also cause damage.

There are four subtypes of rosacea based on clinical findings, likely the result of how a particular patient responds to various biologic factors and triggers. The first is the erythematotelangiectatic type. Its main signs and symptoms are central facial flushing, often with burning or stinging. The redness usually is not found around the eyes. The involved skin can be

The second type of rosacea is the papulopustular type. This is the most common type, typically found in middle-aged

rough with some scaling.



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women. It presents with redness of the central part of the face with small red bumps (papules) that have small pustules on top of them.

The third type is the phymatous type. This presents with severe thickening and irregular contours of the skin of the nose, chin, forehead, ears and/or eyelids. W.C Fields suffered from this type that caused his distinctive enlarged nose, known as a rhinophyma.

The last subtype of rosacea is the ocular type. It can present with signs that may be present for years before the skin manifestations develop. Patients can develop inflammation of various structures of the eyelids and coverings of the insides of the lids. Symptoms can include burning eyes, dryness, light sensitivity or the sensation of a foreign body in the eye.

There are various triggers that can worsen flushing in rosacea. These include stress, alcohol, spicy foods, hot drinks, wind, topical skin products, caffeine, exercise, hot or cold weather and hot baths or showers.

The first goal of treatment is to identify a patient's triggers so that he or she can avoid them (alas, W.C. Fields could not). Daily use of broad-spectrum sunscreen (protection from UV-A and UV-B) is recommended for all patients. Sufferers should also avoid astringents, toners, menthols, waterproof cosmetics that require solvents for removal, camphor, and products containing sodium lauryl sulfate.

Some types of rosacea respond to topical medications including antibiotics and acne agents. Oral antibiotics may also be used. Mild cases can be masked with creams containing green pigments. Laser surgery aimed at reducing blood vessels are the mainstay of treatment. Surgery, dermabrasion or laser treatments may also be used to reduce excessive skin.

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American Heart Association Introduces Eight Heart Heroes as Part of Kids Heart Challenge Campaign

More than 150,000 elementary students in Indiana will be encouraged to "Be the Torch" for better health by a new cast of characters that are part of the American Heart Association's Kids Heart Challenge campaign.

Eight heart heroes, characterized as dragons, each represent a positive trait that aligns with the school-based initiative aimed at improving students' health while raising life-saving donations for the American Heart Association, a global force for healthier lives.

This year's Heart Heroes are:

Frankie – Frankie, our tour guide, helps our heroes cruise through worldwide adventures by using good listening ears and respecting everyone's ideas.

Hydro – Hydro makes sure to drink plenty of water every day and even helps clean up trash from lakes and ponds on weekends.

Marley – Marley loves moving to music! Skate-

boarding, running, playing soccer and helping in the garden are other ways Marley stays active.

Dream – Dream knows that sleep makes us all feel and think better and always tries to get at least 10 hours of sleep every night.

Hearty – Hearty's torch brings light and warmth – a symbol reminding us all to be the Torch by being kind and helping others.

Breeze – Breeze loves to fly, enjoying how clean air feels on the face and in the lungs. Breeze does NOT like to breathe polluted air or secondhand smoke. Say NO to tobacco and

vaping!
Finn – Finn loves learning about your heart and saving lives. He's created Finn's Mission so he can share what he's learned with you.

Baxter – Being considerate of others' feelings and opinions makes the world go round. Baxter keeps a gratitude journal and makes time for self-reflection every day.

tion every day.

These heroes will be

intertwined into the Kids Heart Challenge™ campaign that engages over 350 elementary schools and 150,000 students in Indiana. Through the challenge, students will learn healthy habits including staying active, drinking water, getting plenty of sleep and saying no to tobacco and vaping. They will also take part in online challenges that teach habits like kindness

and gratitude. "One of the most exciting parts about launching the Kids Heart Challenge every year is learning who the new Heart Heroes are going to be" said Kathy Staton, the physical education teacher at Bunker Hill Elementary School in Franklin Township in Indianapolis. "It's exciting to see our students connect with these characters, and the American Heart Association does an incredible job in bringing it all to life."

The Kids Heart Challenge™ is rooted in proven science which has shown that kids who are regularly

active have a better chance of a healthy adulthood[1]. In addition to improved physical health, the benefits of physical activity for children include better grades, school attendance and classroom behavior. Physical activity can also help kids feel better, improve mental health, build self-esteem, and decrease and prevent conditions such as anxiety and de-

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