

TODAY'S VERSE

Philippians 1:21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.



FACES OF HAMILTON COUNTY

People who call our community their own.

What makes Kate Baker smile? "The kindness of others, my nieces and nephew, laughter, my dogs, the ocean. There are so many things that bring me joy." She's "an incredibly proud aunt, the best title I've ever had," and "a proud mom" to her two sweet huskies, Dakota and Dash-er. Since coming on to the job as Noblesville Main Street's executive director, Baker feels right at home. The community can find her in the Main Street offices, at 839 Conner St., just above Nickel Plate Arts' NobleMade gift shop, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. She invites everyone to stop in. "I love hearing about what people value about Noblesville Main Street and, of course, what they'd like to see from us in the future," she said. Main Street's next event is this Friday featuring Upstairs Downtown's guided and self-guided tours of historic buildings on and around the historic Square, in collaboration with Noblesville Preservation Alliance, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. with tickets available on the Courthouse Square and online.

And Another Thing...

1. Westfield Homecoming

On Thursday, September 15th, Westfield Shamrocks will take to the street to cheer on the Westfield High School Rocks as they prepare for the homecoming game against HSE at the WHS HOCO Parade. The theme this year is Fearlessly Rocking.

The Homecoming parade is a long-standing homecoming tradition organized by parent volunteers and hosts over 60 floats showcasing hundreds of WHS's student-athletes, clubs, and staff. Parade organizers are excited to welcome 11-year NFL veteran and Rocks Football coach Nick Hardwick as the Grand Marshal.

Our Grand Marshal this year is sponsored by Central Indiana Insulating.

Hardwick is a former Purdue Boilermaker who played eleven years in the NFL for the San Diego Chargers, starting 146 games and earning a Pro Bowl selection in 2007. He served the team captain for the Chargers for five seasons and blocked for Drew Brees and Philip Rivers.

Hardwick is Head Coach of the Westfield High School football team and coaches his sons Hudson and Teddy on 5th and 3rd-grade football teams. He and his wife Jayme moved to Westfield after spending sixteen years in San Diego.

The parade is free to attend and starts at 6:30 p.m. The parade will run along Shamrock Boulevard to 186th Street, before finally making a left on Union Street. Attendees can catch candy from floats, welcome special guests and get excited for the big game on Friday night. Witter Orthodontics, Carpenter Realty, MG Myers Insurance and Platinum Recruiting Group are sponsors for the parade.

Visit https://www.smores.com/ujy79-shamrock-blast?ref=email-content#w-1479056895 for more information about Homecoming Week at Westfield High School.

2. Politics and Food

A survey conducted by Purdue University's Center for Food Demand Analysis and Sustainability showed how personal politics influences consumer perceptions of food inflation, with liberals estimating the increases at about three to four percentage points below conservatives, according to the monthly Consumer Food Insights Report.

"The divergent perceptions of food inflation between liberals and conservatives is interesting to observe," said Jayson Lusk, the head and Distinguished Professor of Agricultural Economics at Purdue, who leads the center. "Not only are liberals severely underestimating the increase in food prices from last year, but conservatives' expectations for inflation are also likely overstating its rate for the coming year - at least compared to U.S. Department of Agriculture predictions."

Additional key results include: Consumer food spending and inflation expectations decreased slightly.

Food insecurity levels have not increased despite record-high food prices.

Liberals prioritize the social and environmental sustainability of their food more than others.

"Local food" is politically less polarizing relative to concepts like "plant-based" or "climate change."

Both liberals and conservatives support funding for agricultural conservation and research programs.

Notably, both diet well-being and food happiness scales show little difference among liberals, moderates and conservatives. The political agreement over the quality of food that Americans consume highlights the success of the U.S. food system, which also shows in scores on the Sustainable Food Purchasing (SFP) Index.

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Brainard Announces Retirement; Won't Seek Eighth Term in 2023



By Joe LaRue  
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At a press conference on Tuesday, Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard announced that he will not run for re-election in 2023.

Brainard, who has been in office since 1996 and is currently in his seventh term, said he

would not endorse a candidate in the upcoming election and did not announce his specific plans after his term expires.

Around Hamilton County, local leaders expressed their respect and gratitude towards Brainard. Mayor Chris Jensen, in a statement made to The Times, said, "Mayor Brainard not only made Carmel a better place, but pushed us all to make Hamilton County a better place as well. I wish him well in his retirement."

Mayor Scott Fadness tweeted on the day of the announcement, saying, "...he [Brainard] is living proof of what a person with vision and the courage to see it



Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard

through, can do. I look forward to continuing to work with him

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City of Fishers Announces \$1.1B in Development, Entertainment Projects

Fishers City officials announced yesterday more than \$1.1 billion in economic and entertainment investments. This represents the largest single-day announcement in Fishers' history. The projects will be presented to the Fishers City Council next Monday.

Thompson Thrift's Next Phase of Fishers District:

Thompson Thrift, the master developer of Fishers District, shared its plans to bring more neighborhoods of the popular culinary and entertainment destination to Fishers. The \$550 million in additional developments will include new retail, restaurant, entertainment, and



Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness

residential options within a walkable and vibrant community setting. The development will be located east of I-69 between

106th and 116th Streets southeast of IKEA.

The expanded Fishers District will be anchored by an event center that will host sporting, theatrical, and entertainment events for up to 8,500 spectators. Indy Fuel owner Jim Hallett announced the Indy Fuel would call the event center its home beginning with the 2024-2025 season. Fans and patrons alike will experience entertainment in a new way with family suites, enhanced areas for hosting, and modern fan experiences.

The overall expansion of Fish-

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Arcadia and Cicero Granted Over \$1M for Water System Upgrades



Indiana Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch and the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs announced Tuesday that Arcadia and Cicero, as well as 19 other rural Indiana communities, are getting more than \$12.9 million in federal grant funding to create and expand community facilities and improve water infrastructure.

The Town of Arcadia was awarded \$577,800 to upgrade the town's drinking water system. The drinking water project includes a new water tower, updates to two wells, new water mains and water main replacement with removal of lead containing pipes. The project also includes Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition system improvements and new fire hydrants to increase fire protection. This project will

provide the quality and quantity of water needed to keep Arcadia thriving with an environmentally safe water supply.

Cicero was awarded \$455,440 for improvements to the town's stormwater system in the Brinton Street area. The project will consist of cleaning and lining 1,380 feet of stormwater mains, rehabilitation to six manholes and four new cut connections to help prevent flooding.

"Quality of life is important for rural areas in Indiana, and these grants will help several Indiana communities make needed improvements and upgrades," Crouch, who is also Indiana's Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development, said. "As communities across the country age, funding infrastructure projects is becoming more and more important, especially water and wastewater projects. I am pleased to see many Indiana communities focusing their efforts in these areas."

The State of Indiana distributes Community Development

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StringTime Concert Season Winds Down for the Summer



BETSY REASON  
The Times Editor

Grab your lawn chairs and blankets and head for the Hamilton County Courthouse Square in downtown Noblesville to savor the final concert of Legacy Keepers Music's sixth annual StringTime on the Square summer music series.

The concert series debuted in July 2017 in celebration of the 10th anniversary of Legacy Keepers Music, an educational charity that Noblesville's Janet Gilray started in 2007 to offer

Want TO GO?

What: Stones Crossing Family Band, performing the final bluegrass concert of the Legacy Keepers' StringTime on the Square summer concert season. When: 6:30 p.m. Saturday. Where: West side of the Hamilton County Courthouse Square in downtown Noblesville. How much: Free, donations accepted. Info: 317-773-1085

musical family programming. Gilray, musician and vocalist herself, loves bringing string music, particularly bluegrass, to the Square or our community.

This summer, while the Courthouse's east lawn was being reseeded and blocked off, the music series and most other events moved to the northwest side of the Courthouse lawn.

Stones Crossing Family Band is the final band of the StringTime season. Mark Graham has

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TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Got an injury? RICE it - Rest, Ice, and if possible Compression (wrap) and Elevate the injured body part. 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

"Success is not final. Failure is not fatal. It is the courage to continue that counts."

- Winston Churchill

TODAY'S JOKE

What monster is red, round and comes out each fall? Frankenapple.

OBITUARIES

Sarah Lou Collins  
Jennie Lee Evans  
Destiny Michelle Harris



HONEST HOOSIER

Want a recommendation on where to find a fair and non-biased TV newscast? Me, too!



The Times appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank ANDRA T. BURNETT for subscribing!

7 DAY FORECAST table with dates and weather icons.

## OBITUARIES

### Sarah Lou Collins

January 22, 1928 - September 12, 2022

Sarah Lou Collins, 94, of Noblesville, passed away on Monday, September 12, 2022 at Harbour Manor Care Center in Noblesville.

She was born on January 22, 1928 to Loren and Euphema (Parsley) Walsh in Muncie, Indiana.

Mrs. Collins was a graduate of Fortville High School. She married Willie J. Collins in 1948. She worked for Firestone Industrial Products from 1956-1982, then worked as a bus aide for Hamilton Southeastern Schools.

Mrs. Collins loved her grandchildren and never missed a birthday.

Survivors include her two daughters Susan White and Kitrice (Dale) Robinson; sister Norma Jean McJunkin; ten grandchildren Jason White, Amy Ballard, Melinda Benton, Ryan White, Aaron Robinson, Cory Robinson, David O'Boyle, Jennifer Black, Ryan O'Boyle and Kathryn Dunagan; 22 great-grandchildren; 6 great-great-grandchildren; and son-in-law Patrick O'Boyle.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Willie Collins; daughter Jane O'Boyle; and sister Vivian Marie Teal.

Graveside Services are scheduled to be held at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, September 16, 2022 at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens, 9700 Allisonville Road, in Indianapolis, with Pastor Eric Gale officiating.

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



### Jennie Lee Evans

January 30, 1937 - September 10, 2022

Jennie Lee Evans, age 85, of Sheridan, passed away on Saturday morning, September 10, 2022 at Maple Park Village in Westfield, Indiana.

She was born on January 30, 1937 in Newton, Ohio, daughter of the late Samuel George "Sam" and Bessie Marie (Illeges) Pritsch.

Mrs. Evans worked as a bartender for the Sheridan American Legion, the Tipton American Legion and the tavern up on Main Street in Sheridan. She also worked for Hansen's Grocery Store in Kirklintown and was the Sheridan area Avon representative for many years.

She loved going to yard sales and seemed to have a built-in radar for scouting them out. There was nothing better than finding a great deal, and if it was on some vintage jewelry, it was like winning the lottery. Mrs. Evans also loved hosting her own yard and rummage sales as often as she could.

She was blessed with an abundance of love to send out into the world. She was a foster mother for many children throughout the years. Mrs. Evans helped many children who were either experiencing the loss of their parents or were dealing with the separation of their parents by showing them that it was going to be ok, we will get through this together. She was also a foster mom, of sorts, to the many stray kittens throughout the trailer court that found their way into Jennie's care.

Survivors include her son Mark Allen Evans (Joyce) of Kirklintown; grandson Jason Michael Evans; three sisters Marjorie Gay Goodwin (Bill) of Miss., Barbara Marie Douglas of Sheridan and Chana Rhae Graham of Sheridan; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents Samuel George "Sam" and Bessie Marie (Illeges) Pritsch; brother Harold Lee Pritsch; and former husband Richard Joseph Evans.

Services are scheduled to be held at 7 p.m. on Friday, September 16, 2022, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th Street, Sheridan, with Visitation scheduled to run from 4 p.m. until the time of service. The Rev. VJ Stover will be officiating.

### Destiny Michelle Harris

July 17, 1995 - September 5, 2022

Destiny Michelle Harris, 27, of Noblesville, passed away on Monday, September 5, 2022 at St. Vincent Anderson Regional Hospital in Anderson.

She was born on July 17, 1995 in Noblesville, Indiana.

Ms. Harris was a very loyal woman, always helping her grandparents, friends, mother, father and siblings.

She enjoyed making people happy and was full of laughter. She loved going to work with her mother & father as a young child. Ms. Harris was always looking after her family.

She was a member of Genesis Church in Noblesville. Her hobbies include hunting, fishing, motorcycles, 4-wheelers, family time, listening to her music, baseball, basketball, volleyball and football.

Survivors include her mother Dawn Harris (fiancé Joe Kelley); father Jay Harris; four siblings Bret Harris, Devan Harris, Dustin Harris and Kyla Harris; grandparents Mike and Bonnie Harris and Jacquelin Smith; aunts and uncles, Betty Powell, Doncella Watson, Dalelene Campbell, Wendy Harris, Mike Harris, Jody Harris and Bob Harris; as well as many cousins.

She was preceded in death by Carolyn Harris, Fred & Carmen Watson, Bobby Smith Jr., Austin Swenson and Justin Swenson.

Private family service are scheduled to be held at a later date. Ms. Harris' care has been entrusted to Randall & Roberts Funeral Homes.

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



## State GOP Facing Challenges of Own Making

Ok Class, here's today's test. Who is Daniel E. Kelly?

Googling is not allowed. Anyone? OK, here's a hint. Mr. Kelly is connected to Dr. Brewster M. Higley.

It's OK, I'll wait. Still nothing?

One last hint. Dr. Higley wrote a poem called My Western Home in the 1870s.

Give up?

Daniel took that poem and started playing around with it on his guitar. He added a few words here and there and when it was all said and done, the song you and I know as Home on the Range came out.

I share all that to offer my sincere apologies to Danny and Brewster. Pretty sure what follows is perhaps the worst rendition the song ever got.

Hang on while I clear my throat . . .

We live in a home  
Where the buffalo roamed

And the state keeps our money all day

Where never is heard  
An encouraging word

(between the two parties)  
And Hoosiers are feeling betrayed!

Blown, blown all away



**TIM TIMMONS**  
Two Cents

Where our money gets pilfered away  
They tax and they take  
It's really absurd  
And leaves us worn and dismayed

Let's start with the recently concluded and so-called special session. The only thing special about it was that Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb couldn't wait until January to jump on the abortion bandwagon. Between that and what lawmakers laughingly called economic relief, they decided to spend around a quarter of a million bucks to meet.

What came out of it? Actually, I'd like to avoid the arguments - pro and con - on the abortion decisions made. For today, could we just focus on the money side of things?

And let's start with

Indiana's rainy day fund - a stockpile of your money and mine that is currently at more than \$6,000,000,000.

Yes, that is nine zeroes. Billion.

Black gold. Texas T. (Oops, sorry. Wrong song.) Just like Uncle Jed and the Clampetts, Holcomb and legislators find themselves with more money than they know what to do with. Think not? Well, they had to have a special session to decide to send Hoosiers what, \$200, \$125, \$325, \$650? The more they talked the muddier the amount became. At the end of it all, the Republicans decided to send some of our money back to us.

Mighty big of them considering they have more than \$6 BILLION OF OUR MONEY SITTING IN THE BANK!!!

And please do remember the key word there - O-U-R, as in our money, as in belongs to us, as in we are the state's source of money . . . don't forget, the state really doesn't have any cash without us.

To be sure, some of that money we send them is necessary. Schools, public safety and such are paid for by us. Not

the state. Us. Somehow, we always seem to forget that. But hey, we can take at least take some comfort in the fact that our state highways and byways are smooth and seamless and . . . oh, hang on. I'm writing this while I sit stuck in traffic on the stalled interstate. What was the stall caused by? Who knows? Could be that someone hit a giant pothole and ran off the road.

Everyone keeps predicting a red tidal wave come this fall's elections. Indiana, a decidedly red state, might be an exception to that since the GOP, the party with the super majority, can't seem to figure out how to manage from the lead. That doesn't say much for any of the Republican leadership, does it? Here's hoping they figure it out sooner rather than later.

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

## Nickel Plate Arts Gearing Up for 10th Anniversary Gala

Nickel Plate Arts' 10th Anniversary Diamond Gala is quickly approaching. The night will include an awards ceremony as well as a silent and live auction, and local artists will be working on art and jewelry auction items live in-person during the event.

Smith's Jewelers is the title sponsor of the 10th Anniversary Diamond Gala. They have been operating for 76 years, and they remain the trusted local jeweler serving Hamilton County.

"We are so happy to be involved with Nickel Plate Arts as we, too, are artists and visionaries," said Smith's Jewelers CEO Robby Hieser. "We believe the art of raw, handcrafted jewelry is the ultimate expression of love. We exist to help people celebrate life's most memorable moments with their loved



ones." Nickel Plate Arts has expressed their appreciation for Smith's Jewelers' generous contribution of a genuine 1-carat diamond. Event attendees will have the opportunity to purchase a glass of cham-

pagne for \$25 in order to win the diamond.

Below is the value and a description of the diamond:

**Retail Value:** \$7650.00  
**Description:** 1.0 Carat Round Brilliant Diamond  
**Color Grade:** F

**Clarity Grade:** SI2  
**Cut Grade:** Very Good  
**GIA Certification Number:** 5326760982.

The annual event is also being sponsored by Spencer Farm Winery, which opened in October of 2019. The tasting room is located in a restored 1883 Farmhouse. Spencer Farm will be providing the featured table wine during the gala.

**About Nickel Plate Arts:**

Nickel Plate Arts is an umbrella nonprofit organization that creates and coordinates arts and cultural experiences across communities in eastern Hamilton County and the surrounding areas to improve the quality of life for residents, strengthen local economies and enrich experiences for visitors. Nickel Plate Arts is a project of Hamilton County Tourism, Inc.

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**Sheridan Employment Opportunity**

The Town of Sheridan, Indiana is seeking qualified applicants for the position of **Street Superintendent**. This position is a department head level position comprised of several upper-level management and leadership duties. Candidates should have knowledge, skill, and experience in leading, planning, controlling, and managing operations of municipal streets and public works. The full job description is available at [www.sheridan.org](http://www.sheridan.org).

The Town of Sheridan offers benefits of health, vision, and dental insurances along with pension and deferred compensation retirement programs. The salary range for this position is \$56,000 to \$58,000.

Interested applicants can submit a cover letter and resume to Todd Burtron at [tburtron@taflaw.com](mailto:tburtron@taflaw.com) or via United State Postal Service to Town of Sheridan, 506 South Main Street, Sheridan, Indiana 46069 Attn: Street Department job posting. Please submit resumes no later than close of business on Friday, September 23, 2022.

**Buy. Sell. Rent. Lease.**

**THE TIMES classifieds.**

<p><b>18473 Jaden Drive</b> Westfield • \$424,900 <b>SOLD!</b></p> <p>Meticulously maintained 3 BR, 2.5 BA, only 4 years old. Stunning entry, spacious great room, gourmet kitchen, 2 office spaces. Gorgeous landscaping surrounds the exterior w/privacy fence. Finished garage w/workbench. BLC#21867439</p>	<p><b>9740 William Drive</b> Noblesville • \$389,900 <b>SOLD!</b></p> <p>This charming 3 BR, 2.5 BA home on almost half acre w/mature trees, formal living &amp; dining, den w/fireplace, beautiful kitchen, huge sunroom, finished basement w/full kitchen and fireplace. A perfect "10." BLC#21871421</p>	<p><b>1480 Maple Avenue</b> Noblesville • \$315,000 <b>PENDING</b></p> <p>This 2-story gem is located in historic old Noblesville, 3 BR, 2.5 BA, upper level has kitchenette, home is on a large lot and has a 3-car garage w/extra storage. Close to shops and restaurants. BLC#21874285</p>	<p><b>6939 Trophy Lane</b> Noblesville • \$334,900 <b>LISTED - SOLD!</b></p> <p>Carefree living in popular Willow Lake - 2 BR, 2.5 BA, huge great room w/fireplace, updated kitchen all appliances stay, sunroom overlooks deck &amp; lake/pond, upper level is quite large &amp; has 1/2 bath. BLC#21866367</p>
<p><b>1350 S 9th Street</b> Noblesville • \$339,900 <b>NEW PRICE!</b></p> <p>Stunning rehab in downtown Noblesville with over 2,200 sq ft features 4 BR, 2 BA, finished basement, master bath with en-suite and more! BLC#21879748</p>	<p><b>6889 Trophy Lane</b> Noblesville • \$334,900 <b>PENDING</b></p> <p>Beautiful home in popular Willow Lake, 2 BR, 2 BA home overlooks pond, huge great room/dining room combo, double sided fireplace, loft, sunroom, laundry w/sink and cabinets, tiled screened porch, patio, oversized garage. BLC#21874578</p>	<p><b>501 Gettysburg</b> Coatesville • \$309,900 <b>PENDING</b></p> <p>This lovely 3 BR, 2.5 BA home with loft is move-in-ready, main level has new luxury vinyl throughout, eat-in kitchen w/pantry, fireplace, all appliances stay, there is an attached 2-car garage &amp; 2-car detached garage. BLC#21874929</p>	<p><b>Deakine Team</b> REALTORS® Jennifer Peggy <b>Speak to Deak.com</b> <b>317.439.3258 Peggy or</b> <b>317.695.6032 Jennifer</b></p> <p><b>Talk to Tucker</b> REALTORS® F.C. TUCKER COMPANY</p>

# 81 Hamilton County Students Among National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists

Yesterday, officials of National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) announced 81 Hamilton County students are among over 16,000 Semifinalists in the 68th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. Seniors from Carmel, Fishers, Hamilton Southeastern, Noblesville, University and Westfield high schools were among the 81 students named.

These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,250 National Merit Scholarships worth nearly \$28 million that will be offered next spring.

To be considered for a Merit Scholarship award, Semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the Finalist level of the competition. About 95 percent of the Semifinalists are expected to attain Finalist standing, and approximately half of the Finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar title.

NMSC, a not-for-profit organization that operates without government assistance, was established in 1955 specifically to conduct the annual National Merit Scholarship Program. Scholarships are underwritten by NMSC with its own funds and by approximately 340 business organizations and higher education institutions that share NMSC's goals of honoring the nation's scholastic champions and encouraging the pursuit of academic excellence. Steps in the 2023

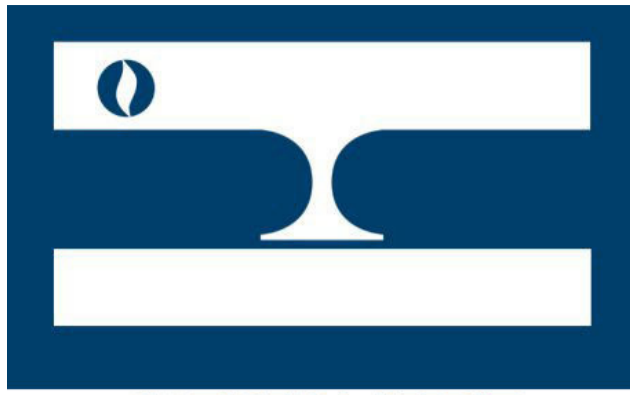
## Competition:

High school juniors entered the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2021 Preliminary SAT/ National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/ NMSQT), which served as an initial screen of program entrants. The nationwide pool of Semifinalists, representing less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest-scoring entrants in each state. The number of Semifinalists in a state is proportional to the state's percentage of the national total of graduating seniors.

To become a Finalist, the Semifinalist and a high school official must submit a detailed scholarship application, in which they provide information about the Semifinalist's academic record, participation in school and community activities, demonstrated leadership abilities, employment, and honors and awards received.

A Semifinalist must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by a high school official, write an essay, and earn SAT or ACT scores that confirm the student's earlier performance on the qualifying test.

From over 16,000 Semifinalists, more than 15,000 are expected to advance to the Finalist level, and in February they will be notified of this designation. All National Merit Scholarship winners will be selected from this group of



## NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Finalists. Merit Scholar designees are selected on the basis of their skills, accomplishments, and potential for success in rigorous college studies, without regard to gender, race, ethnic origin, or religious preference.

### National Merit Scholarships:

Three types of National Merit Scholarships will be offered in the spring of 2023. Every Finalist will compete for one of 2,500 National Merit Scholarships worth \$2500 that will be awarded on a state-representational basis. About 950 corporate-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards will be provided by approximately 180 corporations and business organizations for Finalists who meet their specified criteria, such as children of the grantor's employees or residents of communities where sponsor plants or offices are located.

In addition, about 160 colleges and universities are expected to finance some 3,800 college-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards for Finalists who will attend

the sponsor institution.

National Merit Scholarship winners of 2023 will be announced in four nationwide news releases beginning in April and concluding in July. These scholarship recipients will join nearly 368,000 other distinguished young people who have earned the Merit Scholar title.

A full list of the Hamilton County semifinalists can be found below:

### Noblesville High School:

- Rylan S. Cripe
- Sebastian G. Meginnis

### Fishers High School:

- Grant A. Belush
- Aparupa Brahma

- Brooke A. Butts
- Thomas B. Clark
- Benjamin D. Connelly
- Landon G. Culwell
- Srilekha Davuluri
- Braden M. Hosier-Hartman
- Rachel D. Iskandar
- Bridgette Lewton
- Gillian Q. Sundquist
- Ethan L. Uribe
- Anderson J. White
- Micah Y. Young

### Hamilton Southeastern High School:

- Suhita S. Chintalacheruvu
- Chouchi Ding
- Rachel Wan
- Abigail E. Williams
- Kamryn A. Williams

### Westfield High School:

- Lucas J. Mayhew
- Gabrielle L. Wheeler
- Ryan J. Witzman

### Carmel High School:

- Tanay N. Acharya
- Abigail R. Burnham
- Jason Y. Chia
- Geetika Chitturi
- Eliza G. Culbertson
- Julia L. Dong
- Avery E. Guo
- Eric L. Guo
- Canaan He
- Cristian A. Herascu
- Amilyn W. Ho
- Ayden T. Hornsby
- Haley K. Hunt
- Lauren K. Jai
- Daniel R. Johnson

- Archit Kalra
- Dariush Khurram
- Noah J. Kim
- Taehee Kim
- Shreya Krishnan
- Vineeth R. Kundur
- Nolan L. Latterell
- Shinwoo Lee
- Chenyao Liu
- Suhani Lodha
- Alison R. Ma
- Laura B. Martens
- Nathan W. Martin
- Katherine R. Mayer
- Noah O. Meroueh
- Jillian E. Moore
- Logan F. O'Connell
- Amogha M. Paleru
- Alex S. Park
- Matthew D. Rao
- Jordan B. Seigel
- Darshini Shankar
- Lily V. Shukla
- Min-Seo Sim
- Ishaan K. Singh
- Kate A. Smith
- Mia E. Sosa
- Zachary A. Spurgeon
- Gauri Srinath
- Olivia K. Stock
- Daniel J. Tian
- Sneha Vashistha
- Jingyu Xiao
- Eric Y. Yang
- Grace W. Yang
- Matthew Yang
- Arthur S. Yeh
- Grace H. Zhang
- Jennifer Zhao
- Harry Zheng

### University School:

- Karl R. Wang



Photo courtesy of HHSC

### Heights Wins Invite at Maconaquah

Over the weekend Hamilton Heights Middle School Cross Country teams traveled to Maconaquah for an invite with 11 other schools. The ladies started off very strong and were ready to run from the beginning. Congratulations to Ayla Madara for winning the race in a time of 12:25! The team of Ayla Madara, Allie Bushey, Hattie Graham, Maddie Higgins, Lilly Higgins, Selah Heuer and Lily Shuler brought home the 1st place trophy. Heights had 5 runners in the top 10. In the boys' race, Tommy Girolamo led the team with a time of 11:49 for a 9th place finish. Overall, the boys team placed 5th.

The following runners had PRs: Allie Bushey, Ayla Madara, Olivia Higgins, Mia Linville, Lilly Higgins, Maddie Higgins, Ethan Forrester, Silas Lawson, Zane Pritsch, Nicholas Bragg, Jonah Wolfgang and Levi Newman. Congratulations to all runners!

Pictured above, from left to right, are: Maddie Higgins, Hattie Graham, Ayla Madara, Olivia Higgins and Lilly Higgins.

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# Diamond Pet Foods Picks Rushville for \$259M Production Center

Governor Eric Holcomb joined Rushville Mayor Mike Pavey and executives from Diamond Pet Foods yesterday to announce the company's plans to build a 700,000-square-foot manufacturing and distribution center in Indiana to support its Midwest client base. To support the new \$259 million state-of-the-art operation, the company plans to create up to 170 new jobs by the end of 2024.

"We couldn't be prouder to welcome one of the world's largest privately held pet food manufacturers to Indiana's thriving economic ecosystem," said Gov. Holcomb. "The Crossroads of America is where agriculture and innovation perfectly intersect, and precisely where our number one ranked infrastructure program, high quality of place and access to talent all contribute to support Diamond's impressive goals and growth. I'm confident, together, we'll find success in Indiana for generations to come."



Founded in 1970, Diamond Pet Foods is a family-owned business headquartered in Meta, Mo. that produces cat and dog food from U.S.-sourced ingredients. The new facility, located at 2606 North State Road 3 in Rushville, will be the company's first in Indiana and will house production and distribution operations, increasing the company's output to Midwest clients. Construction is underway, and the facility

is expected to be operational in 2024.

"We are excited to choose Rushville for its proximity to suppliers as well as the community's skilled workforce," said Mike Kampeter, president of Diamond Pet Foods. "This new state-of-the-art facility will allow us to continue offering quality pet food at prices pet parents can feel good about. We look forward to adding Rushville and Indiana to the Diamond



Governor Eric Holcomb

family."

The company employs more than 1,000 associates in its Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas, South Carolina and two California locations. Information about open positions will be made available online at <https://diamondpetcompany.com/>.

Diamond Pet Foods is growing its Midwest presence due to increasing demand for pet food as well as an increase in U.S. pet ownership over the last several years.

"Rushville is truly fortunate to have Diamond Pet Foods growing their company here," said Rushville Mayor Mike Pavey. "The leadership

of Diamond Pet Foods understands rural communities. They will have a positive impact to Rush County for generations."

Based on the company's job creation plans, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) committed an investment in Schell & Kampeter Inc. (dba Diamond Pet Foods) of up to \$1.5 million in the form of incentive-based tax credits and up to \$300,000 in the local community from the Industrial Development Grant Fund to support infrastructure improvements. These tax credits are performance-based, meaning the company is eligible to claim incentives once Hoosiers are hired and investments are made. The city of Rushville offered additional incentives.

## About Diamond Pet Foods:

Founded in 1970, Diamond Pet Foods is a family-owned and privately held company. As a leading manufacturer of pet food, Diamond Pet Foods provides a

complete range of proprietary and private label products manufactured in six state-of-the-art and safety-certified facilities across the United States. Their mission is to make quality pet food affordable because we believe every pet deserves the very best.

## About IEDC:

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 and governed by a 15-member board chaired by Governor Eric Holcomb, 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](http://iedc.in.gov).

# Biden Officials Visit Purdue as Part of National Push to Boost Semiconductor Production

By CASEY SMITH

State and federal officials on Tuesday descended upon Purdue University's campus as part of a national campaign to bolster the domestic manufacturing of semiconductor chips.

Gov. Eric Holcomb joined two Biden administration Cabinet secretaries — Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo — in West Lafayette to tour the microelectronic training facility at Purdue's Birck Nanotechnology Center.

Indiana Republican Sen. Todd Young and Purdue President Mitch Daniels also attended.

Officials discussed their push to see Indiana ramp-up its role at designing and manufacturing of semiconductor chips that are used to power the nation's smartphones, cars, computers, medical equipment, military weapons and other technology.

"What we're doing at home, and particularly what is happening here, goes directly to our standing and leadership in the world," Blinken said. The secretary of state said the initiative is primarily "about investing in ourselves," and acknowledged the U.S. is "in a competition with China" to regain leadership over semiconductor production.

"We can bring our country together, we can bring academia, we can bring industry, we can bring federal government, we can bring state government together in order to advance this and create the strongest possible foundation for continuing and even expanding our technological leadership," Blinken said. "That's incredibly attractive to other countries around the world who want to partner with us."

The visit comes on the heels of Holcomb's privately-funded economic development trip last month in Taiwan and South Korea that focused largely on semiconductors.

The Republican gov-



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**U.S. Sen. Todd Young (left) and Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb (second from left) joined U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken (center) and Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo at Purdue University on Sept. 13 for a tour of the Birck Nanotechnology Center.**

ernor's trip commenced shortly after President Joe Biden signed the federal bipartisan CHIPS and Science Act, which will see tens of billions of dollars appropriated for semiconductor manufacturing and research. The measure was championed by Young.

"We have been preparing for years for this moment, setting the table for an opportunity to receive federal investment in these cutting edge technology projects to ensure that Indiana's long standing talent ... is recognized," Young said Tuesday at Purdue.

Expanding the semiconductor ecosystem:

A shortage of semiconductor chips during the coronavirus pandemic led to price hikes and supply-chain disruptions, including in Indiana.

Nearly 80% of global fabrication capacity for the computer chips was in Asia as of 2019, according to the Congressional Research Service. The United States used to make 40% of the world's chips, but now makes about 12%.

State and federal officials said Tuesday that the U.S. needs to pour more into research and skilled job training to help build up a qualified workforce and make areas like in Indiana more attractive to technology companies.

They continually pointed to the CHIPS legislation as a way to make that happen.

In addition to new fund-

ing for research and development at universities, the federal dollars will help fund other workforce development, like internships and apprenticeships that often serve as a pipeline to employment for students, as well as more partnerships between community colleges and tech companies. Raimondo said that type "critical" training is on display at Purdue, helping the country to fill "thousands of high-paying jobs in the semiconductor industry all over America."

She emphasized, too, that CHIPS will help the country focus more on "lab to fab" — the accelerated process or turning semiconductor research into new designs and manufactured products. That kind of work is already taking off at Purdue, she said.

Holcomb added that Indiana is striving to overcome a skilled worker shortage by making investments in Hoosier education "very early on," including at the K-12 levels.

"We seek to further accelerate our advancements and our investments so that we can, in fact, lead the way," Holcomb said. "We find ourselves in the state of Indiana at peak private sector employment, and that's because people are getting the skills they need ... and these aren't just jobs ... these are truly careers. Semiconductors play a central role in all of that." Purdue at the heart of

semiconductor growth:

Indiana is already poised to be at the epicenter of the semiconductor industry's growth.

Raimondo announced Tuesday that the U.S. Department of Commerce will partner with SkyWater, a major supplier of semiconductors to the Department of Defense, as well as with Google to provide semiconductor wafer designs to universities across the U.S.

The public-private federal government collaboration will help "fuel" technology research and development, she said.

"We can do exactly the kind of research that's happening here in this facility by providing these designs for free, open source," Raimondo said. "It's about taking the

research and development that starts in research at universities and bringing it through to products that power American innovation."

SkyWater, in partnership with Purdue, announced in July a \$1.8 billion plan to open a 600,000-square-foot semiconductor research and development production facility in West Lafayette.

Taiwanese semiconductor giant MediaTek announced in June that it will also partner with Purdue to create a new semiconductor design center in West Lafayette. The company — which develops chips for cell phones, TVs, and other devices — will work with Purdue on research surrounding chip designs.

"We feel, profoundly,

our responsibility to turn out as many high-class new talents for this state and this nation as we can, and we've grown quickly in order to do that," Daniels said of the ongoing investments in semiconductor technology at Purdue. "I do truly believe that this will be the center of semiconductor advance and production in the decades ahead."

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# Young, Republican Colleagues Pen Letter Calling for Senate Vote on NDAA

U.S. Senators Todd Young (R-Ind.) and Tommy Tuberville (R-Ala.), along with 21 other Senate colleagues, sent a letter to U.S. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) calling for a Senate vote on the FY2023 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) before the end of September.

The U.S. House of Representatives approved its version of the legislation in July, with a broad, bipartisan majority voting in support. The letter invoked the words of George Washington while calling on Leader Schumer to schedule a vote on the NDAA in time for an open Senate amendment process

to take place. Among other priorities, the legislation funds military technology, strengthens capabilities, and delivers a 4.6 percent pay raise to America's service members.

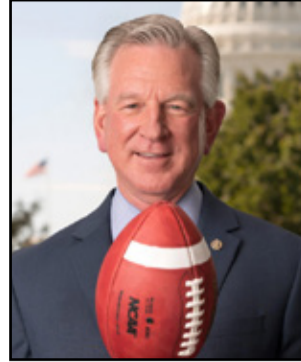
Joining Senators Young and Tuberville in the letter are U.S. Senators John Cornyn (R-Texas), Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.), Mike Braun (R-Ind.), Tom Cotton (R-Ark.), Kevin Cramer (R-N.D.), Mike Crapo (R-Idaho), Ted Cruz (R-Texas), Joni Ernst (R-Iowa), Deb Fischer (R-Neb.), Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa), Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-Miss.), Ron Johnson (R-Wis.), Mike Lee (R-Utah), Cynthia Lummis (R-Wyo.), Roger



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Marshall (R-Kan.), Jim Risch (R-Idaho), Mike Rounds (R-S.D.), Rick Scott (R-Fla.), Dan Sullivan (R-Ark.), Thom Tillis (R-N.C.), and Roger Wicker (R-Miss.).

A copy of the letter can be found below: "Leader Schumer,



Senator Tommy Tuberville (R-Ala.)

"At the founding of our nation, then-General George Washington penned, "When the civil and military powers cooperate, and afford mutual aid to each other there can be little doubt of things going well." Two centuries later, that still rings

true. Yet should this body fail in its top Constitutional responsibility of providing for a common defense, our armed services will be left directionless, lack stable funding, and be devoid of civilian Congressional oversight.

"Chairman Reed and Ranking Member Inhofe saw to it that the FY2023 National Defense Authorization Act remained bipartisan and the result safeguards the United States. Additionally, the bill invests in technology advancements and procurement through a \$45 billion budget topline increase, provides service members with a 4.6 percent pay raise, and

strengthens our forces in cybersecurity, space, the Indo-Pacific, personnel management, and many other areas.

"Members of the House passed their NDAA on July 14th, by a vote of 329 - 101. For the bill to go to conference and make it to President Biden's desk, our colleagues must have the opportunity to debate the Senate version with an open amendment process. As such, we the undersigned respectfully request that you call the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 to the Senate floor before the conclusion of the September work period."

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# Indiana Colleges to Grant Students Free Applications

Six Indiana colleges will waive college application fees during Indiana's College Application Week, Sept. 26-30, according to the Indiana Commission for Higher Education. Another 33 colleges have reported free applications year-round.

College Application Week is part of Learn More Indiana's annual College GO! initiative that takes place each August through November with information and resources designed to help Hoosier K-12 students explore and plan for education beyond high school.

The official kick-off to College GO! is the last full week in September (Sept. 26-30), coinciding with College Application Week. Friday, Sept. 16, is #WhyApply Day which is a social media campaign encouraging the public to share why it's important to apply to college.

"College GO! is an opportunity for students of all ages - from kindergarten to high school seniors - to learn the value of education and training beyond high school, explore career pathways and discover the variety of Indiana post-secondary options," said Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Chris Lowery.

"We are excited to see the significant number of Indiana institutions participating in College Application week. We hope all high school seniors will utilize this opportunity to apply for free to their preferred colleges."

Students can apply to the following colleges and universities for free between Sept. 26 and 30:

- Indiana State University
- Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) (use code INCOLLGO)
- Martin University
- Purdue University Fort Wayne (use code COLLEGE2022)
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• Wabash College

Colleges not indicated above may offer financial assistance for students who demonstrate financial need. Talk to your college for more information about college application fee waivers.

You can view the list of participating colleges online at <https://resources.learnmoreindiana.org/collegego>.

College Application Week is sponsored in partnership by the Indiana Commission for Higher Education and the American College Application Campaign (ACAC) to increase the number of first-generation and low-income students who pursue education beyond high school.

For more information, visit <https://learnmoreindiana.org/collegego>.

### About the Indiana Commission for Higher Education:

Created in 1971, the Indiana Commission for Higher Education plans, coordinates and defines Indiana's postsecondary education system to align higher learning with the needs of students and the state. The Commission also administers Indiana's financial aid programs, including the 21st Century Scholars early college promise scholarship, which celebrated 30 years in 2020.

Learn more about the Commission's Reaching Higher in a State of Change strategic plan at [www.in.gov/che](http://www.in.gov/che).

### About the American College Application Campaign:

The American College Application Campaign (ACAC) is a national initiative designed to increase the number of first-generation college students and students from low-income families who pursue a postsecondary degree. The purpose is to assist high school seniors as they navigate the college application and admissions process and ensure each participating student submits at least one admissions application.

# Lawsuit to Strike Down Indiana's Abortion Ban Gets New Judge

By CASEY SMITH

A critical court hearing set for next week could put a pause on Indiana's near-total abortion ban, with behind-the-scenes maneuvers over the judge and counsel in the meantime.

The new law is still set to take effect on Thursday but the Republican judge - the third tasked in the case - is a Republican who might be less inclined to toss the law.

Up for debate is a suit filed in Monroe County Circuit Court last month by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Indiana on behalf of health care providers and a pregnancy resource center.

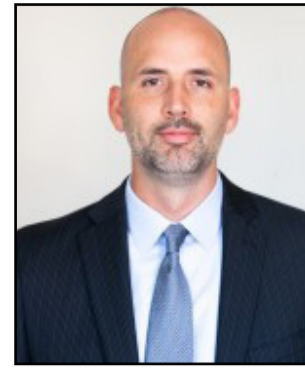
The plaintiff organizations argue that the abortion ban "will infringe on Hoosiers' right to privacy, violate Indiana's guarantee of equal privileges and immunities, and violate the Constitution's due course of law clause through its unconstitutionally vague language."

The court challenge is based on the Indiana Constitution and maintains that the new law blocks patients from exercising an abortion-including "fundamental right to privacy," which the state constitution protects as an individual liberty. The Supreme Court of the United States in June ruled that the U.S. Constitution does not guarantee abortion rights.

Arguments are scheduled to be heard Monday afternoon in Monroe County. The judge could decide at that time whether or not to issue a preliminary injunction, which would temporarily stop the ban from being enforced. A later decision in the case could strike down the ban altogether.

Republican judge Kelsey Blake Hanlon of the Owen County Circuit Court accepted an appointment as special judge last week. That was after two elected Democratic judges in neighboring, liberal-leaning Monroe County declined to take on the case earlier this month. They did not give any reasons as to why they recused themselves.

Hanlon was first elected as a judge in 2014 and is now one of three finalists that the state Judicial



Marion County Prosecutor Ryan Mears

Nominating Commission selected in July for Gov. Eric Holcomb to consider for appointment to the state appeals court.

The GOP governor is slated to announce his decision Wednesday afternoon. The judge he selects will fill the vacancy created by the upcoming retirement of Judge Edward W. Najam Jr.

An ACLU representative said legal counsel could not comment on whether the switch to a Republican judge might affect the outcome of the case.

### Who's handling the defense?:

Behind the scenes, tensions also appear to be flaring over the handling of the state's legal defense.

Last week, attorneys representing the Marion County Prosecutor's Office - one of several defendants in the ACLU lawsuit - appeared before the court. Marion County Prosecutor Ryan Mears said in July that he would not prosecute abortion-related cases if the state legislature criminalized the procedure. Representatives from Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita's office on Monday filed a motion to strike that appearance, however. The Attorney General's filing said that "only the Indiana Attorney General has authority to represent the defendants in this case."

Mears - a Democrat - likely would have a different legal strategy than Rokita, a Republican.

"By law, the attorney general is the lawyer for the state and prosecutors are arms of the state," Rokita's office told the Indiana Capital Chronicle Tuesday in a written statement. "The Office of the Attorney General represents prosecutors on a daily basis on many cases, and this one is no different. Of course, the attorney general is leading

the defense of the duly-enacted statutes."

Mears was not available for comment Tuesday, but his office is expected to file a response to the AG's motion to strike before Thursday. Hanlon could make a ruling on the defense matter before Monday.

### Other legal action is still pending:

The ACLU filed a separate class action lawsuit last week that seeks to strike down the ban on the basis that it violates Indiana's Religious Freedom Restoration Act.

The legal challenge was filed in Marion County Superior Court on behalf of Hoosier Jews for Choice, as well as five anonymous women who represent a variety of faiths including, Judaism, Islam, and independent spiritual belief systems.

They argue that they have "sincere religious beliefs that direct them to obtain an abortion" that would be banned "and who are at risk of needing an abortion in the future consistent with these beliefs."

Like the first lawsuit, the filing also seeks an injunction on the Indiana abortion law. An initial hearing in the case has not been set yet.

Indiana was the first state in the nation to approve abortion-restricting legislation since the high court ruling that overturned Roe v. Wade.

The ban outlaws all abortions except in the case of a fatal fetal anomaly and cases of serious health risk to the mother. One part of the law says these exceptions are up to 20 weeks but another part says they can be used anytime. Rape survivors can get an abortion up to 10 weeks post-fertilization. It also strips abortion clinics of their state medical licenses, and provides that only hospitals and hospital-owned ambulatory surgical centers can provide abortions.

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## UPGRADES

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Block Grant funds to rural communities, which assists units of local government with various community projects such as infrastructure improvement, downtown revitalization, public facilities and economic development.

“Community Development Block Grant funding can be transformational in improving the quality of life in rural towns and cities,” said OCRA Executive Director Denny Spinner. “Over 20 Hoosier communities will now have nearly \$13 million in financial support to carry out projects for public facilities, blight clearance and water infrastructure.”

The Public Facilities Program creates and expands community facilities that enhance the lives of residents in numerous ways. Eligible projects include fire stations, community facilities, libraries, museums, community centers and performance spaces that open doors to knowledge and ideas, culture and enjoyment.

Projects receiving Public Facilities Program grant funding include:

The Town of Brookston is awarded \$500,000 for the construction of a new fire station. The new building is approximately 7,500 square feet. The building will include six pull-through bays, shower/decontamination areas, a designated room for equipment storage and a second level mezzanine to be utilized for additional training and storage space. The site will also include parking and an access drive along South Street.

The Blight Clearance Program strives to encourage Indiana communities with blighted properties to focus on long-term community development and revitalization through improving quality of place, generating jobs

and spurring economic revitalization. Eligible projects to receive grant funding through BCP are deteriorated or abandoned downtown buildings or vacant and unusable industrial sites.

Projects receiving Blight Clearance Program grant funding include:

The Town of Versailles is awarded \$358,600 to clear a blighted former gas station known as the Raider Gas property. This project will include the acquisition and demolition of the existing building, as well as demolition of the driveway and concrete parking areas. Additionally, the project will include the removal and disposal of four underground tanks, removal of contaminated soils from the tanks, backfill, and environmental testing and reporting to provide a safer and more sanitary environment for residents.

The Stormwater Improvement Program strives to reduce flooding, cut stormwater treatment and energy costs, protect rivers, lakes and vital landscapes, and generate jobs to spur economic revitalization. Types of activities eligible for this grant funding include stormwater improvements, as well as demolition and/or clearance.

Projects receiving Stormwater Improvement Program grant funding include:

The City of Dunkirk is awarded \$600,000 to reduce the flooding of neighborhoods located in the southeast portion of the city. The proposed project consists of two new stormwater detention ponds at Broad Street and A Street in the City of Dunkirk. The project also includes the replacement of a portion of Dunkirk’s existing gravity storm sewer system to accommodate

storm water released from the new ponds.

Newton County is awarded \$500,000 to address drainage issues affecting The Plains subdivision. In addition to new drainage pipe installation, the project also includes reconstruction of the existing regulated drain flowing from 300 North southwestly to an existing culvert under US Highway 41, and then to an intersection with Beaver Lake Ditch.

The City of Brazil is awarded \$600,000 to rehabilitate and extend the drainage system in the areas of Lenox Street, Murphy Avenue, Epworth, Pine, Beech, Sycamore and Hendrix Streets to address flooding and inflow/infiltration into the wastewater system.

The goals of the Wastewater/Drinking Water Program are to protect the health and environment, reduce utility rates for low-to-moderate income communities and improve rural infrastructure to enable long-term economic growth. Eligible Wastewater/Drinking Water Program projects include many aspects of wastewater improvements and drinking water system improvements.

Projects receiving Wastewater/Drinking Water Program grant funding include:

The Town of New Richmond is receiving \$700,000 for a system-wide comprehensive rehabilitation of overall water system component. This will include wellfield, water treatment plant and distribution system. This will enhance water quality with iron / manganese removal, eliminate dead-end water mains, reducing water loss and increasing flow as well as increasing fire protection.

The Town of Modoc is awarded \$700,000 to reha-



Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch

bilitate the existing wastewater treatment plant and the town’s main lift station. The project will also include extensive collections system upgrades and will bring all components of the system up to code, while maintaining their current rated treatment capacity.

The Town of Swayzee is awarded \$700,000 for improvements to their wastewater treatment plant. The project will include an increase in capacity of the wastewater treatment plant and process improvements, which include conversion to an oxidation ditch, new headworks, two new clarifiers, UV disinfection, and other related improvements will help lead to an increase in capacity.

The Town of Roachdale is awarded \$700,000 to make improvements to the wastewater system. This project will install an equalization basin, rehabilitate manholes, reline wastewater mains and make structural improvements to a beam at the wastewater treatment plant.

The Town of Lynn is awarded \$700,000 to make necessary improvements to its water utility system. This project consists of installing new water lines, hydrants, valves and building a new elevated water tower.

The City of Martinsville is awarded \$700,000 to rehabilitate several sanitary sewer pipes in the wastewater collection system

in need of re-lining to alleviate current infiltration problems as well as to extend the life of the pipes. This work will greatly improve the function of the sanitary system in the areas of interest and prevent impending issues that will impact the local residents.

The Town of Goodland is awarded \$700,000 to update the current lagoon system with sand filters and UV disinfection system. This will allow for year-round discharge and increased control of the lagoon system. The town will also install a lift station. This addition will relieve the strain of the town’s other main lift station by taking 1/3 of the town off the aging existing lift station.

The Town of Osgood is awarded \$581,481 to replace a water main by direct drilling and modifying the existing clearwell at the water treatment plant. This will result in the plant being able to produce treated water.

The Town of St. Paul is awarded \$697,000 to demolish the 60,000-gallon elevated water storage tank, rehabilitate the 100,000-gallon storage tank, replace existing supply well No. 1 and replace the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition system. Additionally, the project will rehabilitate the water treatment plant, replace customer water meters and install ten hydrants and main line valves. These improvements will result in the system operating efficiently, and will reduce water loss and safety issues at the water plant and water tanks.

The Town of Medaryville is awarded \$700,000 for upgrades to the wastewater system. The improvements include rehabilitating three lift stations, backup power for three lift stations,

wastewater treatment plant power upgrades and replacing a culvert on the wastewater treatment plant drive.

The Town of West Lebanon is awarded \$700,000 for wastewater treatment improvements, including converting the existing facultative lagoon to an aerated lagoon. The project also includes collection system improvements, such as raising, replacing and resealing manhole castings.

The Town of Marengo is awarded \$700,000 to improve the health and safety of the residents on their wastewater system. This infrastructure project will see improvements at five locations in town including construction of a backup clarifier at the treatment plant, as well as upgrades at the four pump stations in town.

The Town of Hebron is awarded \$423,500 for wastewater collection system improvements. These improvements will reduce the inflow and filtration through the rehabilitation of existing sanitary sewers and manholes.

The Town of Lizton is awarded \$700,000 for improvements to the town’s wastewater treatment plant and collection system. The project will make improvements to selected portions of the collection system to reduce inflow and filtration. Additionally, the project will provide the town with adequate capacity, increasing both reliability and efficiency in the wastewater system.

Funding for OCRA’s CDBG programs originates from the U.S.

Department of Housing and Urban Development’s Community Development Block Grant program and is administered for the State of Indiana by OCRA. For more information, visit [in.gov/ocra/cdbg](http://in.gov/ocra/cdbg).

## PROJECTS

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ers District includes Slate, a previously announced multi-family and garden home community with direct access to Fishers District; The Union, an expansion of the lifestyle, multi-family, and entertainment options at the District which, upon completion, is visioned to include approximately 250 luxury apartments, 60,000 square feet of retail and restaurants, 150 hotel rooms, and up to 80,000 square feet of Class A office space in a vertically stacked environment; and The Commons, home to the new Fishers event center and additional new-to-market restaurant, retail, and entertainment destinations, as well as additional residential options.

“This is a monumental day for our city,” said Mayor Fadness. “Fishers is thriving and today’s announcement demonstrates that our momentum isn’t slowing down. Since 2019, residents and visitors of Fishers have enjoyed The Yard at Fishers District with a demand we haven’t experienced elsewhere. This announcement to

expand the District into even more neighborhoods is exciting news from an entertainment perspective, but also because of the economic development promise to come. This expansion not only answers the call from CEOs and employees looking for restaurants and entertainment but can now be home to our schools’ graduations and statewide sporting events.”

Indianapolis-based Thompson Thrift, a full-service real estate company, will act as the master developer for the Fishers event center and the surrounding neighborhood districts. The company has vast experience in commercial development and focuses on ground-up mixed-use and retail development across the Midwest, Southeast and Southwest. In Fishers, Thompson Thrift previously developed The Yard at Fishers District.

“We are excited to grow our presence in the ever-expanding community of Fishers,” said Ashlee Boyd, Thompson Thrift managing partner,

commercial. “Part of our mission is to positively impact the communities we serve. By attracting new businesses, new jobs and more entertainment to Fishers, we are confident this development will enhance the experience of those living in and visiting this dynamic community.”

Once complete, the Indy Fuel, the professional hockey minor league affiliate of the NHL’s Chicago Blackhawks, and Hallett Sports & Entertainment will officially move its headquarters from the Indiana State Fairgrounds to Fishers with the event center serving as the team’s primary facility. Hallett Sports & Entertainment will manage the event center and provide day-to-day operational and booking management. The Indy Fuel currently utilizes the Fuel Tank, located in Fishers, for its practice and residential facilities.

“I’m thrilled to bring the fun and excitement of Indy Fuel hockey and its fan base to Fishers,” said Jim Hallett, owner of the Indy Fuel and chairman of Hallett Sports & Enter-

tainment. “We are beyond excited to not only bring the Fuel to Fishers but also have Hallett Sports & Entertainment manage the new facility for the community. We intend for the event center to be the best facility of its size anywhere, create unique experiences for fans, families and groups, and bring a multitude of different types of events and attendees to the city and region.”

**Stevanato Group’s Expansion:**

Stevanato Group announced in June 2021 their intent to build a 200,000-square foot facility in the Fishers Life Science and Innovation Park with a \$140 million investment to build their facility and hire 250 employees for their high-wage, innovation positions. In early 2022, Stevanato executives approached the City of Fishers to share their plans to further invest in their planned facility. Stevanato will present a proposal to the Fishers City Council to update its total investment to \$512 million with a plan to hire a total of 515 employees by 2031. The

Stevanato facility will open in early 2024.

“Stevanato’s additional commitment to Fishers is incredibly encouraging for the market, this sector, and reaffirming Fishers’ position as a destination for life science firms,” said Mayor Fadness. “By more than doubling their investment in Fishers, Stevanato’s position as a global leader will undoubtedly positively impact our community and regional neighbors.”

**Andretti Global’s Headquarters:**

Andretti Autosport announced in late August its intent to build and establish its \$200 million global headquarters at the Indianapolis Metropolitan Airport’s undeveloped business park property. The headquarters will bring Andretti’s operations for all racing entities, research and development, and history museum to one campus location. Pending City Council approval, the facility will break ground in late 2022 and open early 2025.

The Fishers City Council will vote on economic

development agreements for Stevanato and Andretti Global at its next council meeting on Sept. 19. The Council will also initiate the introductory financing for the event center and begin the rezoning process for Thompson Thrift at the same meeting.

For more information about this announcement, visit [thisisFishers.com/NextChapter](http://thisisFishers.com/NextChapter).

**About the City of Fishers:**

The City of Fishers is a suburb of Indianapolis, Indiana, located in Hamilton County, and is consistently nationally ranked as a top place to live. Under the leadership of Mayor Scott Fadness, Fishers is known as a smart, vibrant, and entrepreneurial city through its neighborhood development, dedication to supporting high-growth companies, and innovative city processes. With a population of 101,171 (2021, U.S. Census Bureau), Fishers is one of the fastest growing communities in Indiana and has received national accolades for entrepreneurship, livability, and safety.

## BETSY

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Photo courtesy of Stones Crossing Band

**Stones Crossing Family Band, made up Shalynn Adams (from left), Amanda Graham, Mark Graham and Billy Adams, will perform Saturday on the northwest side of the Hamilton County Courthouse lawn in Noblesville.**

been singing with daughters, Shalynn and Amanda for their whole lives, in church and at home. For 30 years, he’s played with various bands, and then one day got a chance to perform with his son-in-law, Billy Adams. Not long after that, Mark Graham quit his other groups to focus on the family band, exclusively. Stones Crossing will be playing a variety of gospel, bluegrass, country and soft rock. And Gilray said, don’t be surprised if the band adds a little bit of Elvis.

Openers are Alec Bohuk and Eric Reel, of Booze Hands Bluegrass. They perform traditional bluegrass with a fresh take on songs we know and love.

Featured band plays 7

p.m. to 8:15 p.m. with brief intermission for raffle drawing. Openers begin at 6:30 p.m.

Series benefactor is Noblesville Township Trustee Tom Kenley. Band sponsors over the summer have included Chuck Goodrich, Mark Heirbrandt, George Kristo and Jean Roberts.

Since its inception, Legacy Keepers Music has presented more than 100 public music programs.

Gilray has been mixing business, music and special events ever since her college days in Fresno, Calif. Gilray got her start as a business and marketing major when she landed an internship with the president of the town’s convention and visitors bureau. With that experience, she



The Times photo courtesy of Betsy Reason

**Janet Gilray, musician and vocalist herself, loves bringing string music, particularly bluegrass, to the Square of our community.**

went on to preside over a non-profit cultural arts auxiliary affiliated with the city parks and rec and then established her own marketing firm to manage promotional events,” she said. “I have always enjoyed gatherings in a public square. All my life it seems, I’ve been organizing art and music festivals, rodeo events, promotions where people come for a good time. I even organized a pet show, once. Now I’ve simplified my life by encouraging live music -- finding and hiring the musicians -- they play, and I kick back and smile.”

Legacy Keepers Music,

a 501(c)3 nonprofit, has actively worked to encourage and support folk-style music for all who enjoy listening, playing and sharing grassroots music in public places.

This StringTime concert series on the Square has had some amazing talent over the summer. And a crowd of growing fans. There is just one more amazing act to hear this Saturday. Thanks for bringing another season of bluegrass music, Janet Gilray. Hopefully, we’ll see you again next summer.

Contact Betsy Reason at [betsy@thetimes24-7.com](mailto:betsy@thetimes24-7.com).

## BRAINARD

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in his final months in office.”

And Westfield Mayor Andy Cook responded by saying, “In his seven terms as Mayor of Carmel, Jim Brainard has been a transformational leader. He inspired me to become involved in politics, and I’ve always admired the entrepreneurial spirit he brought to the office.”

He went on to say, “Mayor Brainard has reimaged what suburban cities can aspire to become. He is a friend and mentor, and for that, I’m grateful.”

Brainard oversaw Carmel’s population growth from 25,000 to over 100,000 in 2021. He led the effort to create Carmel City Center, and was Mayor for the creation of the Carmel Farmers Market, Carmel Monon Community Center, Monon Trail and Center for the Performing Arts.

He also oversaw numerous environmental initiatives, including:

- Promoting the building of roundabouts, which reduce emissions;
- Signed executive orders that mandate, when possible, that city operations utilize hybrid cars;
- Encouraged the City Utility Department to find more efficient means of powering water treatment facilities; and
- Began studying the potential of employing wind power in Carmel.

He also oversaw the construction of a record 142 roundabouts in Carmel, the first being built in 1997.

Brainard lived in Bristol, Indiana before graduating in 1976 from Butler University, having studied history, political science and speech. He went on to obtain his JD from Ohio Northern University’s Claude W. Pettit College of Law in 1982.

No candidates have currently announced for the 2023 Carmel Mayor’s race.

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In 2009, Forbes ranked the Fort Wayne metropolitan area 67th on its list of 200 metropolitan areas in the "Best Places For Business And Careers" report. Not too shabby!

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## Number <sup>%</sup> Stumpers

1. How old is Fort Wayne?  
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2. What percent of the population do the roughly 3,500 Burmese refugees make up?  
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3. What is the population per square mile?  
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4. The population in 2010 was 355,329. What percent of growth did the county's population see between 2010 and 2017?  
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Answers: 1. 194 Years Old 2. Around 1 percent 3. About 564 4. 4.9 percent

## Did You Know?

- Allen County had an estimated population of 372,877 in 2017.
- At 660 square miles, it is the state's largest county
- Fort Wayne, the county seat, was founded in 1824
- Three rivers, the Maumee, St. Joseph and St. Marys, come together at Fort Wayne
- Fort Wayne is cited as having the highest Burmese refugee population in the United States, with between 3,000–3,500

## Got Words?

The area was occupied by indigenous people for thousands of years prior to settlement. What about the landscape do you think made the area and Fort Wayne so attractive to indigenous people and settlers?

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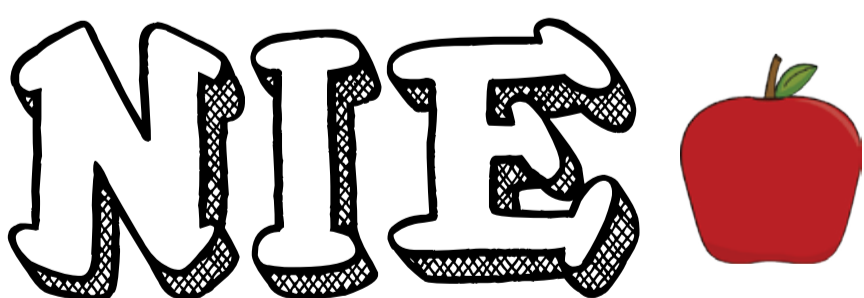
## Word Scrambler

Unscramble the words below!

1. ROFT WYEAN
2. LLNEA
3. MMEEAU
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## Farmer Sentiment Improves, but Farmers Still Concerned about Rising Costs, Inflation

The Purdue University/CME Group Ag Economy Barometer farmer sentiment index rose 14 points in August to a reading of 117. The rise in the overall measure of agricultural producer sentiment was driven by increases in both the Index of Current Conditions, which rose 9 points to 118, and the Index of Future Expectations, which climbed 16 points to 116. The Ag Economy Barometer is calculated each month from 400 U.S. agricultural producers' responses to a telephone survey. This month's survey was conducted Aug. 15-19, after The U.S. Department of Agriculture released both the August Crop Production and World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates reports.

"Producers in the August survey were less worried about their farm's financial situation than in July, although they remain concerned about a possible cost/price squeeze," said James Mintert, the barometer's principal investigator and director of Purdue University's Center for Commercial Agriculture.

This month, more producers indicated they're expecting better financial performance for their farms in 2022 and the upcoming year, as the Farm Financial Performance Index improved 11 points to a reading of 99. Both corn and soybean prices rallied from their July lows into mid-August which, along with expectations for good yields, helped explain some of the improvement in financial performance expectations.



At the same time, there continues to be a tremendous amount of uncertainty among producers regarding the future cost of items they purchase both for their farms and family usage. When asked about their biggest concerns for the next year, over half (53%) of respondents chose higher input costs, followed by rising interest rates (14%), input availability (12%), and lower output prices (11%). On the farm level, there is a big disparity in opinions among farmers regarding whether input prices will retreat or escalate in 2023. Approximately four out of 10 producers expect crop input prices in 2023 to be either unchanged or possibly decline by as much as 10%, compared to 2022. On the other hand, just over half of all producers expect input prices to rise from 1% to 20%. At the consumer level, nearly half (48%) of respondents said they expect the rate of inflation for consumer items during the next 12 months to be in the 0% to 6% range. Compared to previous barometer surveys, more producers this month said they expect inflation to be in the upper end of that range than those who felt that way earlier this year.

Producers continue to

view now as a bad time to make large farm machinery and building investments. In a follow-up question, nearly half (49%) of those who said it is a bad time for investing cited increasing prices as the primary reason. The Farm Capital Investment Index remains near its record low, but was up 3 points to a reading of 39 in August.

Upward pressure on cash rental rates for Corn Belt farmland in 2023 seems likely. Four out of 10 corn and soybean producers expect farmland cash rental rates to rise in 2023 compared to 2022. This month, 27% of respondents said they expect rates to rise up to 5% compared to 39% of respondents who expect rates to rise between 5% and 10% in 2023.

Expectations for both short- and long-term farmland values were nearly unchanged over the previous month. Among survey respondents who say they expect farmland values to rise over the next five years, well over half (57%) chose nonfarm investor demand as the main reason they expect values to rise.

To understand producers' exposure to and experiences with companies offering payments for capturing carbon, this month's survey asked respondents if they've engaged in these types of discussions and the payments being offered. In August, 9% of respondents said they have engaged in discussions with companies offering payments for carbon

capture, the highest percentage of respondents since the question was first included in the survey. Of those who engaged in discussions, 75% said the payment rate per metric ton of carbon offered was less than \$20, and just 1% said they have signed a carbon contract. Respondents who engaged in discussions and chose not to sign a contract were asked the minimum payment per acre they would accept to enroll their farm in a carbon capture program. Two-thirds of those respondents said the payment rate needed to be at least \$30 per acre, suggesting that payment rates need to rise to encourage more participation in carbon capture programs.

The site also offers additional resources – such as past reports, charts and survey methodology – and a form to sign up for monthly barometer email updates and webinars.

Each month, the Purdue Center for Commercial Agriculture provides a short video analysis of the barometer results. For even more information, check out the Purdue Commercial AgCast podcast. It includes a detailed breakdown of each month's barometer, in addition to a discussion of recent agricultural news that affects farmers.

The Ag Economy Barometer, Index of Current Conditions and Index of Future Expectations are available on the Bloomberg Terminal under the following ticker symbols: AGECCURC and AGECCURC and AGECCURC and AGECCURC.

## Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with The Hon. Mario Garcia

On Friday, Oct. 7, at 2 p.m., the United States District Court, Bankruptcy Court, and Probation Office for the Southern District of Indiana and the Indiana State Bar Association Latino Affairs Committee will host their sixth annual Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration. This year, the keynote address will be given by the Hon. Mario Garcia, Magistrate Judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana, and first Hispanic judge appointed to the Court. Limited in-person seating is available. Virtual participation will also be offered.

Judge Garcia will speak about his family, his personal and professional background, and how his life experiences – and those of his ancestors – led him to the federal bench.

Chief Judge Tanya Walton Pratt will make opening remarks, and musical entertainment will round out the program.

Judge Garcia was sworn in as a Magistrate Judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana on April 5, 2021. He was appointed to a new magistrate judgeship created for the Southern District of Indiana by the Judicial Conference of the United States.

Judge Garcia is a 1995 graduate of Ball State University, where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in criminal justice and criminology. He studied law at the Indiana University School of Law – Indianapolis, where he graduated in 1999. Upon graduation from law school, Judge Garcia joined the firm of Brattain & Minnix (later known as



The Hon. Mario Garcia

Brattain Minnix Garcia). He became a partner in the firm in 2008.

Prior to his appointment to the bench, Judge Garcia was a member of the Southern District of Indiana's Criminal Justice Act panel, through which he represented indigent litigants. He also provided pro bono services for 10 years to participants in the District Court's Re-Entry and Community Help (REACH) Program, which helps individuals re-entering society after incarceration obtain access to housing, employment, and public assistance programs. Judge Garcia has served on the United States Sentencing Commission's Practitioner's Advisory Group as the Seventh Circuit Representative and on the District Court's Local Rules Advisory Committee for the Southern District of Indiana.

A Hispanic Heritage Month Program: One Judge's Journey will last one hour and one hour of Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credit has been approved. Pre-registration is required and is available by emailing [insd\\_cle@insd.uscourts.gov](mailto:insd_cle@insd.uscourts.gov). Please indicate your preference for virtual or in-person attendance. There is no cost to attend, and the program is open to the public.

## Indiana Grown Announces New Director

Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch and Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) Director Bruce Kettler announced today that Caroline Patrick will be the new director of the Indiana Grown program and will lead its nearly 2,000 members.

Patrick's background focuses on culinary arts and local food procurement. She was most recently Director of Food Nutrition at Community Hospital East in Indianapolis where she started a bistro in the hospital focused on local foods. Her education includes a culinary arts degree from The Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York.

"As its new director, I am excited to see where Caroline will take the Indiana Grown program," said Lt. Gov. Crouch, who is also Indiana's Secretary of Agriculture and Rural



Caroline Patrick

Development. "Caroline will lead the charge in elevating the Indiana Grown program while continuing to provide value to its members and Hoosier consumers."

In this role of Indiana Grown director, Patrick will help to ensure Indiana Grown members find and secure new opportunities and work to help consumers shop for local products. She will also meet with elected officials statewide to help them better understand the program

and the need to support local food-based businesses and artisans. Additionally, she will oversee the Indiana Grown team and work with them to set and realize a strategic vision and complete other operational needs.

"The Indiana Grown program is an exceptional way to promote shopping local and value-added production and processing here in the state of Indiana," said ISDA Director Bruce Kettler. "I am confident under Caroline's leadership the Indiana Grown program will continue to flourish and advance to the Next Level."

In her previous role she was instrumental in COVID-19 care and precautions for the Community Health Network- East region. Patrick placed a major focus on securing local, fresh ingredients

from nearby agri-businesses and farmers to give the Community Hospital East guests, caregivers and patients the best food and nutrition possible. She also oversaw the budget and team of nearly 80 staff members.

"I am thrilled to take on the role of director for Indiana Grown. This program is near and dear to my heart, and I have tried to source local and shop local for years in my previous roles," said Patrick. "I am looking forward to connecting with members and encouraging entrepreneurship, awareness and expansion for local businesses in our great state."

When consumers buy Indiana Grown member's products they support local businesses and livelihoods. Learn more about Indiana Grown at [indianagrown.org](http://indianagrown.org).

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## USDA to Offer Farm Loans for Underserved and New Farmers

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) is reminding producers that FSA offers farm ownership and farm operating loans to underserved applicants as well as beginning farmers. Underserved or beginning farmers who cannot obtain commercial credit from a bank can apply for FSA direct or guaranteed loans.



“Farming is a capital-intensive business and FSA is committed to helping producers start and maintain their agricultural operations,” said Julia A. Wickard, FSA State Executive Director in Indiana.

“FSA loans are designed to make sure that everyone has access to credit including underserved and beginning farmers.”

USDA defines underserved applicants as a group whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic or gender prejudice because of their identity as members of the group without regard to their individual qualities.

For farm loan program purposes, underserved groups are American Indians or Alaskan Natives, Asians, Blacks or African Americans, Native Hawaiians or other Pacific Islanders, Hispanics, and women.

In order to qualify as a beginning farmer, the individual or entity must meet the eligibility

requirements outlined for direct or guaranteed loans. Additionally, individuals and all entity members must have operated a farm for less than 10 years. Applicants must materially or substantially participate in the operation.

For farm ownership purposes, the applicant must not own a farm greater than 30 percent of the average size farm in the county at the time of application. All direct farm ownership applicants must have participated in the business operations of a farm for at least three years out of the last 10 years prior to the date the application is submitted to FSA. Substitutions for as much as the full three years of experience may be made depending on education, military experience, participation with a SCORE mentor, and farm management experience as a hired hand.

If the applicant is an entity, all members must be related by blood or

marriage and all entity members must be eligible beginning farmers. At least one of the members must have three years or more experience in the business operations of a farm prior to the date the application is submitted.

Your local FSA office will be able to provide more details on acceptable substitutions.

Direct loans are made to applicants by FSA. Guaranteed loans are made by lending institutions who arrange for FSA to guarantee the loan.

FSA can guarantee up to 95 percent of the loss of principal and interest on a loan. The FSA guarantee allows lenders to meet the lender's normal underwriting criteria.

The direct and guaranteed loan program offers two types of loans: farm ownership loans and farm operating loans.

Farm Ownership Loans: Farm ownership loan

funds may be used to purchase or enlarge a farm; purchase easements or rights of way needed in the farm's operation; build or improve buildings such as a dwelling or barn; promote soil and water conservation and development; and pay closing costs.

Financing for direct farm ownership loans cannot exceed 40 years.

Farm Operating Loans:

Farm operating loan funds may be used to purchase livestock, poultry, farm equipment, fertilizer, and other materials necessary to operate a farm. Operating loan funds can also be used for family living expenses; refinancing debts under certain conditions; paying salaries for hired farm laborers; installing or improving water systems for home, livestock or irrigation use; and other similar improvements.

Repayment terms for direct operating loans are scheduled from one to seven years.

Interest rates for direct loans are set periodically according to the government's cost of borrowing. Guaranteed loan terms and interest rates are set by the lender.

For more information on FSA's farm loan programs and underserved and beginning farmer guidelines, please contact your local FSA office or visit [farmers.gov](http://farmers.gov).



## OCRA Awards Four Communities \$290K in Planning Grants

Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch and the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs today announced four Hoosier communities were awarded \$290,000 in Planning Grants through the Community Development Block Grant program. The communities will use the funds to develop plans to implement community and economic development projects.

“With aging infrastructures across the United States, water quality is a common issue in many communities,” said Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch. “So these planning grants are a great resource for rural communities. With these grants, communities can make necessary investments to better the lives of their residents.”

The Planning Grant program strives to encourage communities to plan for long-term community development with the aid of subject matter experts and community input. The applications funded this quarter will aim to address water infrastructure and public facilities feasibility.

“Each of these four communities is helping to set their city or town up for success by creating and investing in a strategic plan,” said OCRA Executive Director Denny Spinner. “I look forward to seeing these projects continue through the process and the positive impact on each community.”

Water Infrastructure grants allow communities to complete a holistic study of potential issues and opportunities across their drinking, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure. By completing this planning, communi-

ties will be able to make decisions regarding their most urgent water needs, while understanding how each system works in context with other utility systems.

Water Infrastructure grants are awarded to three communities:

- Town of Hagerstown is awarded \$90,000
- City of Knox is awarded \$90,000
- Town of Dugger is awarded \$90,000

Public Facilities Feasibility Study grants are designed to aid communities in assessing public facilities' existing conditions, needs, vision for future state and use of the facility to operationalize and implement options from the plan. Eligible facilities include fire stations, senior centers, libraries, child care centers, community centers, facilities for special needs groups, youth centers, and museums and performance spaces that open doors to knowledge and ideas, culture, and enjoyment.

One Public Facilities Feasibility Study grant is awarded to the town of Mooreland for \$20,000.

The State of Indiana distributes the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant funds to rural communities to assist units of local government with various community projects. Planning Grants are one type of grant offered through OCRA's CDBG program.

Planning Grant applications are accepted on a quarterly basis. For more information on the Community Development Block Grant program, visit [in.gov/ocra/cdbg](http://in.gov/ocra/cdbg).

## Purdue Among 2022 Best Colleges for LGBTQ+ Students: Campus Pride

Purdue University has been recognized as one of the “Best of the Best” colleges and universities for LGBTQ+ students. With an array of social events, special lectures, supportive resources and a 5-out-of-5-star-ranked LGBTQ Center within the Office of Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging, Purdue ranks No. 1 in the state and No. 11 in the nation in Campus Pride's 2022 list of Best Colleges for LGBTQ+ Students.

The “Best of the Best” recognition places Purdue among a group of 40 leading colleges and universities around the country working to develop innovative resources, opportunities for engagement, academic initiatives and inclusive policies and practices for LGBTQ+ students.

“Campus Pride created the ‘Best of the Best’ list to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of these colleges and universities, creating safer, more welcoming campuses for LGBTQ+ people,” said Shane Windmeyer, Campus Pride executive director. “Students,

prospective students and their families, along with faculty and staff members, deserve to know whether they will be safe on campus so they can make the best choices for their own academic success – and by creating inclusive, safe environments, these colleges are taking responsibility for all students.”

The rankings use admissions, enrollment, graduation and loan default rates to measure and compare schools' academic quality and affordability. Additionally, the Campus Pride Index national rating system uses eight factors to examine and measure schools' safety and inclusivity. Information about various campus resources and programs available to students of various gender and sexual identities is also included in the rankings. The Campus Pride Index is the definitive national benchmarking tool measuring LGBTQ-friendly policies, programs and practices. To earn a ranking of five out of five stars, campuses receive a percentage score from 90 to 100 based on their LGBTQ-inclusive

policies, programs and practices. The methodology to determine this year's “Best of the Best” list was based on an overall score of 93% or higher.

Purdue's LGBTQ Center, one of five cultural centers within the Office of Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging, celebrated its 10th anniversary this year. Over the past decade, the center has experienced growth in LGBTQ+ community visibility, campus engagement, access to resources, supportive policies and practices, and opportunities to maximize the potential of LGBTQ+ Boilermakers.

“I believe it is important to highlight that these rankings are campuswide achievements, and the LGBTQ Center celebrates the student organizations, campus and community partners, administrators, students, staff, faculty and alumni who have helped Purdue become a national leader,” said Lowell Kane, director of student engagement and belonging and director of the LGBTQ Center. “Purdue is a campus where we can

all find community, access resources and feel a true sense of belonging.”

In addition to offering programs for faculty, staff and students, the center plans to relocate and expand its operations this winter. To be located in the Hicks Undergraduate Library, the new center will include quiet study and meeting areas, office space, multipurpose space, a lounge, gallery exhibition space, programming space and a kitchenette.

“With support from campus leadership and participation from many students, the LGBTQ Center has been working for more than a year on our next giant leap: relocating and expanding the LGBTQ Center,” Kane said. “This new center represents an institutional commitment to the persistence and success of LGBTQ+ Boilermakers for generations to come.”

Campus Pride is the leading nonprofit organization for student leaders and campus groups working to create a safer college environment for LGBTQ students.

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## Purdue's New Faculty Appointments Reach All-Time High

Andrea Hayes had familial ties that made an opportunity very appealing to join Purdue University's faculty as an assistant professor focusing on public health literacy in the Libraries and School of Information Studies.

Her mother, Stephanie Allen, gained her Ph.D. in American Studies from Purdue. And Hayes knew Purdue's commitment to teaching and scholarship would make an offer from the Big Ten school too attractive to resist leaving the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.

"The atmosphere of Purdue Libraries, the comradery from the very minute I arrived during my visit was overwhelmingly positive," said Hayes, an expert in public health literacy among the underrepresented and underserved populations, who has degrees from North Carolina Central and Columbus State universities.

Hayes joins a class of new faculty that's now in Purdue's history books: 213 new faculty are joining Purdue, the most ever in a single year, added to expand Purdue's research capacity and to work with the more than 50,000 undergraduate and graduate Boilermaker students for Fall 2022, an expected

eight consecutive year for record enrollment.

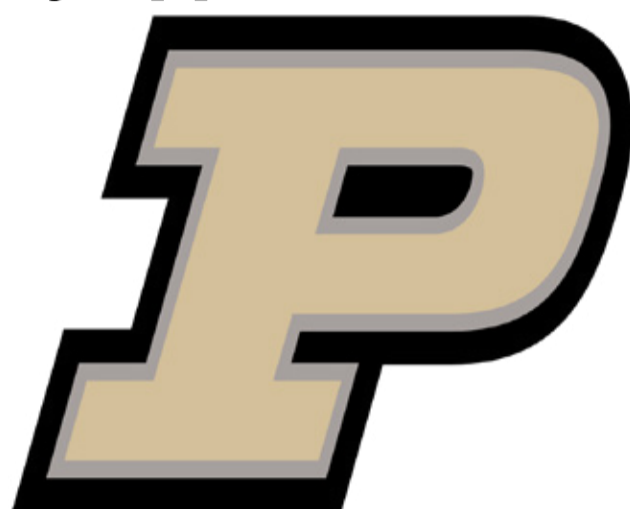
Through 281 faculty searches the past year at Purdue's West Lafayette campus:

213 new faculty members have been hired — the most ever.

84 among the 213 new faculty members were brought to Purdue through new investments as part of Purdue's enrollment growth initiative, the Equity Task Force cluster hire program or other strategic initiatives.

"These are indeed exciting times at Purdue, a landmark year with the record levels of investment we are making in our faculty, drawing the best and brightest scholars, teachers and researchers from across the nation and world to be a part of our Boilermaker family," said Jay Akridge, Purdue provost and executive vice president for academic affairs and diversity.

"The rising tide from our record student enrollment growth resulting from our persistent affordability and accessibility efforts is creating the commensurate demand to bolster our faculty numbers, to enhance our commitment to quality learning and competitive student-to-faculty ratios in our classrooms. With



these new faculty, we are dramatically expanding our research capabilities as well."

As part of these record faculty numbers, 37 are arriving through Purdue's successful dual-career assistance program, which provides funding to departments and colleges for spouses and partners of faculty members who are seeking faculty and nonfaculty appointments, said Peter Hollenbeck, Purdue vice provost for faculty affairs.

Joining Purdue this fall as an assistant professor of biomedical engineering, Taimoor Qazi points to the University's ideal research environment, particularly the strong culture promoting interdepartmental collaboration, for advancing his research program in engineering biomaterials

for musculoskeletal tissue engineering and regenerative medicine.

"I was very impressed with the facilities and laboratories, opportunities for collaborations between different schools and departments, and the high quality of students and staff support available here at Purdue. That made the decision to kickstart my independent research career at Purdue an easy one to make, and one that I am very excited about," said Qazi, who comes to Purdue after spending three years at the University of Pennsylvania.

"Being part of the largest class of incoming faculty ever just goes on to show that Purdue has big plans for the future and is walking the talk with investing in young faculty who are aiming

to make big advances in their fields of research," Qazi added.

Moreover, there's a major story within the story of Purdue's record-setting new faculty class.

As part of one of the largest faculty hiring initiatives in Purdue's history, 11 new faculty are arriving through a cluster hire effort that spans six departments in three colleges in the areas of public health, health policy and health equity, Hollenbeck said.

These faculty are being welcomed through this comprehensive five-year, \$75 million Equity Task Force initiative, a Purdue Moves 2.0 effort aimed at advancing diversity in research, thought and representation among the university's faculty, staff and student ranks. Of the 11 Purdue faculty members beginning this fall through this initiative, six are Black.

And for the just-started fiscal year 2023, Purdue expects another year of record levels of hiring activity, with 239 planned faculty searches, including 89 positions newly funded through the enrollment growth and other strategic initiatives, Hollenbeck said.

For this fall, Purdue projects record enrollment of more than

50,000 undergraduate and graduate students; official enrollment figures for the semester will be released in early September. That follows Fall 2021 enrollment of an all-time high 49,639 students, including a record 10,191 freshmen, representing all 50 states and 130 countries.

With affordability and accessibility at the forefront of its mission and buoyed by record enrollment figures for eight consecutive years, Purdue has kept tuition at 2012-13 levels of \$9,992 per year for Indiana residents and \$28,794 for out-of-state students for 11 consecutive years. And Purdue's commitment to hold the line on tuition will run at least through 2023.

Incoming professors at the West Lafayette campus participated in a New Faculty Orientation on Aug. 18, hosted by the Office of the Provost. New faculty received a welcome from Provost Akridge and heard presentations on a variety of subjects such as tenure and promotion; teaching at Purdue; campus climate; research and partnerships; equity, diversity and belonging; and engagement. They also attended an information fair throughout the daylong event.

## Purdue Again Among International Leaders in Patents Received at No. 6

Regenerating fractured bones. Analyzing crop sustainability and moisture in soil. Developing a system to simulate breastfeeding. Attaching soft tissue to an implant.

How big are the research ideas in Purdue University laboratories? Big enough that the university is once again in rare air internationally and a standard-bearer among peers.

In 2021, Purdue Research Foundation received 169 patents, placing it first in both the state of Indiana and the Big Ten, and, again, sixth internationally.

Purdue, which remained among the world's best universities at creating and protecting its intellectual property, is second among universities that do not have a school of medicine. The only universities ranked higher than Purdue are the University of California system; Massachusetts Institute of Technology; the University of Texas system; King Abdulaziz University in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia; and Stanford University.

The 2021 ranking mirrors Purdue's No. 6

ranking in 2020, when the foundation received 175 utility patents. The newest ranking was released Wednesday (Sept. 7). The patents are from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

The information was published in a report from the Intellectual Property Owners Association and the National Academy of Inventors.

"Purdue Research Foundation supports Purdue University in multiple ways, including the commercialization of inventions created by faculty, staff and student researchers across all academic disciplines and campuses," said Brian Edelman, president of the Purdue Research Foundation. "Purdue researchers are among the leading experts in numerous disciplines, so their research is at the forefront of what is possible. Their research will impact lives around the world once commercialization efforts bring them to the market."

Among the patents issued in 2021 were:

- "Microelectronic Thermal Valve" by Alina Alexeenko, professor of

aeronautics and astronautics and professor of chemical engineering, College of Engineering.

- "Controlled Growth of Ultra-Narrow Nanowires on Functionalized 2D Materials and Uses Thereof" by Shelley Claridge, associate professor of analytical/physical chemistry, College of Science.

- "Methods and Platforms for Sustainable High Yield Terpenoid Production" by Natalia Doudareva, Distinguished Professor of Biochemistry/Horticulture and Landscape Architecture, College of Agriculture.

- "Assistive Glove for Artificial Hands" by Chi Hwan Lee, the Leslie A. Geddes Associate Professor of Biomedical Engineering and associate professor of mechanical engineering, College of Engineering.

- "Gradient on a Chip" by Sophie A. Lelièvre, professor emerita, College of Veterinary Medicine.

- "Lubricants Comprising Carbon Particles and Methods of Making the Same" by Vilas Pol, professor of chemical

engineering, College of Engineering.

- "Flexible Touch Sensing System and Method with Deformable Material" by Karthik Ramani, the Donald W. Feddersen Distinguished Professor in Mechanical Engineering and professor of electrical and computer engineering, College of Engineering.

- "Impact-Resistant Battery Enclosure Systems" by Thomas Siegmund, professor of mechanical engineering, College of Engineering.

- "Computer Remote Indirect Memory Access System" by Mithuna S. Thottethodi, professor of electrical and computer engineering, College of Engineering.

- "Preparation of Rare Earth Metals and Other Chemicals from Industrial Waste Coal Ash" by Nien-Hwa Linda Wang, the Maxine Spencer Nichols Professor of Chemical Engineering, College of Engineering.

The Purdue Research Foundation Office of Technology Commercialization manages the technology transfer process to vet, protect and license innovations developed by

university researchers. Its technology portfolio covers innovations in several subject areas including agriculture, biotechnology, chemistry and chemical analysis, computer technology, engineering, food and nutrition, green technology, micro- and nanotechnologies and more.

Purdue Research Foundation continues to improve the methods for researchers to share their inventions.

"Supporting university inventors as they move through the commercialization process is of the greatest importance," said Brooke Beier, senior vice president of commercialization for the Purdue Research Foundation. "PRF wants the process of disclosing inventions and obtaining patent protection to be as smooth as possible so Purdue inventors and entrepreneurs can be as successful as possible. Ensuring the process is clear and that inventors know where to go for assistance will be key."

In the 2021 fiscal year, OTC:

- Received 394 total disclosures from Purdue

innovators: 360 invention disclosures and 34 copyright disclosures.

- Filed 713 patent applications with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and international patent organizations.

- Received 229 U.S. and international patents.

- Executed 159 licenses and options.

- Received \$7.11 million worth of gross revenue in royalty and licensing income (\$4.73 million net).

- Helped establish 13 startup companies.

Since 2001, OTC has:

- Received 5,927 invention disclosures from university researchers.

- Applied for 9,060 patents from U.S. and international organizations.

- Received 2,632 patents from U.S. and international organizations.

- Executed 2,202 licenses for businesses to commercialize Purdue innovations.

- Helped create 279 startups based on Purdue innovations.

From 2006-21, OTC has received more than \$80 million in net revenue from licensing activity.

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