

TODAY'S VERSE

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



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What makes Juliet Blazucki smile? "Fireworks," said the 6-year-old, a first-grader and the daughter of Adam and Louise Blazucki. Her mom owns and operates Kiln Creations in downtown Noblesville. She was found at the July 4 Noblesville Fireworks Festival and spent her day bicycle riding, doing pottery and had her face painted and enjoyed the bounce houses at the festival. She has two sisters and one brother and her favorite animal is a cat. Kiln Creations in downtown Noblesville offers many, many classes. To sign up for fun activities, visit <https://www.kilncreations.net/> or on Facebook.

And Another Few Things...

1. Spartz Statement

Yesterday, Senator Rick Scott (R-Fla.) and Congresswoman Victoria Spartz released the following statement after meeting with Ukrainian soldiers who were recently held by Russia as prisoners of war (POW), as well as the family members of current Ukrainian POWs:

"Since Russia's unlawful and violent invasion of Ukraine began, we have heard horrific stories of brutal violence both on and off the battlefield. Putin has laid bare his evil intentions for the world to see, and we cannot ignore it. While we have received many briefings here in Washington on the battles across Ukraine, hearing firsthand from these Ukrainian POWs and the family members of those currently being held by Russian forces this week further exposed the unbelievable brutality of Russia's war. It is essential that the ICRC have full access to all POWs. We fully support the ICRC's work of ensuring the human rights of POWs are protected and will never tolerate action to hinder its access or otherwise strip the rights afforded to POWs and humanitarian organization under the Geneva Convention."

Russian forces are denying Ukrainian POWs the right guaranteed to them under the Geneva Convention to be visited by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). Congresswoman Spartz has been in contact with Patrick Hamilton, the Head of the ICRC's Delegation to the United States and Canada. Following yesterday's meeting with these Ukrainian service members and families, Senator Scott also spoke with Patrick Hamilton to express his strong support for the ICRC's mission and work to visit POWs and ensure proper treatment of these individuals in accordance with international treaties and laws.

2. Strut to Save Lives

The 2022 Strut 2 Save Lives 1K dog walk was postponed Sept. 11 due to inclement weather. It has been rescheduled for Oct. 16. More than 115 walking and pet enthusiasts are registered for the event.

A live DJ will provide music until 1 p.m.. A professional photographer will be available at no charge following the walk to capture images of pets and owners and a licensed pet groomer will provide free dog nail clippings.

Strut 2 Save Lives will welcome a host of area vendors this year. Plus, food and beer will be available by purchase from E&M Hot Diggity Dogs and Moontown Brewing.

All proceeds benefit Indiana Donor Network Foundation's Bryan Clauson Legacy Fund, which provides financial and counseling support for Hoosier organ transplant recipients, their families and the families of donor heroes.

Despite age or medical history, anyone can sign up to be a donor at DonateLifeIndiana.org. Learn more about Indiana Donor Network.

The schedule is as follows:

- 10 a.m. - registration begins
- 10:45 a.m. - Welcome to participants from:
 - o Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen
 - o Event founder and organizer Diana Clauson
 - o Indiana Donor Network Chief Operating Officer Steve Johnson
- 11 a.m. - Walk begins

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Alex Dantin and Ameetha Widdershins, both of Fishers, rehearse for Hamilton County Theatre Guild's first show of the 58th season of The Belfry Theatre, "Rehearsal for Murder," a murder-mystery who-dunit play opening tonight and continuing through Oct. 2 at The Ivy Tech Auditorium in Noblesville.

Homecoming, Murder-Mystery, Oktoberfest, Vintage Market, Dave Matthews Tribute, More



BETSY REASON
The Times Editor

The Noblesville Homecoming Parade is today and the Homecoming football game is tonight at Beaver Stadium. The Belfry Theatre kicks tonight off its 58th season with a whodunit murder-mystery play. Primeval Oktoberfest is today and Saturday. "Raya and the Last Dragon" is on the big screen at Westfield, and the final city-sponsored concert of the season at Federal Hill Commons is Trippin Billies (Dave Matthews Tribute) and Sam King on Saturday.

So here's our list of 15 things to do this weekend and beyond:

1. Noblesville Homecoming Parade steps off at 4 p.m. today from Noblesville High School and travels west on Field Drive south on 16th Street, west on Logan Street, north on Ninth Street, featuring sports teams, band, clubs, alumni and more.

2. Noblesville Millers Homecoming Game vs. Franklin Central is at 7:30 p.m. today at Beaver Field with the 50-year class to be recognized.

3. Hamilton County Theatre Guild presents the first

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Photo courtesy of Mayor Chris Jensen

2002 NHS Grads Return for Reunion

This past Saturday, Sept. 17, the Noblesville High School class of 2002 celebrated their 20 year class reunion at Bru Burger in Noblesville. Nearly 130 classmates and guests joined in the celebration. Classmates traveled from as far as Hawaii, Oregon, Idaho, Florida, Georgia, Tennessee and South Carolina to attend. Class President Chris Jensen, class Vice President Adam Taylor, Class Treasurer Casey Jarrett and classmate Barb Davies assisted with the planning.

The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 7:32 a.m.
SET: 7:39 p.m.

High/Low Temperatures
High: 64 °F
Low: 47 °F

Today is...

- National Checkers Day
- Native American Day
- Teal Talk Day

What Happened On This Day

- 1889 Nintendo is founded
- 1909 Phantom of the Opera makes its literary debut
- 1952 Richard Nixon makes his Checkers Speech

Births On This Day

- 1930 Ray Charles American singer-songwriter, pianist, actor
- 1949 Bruce Springsteen American singer-songwriter, guitarist

Deaths On This Day

- 1973 Pablo Neruda Chilean poet, Nobel Prize laureate
- 1994 Robert Bloch American author

Fishers to Debut Squirrel Stampede Mini Golf

The City of Fishers will debut Squirrel Stampede Mini Golf, a 4-hole mini course commemorating the 200th anniversary of the Great Squirrel Stampede of Hamilton County, at the Fishers Farmers Market this Saturday from 8 a.m. until noon at the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater.

This project is made possible through partnership with Visit Hamilton County as part of the 2023 Hamilton County Bicentennial.

The free course takes players along on the journey that hundreds of thousands of squir-

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HONEST HOOSIER

Here's a tip of the seed corn cap to all my friends who like the cool, and even cold weather, more than summer. I don't understand 'em, but I love them all just the same.



TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Basic weight training helps you build muscle that speeds your metabolism. Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Times and online at www.thetimes24-7.com.



TODAY'S QUOTE

"Aprils have never meant much to me. Autumns seen that season of beginning."
- Truman Capote

TODAY'S JOKE

Why will birds start flying south soon? Because it's way too far to walk.

OBITUARIES

Marsha K. Went-DeShon

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



➔ OBITUARIES

Marsha K. Went-DeShon

December 20, 1958 - September 19, 2022

Marsha K. Went-DeShon, age 63, of Sheridan, Indiana, passed away on Monday morning, September 19, 2022, at IU Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis.

She was born on December 20, 1958, in Lebanon, Indiana, daughter of the late Frederick M. "Ted" and Jeanne Pauline (Smith) Vogg.

Mrs. Went-DeShon attended Sheridan High School and was a loyal member of the KV Elliott American Legion Post 67 Ladies' Auxiliary.

She was a familiar face in Sheridan. She tended bar and waited tables at Bill and Pat's on Main Street for 25 years. When ownership of the bar changed hands and changed names, Mrs. Went-DeShon stayed on, working for the Hovey family for a little while longer. After many years of working in someone else's establishment, it was finally time to work for herself; and so, together with her husband Tom, Tomarsha's Deli and Pizzeria was born.

It wasn't always work, work, work for Mrs. Went-DeShon. She loved playing golf, frequenting Applebee's, and just relaxing by the pool in the back yard. She also loved to travel, with some of her favorite destinations being Gatlinburg, Long Lake, and Gulf Shores, but her favorite road trip was always heading up to Chicago to watch the Cubs play. The one thing that could always capture her undivided attention was her grandkids.

Survivors include her husband Thomas Edward DeShon, to whom she was married on June 6, 2008; son Kennis Ray "Kenny" Went of Sheridan; daughter Rachel Went-Spencer (fiancé, Eric Himes) of Lafayette; four grandchildren Corbin Went, Emma Went, Blake Byran and Cabot Spencer; two brothers-in-law Mike DeShon (Vicki) of Gas City and Jeffrey Jay Went of Ogden, Utah; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents Frederick M. "Ted" and Jeanne Pauline (Smith) Vogg; sister Teresa Vogg Walden; brother Frederick M. Vogg, Jr.; fathers-in-law and mothers-in-law Meredith and Irene Went and Wilbur and Martha DeShon; brother-in-law Christopher S. Went; and by her first husband, Kennis Ray Went, on January 1, 2006.

Services are scheduled to be held at 7 p.m. on Sunday evening, September 25, 2022, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th Street, Sheridan, Indiana, with Visitation scheduled to run from 4 p.m. until the Time of Service. Graveside Rites are scheduled to be held at 11 a.m. on Monday morning, September 26, 2022, at Spencer Cemetery in Sheridan.

Memorial contributions may be presented to Kercheval Funeral Home, to help defray to cost of funeral expenses.



DICK WOLFSIE
Funny Bone

My wife and I did not go to the State Fair this year. It was the first time we missed it (other than the two affected by COVID closures) since we moved to Indiana in 1982. Mary Ellen's favorite thing is going to the poultry barn to see the baby chicks. I love to get a grilled you-know-what on a stick. We don't talk much about our favorite things on the way home.

Menards sells magazines called Chickens and Poultry World—both dedicated to the proper care and breeding of our feathered friends. In the intro to one of the publications, the editor is seen holding his buddy, a handsome Springer Spaniel. I guess

he has learned he'll attract more chicks holding an adorable puppy than cuddling a rooster.

Once the reader gets inside the magazines, let the puns begin. There are puns I am sure have made their way into every edition over the years. Let's face it, there are only so many chicken plays-on-words you can come up with to headline your stories or to name various sections of the periodical.

EGGCITING RECIPES. During Easter we see this pun in every newspaper a hundred times. Enough, already. It's, well, you know...eggasperating.

ONLINE EGGSTRAS and **EGGSCCLUSIVES.** This section directs you to websites where there are a dozen more dreadful puns. You can also get a half-dozen. The plays-on-words here run the spectrum from horrible to somewhat clever. Mary Ellen and I only eat cage-free eggs, and we want the jokes to have free range, as well.

CHICK OR TREAT! How to dress up as a pullet or hen for Halloween. Is

that scary, or what?

CRACKING UP: Their joke page, of course.

A CHICKEN IN EVERY SHOT: Don't have an adorable cat to make YouTube videos? Here's some advice on how to capture your cuddly capon on camera.

CHICKEN SCRATCH: An article featuring gifts and gadgets for chicken lovers with the subtitle: "Everything Our Readers Are Crowing About."

Here, you can buy an app that figures how many eggs annually to expect from your flock. Yes, it's called a cluck-u-lator.

GET THE SHELL

OUT: How to ensure a maximum daily egg production from each breed. This pun is also used in Turtle Monthly Digest in articles encouraging pet owners to exercise their aquatic friends with a daily walk.

FOWL LANGUAGE:

A glossary of important terminology for bird lovers. Actually, I like that pun. But once or twice is enough. Okay, three times.

There were also ques-

tions in a feature called "Chicken Chat." A better title would be, "Can We Squawk?" Geesh, now I'm making stupid puns. Of course, I know nothing about chickens, but I would like to take a stab at some of the answers.

Q: My chicken seems bored. Her head is down and she is all fluffed up. Do you know what that means?

A: Yes, it is definitely a chicken.

Q: I raise quail. Recently I found one with half of its head missing, running around my yard. What should I do?

A: It's too late.

Q: I am considering hatching chickens myself for the first time. Any suggestions?

A: No, but if you are successful, we'd like to interview you for this magazine.

Dick Wolfsie spent his career sharing his humor, stories and video essays on television, radio and in newspapers. His columns appear weekly in The Paper of Montgomery County. E-mail Dick at Wolfsie@aol.com.

Wolfsie is an Eggo-Maniac!

Sheriff's Office to Host Bloodhound Seminar

The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office will host their second annual Bloodhound Seminar next week. With over 18 teams from across the United States attending, this training offers over 40 hours of fieldwork for these handler and K-9 duos.

"Hamilton County Sheriff's Office has this

workshop to provide education and support to K-9 teams throughout the county and beyond. With five groups from the state, this week specifically increases training to teams in Central Indiana, so that our bloodhound handlers are equipped to handle any real-life scenario," said seminar host Deputy Neal Hoard.

The training spans past just fieldwork, offering scenario-based workshops and legal and medical roundtables to the attendees. Two instructors are designated to every five handlers allowing for an individualized approach to teaching.

The seminar is held at the Indiana Diabetes

Camp each year and the handlers train throughout Hamilton County. Registration for the seminar opened in late spring and closed beginning of August.

If you are interested in attending the 2023 seminar, reach out to Deputy Neal Hoard at Kenneth. hoard@hamiltoncounty.in.gov.

Total Wine & More Coming to Hamilton Town Center

Total Wine & MORE

Simon, the global leader in premier shopping, dining, entertainment and mixed-use destinations, yesterday announced the opening of Total Wine & More at Hamilton Town Center.

"We're thrilled to offer Noblesville residents this extensive collection of wine, spirits and more," said Leigh Reinert, Director of Marketing at Business Development at Hamilton Town Center. "Our team is always looking for new ways to be a resource to our neighbors and aim to create a unique shopping experience providing everything the community needs, all in one place."

Now Open:
• Total Wine: The family-owned privately held American alcohol retailer is set to open

their Noblesville location at Hamilton Town Center on Thursday, September 21, 2022. The over 20,000 square-foot location is located on the North end of the property, next to Victoria's Secret. Shoppers can expect to find an extensive collection of wine, sprits, beer, cigars and more.

In keeping with their commitment to the Noblesville community, Total Wine & More will donate a portion of sales from Thursday through this coming Sunday to support the Noblesville Schools Education Foundation.

For more information on the latest updates and new additions to Hamilton Town Center, visit www.simon.com/mall/hamilton-town-center.



The University of Indianapolis, in conjunction with the Human Identification Center, announced yesterday a partnership with the police department of the City of Fishers to provide rapid DNA testing result interpretation to help the agency more quickly identify victims of crimes or provide investigative direction. The Fishers Police Department will formally announce the partnership at an event this Friday at 2 p.m.

Earlier this year Fishers Police became the first department in the state to use rapid DNA testing. Dr. Krista Latham, professor of biology and anthropology, and Director of the Human Identification Center at the University of Indianapolis, along with a group of specially trained students in the biology

UIndy Human Identification Center Announces Partnership with Fishers Police Department

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department will provide interpretation of the Rapid DNA test results.

"The ability to provide this valuable service to the Fishers Police Department and greater central Indiana community aligns with the university's motto of Education for Service. The University of Indianapolis Human Identification Center is excited to add rapid DNA reachback support to the forensic services available to Indiana investigative agencies," said Dr. Latham.

"Additionally, students will get to apply their training and experience in DNA profile interpretation to real world settings. This unique opportunity, in addition to specialized courses aimed at training forensic scientists and cutting edge research opportunities will prepare our students for careers in the field of forensic investigation."

Traditional DNA test results can take weeks for results and interpretation, but this new technology provides initial results in

90 minutes, which can help police agencies when time is of the essence. Police will collect two samples, one for rapid DNA testing and one for the state police for traditional profiling.

Rapid DNA profiles will act as presumptive tests providing investigative leads while the other sample travels through conventional DNA analysis with the Indiana State Police. Once the sample has been processed through the Rapid DNA system, that's when Dr. Latham and her team will analyze the DNA profile results by verifying true DNA fragments and removing artifacts produced by the analysis process to ultimately pass or fail a sample for comparison purposes.

"We are excited about this partnership, we believe that Rapid DNA is another innovative tool that can be used to keep all of our communities safer," said Chief Ed Gebhart of the Fishers Police Department.

About the University of Indianapolis:

The University of Indianapolis, founded in 1902, is a private university located just a few minutes from downtown Indianapolis. The University is ranked among the top National Universities by U.S. News and World Report, with a diverse enrollment of nearly 5,000 undergraduate, graduate and continuing education students.

The University offers a wide variety of study areas, including 100+ undergraduate degrees, more than 40 master's degree programs and five doctoral programs. More occupational therapists, physical therapists and clinical psychologists graduate from the University each year than any other state institution.

With strong programs in engineering, business, and education, the University of Indianapolis impacts its community by living its motto, "Education for Service." Learn more at uindy.edu.

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Sheridan Employment Opportunity

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

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

Interested applicants can submit a cover letter and resume to Todd Burtron at tburtron@taflaw.com 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.

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The Return of the Pacers, Plus News and Notes with Kenny

My summer book reading list included Mark Montie's "Reborn: The Pacers and the return of pro basketball to Indianapolis."

Montie recalls in great details the early struggles to make the Indiana Pacers the premier team in the American Basketball Association.

One of the original Pacers, Ron Bonham, could be a chapter in a book of "what might have been" tales in Purdue athletic history.

The 1960 Indiana Mr. Basketball out of Muncie Central, Bonham was torn between the University of Cincinnati and Purdue.

Cincinnati was prominent in the state thanks to the success of Oscar Robertson and was on the verge of a three-year streak of reaching the national championship game.

Purdue was starting to emerge from its doldrums that followed the retirement of Piggy Lambert in 1946.

Terry Dischinger was a starter on the 1960 U.S. Olympic men's basketball team and was on his way to three consecutive All-American honors.

The Boiler-makers had one other advantage: Bonham's girlfriend was planning to enroll at Purdue.

Bonham seemed to finally make up his mind on Aug. 29, 1960. The headline story by Lafayette Journal & Courier sports editor Gordon Graham read "Ron Bonham will enroll at Purdue!"

The exclamation mark is rarely used in newspaper headlines. The Journal & Courier did not use one for two of the 20th century's biggest stories:



KENNY THOMPSON
Columnist

the end of war in Europe and with Japan in 1945.

Graham reported that Bonham's mother gave the news to Purdue coach Ray Eddy.

"We are all very happy that Purdue is his final choice," Mrs. Bonham said. "He hasn't had any peace. Now we have advised him to hide out and enjoy himself for a week or so before entering school."

Graham described Bonham as "one of the greatest high school scorers the state of Indiana has produced."

Joy turned to frustration and disappointment less than three weeks later. The Journal & Courier headline said it all: "Muncie ace not returning: Bonham, girl friend at Cincinnati tomorrow."

Graham wrote: "There was natural resentment in Cincinnati when the talented young man decided to go back on his 'letter of intent' and enroll at Purdue. There will be some resentment at Purdue, where he had already signed his name on the register and paid his fees."

A reader could sense the bile building up in Graham when quoting lines from a story by Cincinnati Enquirer reporter Dick Forbes just days earlier. "Purdue University is a name not to be mentioned in polite

society. ... Purdue is guilty of virtually forcing a young man to renege on a personal promise." Graham also indicated that the Enquirer writer attacked Mrs. Bonham's character.

In 1960, there was no such thing as a national letter of intent. For example, Bonham's letter to Purdue merely forbid him from playing for any other Big Ten school.

When Bonham's girlfriend, Lana Lowery, also cleaned out her room at one of Purdue's dormitories, it was apparent that Cincinnati had won the final tug of war for his services.

The common explanation for Bonham's second change of heart lacks plausibility. It was no secret in those days that freshmen couldn't have a car on campus. Bonham owned a new white convertible, according to Graham. Nor was it a surprise that men were obligated to enroll in ROTC for two years.

Bonham died at age 73 in 2016 so no one will ever really know the "rest of the story."

Bonham went on to finish second to Robertson in career points at Cincinnati and earned two All-America citations. Imagine Bonham with the Eddy recruiting class that featured future All-Big Ten guard Mel Garland and future Indiana Basketball Hall of Famer Phil Dawkins, who was a three-year starter at Purdue.

But then, Eddy might have avoided the three-year slide after Dischinger's graduation that led to his resignation. Purdue might not have hired George King, who brought in Rick Mount, Billy Keller and the rest of the 1969 NCAA runner-up

team. One more what might have been story in Purdue history, this time in football.

The news was buried deep into Graham's column on June 4, 1960.

"The Boiler-maker tender signees include three all-state quarterbacks: Roger Staubach, Cincinnati, O.; Gary Hogan, Charleroi, Pa.; and Tom Meagher, Louisville, Ky."

Yes, that Roger Staubach almost became an early member of Purdue's Cradle of Quarterbacks. Imagine a run of Staubach, Bob Griese and Mike Phipps dominating much of the 1960s in gold and black.

The inability to retain Staubach's commitment was one of the great regrets of Purdue legend Bob DeMoss, quarterback coach for nearly 20 years before becoming the head man in 1970.

Years later, Staubach explained why he ended up at the U.S. Naval Academy, where he would win the Heisman Trophy as a junior in 1963.

His dream school, Notre Dame, wasn't interested so Staubach had decided to enroll at Purdue.

Fate stepped in when a recruiter for Navy visited his high school to pursue an offensive lineman. Rick Foranzo changed his priorities after viewing film of Staubach.

Persuaded to visit Annapolis, Staubach was impressed by the academy's strong moral environment. After a post-graduate year at New Mexico Military Institute, Staubach enrolled at Navy.

"This was not a football decision," Staubach was quoted as saying by resilientworker.net. "My mom wanted me to go to

the school that would put me in the best position for the long haul."

Purdue great on Hall ballot

For the second consecutive year, Mike Alstott will be on the Pro Football Hall of Fame ballot.

Purdue's career rushing leader is among 129 nominees announced Tuesday. The list of Modern-Era Nominees will be reduced to 25 semifinalists in November. The

15 finalists will be announced in early January. Voting takes place Super Bowl week.

Alstott played 12 seasons at fullback with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, earning six Pro Bowl berths and three first-team All-Pro honors. He rushed for a touchdown in Tampa Bay's 48-21 victory against the Oakland Raiders in Super Bowl XXXVII. When he retired in 2007, Alstott held the Bucs' career touchdown record with 71. That mark was broken in 2021.

Alstott was inducted into the Purdue Intercollegiate Athletics Hall of Fame in 2006 and the Buccaneers Ring of Honor in 2015

The Indianapolis Colts were well represented on the nomination list, including defensive end Dwight Freeney making his first Hall of Fame ballot list. Reggie Wayne gets another shot in a crowded wide receiver field. Also on the list are tight end Dallas Clark, center Jeff Saturday, defensive end Robert Mathis, safety Bob Sanders and punter Pat McAfee.

Special teams great Devin Hester leads the Chicago Bears representatives. Hester is joined by center Olin

Kreutz and linebacker Lance Briggs.

A special memory: Countless college football games over the years can become a blur for a television play-by-play person.

But one game has cemented itself in the memory of ESPN's Chris Fowler.

During a recent interview with Ryen Russillo, as reported by Athlon Sports, Fowler described why the 2018 Purdue upset of No. 2 Ohio State in Ross-Ade Stadium remains special.

"It's the Tyler Trent game at Purdue," Fowler said. "Buckeyes were a huge favorite. We were very dialed in on Tyler's story. Both Kirk (Herbstreit) and I knew him, knew his family, and man, I get emotional thinking about it."

"He shows up there at the game somehow. He was extremely ... he was suffering big time. But they got him into the car, they got him to the press box. And he had the one wish, as he was fighting cancer, and it was to see Purdue upset Ohio State. And for him it was to see it ... it was just a magical night. Ohio State was much better, but Purdue couldn't lose. Rondale Moore was making plays. There were a lot of great touchdown calls there. I get very emotional thinking about that game because cancer has touched so many of our lives, mine included."

A rare form of bone cancer took Trent's life in 2019.

Kenny Thompson is the former sports editor for the Lafayette Journal & Courier and an award-winning journalist. He has covered Purdue athletics for many years.

Junior Achievement Seeking Nominations for 2023 Indy's Best and Brightest

Junior Achievement of Central Indiana is seeking nominations for their 19th annual Indy's Best and Brightest event, presented by KPMG LLP. The event will honor 100 of central Indiana's most outstanding young professionals, age 40 and under, in 10 different industry categories.

The categories honored include the following: Accounting; Banking & Financial Services; Education & Nonprofit; Government, Tourism & Arts; Health & Life Sciences; Law; Manufacturing, Retail & Services; Media, Entertainment & Sports; Real Estate, Development & Construction; and Technology. Ten finalists from each category will be chosen by a selection committee and announced in Jan. 2023. One winner from each category will be announced during the event on Thursday, March 23, 2023.

The Best and Brightest event was created by Junior Achievement to recognize up and coming talent and the next generation of leaders in our community. They are seeking the people who positively



affect the Indianapolis workplace and community. Finalists in each category are judged on professional accomplishments and leadership qualities.

Please visit www.indysbestandbrightest.org to nominate someone for one of the 10 categories described and for additional event details. Nominations will be accepted through Nov. 4, 2022.

All 100 finalists will receive an award and the winner in each category will be announced at the event.

Proceeds from Indy's Best and Brightest benefit Junior Achievement of Central Indiana programs. Please contact Renea Gates at (317) 252-5900 x10 or rgates@jaindy.org with any questions.

About Junior Achievement (JA): Junior Achievement's mission is to empower young people to own

their future success. JA educates and inspires young people in the areas of career exploration, work readiness, entrepreneurship, financial literacy, and philanthropy through hands-on experiential learning opportunities for children in Preschool through High School.

JA programs help prepare young people for the real world by showing them how to generate wealth and effectively manage it, how to create jobs which make their communities more robust, and how to apply entrepreneurial thinking to the workplace. Today, JA reaches four million students per year in more than 120 markets across the United States, with an additional six million students served by operations in 119 other countries worldwide.

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Future-Focused Hoosier Economy Featured at Innovation Festival

Indiana's innovation ecosystem was front and center this week at the 8th annual Fast Company Innovation Festival in New York City. As a sponsor of this year's festival, themed "Innovation Unbound," the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) highlighted the state's forward-looking economy alongside thousands of leading brands, creators and innovators, positioning Indiana as a global destination for investment and technological advancement.

"Innovation is thriving here in Indiana as industry leaders, entrepreneurs, researchers and future talent collaborate to create new solutions and products that will be critical to tomorrow's economy," said Salena Scardina, IEDC

executive vice president of external engagement.

"As a growing leader in future-driven industries like autonomous and electric vehicles, semiconductors, hydrogen, solar energy and agbiosciences, sharing Indiana's story to and alongside global innovators and industry leaders is a key part of our strategy to attract first-of-its-kind investments and build the global economy we want that will better the lives of Hoosiers for years to come."

The Innovation Festival, hosted Sept. 19-22, designed bold conversations, hands-on workshops and purposeful networking to effect positive change in forward-thinking industries, from finance and consumer technology to the metaverse, cloud computing and more.



Indiana, which was recently named a global top 40 emerging ecosystem by Startup Genome, was featured alongside industry leaders and companies like Apple, Beyond Meat, Microsoft, Meta, PayPal, Skillsoft, Soundcloud, Twitter and WhatsApp.

On Wednesday, the IEDC led a thought-provoking session on sustainability and the future of solar energy titled, "Energizing Innovation: Collaborating Toward the Future of Clean Energy."

Panelists – including David Roberts, IEDC EVP of entrepreneurship and innovation; Nick Cohen, CEO of Doral Renewables LLC; and Wan Si Tang, advanced battery manufacturing team leader at The Battery Innovation Center – discussed how and why Indiana has become fertile ground for solar growth, examining the current and future impacts on energy consumption, the environment, businesses and people.

"In Indiana, we're seeing breakthrough investments not just in solar and wind, but in the storage industry, which enables a higher and higher concentration of renewables in the grid responsibly," said Roberts. "Indiana is working hard to attract companies like Doral that are supporting Indiana's

move toward more clean energy sources."

Indiana is fourth in the nation for solar growth, with construction of Doral Renewables' \$1.5 billion solar farm project – one of the nation's largest – currently underway.

In addition to solar power and green energy, the panel also explored how technological advancements in this industry are propelling innovation alongside new and future-looking industries growing in Indiana, such as electric and autonomous vehicles, semiconductor fabrication and design, life sciences and industry 4.0. This focus on innovation and building the economy of the future makes Indiana an ideal partner for Fast Company, one of the leading technology

influencers with a strong global following.

About IEDC: The Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) is charged with growing the State economy, driving economic development, helping businesses launch, grow and locate in the state.

Led by Secretary of Commerce Brad Chambers and governed by a 15-member board chaired by Governor Eric J. Holcomb, the IEDC manages many initiatives, including performance-based tax credits, workforce training grants, innovation and entrepreneurship resources, public infrastructure assistance, and talent attraction and retention efforts.

For more information about the IEDC, visit iedc.in.gov.

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Senators Braun, Hassan Introduce Bill to Lower Prescription Drug Costs

U.S. Senators Mike Braun and Maggie Hassan (D-NH) introduced bipartisan legislation yesterday to lower prescription drug costs by removing barriers that prevent some medications, including generic drugs, from entering the market. Generic medications generally cost less than name-brand drugs, and when generics enter the market, it increases competition and brings down overall prescription drug costs.

"For far too long, politicians and pharmaceutical companies have sparred over drug pricing, all the while patients and their families bear the costs of expensive inaction and endless bureaucratic red tape. We need to shake up this dysfunctional system, and more generic drug competition in the pharmaceutical industry would give patients the upper hand. This is why I am proud to co-introduce

the Increasing Prescription Drug Competition Act, a bipartisan piece of legislation that will open the door for more generic drugs to enter the market, ultimately driving consumer-friendly price competition. This bill will help patients in every state get drugs they need for less," said Senator Braun.

"Granite Staters and Americans need us to keep working together to stand up to Big Pharma and bring down prescription drug costs," said Senator Hassan. "Our bipartisan bill would take an important step forward to lower costs at the pharmacy counter by preventing pharmaceutical companies' efforts to block generic drugs from entering the market. I encourage my colleagues to join us in supporting this common-sense bill."

Details:

• Senator Braun and Hassan's bipartisan In-



Senator Mike Braun

creasing Prescription Drug Competition Act will help get more generic drugs onto the market.

o The FDA often requires that drug manufacturers have a Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS) program for potentially dangerous medications – for instance, requiring training for doctors to prescribe the drug.

o Pharmaceutical companies sometimes patent their REMS program as a way to slow or block generic versions of the medication from entering



Senator Maggie Hassan (D-NH)

the market.

• Senator Hassan and Braun's bill enables the FDA to immediately approve generic drugs – instead of the normal 30-month approval stay – if the only barrier to approval is a REMS patent.

• In addition, their bill stops pharmaceutical companies from abusing the patent and court system by ensuring that if a drug company sues to stop a generic over a REMS patent, the lawsuit may go on but it cannot stop the sale of the generic drug.

State of Indiana Earns Legal Victory Against Robocallers

Hoosiers will no longer have to field calls from telemarketers and robocallers due to the work of Attorney General Todd Rokita in two separate court cases.

"We are going to stay on the attack against these robocallers who victimize Hoosiers and other Americans across the country," Rokita said.

"Many of these scammers know how to hide in the technological shadows and avoid prosecution, but we will not waver in our commitment to search them out and hold them accountable."

The win came Sept. 9 when a U.S. district court denied a motion to dismiss Rokita's lawsuit against VoIP Essential Inc. and several other defendants that allegedly assisted and facilitated robocalls to Hoosiers from India, the Philippines, and Singapore.

That case began when Indiana filed suit in October 2021 against Startel Communication LLC, an Indiana company, and several other defendants for allegedly assisting and facilitating the robocalls coming from overseas.

Also on Sept. 9, the State of Indiana filed two motions for summary judgment and a request for a default judgment in a multistate action against another alleged robocalling operation. The eight-state case against Rising Eagle Capital Group LLC and other associated defendants began in a Texas district court, but Rokita's team has authored the most recent motions.

The defendants allegedly sent 26 million calls to more than 1.16 million unique phone numbers on Indiana's Do Not Call list. The motions for summary judgment represent accumulated work over several years and include the contributions of eight states working in conjunction to hold the alleged robocallers responsible.

"Fighting robocalls and



Attorney General Todd Rokita

robocallers will take cooperation from our state and federal partners, as well as those in the industry," Rokita said. "I am proud to lead our state in this fight."

Last month, Rokita announced Indiana is leading the nationwide Anti-Robocall Litigation Task Force, which will include 50 attorneys general. The bipartisan task force will investigate and take legal action against the telecommunications companies responsible for bringing a majority of foreign robocalls into the U.S.

The Attorney General's office offers the following tips to avoid scams and unwanted calls:

• Be wary of callers who specifically ask you to pay by gift card or crypto-currency (Bitcoin). For example, the IRS does not accept iTunes gift cards.

• Look out for pre-recorded calls from government agencies you were not expecting. Typically, the IRS and SSA do not call people.

• If you suspect fraudulent activity, do not provide any personal information and end the call.

• Contact Attorney General Rokita's Consumer Protection Division at 1-888-834-9969 or donotcall@atg.in.gov.

• Add your number to the Indiana Do Not Call List at www.indonotcall.org/

• File a Do Not Call or Text complaint online by visiting www.in.gov/attorneygeneral/consumer-protection-division/donotcalltext-complaint/

Turn Over a New Leaf – Give Blood or Platelets This Fall

On the first day of fall, the American Red Cross is asking the public to start the season off with a lifesaving blood or platelet donation. While the leaves turn, the need for blood never changes.

Those who give this fall play an important role in keeping the blood supply high enough to help patients counting on blood products for care— especially ahead of the busy holiday season.

As a thank-you, the Red Cross is offering these exciting opportunities for donors:

• All who come to give through Sept. 30 will be automatically entered for a chance to win a VIP NASCAR racing experience, including two tickets to a 2023 Sport Clips Haircuts-sponsored race of the winner's choice, round-trip airfare for two, up to a three-night hotel stay, and entry to a Sport Clips racetrack hospitality tent,

if available, plus a \$750 gift card, thanks to Sport Clips.

• Those who come to give in September will also receive a coupon for a free haircut by email, also thanks to Sport Clips. Details are available at rcblood.org/racetogive.

• All who come to give Oct. 1-31, 2022, will receive a \$5 e-Gift Card by email to a merchant of choice.

How to donate blood:

Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1 (800) RED CROSS (1 (800) 733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or

for more information.

All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood.

High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass to complete

their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive.

To get started, follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the Blood Donor App.

About the American Red Cross:

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides comfort to victims of disasters; supplies about 40% of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; distributes international humanitarian aid; and supports veterans, military members and their families.

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White House: Over 850K Hoosiers Eligible for Student Loan Debt Forgiveness

By CASEY SMITH

More than 850,000 Hoosiers could see at least some of their federal student loan debt forgiven through President Joe Biden's student loan forgiveness program.

Roughly 856,400 Hoosiers are eligible to have at least \$10,000 in student loan debt canceled, the White House announced Tuesday. Most of those recipients — about 555,500 — could have up to \$20,000 forgiven because they received Pell Grants, which are provided to students whose families can't help them pay for college.

The Biden administration's student loan forgiveness initiative that was announced last month applies to borrowers with incomes less than \$125,000 and from households earning \$250,000 or less.

Will Indiana address loan forgiveness tax?

Still, the Hoosier State is set to be one of a handful of states in the country

to tax canceled debt.

Any discharged debt will not be counted as income for federal tax purposes, but the Indiana Department of Revenue said the state will include the debt forgiveness when calculating state and local income taxes.

Much of Indiana's tax code is crafted to align with the Internal Revenue Code. The most recent update to that code — made after the American Rescue Plan Act passed last year — creates a tax exemption for all student loan debt discharged from 2021 to 2025.

State lawmakers approved Indiana's most recent tax code last year but chose to remove the federal exemption on taxing canceled student loan debt.

Republican House Speaker Todd Huston told IndyStar that lawmakers made the change before they knew what federal student loan forgiveness looked like, and so they

could decide whether to follow the federal government's lead in making it tax free. He told the Indiana Capital Chronicle that lawmakers expect to address the topic in the upcoming legislative session.

Gov. Eric Holcomb said last week that "it's a legislative issue," and that state leaders "will take it up in January."

Rep. Greg Porter, D-Indianapolis, said he plans to file a bill in the next session that would "retroactively eliminate and nullify any state individual income tax being imposed on Hoosiers who are finally in a position to receive vital student debt relief."

It's unclear whether the GOP-dominated legislature would be on board.

Sen. Aaron Freeman, R-Indianapolis, was critical of the federal loan forgiveness plan while speaking in a budget panel Tuesday before the Governmental Affairs Society of Indiana, saying taxpayer dollars could be

better spent on K-12 line items. He also pointed to tuition freezes — like those at Purdue University, which started in 2012 — as a possible solution to lowering higher education costs while still "holding people accountable."

"I don't know what we're doing with higher ed by saying, 'I'll just charge whatever you want in tuition and the government will take care of it.' That's astronomically insane to me," Freeman said.

He also noted that "I paid every nickel of my student loan back with interest, and I want my money back."

His colleague, Sen Fady Qaddoura, D-Indianapolis, pushed back, however.

"You know, we give hundreds of millions of dollars as a nation to businesses, and they pay taxes, too. And I don't feel bad about supporting businesses — or families. I think it should be balanced," Qaddoura said. "I think if

we can advance society in a way that can help people in a good public policy, in a fiscally responsible way, I'll support them."

Still more time before feds open applications

The U.S. Department of Education hasn't yet made applications for loan forgiveness available, but federal officials said those are expected to open in early October.

Most borrowers haven't had to make student loan payments since March 2020, when federal loan payments were first paused at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. Federal loans haven't accrued interest or required payments since then.

Biden said the payment moratorium would be extended one final time — through the end of the year. But payments are set to resume and interest will begin accruing again in January 2023.

The president's plan for paying back loans is based on discretionary income

and raises the amount of income considered "non-discretionary" — which protects those dollars from being used for loan repayment.

U.S. education officials said they plan to halve the monthly payments for some borrowers from 10% to 5% of discretionary income.

The Biden administration said nearly 90% of all relief dollars will go to those earning less than \$75,000 per year — and no relief will go to any individual or household in the top 5% of incomes in the United States.

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USDA Seeking Input on New Grant Program



The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is gathering input to help shape a recently announced planned grant program focused on improving the resiliency of our food and agricultural supply chain by addressing labor shortages in agriculture, reducing irregular migration through increased use of legal pathways, and improving labor protections for farmworkers.

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) will hold three virtual listening sessions on Sept. 28-29 for the new farm labor stabilization and protection pilot grant program, which the Biden-Harris administration announced earlier this year as part of the Los Angeles Declaration on Migration and Protection.

The grant program will use up to \$65 million in American Rescue Plan Act funding to provide support for agricultural employers in implementing robust labor standards to promote a safe, healthy work environment for both U.S. workers and workers hired from northern Central American countries under the seasonal H-2A visa program.

More on the Grant Program:

The program will aim to improve the resiliency of our food and agricultural supply chain and advance several major Administration priorities:

- *Driving U.S. economic recovery and safeguarding domestic food security by addressing current labor shortages in agriculture.* Even before the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, agricultural employers were struggling to secure a stable workforce. The pandemic has only exacerbated this problem, threatening our domestic capacity to produce a safe and robust food supply. This pilot program will help address this shortage by expanding the potential pool of workers.
- *Reducing irregular migration through the increased use of legal pathways.* The Biden-Harris administration has taken numerous steps to address the elevated levels of irregular migration from Northern Central America. The H-2A visa program offers a lawful pathway for individuals from these countries to come to the United States to engage in temporary or seasonal agricultural work.

An effective H-2A visa program is critical to the resiliency of the food and agricultural supply chain. This pilot program will aim to address challenges that both workers and employers face in utilizing the program.

- *Improving working conditions for farmworkers.* Strong and safe working conditions are critical to the resiliency of the food and agricultural supply chain. Through this pilot program, USDA will support efforts to improve working conditions for both U.S. and H-2A workers and ensure that H-2A workers are not subjected to unfair recruitment practices.
- Agricultural Employer Organizations:** FSA will hold a listening session for agricultural employer organizations next Wednesday at 11 a.m. FSA seeks input on:
 - Challenges that employers face in securing a stable workforce.
 - The set of incentives

employers seek from USDA in order to improve their ability to hire workers from northern Central American countries under the seasonal H-2A visa program.

- The labor standards that will make meaningful progress towards ensuring a safer and fairer working environment for both domestic and H-2A farmworkers.
- Labor Unions and Farmworker Advocacy Community:** FSA will hold a listening session for labor unions next Wednesday at 2 p.m., and one for the broader farmworker advocacy community on Thursday at 2 p.m. From both groups, FSA seeks input on:
 - Barriers or challenges faced by farmworkers, specifically those from northern Central American countries participating in the H-2A visa program.
 - Recommendations to enhance farmworker protections and to increase farmworker awareness of resources and worker rights.

How to Attend:

Register online at fsa.usda.gov/farmworkers. FSA will also consider comments received by 30 days after the date of publication in the Federal Register. Find more details in the Sept. 21 notice on the Federal Register or on fsa.usda.gov/farmworkers

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rels made in 1822 when they invaded Hamilton County as they migrated south, trampling crops and causing mass destruction along the way. Players will scurry with the squirrels at each hole as they cross the historic farmland of Hamilton County, through cornfields and into the waters of the White River as they navigate the path south.

Squirrel Stampede Mini Golf is part of Fishers' yearlong Sesquicentennial celebration, which kicked off in June and runs through June 2023. There are opportunities for residents of all ages and interests to participate in the 150th birthday celebration, including a self-guided tour of the city's history,

culture, and community favorites along the Fishers Sesquicentennial Trail; a community time capsule in partnership with Fishers Magazine; a blog post and podcast series highlighting local history; Sesquicentennial-themed apparel; and more.

Visit [ThisIsFishers.com](https://thisisfishers.com)/Fishers150 to learn more.

After its debut at the Fishers Farmers Market this weekend, the course will travel around Fishers throughout the city's Sesquicentennial celebration through June 2023. Next up, the squirrels will visit the Fishers Agripark Fall Festival in October.

To stay up to date on the squirrels' next stop, visit [ThisIsFishers.com/SquirrelGolf](https://thisisfishers.com/SquirrelGolf).

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show of the 58th season of The Belfry Theatre, "Rehearsal for Murder," a murder-mystery who-dunnit play opening tonight and continuing a total of eight performances, through Oct. 2 at The Ivy Tech Auditorium in Noblesville, with tickets at www.thebelfrytheatre.com and 317-773-1085.

4. The third annual Primeval Oktoberfest is today and Saturday at Primeval Brewing on Logan Street, between Ninth and 10th streets in downtown Noblesville.

5. Westfield continues its Movies in the Plaza series at dusk select Fridays, featuring "Raya and the Last Dragon" today on the Great Lawn at Grand Junction Plaza, with more movies that include "Hocus Pocus," Oct. 28; and "Elf," Dec. 2.

6. Noblesville Farmers

Market is open 8 a.m. to noon Saturday at Federal Hill Commons in downtown Noblesville. Market continues every Saturday this summer through Oct. 15.

7. Central Indiana Vintage Vehicles invites car buffs to show off their vintage vehicles on the Courthouse Square during the weekly Saturday night Cruise-in. Lawn chairs and old-car conversations invited.

8. Enjoy the final Concert at the Commons on Saturday night featuring Trippin Triblies (Dave Matthews Tribute) and Sam King.

9. Carousel Corner is open at Forest Park in Noblesville from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekends through Oct. 23, with \$2 carousel rides and \$3 mini golf.

10. Hamilton County Parks' Koteewi Aerial

Adventure (Edge Adventures), K-Trails Equestrian Adventures, Koteewi Range Sport & Target Archery Center and Koteewi Lake are all open for the season.

11. Visit the Handmade Vintage Market supporting local small businesses from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 1 at the Hamilton County Fairgrounds in Noblesville.

12. Take a ride on Nickel Plate Express' many different train rides. Pumpkin Spice Express rides in October. Trick-or-Treat on the Rails, Oct. 29-30. Check availability at <https://nickelplateexpress.com/>

13. Visit the Potter's Bridge Fall Festival 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 1 at Potter's Bridge Noblesville featuring 90 arts, crafts and food booths, free KidZone and live enter-

tainment.

14. Feeding Families Hamilton County's Music Festival, in its second year, will be 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Oct. 1 at Federal Hill Commons in downtown Noblesville, with food vendors, beer garden, live music featuring Fast Cadillac (with Barry Dixon) and Mike & The Boys bands, bounce house, silent auction, merchandise, more. Bring nonperishable food items to donate to the Feeding Families local pantries.

15. Noblesville Main Street's Music & All That Jazz, sponsored by Duke Energy, will be 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Oct. 7 on the Courthouse Square, with Fall Fest and Soup Cookoff from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., on the Square.

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Diamond Pet Foods Chooses Indiana for \$259M State-of-the-Art Production Center

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

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

Founded in 1970,



Diamond Pet Foods is a family-owned business headquartered in Meta, Mo. that produces cat and dog food from U.S.-sourced ingredients. The new facility, located at 2606 North State Road 3 in Rushville, will be the company's first in Indiana and will house production and distribution operations, increasing the company's output to Midwest clients. Construction is underway, and the facility is expected to be operational in 2024.

"We are excited to choose Rushville for its proximity to suppliers as well as the community's skilled workforce," said Mike Kampeter, president of Diamond Pet Foods. "This new state-of-the-art facility will allow us to

continue offering quality pet food at prices pet parents can feel good about. We look forward to adding Rushville and Indiana to the Diamond family."

The company employs more than 1,000 associates in its Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas, South Carolina and two California locations. Information about open positions will be made available online.

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

"Rushville is truly fortunate to have Diamond Pet Foods growing their company here," said Rushville Mayor Mike Pavey. "The leadership of Diamond Pet Foods understands rural communities. They will have a positive impact to Rush County for generations."

Based on the company's job creation plans, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) committed an investment

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

About Diamond Pet Foods

Founded in 1970, Diamond Pet Foods is a family-owned and privately held company. As a leading manufacturer of pet food, Diamond Pet Foods provides a complete range of proprietary and private label products manufactured in six state-of-the-art and safety-certified facilities across the United States. Our mission is to make quality pet food affordable because we believe every pet deserves the very best.

Secretaries of State, Commerce Discuss Efforts to Build a U.S Microelectronics Ecosystem

U.S. Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken and Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo visited Purdue University on Tuesday (Sept. 13) to tour university research facilities and meet students as they embark on their mission to bolster the U.S. semiconductor industry.

Sen. Todd Young (R-Ind.) and Indiana Gov. Eric J. Holcomb joined Blinken and Raimondo on a tour of Purdue's Birck Nanotechnology Center, highlighting the leading-edge research and workforce development efforts at Purdue that can help the United States restore domestic semiconductor manufacturing and competitiveness abroad.

"To confront the challenges our nation faces today, we need people who understand the intersection of economics, diplomacy, emerging technology and the sciences. We find these people at places like Purdue, which bring together academia and the private sector to ensure that we can remain the world's innovation leaders and standard setters," Blinken said of the visit. "The groundbreaking work here and at institutions around the country is rooted in the recognition that foreign, economic and domestic policy are inextricably linked and that domestic competitiveness, national security and a strong middle class are mutually reinforcing."

The tour included the Scifres Nanofabrication Laboratory, which has one of the world's largest university cleanrooms. While at Purdue, the guests also were briefed on the university's new suite of semiconductor degree programs, ranging from undergraduate through graduate study, and Purdue's Scalable Asymmetric Lifecycle Engagement (SCALE), a preeminent U.S. program for semiconductor workforce development in the defense sector. Purdue President Mitch Daniels hosted the group.

"We understand the imperative for the United States to be a leader in semiconductors and microelectronics production and innovation," Daniels said. "It's through Purdue's interdisciplinary credentials, degrees and training opportunities, and critical partnerships with industry and that we strive to make a difference and a sound contribution to this effort. We're honored to show secretaries Blinken and Raimondo what we have done and what we have on the horizon."

Speaking to the crowd at Birck, Raimondo announced that the Commerce Department's National Institute of Standards and Technology signed a cooperative research and development agreement to develop and produce chips for nanotech and semiconductor devices. SkyWater Technology will manufacture the chips at an existing semiconductor foundry in Minnesota. This summer,

Purdue announced partnerships with SkyWater to build a \$1.8 billion fabrication facility in West Lafayette.

"Purdue's cutting-edge research and workforce development programs are at the forefront of helping us shape the future of innovation in America's semiconductor manufacturing industry. I'm excited to learn about the workforce pipelines Purdue is creating, including opportunities at all levels of the industry," Raimondo said. "I'm excited to have met the students who are future leaders of America's semiconductor industry. The graduates from these programs - from Ph.D.s to associate degree holders - will be at the forefront of innovation as we revitalize American manufacturing."

At Birck, the group was briefed on architecture/brain-inspired computing, heterogeneous packaging, modeling and workforce development efforts that comprise the local, high-tech ecosystem at Purdue. Blinken and Raimondo spoke with Purdue students, who explained their innovation, research and progress in these areas.

Daniels then hosted the guests at the Neil Armstrong Hall of Engineering for a fireside chat that focused on building a semiconductor ecosystem to restore domestic manufacturing and competitiveness abroad.

Blinken later met with Purdue students at the Burton D. Morgan Center for Entrepreneurship to take their questions and discuss STEM careers and paid student programs at the Department of State. His visit coincided with the Industrial Roundtable job fair, among the largest student-run career events in the country, with more than 400 companies and 12,000 students attending annually.

"Indiana is home to world-renowned research and development universities like Purdue," Holcomb said. "We have access to the necessary robust pool of highly skilled manufacturing workforce and a top-ranked business climate that makes Indiana a prime location for future-focused industries. Indiana seeks to be a leader in the United States and globally for microelectronics and semiconductor manufacturing. We firmly believe that the CHIPS for America program will best position our nation to get there."

These pursuits are in line with Purdue's deep commitment to developing semiconductors and microelectronics (<https://engineering.purdue.edu/semiconductors>) and using the technologies to boost economic development, both nationally and in the Midwest's "Silicon Heartland."

This summer, Purdue announced a partnership with MediaTek Inc. to build the company's first Midwest semiconductor chip design center near campus.

Three Indiana Research Universities to Develop Quantum Technologies

Quantum science and engineering can help save energy, speed up computation, enhance national security and defense and innovate health care. With a grant from the National Science Foundation, researchers from Purdue University, Indiana University and the University of Notre Dame will work to develop industry- and government-relevant quantum technologies as part of the Center for Quantum Technologies. Purdue will serve as the lead site. IUPUI, a joint campus of Purdue and Indiana universities in Indianapolis, will also contribute.

"This collaboration allows us to leverage our collective research expertise to address the many challenges facing multiple industries using quantum technology," said Sabre Kais, center director and distinguished professor of chemical physics in Purdue's College of Science. "As a university with world-leading engineering and science programs, and faculty members whose work focuses on many areas of quantum research, Purdue is a natural leader for this center."

Given the wide applicability of quantum technologies, the new Center for Quantum Technologies (CQT) will team with member organizations from a variety of industries, including computing, defense, chemical, pharmaceutical, manufacturing and materials. The CQT researchers will develop foundational knowledge into industry-friendly quantum devices, systems and algorithms with enhanced functionality and performance.

"Through critical partnerships and collaboration with experts from across the state of Indiana, government and leading industries nationwide, the CQT will accelerate innovation and advance revolutionary research and technologies," said Theresa Mayer, Purdue's executive vice president for research and partnerships. "Purdue is thrilled to lead the CQT and further Indiana's efforts

to cultivate the quantum ecosystem."

Committed industry and government partners include Accenture, the Air Force Research Laboratory, BASF, Cummins, D-Wave, Eli Lilly, Entanglement Inc., General Atomics, Hewlett Packard Enterprise, IBM Quantum, Intel, Northrup Grumman, NSWC Crane, Quantum Computing Inc., Qrypt and SkyWater Technology.

Additionally, the CQT will train future quantum scientists and engineers to fill the need for a robust quantum workforce. Students engaged with the center will take on many of the responsibilities of principal investigators, including drafting proposals, presenting research updates to members and planning meetings and workshops.

The CQT is funded for an initial five years through the NSF's Industry-University Cooperative Research Centers (IUCRC) program, which generates breakthrough research by enabling close and sustained engagement between industry innovators, world-class academic teams and government agencies. Through the IUCRC program, center members fund and guide the direction of the center research through active involvement and mentoring. Other academic collaborators include Gerardo Ortiz, Indiana University site director, scientific director of the IU Quantum Science and Engineering Center and professor of physics; Peter Kogge, the University of Notre Dame site director and the Ted H. McCartney Professor of Computer Science and Engineering; Ricardo Decca, IUPUI campus director, co-director of the IUPUI Nanoscale Imaging Center, and professor and department chair of physics; and David Stewart, CQT industry liaison officer and managing director of the Purdue Quantum Science and Engineering Institute.

To learn more about the CQT, including membership, please visit www.purdue.edu/cqt.

US Entrepreneurship Ecosystem Builders to Advance Collaboration

On Sept. 8 - 9, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) hosted entrepreneurship ecosystem builders from around the nation for the Ecosystem Building Leadership Project (EBLP). The project and event was led by InBIA, a global network of incubators, accelerators and other entrepreneurship centers. Seventy participants gathered in Indianapolis to build nine pilot projects and nominate a provisional council to continue the project. The IEDC was chosen to host the event given the state's focus on developing greater infrastructure and support for entrepreneurs.

"Historically, in communities around the world, you could find networks of individuals and groups supporting each other in business ventures, but it's not until recently that these networks have been formalizing into support systems like what we saw at the EBLP," said Julie Heath, IEDC VP of entrepreneurial ecosystems. "New and young companies are a key driver of economic health and community well-being, and it was an honor for Indiana to host this group of leaders and practitioners who support entrepreneurship."

One of the projects identified during the event centered on developing toolkits for stakeholder groups such as policymakers, corporate partners, economic development officials and academic institutions to assist them in learning more about entrepreneurial ecosystem development, hot to plug into the network, and execute on support initiatives.

Launched by InBIA, the EBLP is an initiative aimed to design, create and validate a supportive network of professionals and infrastructure of supportive resources. The ultimate goal is to create an entity or network to advance the practice of entrepreneurship ecosystem building. Funding for this project is from the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation.

"The EBLP is a once in a generation opportunity

to transform the ways in which communities support entrepreneurs and enable equitable prosperity," said Charles Ross, project co-chair and president CEO of InBIA. "We're excited to collaborate on this initiative with a great group of partners that will bring a wealth of insight, experience, and guidance to the project."

The origin of EBLP stems from the work of more than 1,500 participants between 2017-2019 at ESHIP Summits hosted by the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation. Over the course of three years, ecosystem builders from all 50 U.S. States, Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico and 20 other countries gathered to join collective efforts to explore and progress the entrepreneurship ecosystem building field of practice. The EBLP is being hosted on behalf of the International Business Innovation Association (InBIA), with funding and support from the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation.

EBLP attendees included:

- Charles Ross, CEO and President, InBIA
- Kristin Leutz, Co-Founder, Colmena Collective
- Beth Zimmer, Program Manager, U.S. Entrepreneurship Ecosystem Building Leadership Project
- Jennifer Shieh, Director of Ecosystem Development, U.S. Small Business Administration
- Fay Horwitt, CEO and President, Forward Cities
- Enoch Elwell, CEO, CO.STARTERS
- Katie Gailles, Senior Director, Membership and Diversity at National Association for Community College Entrepreneurship (Charter Team)
- Eric Renz-Whitmore, Disaster Recovery Coordinator, North Central NM Economic Development District
- Cecilia Wessinger, Director of Global Community, Global Entrepreneurship Network
- Frank Gruber, Co-Founder and Co-CEO, Established

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State GOP Facing Challenges of Own Making

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

Googling is not allowed.

Anyone? OK, here's a hint. Mr. Kelly is connected to Dr. Brewster M. Higley.

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

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

Give up?

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

I share all that to offer my sincere apologies to Danny and Brewster. Pretty sure what follows is perhaps the worst ren-



TIM TIMMONS
Two Cents

dition the song ever got. Hang on while I clear my throat . . .

We live in a home
Where the buffalo roamed
And the state keeps our money all day
Where never is heard
An encouraging word
(between the two parties)
And Hoosiers are feeling betrayed!

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

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

What came out of it?

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

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

Yes, that is nine zeroes. Billion.

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

Mighty big of them considering they have more than \$6 BILLION OF OUR MONEY SIT-

TING IN THE BANK!!!

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

To be sure, some of that money we send them is necessary. Schools, public safety and such are paid for by us. Not the state. Us. Somehow, we always seem to forget that. But hey, we can take at least take some comfort in the fact that our state highways and byways are smooth and seamless and . . . oh, hang on. I'm writing this while I sit stuck in traffic on the stalled interstate. What was the stall caused by? Who knows? Could be that someone hit a giant pothole and ran off the

road.

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

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Ask Rusty – Explaining How to Claim Surviving Spouse Benefits

Dear Rusty: If I file at age 63 what percentage does my wife receive if I die? Does this percentage change if I wait to file closer to my full retirement age? And what does my wife receive if I die before I file for my benefits? *Signed: Planning Ahead*



ASK RUSTY
Social Security Advisor

Dear Planning: When you file for your own Social Security benefit will affect the survivor benefit your wife is entitled to as your widow. If you claim at age 63, her benefit as your widow will be based on your age 63 amount. If you wait longer to claim your own Social Security, your own benefit will be higher and so will your wife's entitlement as your survivor. In other words, your wife's benefit as your widow will be based

on the amount you are receiving when you die, and the longer you wait to claim your own Social Security, the higher your wife's survivor entitlement will be.

Exactly how much your wife will get monthly as your widow depends also on her own age when she claims her survivor benefit. If you were to die first, your wife can

Social Security Matters by AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor Russell Gloor

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claim a reduced survivor benefit as early as age 60 but doing so will result in a benefit which is 28.5% lower than it would be if she waits until her own full retirement age (67) to claim. Survivor benefits do not reach maximum until the survivor reaches full retirement age (FRA) and, if claimed before that, the benefit will be reduced by 4.75% for each full

year early, to a maximum reduction of 28.5%. So, although your wife's base survivor benefit will be the actual (100%) amount you were receiving when you die, her monthly survivor payment will be reduced if she claims the survivor benefit before her FRA. It is an actuarial reduction of .396% less survivor benefit for each month prior to FRA the survivor benefit

is claimed.

If you wait to file for your own benefit but die before you actually start collecting your benefits, your wife's entitlement as your widow will be based upon the amount you were entitled to when you died. She will not lose her survivor benefit - it will be based upon the amount you were entitled to when you died, even though you had not yet claimed. Your wife can also delay claiming her survivor benefit until she reaches her FRA to maximize her benefit as your widow. But there is more to consider.

If your wife is working full time, it is often not prudent (and may not be possible) to collect Social Security benefits before reaching full retirement age. That's because of Social Security's earnings

test, which limits how much can be earned while collecting SS benefits before FRA. The earnings limit for 2022 is \$19,560 (changes yearly) and if that is exceeded SS will take away benefits equal to \$1 for every \$2 over the limit. If the limit is significantly exceeded your wife could be temporarily ineligible to get benefits, until her earnings are less, or until she reaches her full retirement age (the earnings limit no longer applies when FRA is reached).

Finally, it's important to note that all Social Security rules are gender-neutral, meaning that the rules apply equally to both spouses. But in any case, a surviving spouse can only get one benefit – either their own or their survivor benefit, whichever is highest.

It Is Time That We Talk About the State of Our Water

By Devin Dabney and Tamzin Walters, Field Hosts, White River Alliance's "The Collective Tap" Podcast

How often do you think about water? Even though this resource is essential for keeping life on earth alive, it's a daily necessity that many of us don't pay much attention to. And yet, water is part of nearly everything we do. We use it for cleaning, cooking and recreating. It's embedded in our roads and manufactured goods. It's even involved each time we charge our cell phones.

Through conversations with a variety of professionals—lawyers, utility managers, scientists, farmers and even brewers—we've learned how important this resource truly is and how our

water usage connects our communities. These conversations came together to form "The Collective Tap," a podcast created by The White River Alliance (WRA), the premier organization for regional water resource protection and conservation in Indiana. Each season serves as an ongoing discussion about the state of our water, exploring how it's used, the systems it's part of and what we can do collectively to improve it.

In the first season, we focused on ways water is used in the average household including the link between water and hygiene and the studies being done to assess and improve existing infrastructure. When thinking about a green

lawn, we asked whether it's worth the cost and examined how equity and utility rates collide. Unfortunately, we pay for these green lawns even if we don't have one to water. We looked at key pollutants that are (and aren't) regulated in the water supply, and we tracked our own water usage then actually tried to reduce it.

Our second season looks at how water is used in food and beverage production. We spoke with soft drink distributors and, more locally, the creators of our favorite Indiana libations, traveling to distilleries, breweries and bottling plants to discuss their respective operations. We spoke with a farmer with a practical, pro-profit

methodology of environmentally-conscious farming. Researchers from Purdue University helped us delve into the impacts of climate change on farming and our water supply, and we learned how a broad coalition of groups are working together to protect our water.

In the upcoming third season, discussions will center around the hidden life of water and how water systems invisibly impact our society, from manufacturing and energy production to the economy. Not only is water crucial to Indiana's economy, but it's also one of its largest assets for attracting new business. The intersections of water and environmental justice will also

be discussed, as well as how water pollution has historically (and often by design) had a disproportionate impact on America's most marginalized people.

In the final season, we will explore being on the water—how we build (or don't build) community at the shoreline, the wide world of water recreation and the relationship between water and wildlife. Conversations will also take place with Native leaders to learn about the relationship between our local waters and Indigenous communities.

After spending months speaking with water experts and learning about our water systems, one takeaway shouldn't be surprising—water is our most critical resource,

and we need to pay attention to how we interact with it. This is particularly true as climate change accelerates and the future of water quality and availability is increasingly uncertain. To hear all the surprising takeaways, the community must listen. After all, it's time we all start to think—and talk—about water.

For more information about "The Collective Tap," visit your preferred podcast platform and join the conversation on social media @thecollectivetap on Facebook and Instagram and @thecollectivetap on Twitter. Visit thewhiteriveralliance.org to learn more about what the organization is doing to address Indiana water issues and educate the community.



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