

➤ TODAY'S VERSE

Luke 10:19 I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.



➤ FACES OF HAMILTON COUNTY
People who call our community their own.

What makes Alison Farber smile? "Seeing people be happy and be outside and everybody trying to get back to normal, which makes me really excited," said the then 34-year-old Noblesville resident. Today's feature is a look back at one of *The Times'* previous Faces of Hamilton County. She and her oldest son, Emmett, then 4, were found sitting on a lounge in the middle of Federal Hill Commons during the 2021 Noblesville Farmers Market. Alison and husband, Daniel, also have a 1-year-old son, Jonah, who both stayed at home. "We're just visiting (the market and park) to give dad some time." Alison is originally from Elkhart but moved to Noblesville. "This is where my husband's family lives. We lived away for a while, and we decided to come back to Indiana." She is a local business owner and career coach and works from home, virtually based. They love living here. "Noblesville is just a good location and is fantastically accessible to Indianapolis." The Noblesville Farmers Market is open 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays.

And Another Thing...

1. Helping the Pups

Kuranda Beds give comfort to dogs and can ease the stress of shelter life. These elevated beds are chew proof and easy to clean. Most importantly, a raised bed provides orthopedic support across the dog's body alleviating pressure on joints and bones. Every life deserves to be loved and every dog deserves to rest comfortably.

Help the Hamilton County Humane Society give comfort to their dogs by giving them monetary donations for more Kuranda Beds. Head to <https://www.hamiltonhumane.com/e-blast-donation-landing-page> to give.

2. Westfield Chamber

Here are some of the upcoming events offered by the Westfield Chamber of Commerce. To learn more, register for events and access valuable resources, visit westfieldchamberofcommerce.growthzoneapp.com/MIC/Create. Here's a full list of upcoming events:

- September:
- **Sept. 28**
 - o September Coffee with the Chamber
 - o Topic: Westfield Welcome
 - o 8-9 a.m. at The Bridgewater Club
 - **Sept. 28**
 - o September Lunch & Learn
 - o Combined with the OneZone Young Professional Committee (Register on their site)
 - o Speaker: Steve Henke
 - o 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Chatham Hills
 - **Oct. 6**
 - o October Chamber Luncheon
 - o Topic: State of the Schools
 - o Speaker: Dr. Paul Kaiser
 - o 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Chatham Hills
 - **Oct. 11:**
 - o Young Professionals - Coffee & Networking
 - o 9 -10 a.m. in the Club at Chatham Hills
 - **Oct. 25**
 - o Young Professionals - Happy Hour
 - o 5-7 p.m. at Crafters Pizza and Draughthouse
 - **Oct. 26**
 - o October Coffee with the Chamber
 - o Topic: Old Town Downtown Project Update
 - o 8-9 a.m. in the Club at Chatham Hills

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Noblesville High School football players ride in the 2019 Noblesville Homecoming Parade. This year's parade is at 4 p.m. Friday through downtown Noblesville and features many NHS students.

It's Homecoming Week at NHS



BETSY REASON
The Times Editor

For Noblesville High School alumni, Homecoming Week means visiting their old stomping ground, seeing their former classmates and teachers and being welcomed back home for Friday night's Homecoming Football game.

For NHS students, Homecoming Week kicked off Monday with Spirit Week -- with themed dress-up days every day this week -- and float building for each class -- freshman, sophomores, juniors and seniors -- and a Homecoming Parade set for Friday afternoon, Home-

coming Game on Friday night and a Homecoming Dance, culminating it all on Saturday night.

It's the second year since the pandemic that students will enjoy dancing the night away on the football field. In 2020, the dance was actually on the field, and this year the dance is on the new Beaver Stadium's south plaza.

Homecoming Week is highly anticipated as students geared up for events.

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Community Crossings Matching Grants Provide Relief for Hamilton County

Hamilton County, like many Hoosier counties, is struggling to maintain the roads within the unincorporated areas of the County. Material supply issues and unpredictable inflation have increased the cost of road projects statewide by 23% and bridge projects by 40%.

"Roadways and bridges continually deteriorate and need attention to preserve the pavement in an acceptable condition," says Highway Director Bradley Davis. "Fortunately, Hamilton County has received a number of Community Crossings



Commission President Steve Dillinger

Matching Grant awards to help supplement the funding needed to help with road and bridge

preservation."

House Enrolled Act 1002, which was signed by Governor Eric Holcomb in April 2017, created the Community Crossings Matching Grant program. The competitive grant program allows cities, towns, and counties the opportunity to apply for up to one million dollars in matching funds to improve roads and bridges.

County roads are evaluated annually on a one to 10 scale. An overall minimum rating of

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Over \$2M Granted to Local Groups as Part of Effort to Give Support to Crime Victims

The Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) awarded \$67 million in federal grants to more than 190 public and non-profit entities through the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) program. Among the groups receiving funds are three from Hamilton County:

- Advocates for Children and Families, Inc. - \$652,023
- Aspire Indiana, Inc. -



\$660,895
• Prevail Inc. of Hamilton County - \$1,092,687

The funding will be used to provide direct services and assistance to crime victims throughout the state.

VOCA funding is provided by the Office for Victims of Crime under the U.S. Department of Justice and comes from the fines and restitution paid by convicted federal offenders.

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➤ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

If you're inactive and overweight, get tested for diabetes.
Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in *The Times* and online at www.thetimes24-7.com.



➤ HONEST HOOSIER

Hello, fall!



The Times appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank
WILMA FOULKE
for subscribing!



➤ TODAY'S QUOTE

"Autumn, the year's last, loveliest smile."
- William Cullen Bryant

➤ TODAY'S JOKE

If money really did grow on trees, then today would be the start of everyone's favorite season - fall!

The Daily Almanac



Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 7:31 a.m.
SET: 7:40 p.m.



High/Low
Temperatures
High: 68 °F
Low: 60 °F



Today is....

- First Day of Fall
- Business Women's Day
- Hobbit Day



What Happened
On This Day

- 1692 The last hanging of those convicted of witchcraft in the Salem witch trials
- 1910 The Duke of York's Picture House opens in Brighton, now the oldest continually operating cinema in Britain
- 1980 Iran-Iraq War begins with Iraq invading Iran



Births On This Day

- 1791 Michael Faraday English scientist
- 1958 Andrea Bocelli Italian tenor, songwriter, producer

Deaths On This Day

- 1961 Marion Davies American actress
- 1989 Irving Berlin American composer



⇒ OBITUARIES

Linda R. Crabtree

August 14, 1937 - September 20, 2022

Linda R. Crabtree, 85, of Lafayette, passed away on Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at Grand Brook Memory Care in Fishers.

She was born on August 14, 1937 to Hallas and Alice (Ayers) Brown in Greens Fork, Indiana.

Ms. Crabtree received a bachelor's degree in Arts and Home Economics from Indiana University. She was a homemaker then later worked for the Tippecanoe County Welfare Office. Earlier in her life, she enjoyed sewing. Ms. Crabtree also enjoyed gardening and flowers.

Survivors include her two children Pat (Laura) Crabtree and Christa (Andy) Anderson; five grandchildren William Crabtree, Josh Crabtree, Sean Crabtree, Ryan Anderson and Caitlin Anderson; and former spouse David Crabtree.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister Patricia Johnson; brother D. Ford Brown; and twin daughters who died at birth.

Graveside services are scheduled to be held at 12 p.m., noon on Monday, September 26, 2022 at Greens Fork Cemetery, in Greens Fork, Indiana.

Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 8430 W Bryn Mawr Ave, Suite 800, Chicago, Ill. 60631 (www.alz.org/indiana/donate)

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



Dr. Frances Louise Lee Dailey

February 25, 1971 - September 18, 2022

Dr. Frances Louise Lee Dailey, 51, of Scottsdale, Arizona, passed away on Sunday, September 18, 2022 at HonorHealth Scottsdale Osborn Medical Center.

She was born on February 25, 1971 to Richard and Karin (Harris) Morgan in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Mrs. Dailey received a bachelor's degree from Indiana University, and a masters and doctorate from Regent University. She was an associate professor at Colorado Christian University and Liberty University. She was also a mental health counselor/consultant and director at USA Consulting Group. She had a passion for working with victims of sex trafficking. Mrs. Dailey owned Dailey Consulting, published over 10 professional journal articles and authored three books on counseling adolescents.

She was a former member of Lakeview Church in Indianapolis and a current member of Impact Church of Scottsdale. She loved hiking, walking and traveling, as well as spending time with her family and friends. One group of friends from across the country would meet at least once a year. They called themselves the Regent Tribe.

Survivors include her husband Michael Dailey; father Richard Morgan; two daughters Zoë Dailey and Noëlle Dailey; and brother Keith Morgan.

She was preceded in death by her mother Karin Morgan.

Visitation is scheduled to run from 5-8 p.m. on Friday, September 23, 2022 at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, in Fishers, Indiana. Services are scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, September 24, 2022 at the funeral home. The officiant will be Dr. Lee Underwood, with whom Mrs. Dailey co-authored her books. Burial will be at Crown Hill Cemetery in Indianapolis.

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



L. (Larry) Dean Moore

October 14, 1939 - September 19, 2022

L. (Larry) Dean Moore, 82, of Fishers and formerly of Valparaiso and Leesburg, Florida, passed away from this life on Monday, September 19, 2022.

He was born October 14, 1939, in Shelbyville, Illinois, the only child of Charles and Marguerite (Miller) Moore.

Mr. Moore grew up in Pontiac, Michigan, graduating from Pontiac Senior High School. He was a graduate of Michigan Christian College and engaged in further studies at Abilene Christian University and University of Cincinnati. He was employed in church-related ministries and the Southwestern Ohio Lung Association. Mr. Moore completed his career as President of the United Way of Porter County after 30 years.

Survivors include his wife of 60 years Mary Lois (Branstetter) Moore; three children Kelly Diane Coppage of Valparaiso, Scott (Jennifer) Edward Moore of Carmel and Heather Noel Decaudin of Fishers; nine grandchildren Rachelle (Daniel) Finck of Hutto, Texas, Scott Steggerda of Fairbanks, Alaska, Megan Moore, Samuel Moore, Anna Moore, Gretchen Moore of Carmel, Ainsley Decaudin, Genevieve Decaudin and Hannah Decaudin of Fishers; two great-grandchildren Addison and Dean Fink; half-sister Diana Phipps of Michigan; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins in Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Alabama, Georgia, California and Illinois.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation is scheduled to be held from 3-5 p.m. on Thursday September, 29, 2022 at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers, Indiana, followed by a Celebration of Life.

Mr. Moore's family requests you make a contribution to your favorite charity.

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



William Reddick

January 26, 1943 - September 19, 2022

William Reddick, 79, of Noblesville, passed away on Monday, September 19, 2022 at Riverwalk Village in Noblesville.

He was born on January 26, 1943 to Clarence and Edna (Wills) Reddick in Boone County in Indiana.

Mr. Reddick proudly served in the United States Air Force. He was a truck driver for McMahon Foods for 18 years then worked for the Hamilton County Highway Department for 16 years, retiring in January 2005.

Survivors include his wife Doris Reddick; three sons Brian Reddick, Allen Reddick and Duane Reddick; five grandchildren Kelsey, Jared, Haley, Taylor and Carter Reddick; nine step-children John Arthur (Darla) Fritz, Shannon Fritz, Brent Sturm, John Joseph (Michelle) Fritz, Zachary Alan Fritz, Isaiah D. Fritz, Sarah Marble, Jason Sturm and Wyatt Earp Dickens; step-great-grandchild Eleanor Quinn Fritz; and six siblings Mary Rose, Marsella, Nancy Sue, Linda Lue, Beverly and Richard.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife Karen Sue Reddick; and seven siblings Virginia, Phyllis, Alonzo, Carroll, Wayne, Larry and Donald.

Services are scheduled for 11 a.m. on Friday, September 23, 2022 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan Street in Noblesville. Visitation is scheduled to be held from 9 a.m. to the time of service at the funeral home. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758516, Topeka, Kan. 66675 (support.woundedwarriorproject.org) or Humane Society for Hamilton County, 10501 Hague Road, Fishers, Ind. 46038 (www.hamiltonhumane.com).

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



Michael D. 'Mike' Yarger

June 26, 1962 - September 15, 2022

Michael D. 'Mike' Yarger, 60, of Noblesville, was taken too soon and passed away surrounded by his family on Thursday, September 15, 2022 at Community Hospital North in Indianapolis.

He was born on June 26, 1962 in Hastings, Michigan.

In his youth, Mr. Yarger enjoyed adventuring with his siblings, hunting, playing baseball, and collecting baseball cards. He was a 1980 graduate of Hastings High School and received a Bachelor's degree in business from Grand Valley State University in 1984 where he met Sara. For over 20 years, he worked as a manager for Guide One Insurance.

He enjoyed working outside and being in nature, and loved watching birds with Sara in their backyard. He loved to play with his dog, Gracie, and walked her faithfully. Mr. Yarger was an avid sports fan and inherited his love for collecting baseball cards and sports memorabilia from his great grandmother. From an early age, many of his favorite memories revolved around a multigenerational love for the Detroit Tigers and the Dodgers. He enjoyed coaching his girls' sporting teams over the years and advocated for equal opportunities in girls sports.

Mr. Yarger was known to be fair in everything he did. His helpful ways, kind heart, and calming presence in every situation made him one in a million. His wise counsel, patience, generosity, and sense of humor were a gift to all who knew him. Most of all, Mr. Yarger treasured his time with his family through all of their life experiences. He will be missed beyond measure.

Survivors include his wife of nearly 37 years Sara Yarger; two daughters Emily Yarger and Melissa Yarger (fiancé Nick Clapp); father David (Alyce) Yarger; mother Patricia (Tom) Chmiel; two sisters Kim (Craig) Denny and Kelly Yoder; brother-in-law Jeff (Peggy) Brady; four nieces Sarah Hayes, Rachael Hart, Sarah Brady and Lauren Brady; nephew Matthew Hayes; two great-nieces Emma Morey and Alexa Morey; and two great-nephews Drew Morey and Carter Morey.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents Dennis Yarger & Winifred Yarger and Ralph & Agnes Andrews; father- and mother-in-law Robert & Lois Brady; and brother-in-law Bill Yoder.

A memorial service is scheduled to be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, September 26, 2022 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, in Noblesville. Pastor Paul Mumaw will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to Leukemia & Lymphoma Society-Indiana, PO Box 772389, Detroit, Mich. 48277 (www.lls.org/donate); or Lupus Foundation of America, 2121 K Street, NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20037 (www.lupus.org).

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Hate and Vitriol Climb Higher and Higher



TIM TIMMONS

Two Cents

What a great country we live in! You get to think and believe whatever you want and so do I. For the most part, we get to act how we want, too.

But zealots are trying really hard to change that.

Recently, I wrote a piece on why I think Joe Biden is failing. I also wrote that if the choice boils down to Donald Trump or Joe Biden, I would not hesitate to vote for Trump. My reasoning is simple. I don't like Trump. I detest his arrogance and the seventh-grade name calling he often resorts to . . . which, when you think about it might be an insult to seventh-graders.

My apologies, young gentlemen and ladies!

Trump doesn't act presidential in any way, shape or form.

But I sure enjoyed the economy when he was in office. I enjoyed him saying that under his watch we would always be American first – especially coming off the Barack Obama World Apology Tour. I enjoyed \$2 a gallon gas. I enjoyed that we still welcomed immigrants, but said they had to live within the rules of the country. I enjoyed that our military was once again celebrated.

Under President Biden, I don't enjoy any of those things.

If it were left up to me, and let's all be thankful it's not, I think those are some of the things by which we should take measure when judging a president's performance. I never believe we should vote for the party. We should make our decisions based on the man or woman running for office, and that decision should be performance based, not sound bites, video snippets and elaborate Madison Avenue advertising campaigns or, God forbid, signs!

Unfortunately, that is not where a lot of folks are in our country. There are zealots – some on the left and some on the right – who are dominating the moment. After I wrote that I would vote for Trump, albeit grudgingly, multiple readers first came out of the woodwork, and then unglued. Some went beyond nasty. To be fair, several are regular readers who often take a different point of view than this old reporter. They have taken me to task on occasion – almost always in a way where we could still smile and be friends after the discussion.

Not this time. Some wrote things that simply were not true and one

even took a threatening tone.

Conversely, a couple of others – from the conservative side – wanted to know when I became a member of the liberal media and why was I bashing Trump?

Yep, same column – polar opposite reactions.

The overriding point is that things are changing today. Some folks simply don't want to allow you a differing point of view. They are certainly entitled to theirs, but apparently feel they need to attack anyone who disagrees. Zealots seem to forget that we all get to have our own opinion.

Let me repeat that.

We. All. Get. To.

Have. Our. Own. Opinion.

It's been said in this space before that gone are the days where fierce political rivals in the halls of Congress could go at each other tooth and nail in debate and yet end up sharing a nice dinner together at a D.C. restaurant that evening. Social media has driven a wood stake so far into the heart of that practice it would take more than a magic spell to bring it back to life.

Today, hatefulness and spite are quick responses should someone take a disagreeable point of view.

Thing is, I don't mind the vitriol directed my way. As a newspaper vagabond with more years and miles on my Weejuns that I can remember, my skin's pretty thick. Where I hate to see the attacks are against the average Joe on social media. It's why I can't like Trump. Say something that doesn't line up with the former president and he's on the attack, mocking, name calling and ready for a fight. He may not have been the first person to be that way, but he has turned it into a political art form.

Even Biden is getting in the act. We'll have to wait and see if calling Trump voters fascists impacts him like the "deplorable" comment did to Hillary.

It's been said many times in this space, and I'll probably keep hammering away at it, we desperately need to be able to have civil discourse in this country. If we have opposing points of views, we need to respect each other's position and either agree to disagree, or heavens to merkatroid, possibly find some common ground.

If we don't, expect a lot more politicians who look and sound like Trump on both sides of the aisle.

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.

⇒ Meeting Notice

Noblesville School Board

Work Session Agenda
Educational Services
Center Board Room
18025 River Road Noblesville


Oct. 4, 2022

3 p.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Moment of Silence
4. Public Comment
5. Budget Hearing
6. Adjournment

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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.

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@taftlaw.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.

Center for The Performing Arts, Ice Miller Announce New Multiyear Partnership

The law firm Ice Miller LLP has signed on as the new presenting partner for Center Celebration, the principal annual fundraising event for the Center for the Performing Arts.

The nonprofit Center and the Indianapolis-based firm announced the multiyear partnership in the wake of this year’s Center Celebration 2022, which took place Friday at the Palladium and generated more than \$689,000 to support the Center’s arts and educational programming. Returning as an in-person event for the first time since 2019, the black-tie gala was emceed by performer Michael Feinstein, the Center’s artistic director, and included cocktails, dinner, a live auction, three after-parties with live music, and a headlining performance by acclaimed vocal group Straight No Chaser.

Ice Miller, a full-service firm with seven offices around the country, is exactly the kind of corporate partner the Center seeks out, said Jeffrey C. McDermott, President/CEO of the Center for the Performing Arts.

“Ice Miller is a highly respected corporate citizen that shares our commitment to the Indiana community,” McDermott



said. “We welcome them into the Center’s family, and we look forward to a long and mutually beneficial relationship.”

“Ice Miller values the Center’s mission of enriching our state through the arts and arts education,” said Ice Miller Chief Managing Partner Michael Millikan. “We are proud to support this worthy organization through our partnership.”

Center Celebration 2023 is set for this Sept. 23, 2023 at the Palladium. The headliner will be singer-songwriter Amy Grant, winner of six Grammy Awards, 22 Gospel Music Association Dove Awards and a Kennedy Center Honor. Information and table reservations are available now at TheCenterPresents.org/ Gala.

About Ice Miller:
Ice Miller LLP is a full-service law firm dedicated to helping our clients stay ahead in a changing world. With more than 340 legal professionals across seven offices, we advise clients on all aspects of the complex legal issues impacting businesses each day. We serve emerging growth companies, Fortune 500 corporations,

municipal entities and nonprofits. To learn more, visit us at icemiller.com.

About the Center for the Performing Arts:

The mission of the nonprofit Center for the Performing Arts is to engage and inspire the Central Indiana community through enriching arts experiences. Its campus in Carmel, Indiana, includes the 1,600-seat Palladium concert hall, the 500-seat Tarkington proscenium theater and the black-box Studio Theater. The Center presents and hosts hundreds of events each year, including the Center Presents performance series, featuring the best in classical, jazz, pop, rock, country, comedy and other genres.

Educational and experiential programming for all ages includes children’s concerts and camps, book clubs, lectures, and classes in music and dance. The Center is home to the affiliated Great American Songbook Foundation and provides space and support services for six resident arts companies.

More information is available at TheCenterPresents.org.

Hoosier Artist Jon McLaughlin Adds Second CPA Show, Nov. 1



Hoosier-born singer-songwriter Jon McLaughlin has added a second show to his previously announced November visit to the Center for the Performing Arts.

With limited seats remaining for the Nov. 2 stop on McLaughlin’s Indiana 15th Anniversary Tour, the Anderson native has scheduled another performance at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 1, in the intimate 500-seat Tarkington theater.

The tour celebrates McLaughlin’s 2007 debut album, *Indiana*, which he will perform in its entirety with a full band. In the years since that breakthrough, McLaughlin has released several full-length albums, played shows with Billy Joel, Kelly Clarkson and Adele, collaborated with longtime friend Sara Bareilles, co-written with Demi Lovato and even performed at the Academy Awards. His latest album is *All the Things I Say to Myself*.

Opening both shows



Jon McLaughlin

will be singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist Kris Allen, who famously beat out Adam Lambert to win Season 8 of *American Idol*.

Tickets starting at \$45 will go on sale at 10 a.m. this Friday at the Palladium’s Fifth Third Bank Box Office, online at TheCenterPresents.org and by phone at (317) 843-3800. The concerts are part of the Katz, Sapper & Miller Pop/Rock Series and the 2022-2023 Center Presents Season, presented in partnership with Allied Solutions.

The 2022-2023 season features more than 50 performances in a wide range of genres and styles. Subscription packages offering ticket discounts and other

benefits are still available at TheCenterPresents.org/SubscribeNow.

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Celebrate the Reopening of Carmel’s Meadowlark Park



A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held next Monday from 5-6 p.m. at Meadowlark Park, 450 Meadow Lane, to celebrate the reopening of the newly reimagined park.

The ceremony will include brief remarks from community leaders. Attendees will then have an opportunity to tour the park’s new features and amenities, including a new playground, pickleball courts, boardwalk, and more. Bottled water will be available for those in attendance.

These renovations were made possible by the Clay Township Impact Program.

About Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation:

Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation (CCPR) holds the Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management by the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration (AAPRA) in partnership with the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) for parks serving populations of 75,001 to 150,000.

As an accredited agency, the department serves the recreation, fitness and nature needs of the community, manages and develops existing spaces and resources and creates a sustainable future for parks and recreation programs through a financially

viable and environmentally conscious parks system. CCPR manages and maintains more than 700 park acres and numerous recreation facilities, including the Monon Community Center and The Waterpark.

In addition, CCPR has partnered with Carmel Clay Schools to establish Extended School Enrichment (ESE), a before and after-school care program for K-6 students located at all eleven Carmel elementary schools. The Summer Camp Series is a component of ESE that offers 12 different summer camps accommodating children ages 5-15.

For more information, visit carmelclayparks.com.

65 Project Launches Next Wave of Bar Complaints, Focusing on Attorneys General

Bipartisan accountability group, The 65 Project, launched its next wave of complaints against Big Lie Lawyers with 15 complaints against state attorneys general for using their public office to bolster false claims and in an effort to overturn election results. One of the people filed against is Todd Rokita, the Indiana Attorney General. Their leadership positions in the Republican Attorneys General Association and its fundraising arm the Rule of Law Defense Fund should also draw the bar associations’ scrutiny since those organizations played a role in encouraging the Jan. 6 insurrection.

“Lawyers take an oath to stand as officers of the court and must follow a code of conduct and ethical requirements,” said Michael Teter, Managing Director of The 65 Project. “That obligation does not end when holding

public office. Just the opposite. State attorneys general have an even greater responsibility to abide by the rules of our profession. These lawyers tried to help Trump cling to power by spreading falsehoods and lies in court filings. They must be held accountable”

The necessity of State Bar Associations investigating these Big Lie Lawyers continued support for Trump was laid out starkly yesterday as many of the sitting AGs The 65 Project is filing against filed an amicus brief supporting Trump’s theft of classified national security documents, further demonstrating their disinterest in the rule of law.

The 15 complaints were filed against the attorneys general in: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Oklahoma,

South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah and West Virginia.

In the coming weeks and months, The 65 Project will continue their accountability efforts by filing continued rounds of complaints with state bar associations over Big Lie Lawsuits that attempted to overturn elections in their jurisdictions.

The 65 Project’s Advisory Board is composed of preeminent and bipartisan legal and political figures. The group is called The 65 Project after the initial 65 lawsuits that sought to overturn the legitimate results of the 2020 election. The lawyers who brought these suits -- dismissed by courts as baseless and riddled with false statements -- abused the legal process and violated their professional duties to push the “Big Lie” narrative of Trump to discredit current and future elections.

Join us!
8 pm

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June 18th
Moana G

June 24th
Finding Nemo G

July 1st
Jumanji PG-13

July 16th
Waterhorse G

July 22nd
Encanto G

July 30th
The Shallows PG-13

August 13th
The Goonies PG

August 20th
Dog PG-13

September 3rd
Top Gun PG

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

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Indiana Department of Education Provides Update, First-Look at GPS Dashboard Development

Yesterday, the Indiana State Board of Education (SBOE) received an update on the development of the Indiana Graduates Prepared to Succeed (Indiana GPS) dashboard. This update provided a first public look of the dashboard as the department prepares to launch the first phase later this fall.

Additionally, the SBOE approved a new educator preparation program in the high-need area of special education, and also highlighted Junior Achievement (JA) of Central Indiana’s JobSpark expo, which helps eighth grade students explore and engage in a range of career pathways.

Indiana GPS:

The Indiana GPS demonstration, which can be viewed here, showcased the dashboard’s main landing page, as well as the design of the state-wide infographic page and district- and school-level summary pages. The dashboard’s main landing page will tell the story of why specific knowledge and skill development matter for a student’s long-term success and where Indiana students are today. This landing page will explain the context and lay the foundation for the meaning behind the dashboard’s key data points.

“As we prepare to launch the Indiana GPS dashboard, our focus has been on listening to educators, families, communities and employers on how we can build the best learner-centered, future-focused resource that



displays how our students are building the necessary knowledge and skills – in all grades and in all schools,” said Dr. Katie Jenner, Indiana Secretary of Education. “From the beginning, this work has been based on the principle that students are so much more than just a single test score – and that a student’s entire educational journey shapes their path. Supported by Indiana GPS, we want to empower everyone with the tools and resources they need to prepare our youngest Hoosiers for a lifetime of success.”

Over the coming months, schools will receive a password-protected link to view their pages on the dashboard and validate their data before the dashboard’s public launch.

New Special Education Transition to Teaching Program:

In addition to the Indiana GPS update, the SBOE approved Taylor University as a new transition to teaching provider in special education. Transition to teaching programs allow bachelor’s degree holders to complete education-focused courses in order to expedite their transition into a teaching role.

With the approval of this new program, the SBOE has now approved 16 special education transition to teaching programs – up

from seven programs just a year ago – creating more opportunities than ever for individuals to start teaching students in special education.

This approval follows the SBOE’s approval earlier this year of a new alternative route license in special education. In alignment with federal requirements, this new licensure allows special education teachers previously working on an emergency permit to continue serving in Indiana classrooms while completing their professional educator license.

Additionally, Indiana’s Special Education Assistant Licensure (I-SEAL) initiative, which funds streamlined coursework to help educators complete requirements for special education licensure, has now provided assistance to more than 600 current and future special education teachers.

JA JobSpark:

The SBOE met today in conjunction with JA JobSpark, a two-day career expo that connects more than 10,900 eighth grade students with hands-on career exploration and engagement opportunities in a wide range of industries.

“We know that when it comes to preparing students for a dynamic future, their opportunities are maximized when we

have all partners coming together at the table,” said Jenner. “Business and community leaders play a key role alongside our schools in illuminating the range of opportunities available after graduation – igniting a sense of purpose for our students. It’s never been more important for students to have access to explore, engage and experience a wide range of careers, and Junior Achievement JobSpark is an important leader in this work for Indiana.”

Now in its seventh year, JA JobSpark has helped more than 56,000 students engage with hundreds of companies across the region, where they learn about in-demand careers and engage with real equipment used across those professions. With this experience, students will gain a clearer view of the classes and opportunities they should pursue in high school, including work-based learning and high-value credentials.

This event aligns with the Indiana Department of Education’s (IDOE) focus on helping all students pursue career pathways, with the goal of graduating high school with a high-value postsecondary credential or certification. To support this goal, earlier this year IDOE awarded more than \$57 million in grants to 97 schools and community partners, including Junior Achievement of Central Indiana, to support their work to strengthen, expand and create effective career pathways throughout students’ K-12 learning.

CollegeChoice CD 529 Savings Plan Surpasses \$20M

Treasurer of State Kelly Mitchell yesterday announced that the state’s FDIC-insured CollegeChoice CD 529 Savings Plan has surpassed \$20 million in assets under management. This milestone marks the highest balance on record as Hoosiers save for higher education in the tax-advantaged savings plan.

“Our CollegeChoice CD program is an excellent option for education savers who prefer fixed-rate, low-risk investment options,” said Treasurer Mitchell. “Having a fixed rate of return without the worry of market volatility makes this program a great option for late savers, adult learners, and those looking to diversify their future education savings.”

CollegeChoice 529 provides account owners and gift contributors flexibility when it comes to saving for education after high school. Funds can be used at any eligible school or registered apprenticeship program, both in- and out-of-state. Accounts grow tax-deferred and distributions are tax-free as long as the money is withdrawn to pay for qualified education expenses like tuition, books, computers, equipment, and fees.

Indiana taxpayers may also be eligible for an annual state income tax credit of 20 percent of contributions to their CollegeChoice 529 accounts, worth up to \$1,000 each year (\$500 for married couples filing separately).

“With no fees and fixed rates of return, our CollegeChoice CD 529 Savings Plan is a powerful tool families can leverage to invest for future education expenses. We’re incredibly privileged to live in a state that encourages personal savings through a tax credit incentive. It’s the children who will benefit, and that’s the best investment we can make,” said Marissa Rowe, executive director of the program.

For more information about CollegeChoice 529 Savings Plans, visit www.collegechoicedirect.com/plans

About CollegeChoice 529 and the Indiana



Treasurer Kelly Mitchell

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Music Marching Once More: Marching Band Season Returns on Oct. 1

The 49th ISSMA Marching Band season steps off on Oct. 1. This year’s events will feature 169 Indiana High School Marching Bands participating in the Festival, Scholastic, or Open Class. The Festival Class is a non-competitive classification which places a greater emphasis on the musical aspects of the performance. The Scholastic Class was created in 2013 and takes into consideration band size as well as school enrollment. The Open Class is for those bands desiring to perform at the State Finals held at Lucas Oil Stadium by qualification through a Regional and Semi-state event.

Scholastic Class and Open Class Bands receive an educational assessment in the performance and effectiveness of the music and visual aspects of their performance. All bands, regardless of classification, receive a Gold, Silver, Bronze, or Participation rating based upon their level of achievement.

Festival class events will be held at Southport High School and Crown Point High School on Oct. 1. The Scholastic Class Prelims followed by the Open Class Invitational will be held on Oct. 8 at Homestead H.S. in Ft. Wayne, Chesterton H.S., Whiteland Community H.S., and the Jerry

Brewer Stadium in Jasper. Open Class Regionals will be held on Oct. 15 at Carroll H.S. in Ft. Wayne, Lafayette Jefferson H.S., Center Grove H.S. in Greenwood, and Evansville Central H.S.

Scholastic Class Bands receiving a Gold Rating at the Scholastic Prelims will perform at the Scholastic Finals on Oct. 22 at Franklin Central H.S. in Indianapolis. The top 10 Open Class bands in class at each Regional site will participate in the Open Class Semi-state to be held on Oct. 29 at Franklin Community H.S. (Open D), Decatur Central H.S./Indianapolis (Open C), Pike H.S./Indianapolis (Open B), and

Ben Davis H.S./Indianapolis (Open A). Admission at each event is \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students and preschoolers.

The State Marching Band Finals will be held on Nov. 5 at Lucas Oil Stadium, where the four State Champion bands will be crowned. Admission for the State Finals is \$22.00 for adults and \$18.00 for students and preschoolers.

Composite schedules for each Festival, Scholastic Prelims, Open Invitational and Open Regional site are now available online www.issma.net

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Legislators Hear Testimony for, Against Legalizing Marijuana

By Whitney Downard

Lawmakers considered the advantages and shortcomings of legalizing certain cannabinoids Tuesday, potentially as a precursor to legalizing the plant itself for recreational use. But the research offered frequently conflicted and the committee abruptly ended, with discussion expected to continue next month.

Over the course of four hours, committee members from the interim health committee heard testimony for and against legalization, from veterans using it to treat chronic pain to prosecutors worried about unintended consequences. Though called to study the legalization of Delta-8, a cannabinoid, committee testimony largely centered on legalization of marijuana medicinally or for recreational use, which three of Indiana’s neighboring states allow.

In the day’s final testimony to the committee, Seymour Rep. Jim Lucas said he needed “a gummy” himself after listening to four hours of discussion.

Lucas, a Republican, noted that 24 veterans commit suicide every day

and that veterans had previously testified about the effectiveness of cannabis.

“We know there are so many positives for cannabis. Shame on us for criminalizing responsible Hoosiers that simply want a better quality of life – they don’t want to be put towards that place where they’re (suicidal)... because they can’t take it anymore,” Lucas said, “begging” legislators to act. “It rests on you to make the decisions whether we move forward with a responsible cannabis program or we continue to stay in the dark ages.”

Drawing a line between hemp and cannabis

Several representatives from the hemp industry and cannabis industry urged lawmakers to consider legalizing the substance, which Republicans have largely resisted for years by saying they want to wait for federal approval.

Hemp and cannabis differ, largely based on the levels of chemical cannabinoids. Hemp is currently legal to produce with restrictions in Indiana but difficult to regulate because the plants for both

substances look and smell similar and can only be distinguished in a laboratory, according to testimony.

Though Stash Ventures was founded in Marion and even headquartered in Fishers at one time, the company moved to Michigan when it seemed that Indiana was unlikely to legalize cannabis in the near future.

“If Indiana had been available when we started in the state of Michigan, we would have started here with our investment,” said Katie Wiley, the company’s chief legal officer and chief strategy officer.

Wiley, a Hoosier attorney for more than 20 years, said Stash Ventures was a vertically integrated cannabis company, meaning it held growing, processing and retail sale licenses.

She pushed lawmakers toward legalization, saying that as a parent, she didn’t want her children potentially encountering unsafe products in an illicit market. Some lawmakers said they’d encountered reports of marijuana laced with fentanyl, a highly addictive and dangerous substance largely responsible for the

recent rise in overdose deaths.

“As a retailer in Michigan, we can tell you that we have Indiana residents buying from us in the state of Michigan,” Wiley said. “I want a regulated market (here)... (If) my child got on something, I would want to know what was in it.”

The longer Indiana delayed, waiting for the “inevitable” legalization on the federal level, Wiley said, the more businesses would choose to invest elsewhere.

Conflicted research on proposed legalization

Business representatives with the Chamber of Commerce urged a delay, saying that Indiana’s testing capacity isn’t prepared to reliably screen for impairment.

Mike Ripley, a vice president with the organization, said employers struggle to test for drug use when marijuana can appear on tests days after consumption.

“Those kinds of things we don’t know (how to do) yet and that’s why we think that – the longer we wait to implement things – the more data comes out,”

Ripley said. “We think time is on our side.”

But public defenders observed that testing deficiencies already complicate prosecutions, noting that Marion County recently suspended marijuana arrests after a lawsuit saying that their systems couldn’t reliably determine the potency of cannabis.

“Even though (cases) are impossible to prove, they definitely affect our client’s lives,” Monroe County Public Defender Noah Williams said. “If you’re going to charge someone with this offense, you need to be able to prove it.”

One cited study from a religious school concluded that Coloradans spend \$4.57 to mitigate marijuana’s effects for every tax dollar it collects from the legalized substance – a statistic Sen. Ed Charbonneau found concerning.

“I find it ironic that there’s a ton of money out there to be made by individuals but also by the state of Indiana and I want to make sure that we don’t get hooked on the money,” Charbonneau, R-Valparaiso, said. “We’ve found a way, maybe, to spend

some of that great amount of money... on the problems that we create.”

But other presentations provided conflicting information, reporting lower healthcare costs, lower opioid overdose deaths and more efficient law enforcement agencies. Yet another set of studies determined cannabis use reduced prescription drug reliance for chronic pain and had fewer side effects.

Committee Chair Rep. Brad Barrett, R-Richmond, abruptly ended the meeting, saying he and others would stay to hear additional testimony privately but ended the official livestream after four hours of testimony. The committee is scheduled to meet again on Oct. 4 and 12 p.m.

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Get Outside with Family and Friends on Saturday

Saturday is National Hunting & Fishing Day and the last Free Fishing Day of the year in Indiana.

Both provide unique opportunities to enjoy the state’s public lands and waters.

On Free Fishing Days, Indiana residents can fish any of the state’s public waters without a fishing license or a trout/salmon stamp. To celebrate the last Free Fishing Day of 2022, there are opportunities to fish on several Indiana DNR properties as listed on the DNR Calendar. See the Where to Fish map for more details on the best places to fish with those who don’t have a license.

National Hunting & Fishing Day recognizes the importance of hunters, anglers, and competitive target and recreational shooters and their positive force in the protection of natural resources. The



Indiana DNR salutes the many ways these groups provide the funding foundation for wildlife conservation.

The DNR invites all Hoosiers to visit some of the many Fish & Wildlife areas (FWAs), state parks, state forests, and other public lands in Indiana. Check the DNR Calendar for more information on events happening at DNR properties this weekend.

Several hunting seasons are also open this weekend, including those for dove, sora rail, and snipe, as well as the early teal, and youth deer seasons. Celebrate National Hunting & Fishing Day by sharing the experience of exploring the natural resources outdoors.

Coollest Thing Made in Indiana Contest Entry Deadline Oct. 20

The Indiana Chamber of Commerce’s Coolest Thing Made in Indiana contest returns to crown a new Hoosier manufacturer that personifies the innovative spirit. Entries for the fan-voted competition are being accepted through Oct. 20.

There is no entry fee. To participate, a company does not need to be headquartered in Indiana, but the product entered must be manufactured in the state. Companies are limited to having one product nominated. The competition – and voting – kicks off Oct. 24.

The Hoosier Hysteria-style, single-elimination online tournament is open to all types of makers and both veteran man-



ufacturers and budding entrepreneurs.

“The innovation itself certainly plays a key role in who moves on to the next round,” remarks Indiana Chamber President Kevin Brinegar. “But the employers that engage their workers, social media and local partners in the process can help spur their company to victory.”

Janus Motorcycles of Goshen took top honors in the inaugural tournament with Valparaiso’s Hoosier Bat Company coming in second.

“We’re eager to show-

case more Indiana companies and to emphasize such an important business sector,” Brinegar says. “We are now partnering the results of the Coolest Thing Made in Indiana competition with our new Indiana Best Places to Work in Manufacturing program for one celebration lunch to honor the state’s top innovators.”

The awards for the top finishers will be presented at the Indiana Best Places to Work in Manufacturing and Coolest Thing Made in Indiana Awards Luncheon on Dec. 14.

To enter the Coolest Thing Made in Indiana contest, companies must fill out a brief application at www.indianachamber.com/coolest.

The winning company will receive a feature article in the Indiana Chamber’s statewide BizVoice® magazine and an invitation to appear on the IN Chamber podcast.

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Indiana Places 4th in the Annual Government Experience Awards

The State of Indiana has been named a winner in the sixth annual Center for Digital Government (CDG) Government Experience Awards, recognizing states', cities' and counties' achievements and best practices for radically improving the digital government experience. CDG touted Indiana for growing Access Indiana, its single sign-on program which is now connected with more than 100 applications and has grown to 1.7 million accounts. Additionally, the Office of Technology was lauded



for offering free and low-cost services to local government, including website development and hosting, payment processing, web domains and cybersecurity training. "The State of Indiana is determined to improve the digital experience across

all agencies to improve the quality of interactions with government. Whether that is the State of Indiana services or local government websites, we have a tremendous opportunity to present Hoosiers with re-made processes that work for them," said Indiana's

Chief Information Officer Tracy Barnes. "It is an honor for the Center for Digital Government to recognize Indiana's efforts over the past year." "The government experience continues to be a major priority for state and local government agencies as they seek to rapidly meet new citizen and employee expectations," said Dustin Haisler, Chief Innovation Officer for the Center of Digital Government. "This past year we have seen agencies embrace new emerging technologies to adapt their

constituent experiences to new behaviors and shifts with underlying technology trends. It's very inspiring to see agencies taking a human-centric approach to service delivery as leading agencies seek to incorporate digital equity, accessibility, and inclusion into the experiences they enable." Indiana has placed in the top four among all states in each year of eligibility. In the six years of the competition, Indiana has placed second (2017), third (2018), first (2019), fourth (2021) and fourth

(2022). The state was ineligible to compete in 2020 after winning the preceding year. All finalists and winners were honored at the virtual GovX Summit last week. This event also showcases the latest trends, best practices, and ideas around the evolving experience of government. Find more winners of the Government Experience Awards here: www.govtech.com/cdg/government-experience-awards-2022-winners-announced

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Overall theme for the high school students was “Decades,” with each class also having a theme: freshmen, 1960s; sophomores, 2000s; juniors, 1980s; and seniors, future.

Monday was Adam Sandler Day with students taking inspiration from Sandler’s fashion style, with students dressing in comfort in oversized mixed-matched clothing.

Over the weekend, my high school junior daughter asked me to drive her to Goodwill to find a pair of long, sloppy basketball shorts and an oversized Marvel Avengers T-shirt.

All classes began float building on Monday, each with a different theme and each being built every day this week after school in their designated locations. Each class has a theme, but I won’t spoil it in anticipation of the Homecoming Parade.

Tuesday was Class Colors Day. For my junior, the color was purple, so she wore a purple Prince “Purple Rain” T-shirt.

Wednesday, Pajama Day, was actually an eLearning Day (what a way to kill the fun vibes on Homecoming week). Next year, maybe there will be better planning so there isn’t an eLearning day during Homecoming week.

Today is Minion Day, so my daughter put on a yellow Minion suit to wear to school today. My daughter actually rode the school bus in a Minion costume. If you don’t know, Minions are yellow and wear black gloves, black boots, metal goggles for their number of eyes and blue jean bib overalls with Gru’s emblem on the front, like in the “Despicable Me” series.

Friday is Black and Gold Spirit Day, with students encouraged to wear their new Homecoming logo T-shirts for each class, and other spirit wear.

The next activity will be the Mini Olympics / Pep Session on Friday, for NHS students only, at The Mill.

The excitement builds all week, leading up to Friday’s Homecoming Parade, where each class will show off their themed float-building skills. (Students will be released 30 minutes early, at 3:10 p.m., for the parade which steps off at 4 p.m., or maybe a little early, according to messages that went out to parents). The parade route will travel west on Monument Street, south on 16th Street, west on Logan Street, north on Ninth Street and east on Monument Street, back to the starting place.

Besides each of the

class floats, the parade usually features all of the high school athletic teams, choirs, marching band, school clubs and more.

Plus, the NHS Alumni Association members will have a parade entry.

Returning NHS alumni to Homecoming will find the new football stadium just behind NHS.

The Homecoming football game, Noblesville Millers vs. Franklin Central, will be at 7:30 p.m. (Note that the football games the rest of the season start at 7 p.m.) Fans’ \$7 general admission game tickets (tickets were \$6 in 2021) are available online at gofan.co. The football team, cheerleaders, trainers, managers and coaches from the 50-year class (Class of 1973) and the 25-year class (Class of 1998) will be honored at halftime of the football game, said NHS Alumni board president Peggy Beaver, who graduated in the 1960s. class of 1972. She said class members will be admitted free and will have reserved seats at the southwest corner of the stadium.

While the NHS Alumni Association will be riding in the Homecoming Parade, the group did not plan any other after-game activities or gatherings. Another item to note,

Beaver said, “Adriene’s Flowers is bringing back the traditional ‘Miller’ corsage that we all wore back when I was in high school.” The corsage is yellow with a black “N” in the center, she said.

“All the gals from the alumni board riding in the parade will be wearing one, a gift from Board member, Tom Gang, Terri Kennedy, Deb Bastin and myself,” she said.

The final event of Homecoming Week is the dance. There is lots of buzz this year -- about what to wear and who’s going with who, including a lot of friend groups -- in anticipation of Saturday’s Homecoming Dance, for which \$10 tickets went on sale Monday. About 1,700 to 1,800 are anticipated to attend the dance.

I imagine there will be a lot of high school students posing for photos on Saturday around the Courthouse Square, a location that has become very popular for both amateur and professional photographers.

Want to learn more about what’s going on in the district during the next Noblesville Schools Table Talk, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Oct. 12 at Noblesville Educational Services Center.

Contact Betsy Reason at betsy@thetimes24-7.com.

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Highway Director Bradley Davis

6.5 is desired. Hamilton County’s rating was the minimum desired rating of 6.5 at the end of 2016, just before the Community Crossings program was introduced. That rating has since improved to 7.35, the highest it has been in the past nine years.

Bridges throughout the county are also evaluated

annually on a 0-100 scale. Hamilton County has maintained a bridge deck condition rating of 80 for the past 28 years. It has since improved its overall bridge condition rating to an 86.

“These improvements are largely due to the Community Crossings program,” says Steve Dillinger, president of the Hamilton County Commissioners. “Hamilton County would like to thank the Indiana General Assembly and the Indiana Department of Transportation for the grant program and awards. They have been instrumental in allowing the County to maintain our system in a good condition.”

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VICTIMS

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“It’s not enough to hold offenders accountable. We also need to support victims who have been impacted by violence and need assistance,” said Devon McDonald, ICJI Executive Director. “Last year alone, VOCA funds helped more than 200,000 crime victims in Indiana, so this program has a sizable footprint and is vital to communities across the state.”

The Victims of Crime Act was established by Congress in 1984 to support state and local programs that assist victims of all kinds of crime including assault, robbery, homicide, driving while intoxicated, fraud, elder abuse, domestic violence, human trafficking and many others. Overall,

VOCA funds are designed to help survivors stabilize their lives after a victimization, participate in the justice system and restore a measure of security and safety to their daily lives, along with addressing the physical and emotional trauma of crime.

Over the next two years, these grants will fund a variety of initiatives in Indiana including mental health counseling, transitional housing, crisis intervention, legal aid, and child and youth services. The funding will also be used to support victim advocates, sexual assault nurse examiners (SANEs) and other victim-focused positions.

This cycle, priority was given to projects that focus on serving margin-

alized and underserved communities, as well as promote equity and racial justice.

“When it comes to addressing the needs of crime victims, one size does not fit all,” said Kim Lambert, ICJI Victim Services Director. “That’s why funding sources like VOCA are important because they allow organizations, embedded in the community, to create and tailor services to the individual.”

The projects for the 2022-2024 grant cycle were approved by the ICJI Board of Trustees and will be made available to organizations starting in October.

Visit on.in.gov/VOCA for a list of the VOCA award recipients.

About the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute: The Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) is the state planning agency for criminal justice, juvenile justice, traffic safety and victim services. ICJI is designated as the state administering agency for distribution of federal funds and as the state Statistical Analysis Center for research.

ICJI is responsible for coordinating and collaborating with local, state and federal entities to identify, assess, plan, resource and evaluate new and emerging issues facing the criminal justice and public safety spectrum.

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1. What percentage of Bartholomew's total population is made up of Jonesville residents?

2. How many art galleries are there throughout Columbus and Bartholomew County ?

3. How old is Bartholomew County?

4. How many colleges are located in Columbus?

Answers: 1. About 0.22% 2. 8 3. Approximately 197 years 4. 3

Word

Scrambler

Unscramble the words below!

1. WTOORHMBLEA

2. AECTRIEHCTRU

3. NLOJLISEEV

4. TRA IGLESRLAE

5. UCUMBOLS

Answers: 1. Bartholomew 2. Architecture 3. Jonesville 4. Art Galleries 5. Columbus

Did You Know?

- Bartholomew County was founded Feb. 12, 1821 and was named after Joseph Bartholomew.
- The county seat, Columbus, has three colleges, IUPUI Columbus, Ivy Tech College, and Harrison College.
- Bartholomew County had an estimated population of 81,163 in 2015.
- Columbus is a hub for unique art and contains eight different art galleries.
- The county's smallest city, Jonesville, has an estimated population of 185 individuals.

Got Words?

Bartholomew County is filled with unique architecture, historic cities and numerous art galleries. Why and how do you think art plays a role in the lives of Bartholomew County residents and individuals throughout Indiana?

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GM Plans Major Investment In Indiana To Power Electrified Future

Governor Eric J. Holcomb joined local officials and executives of General Motors Co. (NYSE: GM) today in Grant County as the company announced plans to invest \$491 million to expand and upgrade its operations in Marion, supporting GM's electric vehicle (EV) production.

"Indiana is the number one ranked manufacturing production state in America per capita and ranks in the top three for automotive vehicles," said Gov. Holcomb. "It's exactly because of investments like GM's in advanced technology and future-focused solutions that will ensure Indiana will continue to be a leader in tomorrow's manufacturing, making the products that power and redefine mobility the world over."

"We're incredibly grateful for the long partnership between Indiana and GM and for their contribution to Indiana's record-breaking year for committed investment in the state," said Indiana Secretary of Commerce Brad Chambers. "Today's announcement illustrates not just a renewed commitment to the state, but a shared vision for building the economy of the future."

GM's investment in its Marion Metal Center plant, which provides blanks, stampings and sheet metal assembly to GM assembly plants throughout North America, will be used to renovate and expand its 2.7 million-square-foot campus, adding an additional 6,000 square feet to accommodate increased operations and support GM's plan to build one million EVs by 2025.

"While this investment prepares the facility for our All-Electric Future, it's really an investment in our talented Marion team and will keep the plant working for many years to come," said Gerald Johnson, GM's executive vice president of Global Manufacturing and Sustainability during an event at the plant in front of employees and local community leaders.



"This investment is another example of the company bringing everyone along and investing in the people who make manufacturing a competitive advantage for GM."

The company will also add two new press lines and invest in press upgrades and new dies to equip new and future EV models built on the next-generation Ultium Platform, such as the as the Chevrolet Silverado EV, GMC Hummer EV and HUMMER EV SUV, and the Cadillac LYRIQ, supporting increased customer demand. Construction and installations are expected to begin yet this year with expanded operations starting in late 2024.

Established in 1956, Marion Metal Center, which employs more than 750 associates, will now play a critical role in accelerating GM's transition to an all-electric future. These investments are part of the company's plans to invest \$35 billion in EV and AV through 2025, accelerating its EV production, advancing battery and fuel cell technology through its Ultium battery platform and HYDROTEC fuel cells, and investing in EV charging infrastructure.

"The city of Marion appreciates General Motors' \$491 million investment in the Marion Metal Center," said Marion Mayor Jess Alumbaugh. "Our community and GM have enjoyed a great partnership for 65 years. This commitment is confirmation that our

future together is bright and will help ensure that GM continues to set the standard in the automotive industry."

Headquartered in Detroit, GM is a global company that employs more than 155,000 people across 22 time zones and serves six continents. General Motors, its subsidiaries and its joint venture entities sell vehicles under the Chevrolet, Buick, GMC, Cadillac, Baojun and Wuling brands. The company is focused on advancing an all-electric future with zero crashes, zero emissions and zero congestion.

Pending approval from the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) board of directors, the IEDC will offer up to \$12 million in conditional tax credits and up to \$500,000 in training grants based on the company's job retention and workforce development plans. The IEDC will also offer up to \$200,000 in Manufacturing Readiness Grants, which are designed to help companies invest in smart manufacturing and new technologies, and up to \$12.5 million in redevelopment tax credits, which provide an incentive to companies to invest in the redevelopment of vacant property to improve the quality of place within Indiana. The city of Marion will consider additional incentives at the request of the Grant County Economic Growth Council.

"General Motors' investment is a reminder of the past and a glimpse of the future," said Charity

Bailey, Grant County Economic Growth Council executive director. "Manufacturing in Grant County is strong and so are the people. The future is urging us to be forward thinking and adaptable. GM is entrusting a part of their future to Grant County, and we are grateful. The Grant County Economic Growth Council was happy to orchestrate the local deal by partnering with the city, state and company. We look fondly on GM's history in Grant County and excitedly anticipate the future of the automotive industry for the next 20 years and beyond."

About General Motors General Motors (NYSE: GM) is a global company focused on advancing an all-electric future that is inclusive and accessible to all. At the heart of this strategy is the Ultium battery platform, which will power everything from mass-market to high-performance vehicles. General Motors, its subsidiaries and its joint venture entities sell vehicles under the Chevrolet, Buick, GMC, Cadillac, Baojun and Wuling brands. More information on the company and its subsidiaries, including OnStar, a global leader in vehicle safety and security services, can be found at <https://www.gm.com>.

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, @SecChambersIN, and governed by a 15-member board chaired by Governor Eric J. Holcomb, @GovHolcomb, the IEDC manages many initiatives, including performance-based tax credits, workforce training grants, innovation and entrepreneurship resources, public infrastructure assistance, and talent attraction and retention efforts. For more information about the IEDC, visit iedc.in.gov.

DNR Advises Waterfowl Hunters

Indiana, along with many other states, was affected by an outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza earlier this year.

Avian influenza declined through the summer months; however, some states have had a recent increase in wild bird deaths associated with the disease. DNR advises hunters to be aware of a potential resurgence of avian influenza as the waterfowl hunting seasons progress.

Indiana DNR partnered with the United States Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services to test hunter-harvested waterfowl for highly pathogenic avian influenza during early teal season at multiple DNR Fish & Wildlife areas, including Goose Pond, LaSalle, and Jasper-Pulaski.

Symptoms of avian influenza can differ depending on the individual animal, and some animals that have the virus do not display any symptoms.

Waterfowl with symptoms will often display unusual behaviors such as swimming in circles, tremors, a twisted neck, and/or have a general lack of coordination. In addition, sick birds may display nasal discharge, a cough, sneezing, and/or diarrhea.



If you see birds displaying these signs, or if you find multiple dead birds in a single area, report the case to Indiana DNR at on.IN.gov/sickwildlife.

Hunters can several precautions to slow the spread of avian influenza:

- Do not harvest birds that appear obviously sick or found dead
 - Process birds outdoors or in a well-ventilated area
 - Wear gloves and wash hands before and after handling carcasses
 - Disinfect all equipment used on dead birds (e.g., knives, surfaces)
 - Refrain from eating, drinking, smoking, and touching your eyes during processing
 - Double-bag feathers and all bird remains before disposal. Place bird remains in the inner bag and tie it closed. Dispose of gloves in the outer bag before tying it closed.
 - Prevent contact between all parts of wild birds and domestic birds
 - Cook meat thoroughly
- Read more about avian influenza at on.IN.gov/avian-flu.

Biddinger Receives National Award

Eric Biddinger, a nursery and compliance officer with the DNR Division of Entomology & Plant Pathology (DEPP), has received the 2022 Carl Carlson Distinguished Achievement Award in Regulatory Plant Protection.

The award comes from the National Plant Board, a nonprofit organization of plant pest regulatory agencies.

Biddinger is the first inspector from Indiana to receive the honor, which is a national recognition of field level inspectors' service. The Horticulture Inspection Society (HIS) nominated Biddinger for the Carlson award after presenting him its Robert McAdams Award,

which recognizes superior achievement of professional development in horticulture inspection. Biddinger serves as central regional secretary for HIS.

Biddinger has been with DNR since 2006 and serves Carroll, Cass, Elkhart, Fulton, Kosciusko, Marshall, Miami, and St. Joseph counties, managing USDA compliance as well as the state quarantines of spongy moth, Asian longhorned beetle, spotted lanternfly, kudzu, and other regulated and exotic pests. Biddinger also maintains division technologies and has developed nursery and phytosanitary databases, which have helped all DEPP inspectors maintain better records.

Schools To Compete For \$1,000 Grant From Colts, American Heart Association

With the start of the National Football League (NFL) season, schools in Indiana will have the opportunity to compete for a \$1,000 grant from the American Heart Association and Indianapolis Colts as part of the NFL Play 60 program and this year's Race to Super Bowl LVII activation.

From Sept. 26 to Oct. 26, students can track their minutes of physical activity within the Group Play feature of the free NFL Play 60 app, which is available for iOS and Android.

The Group Play feature, designed for classroom and after-school program use, includes a leaderboard function that allows for healthy competition between classrooms, grades and schools.

At the end of the challenge, 32 schools, one per NFL team, will receive a \$1,000 grant to use for physical activity equipment. One nation-

ally winning school will receive an additional \$1,000 grant.

"Rallying around our hometown team, the Indianapolis Colts, is a great way to help kids get the 60 minutes of physical activity that is recommended each day," said Dr. Sandeep Dube, president of the American Heart Association's Indianapolis board of directors. "Getting active for 60 minutes a day is critical as kids who are regularly active have a better chance of a healthy adulthood."

The grant competition is just one component of this year's NFL Play 60 program.

This year's in-school activation, Race to Super Bowl LVII, will provide students opportunities to get physically active throughout the 2022-2023 NFL season from Kickoff to the 2023 NFL Draft.

Another way students can get active with Race to the Super Bowl LVII

is through a series of NFL PLAY 60 Fitness Break broadcasts. The first of three broadcasts will air on Thursday, Sept. 15 at 1 p.m. ET/ 12 p.m. CT. This 15-minute, synchronous back-to-school, back-to-football broadcast features the Los Angeles Rams and the Carolina Panthers. The broadcast helps students to understand the connection between physical activity and classroom performance along with opportunities to move with exercise segments.

Two additional Fitness Break broadcasts will be held later in the school year. A Super Bowl broadcast will be held on Feb. 15 and an NFL Draft broadcast on April 26. Advanced registration for all three broadcasts is required via www.heart.org/nflplay60.

The American Heart Association, devoted to a world of healthier lives for all, recommends that

kids get a minimum of 60 minutes of vigorous physical activity each day. Developing healthy habits and reducing sedentary behaviors in kids is key to immediate and long-term health benefits that can play a role in the classroom experience.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' 2018 Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans, active kids learn better, focus more, think more clearly, react to stress more calmly, and perform and behave better in the classroom[1].

In addition to the Race to Super Bowl LVII activities, students and teachers can access on-demand exercises from the 32 NFL teams in the digital NFL PLAY 60 library to help them reach their recommended 60-minutes of daily physical activity.

For more information on NFL PLAY 60, visit heart.org/NFLPLAY60.

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Indiana Farmers Keep Our Rural Communities Viable

Keeping rural communities thriving, even as more people migrate to suburban and urban centers, has always been a priority for Indiana Farm Bureau.

As the largest general farm organization in the state, INFB has a presence in all 92 counties, making it possible to assist farmers and others involved in agriculture where they live and work. Although, where Hoosiers live and work seems to have shifted in the past decade.

According to the 2020 Census data, 52% of Indiana counties – including most mid-sized and rural communities – lost population between 2010 and 2020. That is the largest number of Indiana counties to show a decline between censuses since the 1980s.

“The realization that we needed to refocus our efforts hit home when we saw the recent census data,” said Andy Tauer, executive director of public policy at INFB. “We know our members come from all areas of the state, but the majority come from rural areas. So, we’re trying to make sure that the resources and businesses located in those rural areas don’t suffer because of loss of population.

In Dec. of 2021, INFB

hired Colette Childress, previously from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA), to be a local government policy advisor. Since then, she’s been able to visit 32 counties in her role to help INFB members engage more in their communities and work with local governments to improve the quality of life in those areas.

“I’ve heard the saying before that ‘If you’ve seen one Indiana community, you’ve seen one Indiana community.’ Every town, city and local government is different, so I’m working to engage those communities beyond just farming,” said Childress. “INFB members are more than just people on tractors. They’re leaders in their communities. By using INFB’s clout to help get things done at a local level, we’re setting the groundwork and foundation to really make a difference.”

In fact, that groundwork was set as a strategic initiative for the organization this past year to engage in infrastructure projects around the state. Whether that includes writing a letter of opposition to a proposed road project that would take away precious farmland, lobbying on a county’s behalf to get a drinking



water project funded, or speaking in support of repairing a grain bin at a county board of zoning appeals, INFB has shown up to advocate for members in whatever way they needed.

Recently, members in Sullivan County have taken advantage of an opportunity for the city to apply for funding for a new fire station for their community. A local farmer there explained that if a fire broke out today, he could lose everything in a matter of minutes. With the grant they are seeking, it requires letters of support stating the public need for something like this, so Sullivan County Farm Bureau is preparing a letter to help support the needs of their community.

When a meat processing company wanted to purchase a vacant facility in Adams County, at first the Decatur City Council shot it down. INFB public

policy team, field staff and Adams County Farm Bureau went to work to help inform the community about meat processing, engaged with the business to host tours of the facility and spoke in support of the project at multiple public meetings. Ultimately, those actions shifted support and helped move it through the approval process. This will be the first industrial development started in the city in 25 years, providing a big boost to the local economy.

“Keeping rural Indiana viable requires local residents to get more involved in solving local problems,” added Childress. “Sometimes all it takes is an idea or a meeting with the right people to set progress in motion.”

“Colette helped us surface issues in our area that were helpful and catalyzed things that

we would have not been able to accomplish on our own,” said Virgil Bremer, Rush County Farm Bureau president. “She’s great to bounce ideas off. Having experience at OCRA, she really understands the funding process and how to solve local issues with funding gaps.”

Since the pandemic, people have learned that they can work or attend school from anywhere. As a result, broadband access has become a huge pain point for rural communities because they’re losing people to areas that have better internet access.

“We are currently working on a rural broadband initiative in Henry County that would bring several different players to the table to create a broadband task force,” said Lis McDonnell, Henry County Farm Bureau president. “By providing trusted policy advice to our members and setting up meetings that we wouldn’t have been able to, INFB has fostered some key connections for us on the local, state and national levels that will really help improve our community in the long run.”

During the 2021 legislative session, INFB surveyed members around the state about broadband. The surveyed showed

97% of respondents said that access to reliable high-speed internet was important or extremely important to their future. INFB helped pass four different bills that session that addressed bringing better broadband access to the unserved and underserved in Indiana.

“Keeping rural communities viable has always been an INFB priority, we’re just being more intentional and putting more resources toward that effort now,” said Randy Kron, president of INFB. “We want to make sure our farmers are able to pass down their farms to the next generation. But that generation won’t be here if we don’t put in the effort at the local level now.”

About Indiana Farm Bureau:

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

Purdue Global School of Nursing Donates Surplus Supplies to Des Moines Area Community College

The Purdue Global School of Nursing has donated surplus medical and nursing supplies from its former campus facility in Des Moines, Iowa, to Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC).

Andrea Hughes, who oversees the adult-gerontology acute care nurse practitioner program for Purdue Global, worked to find a suitable recipient of the equipment. Among the items donated were manikins, catheterization kits, sutures, forceps, needles, tubes, vials, gloves and pads.

“We are proud to collaborate with our nursing colleagues at Des Moines Area Community College to support their efforts as they prepare and educate nursing students,” said Melissa Burdi, Purdue Global vice president and dean of the School of Nursing. “Together, we are supporting nursing education and building the much-needed nursing pipeline.”

According to John Hadley, DMACC professor and surgical technology program chair, the donated items will help several of the school’s health and sciences departments.

“The DMACC simulation center, emergency medical services, surgical technology program and nursing program all greatly appreciate the donation and will benefit from the generosity provided by the Purdue Global School of Nursing,” Hadley said.

Purdue Global has strong

ties to the Des Moines area and the state of Iowa, highlighted by simulation partnerships with Dallas County Hospital in Perry, Iowa, and UnityPoint Health – Jones Regional Medical Center in Anamosa, Iowa.

About Purdue Global: Purdue Global delivers personalized online education tailored to the unique needs of adults who have work or life experience beyond the classroom, enabling them to develop essential academic and professional skills with the support and flexibility they need to achieve their career goals. It offers personalized paths for students to earn an associate, bachelor’s, master’s or doctoral degree, based on their work experience, desired pace, military service, previous college credits and other considerations – no matter where they are in their life journey. Purdue Global is a nonprofit, public university accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. It is affiliated with Purdue University’s flagship institution, a highly ranked public research university located in West Lafayette, Indiana. Purdue University also operates regional campuses in Fort Wayne and Northwest Indiana, as well as serving science, engineering and technology students at the Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) campus. For more information, visit <https://stories.purdue.edu/purdue-global/>.

Junior Achievement’s JA JobSpark Initiative Helps 8th Graders Explore Future Careers

By the time today’s middle school students begin graduating from college, Indiana will have more than 1 million open jobs that will need to be filled by skilled and inspired workers. To address current and future workforce challenges, Junior Achievement of Central Indiana (JA) will host its 7th annual JA JobSpark program, presented by Eli Lilly and Company, at the Indiana State Fairgrounds this month, to help area 8th graders explore future in-demand careers through hands-on learning experiences with local companies.

JA JobSpark is a two-day, hands-on career expo (September 20th and 21st) that will bring more than 10,900 students from 72 schools across Indianapolis to the Fairgrounds. As JA organizers open the doors to the Champions Pavilion and Blue Ribbon Pavilion next Tuesday morning, the first groups of teachers and students

will be welcomed by more than 1,200 volunteers representing over 100 Indy employers – businesses, agencies and organizations from Indiana’s fastest growing industry sectors.

“It’s never too early to begin empowering our young people to own their future success – JA JobSpark aims to ignite enthusiasm in our students about their future careers and pathways to postsecondary success,” said Jennifer Burk, CEO of JA of Central Indiana. “Thanks to an incredibly supportive business community, we can bring them face-to-face with the future.”

JA JobSpark is designed to “spark” a student’s interest in different careers, then provide them with an understanding of the classes they will need to take in high school, a plan for post-secondary success and a clear path toward that career. The culmination of the class-

room curriculum is the JA JobSpark event, where students learn about skills and equipment used daily in industries of their interests at the guidance of Hoosier professionals from local companies and corporations, including Eli Lilly and Company, IU Health, JPMorgan Chase, OneAmerica, Republic Airways and many more.

Committees of corporate, government and institutional leaders volunteer to help JA recruit and organize JA JobSpark’s employer participants and hands-on activities within eight key sectors: Advanced Manufacturing, Engineering and Logistics; Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources; Architecture, Engineering and Construction; Business and Finance; Government, Law and Public Service; Health and Life Sciences; Hospitality and Tourism; and Technology.

“JPMorgan Chase is

excited to partner with Junior Achievement of Central Indiana, where students not only have the opportunity to learn about new industries, they have the opportunity to engage through interactive experiences,” said Erin Shaw, JA of Central Indiana Board Member, market manager at J.P. Morgan Private Bank in Indianapolis. “It’s imperative that we provide students the tools and resources they need to succeed, and this hands-on, real-world experience educates them on the skills they need today for the jobs of tomorrow.”

By getting students excited about high-demand jobs as they prepare for high school, JA JobSpark is an investment in Indiana’s future workforce. It’s never too early to encourage students to start thinking about a post-secondary plan. For more information, visit www.jaindiana.org and www.jajobspark.org.



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Purdue's 'Most Innovative' Status Reaches Five Years

Striking business-research partnerships that boost the state's economy and address real-world needs while producing job-ready graduates, Purdue University continues to rank among the most innovative schools in the nation.

Purdue, whose graduates earn an average starting wage of \$62,452 – straight out of college – is the nation's No. 7 Most Innovative school (No. 3 among public universities) in the newest U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges rankings.

The new U.S. News & World Report undergraduate ranking extends Purdue's streak to five consecutive years as a top-10 Most Innovative school in the nation. Only Arizona State University, Georgia State University, Carnegie Mellon University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Stanford University and Elon University rank ahead. Purdue tops Georgia Institute of Technology, California Institute of Technology and Johns Hopkins University in the top 10.

"We couldn't be prouder that, once again, Purdue has been recognized as one of the country's most innovative universities," said Jay Akridge,



provost and executive vice president for academic affairs and diversity. "Boilermakers are innovators, and you can be sure that we are focused on delivering an even more impactful residential learning experience to our students going forward as we continue to seek pioneering solutions to the world's most difficult challenges."

This newest ranking adds to an impressive list of recent Purdue rankings. Just last week, Purdue was ranked for the second straight year No. 6 internationally in utility patents in a report from the Intellectual Property Owners Association and the National Academy of Inventors. In August, the university was voted No. 4 in Morning Consult's "Most Trusted Universities" study. Smart Asset named Purdue No. 1 in-state and 12th nationally for Best Value Colleges.

Purdue is ranked the third-best college campus for freedom of speech in the just-released free speech rankings by The Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression (FIRE)/College Pulse.

Within the last year, Purdue has extended partnerships with Rolls-Royce, enhanced hypersonics research and put its stamp on the semiconductor industry, which is essential to the nation's competitiveness. The university has opened new pathways of study to help address global semiconductor/microchip shortages that are affecting everyday life. It also struck a partnership with MediaTek, a leading global fabless chipmaker, to open the company's first semiconductor chip design center in the Midwest, to be housed on Purdue's campus. SkyWater Technology chose Discovery Park District at Purdue adjacent to Purdue's campus.

The \$1 billion, 400-acre Discovery Park District at Purdue is bustling, with new housing, well-paying jobs and learning and research opportunities.

The U.S. News & World Report rankings were released Monday (Sept. 12). At No. 51 overall among all colleges

and No. 18 among public universities, Purdue is again well represented.

In internships, Purdue is No. 7.

Purdue's College of Engineering is No. 9 among schools with doctoral programs and has numerous specialty areas among the best. Industrial/manufacturing remains second, with aeronautical and astronautical fifth, mechanical sixth, civil seventh, electrical ninth and computer 10th. Environmental engineering is 11th, materials 13th, chemical 15th and biomedical 29th.

"We are proud of the whole list of exciting rankings for the university. In particular, it is a reflection of the dedication by our faculty and staff and the quality of our students that Engineering retains the top-10 undergraduate ranking while growing significantly to become the largest in that distinguished group," said Mung Chiang, Purdue's president-elect and executive vice president for strategic initiatives, who served as dean of the College of Engineering until July 1 of this year.

Agricultural and biological engineering, administered by the College of Agriculture and shared with the College of Engi-

neering, is ranked second.

"The agricultural and biological engineering faculty, staff and students continue to build an incredible department that is nationally and world renowned for the difference it makes in critical areas of discovery and innovation," said Karen Plaut, the Glenn W. Sample Dean of Agriculture.

Purdue's computer science programs in the College of Science moved up two spots, to 16th in the rankings. Its cybersecurity program is seventh; software engineering 10th; and programming, data analytics and computing systems all 13th. The artificial intelligence programs are 19th.

Computer science at Purdue continues its rapid rise, moving up two spots from last year to No. 16 overall, bolstered by the recent addition of new majors in artificial intelligence and in data science. Cybersecurity remains a leading area of strength at Purdue, rising two places to seventh, along with software engineering, ranked 10th. Artificial intelligence moves up five places to 19th, and data analytics is ranked for the first time, at 13th, along with programming and computing systems.

Patrick Wolfe, Pur-

due's Frederick L. Hovde Dean of Science and Miller Family Professor of Statistics and Computer Science, said, "We are enormously proud of having generated so much sustained momentum across the data and computational sciences at Purdue — and even more so to have done this while expanding our enrollments substantially, providing opportunities for many more of the best and brightest students to join us here for their studies. Our continued progress is a reflection not only of major strategic investments we've made and continue to make but also, even more strongly, the exceptional efforts of our faculty, staff and proud alumni."

The School of Management is 30th among business schools, with its production/operations management program at No. 9 and supply chain management/logistics at 12. Analytics is 17th, management 30th and finance 36th.

In nursing, Purdue gained eight spots to No. 112. In other rankings, Purdue is No. 26 in best schools for veterans and 46th in undergrad research. Purdue Global is listed as among the best for economic diversity.

Lt. Gov. Crouch, IHEDA Awards Four Non-Profits \$950,000 In Housing First Grants

Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch and the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHEDA) announced that \$950,000 was awarded to four Indiana non-profit organizations to administer the Indiana Housing First Program. The organizations will provide tenant-based rental assistance and supportive services to individuals and households with a serious mental illness or a chronic chemical addiction who are also facing a housing crisis.

"Affordable housing is

vital to ensure Hoosiers can live, work and play right here in Indiana," Crouch said. "The grantees will only add value to our network of housing partners to continue providing housing and services to Hoosiers recovering from addiction and mental illness."

The Indiana Housing First Program was established in 2017 to increase housing stability for individuals and households with a serious and persistent mental illness, a chronic chemical addiction, or a serious and persistent

mental illness with a co-occurring chronic chemical addiction, who are also facing a housing crisis. The program can also help individuals who are exiting a residential treatment program or who could exit a residential treatment program with access to affordable housing and supportive services.

Situations which constitute a housing crisis may include living on the street or a place not meant for human habitation, residing in temporary housing such as an emergency shelter

or transitional housing, staying temporarily with family or friends, facing an imminent court-ordered eviction or exiting an institutional setting.

Indiana Housing First Program funds were awarded to these four organizations:

- Housing Opportunities is awarded \$300,000
- HVAF of Indiana is awarded \$300,000
- LTHC Homeless Services is awarded \$190,000
- YWCA of Northeast Indiana is awarded \$160,000

The Indiana Housing First Program uses a housing-first model to quickly connect participants to permanent housing without preconditions or barriers to entry such as sobriety or participation in supportive services. Program participants must have a lease for a rental unit in their community and are required to pay a percentage of their monthly income towards the rent. The Program employs an evidence-based case management approach designed to build long-lasting

support and increase the impact of assistance during the time of transition. The Program has helped nearly 400 households obtain permanent housing throughout Indiana.

Applications to administer the Indiana Housing First Program are accepted on an annual basis through a Request for Qualifications.

For more information on the Indiana Housing First Program, visit <https://www.in.gov/iheda/program-partners/housing-first-program/>.

Purdue College of Agriculture and ASU to Co-Host Cold Case Symposium

The Purdue College of Agriculture's Department of Entomology is partnering with Arizona State University to co-host the inaugural Cold Case Symposium, an in-person and online event that will spotlight America's cold case crisis. The symposium will take place Sept. 23, during National Forensic Science Week.

Krystal Hans, assistant professor of forensic entomology at Purdue, said the symposium will

highlight several disappearances in Arizona. Families will discuss their own loved ones' disappearance cases, focusing on some of the challenges they faced while trying to move forward in solving the disappearances and offering advice to families in similar situations.

"This year we'll be focusing on a lot of Arizona cases, particularly ones in the Phoenix area, with the hope that

families that are local can attend in person to better network with people who have shared experiences and to understand the resources that are available to them," Hans said. "We will have counselors on site as well, as we realize the nature of this topic and its accompanying material is triggering. We want to support families and our participants as much as we can."

David Robinson II, whose son Daniel went

missing in Buckeye, Arizona, more than a year ago, will speak about his son's case, the evidence recovered and his continued search to locate his son. He recently founded the Daniel Robinson Foundation to support families in similar situations.

Sarah Turney, advocate and host of the podcast "Voices for Justice", will speak about the power of social media and her experience

with propelling missing persons cases farther into the spotlight.

Kelsi German, who received a bachelor's degree in forensic psychology from Purdue in May, will speak about the 2017 unsolved double murder of Abigail Williams and Liberty German, Kelsi's younger sister, and the experiences and challenges her family faced in their pursuit of justice.

The registration fee for attending virtually is \$7,

and Purdue students enrolled in the forensic science course can register for free. The in-person attendance fee, which includes lunch and parking at the ASU campus, is \$25. The symposium takes place 11:30 a.m. EDT (8:30 a.m. MST) to 5 p.m. EDT (2 p.m. MST). For more information, registration and a full schedule of the Cold Case Symposium, visit <https://na.eventscloud.com/coldcase22>

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