

➔ TODAY'S VERSE

Habakkuk 3:19 Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls: Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation. The LORD God is my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds' feet, and he will make me to walk upon mine high places.



➔ FACES OF HAMILTON COUNTY

People who call our community their own.

What makes Larry Montag smile? "My grandchildren, I have seven grandkids," said the 70-year-old Westfield resident, who was found working the box office in 2019 for a Carmel Community Players' production in Noblesville. Today's feature is a look back at one of The Times' previous Faces of Hamilton County. He is treasurer of CCP and was the playhouse's executive producer for three years. "I've been on stage twice, both of them as a bartender with no speaking; all I had to do was drink. One time, they told me I wasn't drinking enough, so I had to drink more." In community theater, actors use apple juice, cran apple juice or Vernors ginger ale in place of real alcohol, he said. He grew up in Detroit and retired from General Motors, his job being transferred to Indiana in 1980. He retired nine years ago. That's when he got involved with theater, as a CCP board member. He and wife, community theater actress Beth Montag, met in 10th grade and were married in 1972. "She asked me out on our first date." The Montags have three children and eight grandchildren. Hobbies? Theater, golf and fixing computers for a church that sends them to Africa. He has repaired about 1,600 computers for their project. Carmel Community Players' current show is "Tick, Tick ... BOOM!" musical today through Oct. 23 at The Switch Theatre in Ji-Eun Lee Music Academy in Fishers with tickets available at carmelplayers.org/

And Another Few Things...

1. Greenway Closure

Due to a culvert replacement project, the Monon Greenway will be closed from 116th Street to Carmel Drive beginning Oct. 14. The closure will last approximately two weeks. During this time, detour signage will be posted. Monon Greenway traffic will be detoured west to Guilford Road.

Additionally, the Monon Greenway is closed from Smoky Row Road to the Hagan-Burke Trail due to a construction project. This closure will last through the end of the year. For questions about this closure, please contact the City of Carmel engineering department at engineering@carmel.in.gov.

During this time, detour signage will be posted. Monon Greenway traffic will be detoured along W. Smoky Row Road, N. Rangeline Road, and the Hagan-Burke Trail.

2. Broadband Director

Indiana's Next Level Connections Broadband Grant program and the Indiana Connectivity Program has new leadership as the Office of Community and Rural Affairs recently announced Rokshana Shireen as its new broadband director.

Shireen joined OCRA as a Next Level Connections program manager in June 2021. She holds a master's degree in business administration from the University of Phoenix and a masters of arts in history from Jahangirnagar University.

Prior to joining OCRA, Shireen served the State of Indiana for over ten years in various roles. This includes working with the Indiana Department of Corrections as an administration and procurement officer and for the Indiana Department of Revenue as a supervisor in the operation project and tax processing division.

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Briggs Buchner, 3, of Noblesville, the son of Scott and Emilie Buchner, sprays a Noblesville Fire Department fire hose, assisted by NFD Capt. Trevor Hash, during NFD's 2019 Pancake Breakfast and Open House. This year's breakfast and open house will be Saturday at Fire Station No. 71 in downtown Noblesville. This week, Oct. 9-15, is the 100th anniversary of National Fire Prevention Week.

Harvest Moon Fest, NFD's Open House, Fall-A-Palooza, Final Farmers Market, More



BETSY REASON
The Times Editor

Sheridan's Harvest Moon Festival is this weekend, Carmel Community Players opens "Tick, Tick ... Boom!" and the Headless Horseman rides at Conner Prairie in Fishers. Noblesville Fire Department Auxiliary serves up pancakes during its open house, Noblesville Farmers Market is open for the last day of the season and we're only six days away from Little Haunt on the Prairie at Ghoul Creek Park in Westfield.

Here are more details in our list of 25 things to do this weekend and beyond:

1. Sheridan's Harvest Moon Festival is today through Sunday

at Biddle Park with carnival, food, music, pony rides, vendors, a magician and more. The carnival is 9 a.m. to midnight today and Saturday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, with a magician at 2 p.m. Sunday and Halloween costume contest at 3 p.m. Sunday.

2. Carmel Community Players presents "Tick, Tick ... BOOM!" musical today through Oct. 23 at The Switch Theatre in Ji-Eun Lee Music Academy in Fishers with tickets available at carmelplayers.org/

3. Choose from 16 spooktacular

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Local Organizations Earn Grants from Duke Energy Foundation to Support Environmental Initiatives

Two local organizations, Keep Noblesville Beautiful and the Westfield-Washington Education Development Foundation, have received grants from the Duke Energy Foundation to assist with environmental initiatives.

Keep Noblesville Beautiful received \$10,000 for a pollinator garden and sculpture.

The grant will support the installation of a kinetic butterfly sculpture and pollinator garden in a roundabout at 191st Street and Little Chicago Road in Noblesville. By utilizing this underserved green space, Keep Noblesville Beautiful seeks to not only beautify the community, but to promote the pollination of native plants and the important role they play in climate resiliency. The project also aims to remind pedestrians and drivers of their connection to nature.

Noblesville City Councilman



and Keep Noblesville Beautiful President Darren Peterson commented on the grant announcement, saying, "Through this sculpture and pollinator garden, Keep Noblesville Beautiful seeks to not only beautify Noblesville, but to promote pollination of our native plants and the important role it plays in climate resiliency. Duke Energy is a key corporate partner to the Noblesville community. We appreciate their support of this revitalization project."

Westfield-Washington Education Development Foundation received \$15,000 for their Shamrock Outdoor Learning

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300 High-Wage Tech Jobs Coming to Fishers

Tech startup spokenote is scaling up its operations in Indiana, establishing its headquarters in Fishers and creating up to 300 new, high-wage jobs by the end of 2026.

"John Wechsler and his spokenote team have built an incredible product platform as they join the growing list of companies that have graduated from Launch Fishers," said Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness. "As spokenote creates connections around the world, we can all be proud of the fact that it all began here in Fishers."

Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb agreed.

"Indiana continues to position

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Sheridan Public Library Awarded Racial Equity Collection Grant

The Sheridan Public Library was chosen as a recipient for the Advancing Racial Equity Development Grant. Sheridan Public Library was awarded \$1,000 towards the humanities material.

This program has been made possible through a grant from Indiana Humanities with funds from Lilly Endowment Inc. The collection consists of over seventy items now available for circulation.

The list of items includes titles such as, One Night in Miami, South to America: A Journey Below the Mason Dixon to Understand the Soul of a Nation, Stamped and Harlem Shuffle. Patrons are encouraged to view the collection now on display at the library.

Visit sheridan.lib.in.us for more information.

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➔ OBITUARIES

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

➔ HONEST HOOSIER

Here's remembering the greatest coach in Hoosier history, John Wooden. The former Purdue star coached UCLA to 10 national titles in 12 years. He was born in Martinsville on this date in 1910.



➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Three-quarters of U.S. teens and adults don't get enough vitamin D in their diets.

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

"We exponents of horror do much better than those Method actors. We make the unbelievable believable. More often than not, they make the believable unbelievable."

- Vincent Price

➔ TODAY'S JOKE

What would you get if you crossed a vampire and a teacher? Lots of blood tests!

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Emily Rapoza, director of the Great American Songbook Library & Archives, displays an X-ray recording, or "bone record," to visitors including Forté Sports Medicine and Orthopedics CEO Marty Rosenberg (right).

Great American Songbook Foundation Unveils New Partnership with Forté Sports Medicine and Orthopedics

The Great American Songbook Foundation has reached a multiyear agreement for Carmel-based Forté Sports Medicine and Orthopedics to serve as title partner for a uniquely appropriate historical collection.

Some call them "bone records."

The Songbook Foundation, headquartered at the Palladium at the Center for the Performing Arts, preserves and celebrates the history of the Tin Pan Alley tunes, jazz standards and songs from Broadway and Hollywood that form the foundation of American popular music. Among other education and preservation initiatives, the nonprofit organization maintains a vast Songbook Library & Archives with more than 500,000 documents, recordings, images and memorabilia representing the music's creators and performers.

Among the holdings are bootlegged copies of pop and jazz recordings that were etched into used X-ray film for underground sharing among music fans in the former Soviet Union, where Western music was illegal. Though the film is cut into discs - with a cigarette used to burn a spindle hole in the center - the ghostly images of ribs and other bones are still clearly visible.

The 18 recordings of songs such as "Begin the Beguine" and "We Just Couldn't Say Goodbye" were donated to the Songbook Library & Archives by late Indianapolis resident Richard W. Judy and his wife, Jane M. Lommel. Judy acquired the items while he was an exchange student in Moscow from 1958 to 1959.

"These bone records are always a highlight for people who visit the archives, because they are just so unusual and tell a unique story about the power of music in adverse circum-

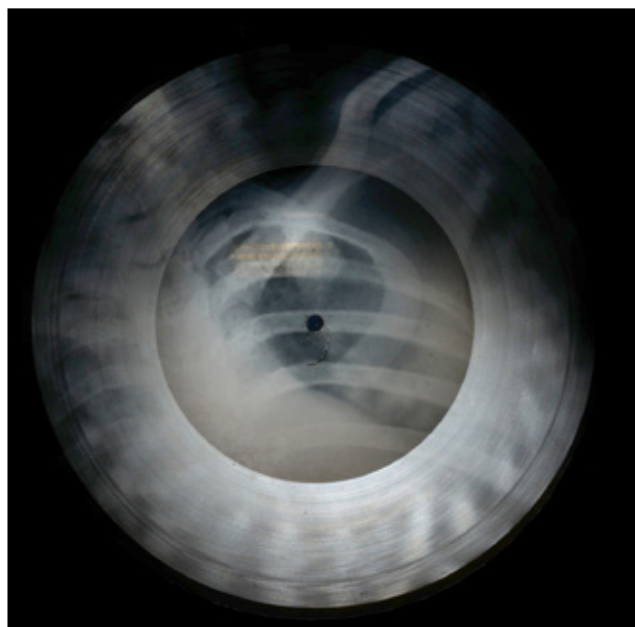


Photo courtesy of the CPA

A closeup of a bone record from the Songbook Library & Archives clearly shows the image of a human ribcage

stances," said Christopher Lewis, executive director of the Great American Songbook Foundation. "This partnership enables us to share that story more widely with the public."

Under the agreement, the collection is now known as the Bone Records Collection presented by Forté Sports Medicine and Orthopedics. Among other elements, the partnership includes plans for a lobby display of the records to open early next year at the company's offices off U.S. 31.

"This exhibit presents a unique opportunity to further our support for the community while making a direct connection to our name and its double meaning," said Forté President Dr. Mark Ritter.

"Forté is a word that refers to a person's strong suit or something that shows one's special ability. It also has a musical reference of playing loudly, which is exactly what we hope to do by helping the Great American Songbook Foundation broaden awareness of and increase access to these historical materials."

The Songbook Foundation typically displays

care in several sub-specialties, including hand, wrist, elbow and shoulder; foot and ankle; hip and knee; joint replacement and revision; spine care and sports medicine.

Forté has been trusted by the Indianapolis Colts as their official team physicians since 1983 and serve as the orthopedic provider for Purdue University, Butler University, Indiana State University and numerous high schools and public safety departments throughout central Indiana.

Forté Sports Medicine and Orthopedics also innovates daily through a separate 501(c)(3), Forté Orthopedic Research Institute, which improves the lives of patients everywhere through advanced clinical research and education.

About the Great American Songbook Foundation:

The mission of the Great American Songbook Foundation, founded in 2007 by five-time Grammy Award nominee Michael Feinstein, is to inspire and educate by celebrating the timeless standards of pop, jazz, Broadway and Hollywood.

Headquartered at the Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel, Indiana, the Foundation advances this rich legacy by curating physical artifacts of its creators, performers and publishers; operating a multimedia exhibit gallery; overseeing the Songbook Hall of Fame; offering programs for the public and research opportunities for scholars and artists; and providing educational opportunities for student musicians, including the annual Songbook Academy summer intensive.

The Foundation is a Cultural Affiliate of the Los Angeles-based Grammy Museum.

More information is available at TheSongbook.org.

Sleeping Aground



DICK WOLFSIE
Funny Bone

We had just landed at the L.A. International Airport, excited about our vacation. As we walked through the terminal I saw a man—I think it was a man—head slumped over, legs draped over his carry-on bag. Normally I wouldn't have given him another thought. Goodness knows, I have always boasted of my own daytime slumbering ability. What caught my attention was the odd blanket he was wearing around his head and chest. The reason I only think it was a man is that all I could see was his nose.

Sacking out in airports has become commonplace. Cancelled flights, airlines that won't spring for hotels, and long delays between connections all contribute to the need to toss and turn right alongside the tarmac.

There's even a website, sleepinginairports.net, with tips for people who get stuck overnight because of cancelled or delayed flights. Apparently, what he was wearing is called The Snazzy Napper (at least that's what he told me when I woke him up.) This is a solution for those of us who have desperately sought a flattering way to position our torsos while sleeping either at the airport or in our seats aboard the aircraft. Now you can scrunch and contort any humiliating which-way. Drool and scratch to your heart's content. Why? Because the Snazzy Napper will protect your identity.

This colorful piece of cloth fully covers your head and neck like a burqa, admittedly not the most inconspicuous garb at airports nowadays. The Snazzy Napper has one hole for your nose or, if you have a cold, you can

mouth-breathe there. You can also place your eye or ear in the aperture, but you will probably suffocate, a minor design flaw casually referenced on the warning label. It also says not to drive a car or operate machinery while using their product, especially if you feel drowsy...which I thought was the whole reason you were wearing the thing.

When the item was first introduced several years ago, it was a big hit. But there were critics. One woman threatened a lawsuit, not because it didn't work, but because it did. She caught some great zzz's as her purse, iPhone and carry-on luggage were all stolen during her snoozefest.

One couple tried theirs on in the car before they left for the airport. They missed their flight, having lost precious minutes convincing a police officer that the two of them were not on their way to a bank heist. Another guy was annoyed that the product did not come with a more complete set of instructions, which is odd: all you have to do is find the hole in the blanket and then stick your nose through it.

Some folks, disappointed with the product, apparently called The Snazzy Napper hotline and were surprised that no one answered. Considering the product they're hawking, it's easy to conjure up a good mental image of what was going on in their call center.

My wife said on the way back from L.A. that I snored, drooled and fidgeted in my seat on the plane, and that it was quite annoying to other passengers. Mary Ellen checked online and told me the Snazzy Napper is no longer available, so I'll never have to drape myself in that contraption...but I only avoided it by a nose.

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.

Fishers Police Department Investigating Armed Robbery

The Fishers Police Department is investigating an armed robbery that occurred shortly before 3 p.m. this past Tuesday, Oct. 11.

Fishers police officers responded to calls of an armed robbery at the Star Financial Bank at 8762 E. 96th Street. While on route, officers learned the suspect (or suspects) had fled the scene. Officers established a perimeter and began searching. At the time of this release the suspect(s) remains at large.

Based on information gathered by Detectives, the suspect entered the bank, approached a bank



employee, displayed a handgun and demanded cash. The employee complied and was not injured. Witnesses describe the suspect a white male, 20-30 years old and wearing a disguise.

Anyone with information regarding this robbery should contact Detective Arndt at (317) 595-3300.

PUBLIC NOTICES

HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING NOTICE

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners will meet on Friday, October 28, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. in Conference Room 1A located in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana 46060. The meeting is to discuss the American Rescue Plan Act and other county business as needed. Meeting may be accessed virtually by dialing 1.219.225.8177 Conference ID 746140532# /s/ Robin M. Mills Hamilton County Auditor

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Indiana Supreme Court Steps into Abortion Case, Keeps Ban on Hold

By Casey Smith

The Indiana Supreme Court on Wednesday took jurisdiction of a lawsuit over the state's new, near-total abortion ban — a move that likely keeps abortion access in Indiana safe for several more months.

The state's highest court granted a request by Republican Attorney General Todd Rokita to bypass the Indiana Court of Appeals. The court also denied the state's request to stay the preliminary injunction that is currently blocking the law.

Briefing deadlines are set for December, according to the court's order. An oral argument is set for Jan. 12.

The court challenge up for debate was originally filed in Monroe County Circuit Court in August by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Indiana on behalf of health care providers and a pregnancy resource center.

A special judge in Owen

County ruled last month that the ban likely violates the Indiana Constitution. An injunction issued by Judge Kelsey Blake Hanlon, a Republican, halted the state's new abortion law one week after it took effect. Under the injunction, the state's previous abortion law stands — allowing abortions up to 20 weeks.

The state quickly appealed that decision and asked the Indiana Supreme Court to bypass the Court of Appeals and take the case directly.

Rokita told the Indiana Capital Chronicle in a statement Wednesday that the Indiana Supreme Court "rightly concluded that it needs to resolve the issue right away," adding that there is "no textual or historical argument in support of a right to abortion."

"Indiana's Constitution says nothing about abortion, and our legislature outlawed abortion before, during and after the period when our citizens adopted our

Constitution," he said.

But Indiana Right to Life president and CEO Mike Fichter said the group is "deeply disappointed" that the Indiana Supreme Court will allow the injunction against the new abortion law to remain in effect, for now.

"We estimate at least 3,000 unborn babies, whose lives otherwise might have been saved, will now needlessly die from abortion as the law remains blocked. Thousands more will die as we await a final ruling after the January hearing," Fichter said in a statement Thursday. "Although we are confident the law will be upheld, it will be far too late for those whose lives will be lost as this is argued in the courts."

The ACLU's lawsuit argues that the abortion ban "will infringe on Hoosiers' right to privacy, violate Indiana's guarantee of equal privileges and immunities, and violate the

Constitution's due course of law clause through its unconstitutionally vague language."

The court challenge is based on the Indiana Constitution. The Supreme Court of the United States in June ruled that the U.S. Constitution does not guarantee abortion rights. Meanwhile, a second lawsuit, also led by the ACLU of Indiana, seeks to strike down the ban on the basis that it violates Indiana's Religious Freedom Restoration Act. A Marion County judge is scheduled to hear arguments in this case on Friday.

Ban background

The Republican-dominated Indiana General Assembly advanced the abortion-restricting measure during a heated, two-week special session that concluded in August.

That made Indiana the first state in the nation to approve such legislation since the high court ruling that overturned Roe v.

Wade.

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

"It is a tremendous relief to know that abortion will remain accessible and legal in Indiana while we continue to fight this ban in court," said a joint statement from leaders of Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Planned Parenthood Great Northwest, Hawai'i, Alaska, Indiana, Kentucky, ACLU of Indiana, Whole Woman's

Health Alliance, All-Options, the Lawyering Project, and Women's Med.

"Since the reversal of Roe, Indiana has become a critical state for abortion care in the region. We hope that the Indiana Supreme Court agrees with the lower court that the Indiana Constitution ensures that Hoosiers have the right to access abortion. What matters most is that Hoosiers will continue to be able to maintain control over their own bodies, families, and futures without aggressive and dangerous interference from lawmakers."

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Local Manufacturing Companies Recognized as Great Work Places

Indiana's catalog of manufacturers is extensive and varied. Some of these makers have now separated themselves by earning recognition as a 2022 Indiana Best Place to Work in Manufacturing. Chief among those companies recognized were two Noblesville companies: Nexxt Spine LLC and SMC Corporation of America.

Fourteen companies in all have been named to this inaugural list.

This new program is presented by the Indiana Chamber of Commerce.

"The original Best Places to Work program has been so successful through the years, we wanted to give manufacturers a chance to stand out within their own industry," said Indiana Chamber President and CEO Kevin Brinegar.

"Considering Indiana's robust manufacturing history and prowess, this just makes sense. And now we're excited to present this inaugural list of companies that are going the extra mile for their employees and creating not just products that impact daily life for businesses and individuals, but an outstanding workplace environment as well."

Winning companies represent several areas of the state, including the following cities and towns: Bloomington, Crawfordsville, Elkhart, Evansville, Fremont, Granger, Indianapolis, Lebanon, Noblesville, Portage, Poseyville, Sharpville and Urbana.

The company rankings will be unveiled at the 2022 Best IN Manufacturing Awards Luncheon December 14, where the



winner of the latest Coolest Thing Made in Indiana competition will also be announced.

Top companies in the state were determined through employer reports and comprehensive employee surveys. The Workforce Research Group handled the selection process.

The 2022 Indiana Best Places to Work in Manufacturing companies range in Hoosier employee count from 39 to over 7,600.

In addition to the December 14 awards, winners will be recognized via a special section of the Indiana Chamber's BizVoice magazine and through Inside Indiana Business with Gerry Dick — both of which reach statewide audiences.

All companies that participated in the 2022 program receive an in-depth evaluation identifying strengths and weaknesses according to their employees. In turn, this report can be used in developing or enhancing employee retention and recruitment programs.

The 2022 Best IN Manufacturing awards celebration luncheon is open to the public. Individual tickets and tables of 10 are available at indianachamber.com/conferences. Indiana Best Places to

Work in Manufacturing sponsors are spirit sponsor Purdue Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP), gold sponsor Gibson and silver sponsors Insperity, Nucor Steel Indiana, SMC Corporation of America and The Horton Group.

Sponsorships are still available; contact Tim Brewer at (317) 264-6857 or tbrewer@indianachamber.com for more details.

The remaining 2022 Indiana Best Places to Work in Manufacturing companies are listed below in alphabetical order:

- CrossPoint Polymer Technologies, LLC - Evansville
- Functional Devices, Inc. - Sharpville
- IBC Materials & Technologies LLC. - Lebanon
- Kalenborn Abresist Corporation - Urbana
- Kelco Industries - Fremont
- Lippert - Elkhart
- Major Tool and Machine - Indianapolis
- MCP USA, Inc. - Portage
- Nix Companies - Poseyville
- Nucor Steel Indiana - Crawfordsville
- Oliver Winery - Bloomington
- Wag'n Tails Mobile Conversions, LLC - Granger

\$80K in Grant Funding Available to Support College, Career Readiness

The Indiana Commission for Higher Education is now accepting applications for the fall/winter School and Community Partnership Grant until Oct. 21.

These grants are designed to bring together K-12 schools, postsecondary institutions, employers and community organizations to plan and implement supportive efforts for students of all ages to complete education and training beyond high school.

The School and Community Partnership Grant is designed to support collaborative efforts focused on three main college and career readiness priorities:

- Completing the 21st Century Scholars' Scholar Success Program and maintaining academic eligibility with at least a 2.5 grade point average;
- Family engagement programming focused on college and career readiness, including enrollment in the 21st Century Scholars program and the Workforce Ready Grant; and
- Pre-college and postsecondary professional development focused on Indiana's college achievement gap.

"Indiana's employers, community organizations, higher education institutions and K-12 schools play an integral role in increasing our state's attainment rate," said Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education

Chris Lowery. "The School and Community Partnership Grants encourage collaboration within communities to encourage learners of all ages to pursue education beyond high school."

Indiana GEAR UP Grant funding is made possible through Indiana Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP). Led by a team of staff from Purdue University and the Commission, one of the primary goals of Indiana GEAR UP is to increase the number of students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education.

A total of \$80,000 is available for the fall/winter grant cycle and funding is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Eligible applicants can apply for up to \$10,000 for programming. Proposals for more than \$5,000 must directly serve students from participating Indiana GEAR UP cohort high schools. Preference will be given to applications that focus on developing sustainable support for students and families at one or more of the Indiana GEAR UP partner high schools.

Additional points will be awarded for narratives that support high-need programming areas, including career exploration, completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), closing



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college achievement gaps for minority and low-income Hoosier students, 21st Century Scholar enrollment, Scholar Success Program completion and adult student engagement. Additional consideration will be given to applicants who commit to integrating the Scholar Success Program activities into school programming for all students, both Scholars and non-Scholars.

Questions regarding the grant application process can be submitted to Grants@che.in.gov.

About the Indiana Commission for Higher Education:

Created in 1971, the Indiana Commission for Higher Education plans, coordinates and defines Indiana's postsecondary education system to align higher learning with the needs of students and the state. The Commission also administers Indiana's financial aid programs, including the 21st Century Scholars early college promise scholarship, which celebrated 30 years in 2020. Learn more about the Commission's Reaching Higher in a State of Change strategic plan at www.in.gov/che.

Indiana DWD Receives \$10.8M to Connect Employers With Dislocated Hoosier Workers

Yesterday, the Indiana Department of Workforce Development announced it received a \$10.8 million grant from the U.S. Department of Labor to connect employers with dislocated Hoosier workers. The money comes from the Quality Jobs, Equity, Strategy, and Training Disaster Recovery (QUEST) grant program which targets high-quality jobs in infrastructure, environment and climate, the care economy and other critical and growing sectors.

"The demand for a skilled and talented workforce continues to be high, and we have an opportunity to work with Indiana employers, understand their workforce needs and connect them with the employees they desire," said DWD Commissioner David J. Adams. "With



this funding, we can create a better pipeline for developing talent that ensures Hoosier workers receive the necessary skills and abilities to compete and thrive with employers in Indiana's changing economic landscape."

DWD will utilize the grant funding to strategically partner with the Indiana Chamber of Commerce and others to develop a comprehensive outreach strategy with Indiana employers to target populations disproportionately impacted by the economic inequities exacerbated by the pandemic.

For the employer

population, DWD will prioritize work with employer partners in identified, high-demand recovering sectors, and in emerging sectors such as renewable energy, electric vehicle technologies and semiconductor production.

Authorized by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, Dislocated Worker Grants temporarily expand the service capacity of dislocated worker programs by providing funding assistance in response to large, unexpected economic events that cause significant job losses. On July 5, 2022, the department announced the availability of funds for QUEST Disaster Recovery National Dislocated Worker grants of up to \$15 million per applicant.

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Kenny Takes a Midseason Look at the Big Ten

At the halfway point of the 2022 Big Ten Conference football season, it's no surprise that Ohio State looks nearly invincible again and that Purdue is in contention to win its first West Division championship.

It was expected by all but some in the national media that Nebraska would struggle and that former hometown hero Scott Frost would lose his job. Unexpectedly, though, Nebraska ate an extra \$7.5 million to dismiss Frost three weeks before the buyout would have been reduced on Oct. 1.

That Iowa would have an outstanding defense and no offense comes as no surprise to anyone other than perhaps head coach Kirk Ferentz and his son, Brian, the offensive coordinator.

Paul Chryst's ouster as Wisconsin's football coach two weeks ago was shocking, even after an embarrassing home loss to former Barry Alvarez protégé Bret Bielema and Illinois.

Speaking of Bielema, who would have thought Illinois would be 5-1 and sharing the West lead with Purdue and Nebraska? And that the lone loss would be to Indiana?

That Purdue is 4-2 and 2-1 in Big Ten play is not really a surprise. How it got to this point has been.

With injuries costing the Boilermakers their best defensive player for four games (Jalen Graham) and still trying to find a consistent pass rusher to replace Kansas City Chiefs rookie George Karlaftis, not even the most optimistic Purdue fan (if there's such a thing) would have predicted the Boilermaker defense would hold four opponents to less than 100 rushing yards.

Purdue ranks 17th among Football Bowl Sub-division schools in rushing defense (96.7 yards per game), 14th in red zone defense and 28th in total



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Columnist

defense (327.5).

While the offense has lacked consistency, part of which could be blamed to quarterback Aidan O'Connell playing the past two weeks with an undisclosed injury, the Boilermakers still rank eighth nationally in red zone offense. In 25 trips inside the opponent's 20-yard line, Purdue has scored 21 touchdowns and kicked three field goals.

Credit part of that success to the impact of transfer wide receiver Charlie Jones and an improved – though still not great – running game that has gotten the tough yards near the end zone.

Had he not missed the Florida Atlantic game due to injury, O'Connell would probably be among the nation's passing leaders. Only once in his 20 career starts has O'Connell thrown for less than 200 yards. His 11 career 300-yard passing games is fourth-best in Purdue history.

With 7,288 passing yards, O'Connell will almost certainly pass Jim Everett for seventh place (7,411) in Purdue history on Saturday night against Nebraska.

Here's a quick look at each Big Ten team entering the second half.

West Division
Purdue (4-2, 2-1 Big Ten) – October looked like it might be the end of the Boilermakers' hopes of a big season following the penalty-induced loss at Syracuse and the scare from Florida Atlantic without O'Connell.

But snapping the Min-

nesota hex and making big plays at Maryland have suddenly reversed the usual Purdue pessimism among the fan base. Even if Wisconsin extends its 15-game series winning streak on Oct. 22 in Madison, the Boilermakers will be in title contention all the way past Thanksgiving.

Purdue likely will be favored in its final two home games against Iowa (Nov. 5) and Northwestern (Nov. 19). Who would have predicted that Purdue at Illinois on Nov. 12 could decide the West champion?

Illinois (5-1, 2-1) – Saturday's game with Minnesota could be another ugly contest but it's almost a must-win for the Fighting Illini, who still have a trip to Michigan the week following the potential showdown with Purdue.

If quarterback Tommy DeVito is out for an extended period, teams will turn the defensive focus to the nation's leading rusher, Chase Brown.

Nebraska (3-3, 2-1) – Interim coach Mickey Joseph was cocky after the Cornhuskers escaped at Rutgers 14-13 last week, praising his team for doing "a great job . . . with the so-called sellout crowd."

It says a lot about how low Nebraska has fallen when outscoring Indiana and not losing at Rutgers is reason for optimism. Reason for pessimism? A defense that gives up nearly 450 yards and 29 points a game.

A tough schedule after the Purdue game (vs. Illinois, vs. Minnesota, at Michigan, vs. Wisconsin, at Iowa) makes it unlikely Nebraska will be in contention before the leaves change colors.

Minnesota (4-1, 1-1) – The sleeper in the West race despite the loss at home to Purdue. A healthy Mohamed Ibrahim at running back makes the Gophers a threat even with a schedule that includes a

trip to Penn State and Wisconsin still ahead.

Northwestern (1-5, 1-1) – Only Iowa is worse offensively in the Big Ten than the Wildcats, who average almost 18 points a game. The win against Nebraska in Ireland provided false hope for fans who expected another Pat Fitzgerald miracle in even-numbered years (9-5 in 2018, 7-2 in 2020).

On paper, Northwestern is unlikely to be favored in any of its remaining games (at Maryland, at Iowa, vs. Ohio State, at Purdue, vs. Illinois).

Iowa (3-3, 1-2) – Whoever said defense wins championships never watched the 2022 Hawkeyes. With a competent offense, Iowa is a Top 20 team and probably the favorite to return to the Big Ten championship game.

The Hawkeyes have scored nine touchdowns this season, two of which have come from the defense. Even though Ohio State looms as the only near certain defeat remaining on the schedule, Iowa has no margin for error.

Wisconsin (3-3, 1-2) – Interim head coach Jim Leonhard is off to a 1-0 start in his bid to win the permanent job. Saturday's game at Michigan State could further boost the Badgers' confidence coming home to face Purdue.

The Badgers have a favorable schedule down the stretch, with Purdue, Maryland and Minnesota coming to Madison. The contest at Iowa on Nov. 12 could be an elimination game for the loser.

East Division
Ohio State (6-0, 3-0) – A trip to Penn State seems the only speed bump on the Buckeyes' schedule before hosting Michigan on Nov. 26. But Iowa (2017) and Purdue (2018) have proved that there is no such thing as a sure thing.

Michigan (6-0, 3-0) – The schedule maker

has been very kind to the Wolverines, who only have two away games remaining: Rutgers (Nov. 5) and Ohio State. Unless Michigan State pulls off a shocker in Ann Arbor, it'll be a battle of the undefeated for the East title.

Penn State (5-0, 2-0) – October will be make or break month for the Nittany Lions, who travel to Michigan on Saturday, host Minnesota (Oct. 22) and welcome Ohio State (Oct. 29).

Go 2-1 in that stretch and an 11-win season seems likely with Indiana, Maryland, Rutgers and Michigan State on the November menu.

Maryland (4-2, 1-2) – A victory Saturday at Indiana means the Terrapins will likely be bowl eligible before the November gauntlet of at Wisconsin, at Penn State and Ohio State in College Park.

Lose to the Hoosiers and senior day against Rutgers could decide whether Christmas will be merry for Maryland.

Indiana (3-3, 1-2) – Wouldn't it be funny if the Hoosiers' victory against Illinois would deliver a division title to Purdue?

Penn State comes to Bloomington on Nov. 5, followed a week later by the short drive to Ohio State. Otherwise, there isn't a game remaining that IU can't win. But offensive misfires and a defense that can give up points in bunches (30.5 per game) will have to improve quickly.

Rutgers (3-3, 0-3) – The path to another bowl game for the Scarlet Knights is extremely narrow. Saturday against Indiana is realistically the only winnable home game remaining. Taking two out of three road games at Minnesota, Michigan State and Maryland seems unlikely.

Michigan State (2-4, 0-3) – Spartans boosters who overreacted to the possibility of coach Mel

Tucker taking the LSU job this past offseason probably wish they'd spent the guaranteed \$95 million in some other way.

The stock up on transfers formula that worked so well in 2021 has been a failure. Michigan State can play spoiler in the West Division race with Saturday's Homecoming game against Wisconsin and a trip to Illinois on Nov. 5.

Noteworthy
Purdue fans still remember when Notre Dame used a converted tight end named Gary Godsey at quarterback to steal a victory in South Bend during the 2000 season.

San Diego State one-upped the Fighting Irish early Sunday morning Indiana time.

Coming into its game with Hawaii, San Diego State was dead last among the 131 FBS schools averaging 63 passing yards per game. With its starting quarterback unavailable, the Aztecs turned to safety Jalen Mayden. Nearly four hours and 322 passing yards later, San Diego State rallied for a 16-14 victory.

Mayden was 24 of 36 passing but completed all five of his passes to guide San Diego State 58 yards in less than a minute for the game-winning field goal. Mayden played quarterback at Mississippi State but moved to safety upon transferring to San Diego State this past December.

Thanks to Mayden, San Diego State leapfrogged Massachusetts, Air Force and Connecticut into 128th place at 108.3 passing yards a game. Just ahead of the Aztecs is noted passing juggernaut Navy (110.0).

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Lab project. The grant will support the project, which is a green space that provides experiential learning opportunities for local schools, businesses and civic organizations to learn about water and soil conservation.

“We are excited for Duke Energy’s support of the Shamrock Outdoor Learning lab. With this grant, Hamilton County will have access to a green space that will develop positive relationships with the environment, others and ourselves through interaction with the natural world,” said Ashley Knott, Executive Director of the Westfield Education Foundation.

“Studies have shown that students who learn outdoors develop a sense of self, independence, confidence, creativity, decision-making and problem-solving skills, empathy towards others, motor skills, self-discipline and initiative. The space is not only for our students but also for community members of all ages.”

Knott went on to say, “Building opportunities within Hamilton County supports the well-being and sustainability of our communities, society and our environment.”

The Duke Energy Foundation has awarded a total of 20 grants, giving more than \$250,000, to Indiana-based organizations undertaking a wide range of environmental initiatives across the state, including projects to enhance Indiana parks, protect vulnerable habitats, support clean water, and expand outdoor recreational and educational opportunities.

“We’re pleased to partner with local nonprofits and organizations across our service territory to enhance the quality of life of our customers and communities,” said Stan Pinegar, president of Duke Energy Indiana. “From planting trees to creating community gardens and nature trails, we hope to make a positive impact through meaningful and sustainable projects that make Indiana a desirable and vibrant place to live.”

Over the last five years, the Duke Energy Foundation has awarded more than 70 grants totaling nearly \$1 million to organizations across Indiana for projects that support environmental stewardship.

This year, grants were awarded to 20 Indiana-based organizations to

support conservation and educational programs in Boone, Clark, Decatur, Fayette, Franklin, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Henry, Jackson, Jefferson, Monroe, Owen, Putnam, Ripley, Rush, Tippecanoe, Vigo and Wabash counties.

The remaining projects outside Hamilton County are:

1. Alquina Blue Arrows Park (Fayette County)

- \$10,000 for planting of trees and native pollinators, installing new fencing and providing educational opportunities
- The grant will support efforts to make Alquina Blue Arrows Park more bird-, butterfly- and bee-friendly by adding more native pollinator plants to landscaping that borders the park shelter, walking trail and historical monument. The funds will also support the purchase and planting of native trees on the property, as well as educational opportunities for visitors highlighting the importance of biodiversity and protecting native species. Finally, the grant will support the purchase and installation of split rail fencing to act as both a safety barrier and aesthetic enhancement to the park.

2. CanopyBloomington (Monroe County)

- \$15,000 for tree planting in economically disadvantaged areas
- CanopyBloomington has identified several economically disadvantaged areas within the city of Bloomington that lack tree canopy cover. This grant funding will support the planting of new trees in these areas, as well as their long-term maintenance and care.

3. City of Rushville (Rush County)

- \$15,000 for tree planting to commemorate bicentennial
- To commemorate its bicentennial year, the city of Rushville intends to plant 200 new trees across the community. The project symbolizes the city’s commitment to a cleaner, greener future for the next 200 years. The new trees will aid in the enhancement and preservation of public green spaces and assist in the reduction of carbon and storm water runoff, improving soil quality.

4. City of Seymour (Jackson County)

- \$10,000 for tree planting near Freeman Field Recreational Com-

plex

- The grant will support the planting of trees near the Freeman Field Recreational Complex, a 67-acre site used for sports and recreational activities. The trees will act as a natural wind barrier, while also providing shade and helping with drainage. The project will help advance the city’s goal of planting two trees for every tree that’s removed due to storms or disease.

5. Decatur County Community Foundation (Decatur County)

- \$15,000 for new playground, improvements to memorial walking trail
- The grant will support improvements to a 0.6-mile walking trail established in memory of Travis Wenning, who lost his fight with cancer at the age of 6. The trail runs along the south perimeter of St. Mary’s Parish campus. The funding will support the installation of a new playground, which will feature equipment that resembles tree stumps, logs and boulders that reflect the natural environment. The grant will also help fund the planting of native trees, as well as the placement of stones around the base of existing trees to prevent erosion and control weeds.

6. Franklin County Community Foundation (Franklin County)

- \$10,000 for expansion, maintenance of community gardens
- The grant will support the expansion and continued maintenance of several community and pollinator gardens across Franklin County. The gardens are frequently used for educational purposes highlighting food preservation and preparation, the planting and maintenance of gardens, pest control, and the planting of crops. The funds will also be used to upgrade seating and walking areas within the gardens.

7. Healthy Communities of Henry County (Henry County)

- \$10,000 for Wilbur Wright Trail development
- The grant will support phase three of construction on the Wilbur Wright Trail. The new 2.6-mile trail segment will extend from southwest of Mooreland to the northeast side, providing an opportunity for the public to walk, run and bike along a tree-lined path. The project aims to increase residents’ quality of life and help individuals reach

their fitness goals.

8. Lake Monroe Water Fund (Monroe County)

- \$15,000 for healthy woodlands and clean drinking water
- The grant will help support live staking along the banks of Clay Lick Creek, a process that involves taking cuttings from woody plants and sticking them into the ground to help remediate soil erosion. The funds will also support the planting of native trees and shrubs adjacent to the creek to help stabilize the soil and create a habitat for birds and insects. The effort aims to improve water quality in the lake, which is the sole drinking water source for 150,000 Bloomington-area residents and businesses. The project is adjacent to CYO Camp Rancho Framasa, providing an opportunity to educate campers about water conservation and sustainability.

9. Louisville Grows (Clark County)

- \$15,000 for tree planting in Jeffersonville and Clarksville
- The cities of Jeffersonville and Clarksville are partnering with the nonprofit Louisville Grows to help increase the tree canopy in low-income neighborhoods near I-65. The grant will help purchase approximately 200 shade trees, which will be selected and planted by volunteers with expertise in urban forestry. The project aims to establish a thriving tree canopy, create aesthetic appeal and provide ample shaded areas.

10. Manchester University (Wabash County)

- \$10,000 to establish garden spaces on campus
- Manchester University’s Environmental Studies Program and Center for Environmental Resilience and Social Engagement are currently implementing a campuswide conservation management strategy that focuses on actions and infrastructure that are resilient to climate change, support biodiversity conservation and provide accessible green space to northeast Indiana. Phase one of the project is focused on transforming the campus grounds into an agroecology teaching, research and community outreach space. This grant funding will be used to establish garden spaces on campus grounds that demonstrate best practices for climate-resilient food production and for

combating issues of food insecurity.

11. Parks Foundation of Hendricks County (Hendricks County)

- \$5,000 for Williams Park ecological enhancement
- Brownsburg Parks and Recreation has collaborated with community members and partners to restore critical areas of Williams Park, a 77-acre park that hosts approximately 20,000 visitors each year. The grant funds will be used to implement phase one of the park’s ecological enhancement plan, which includes transitioning turf in the park’s central median into a pollinator prairie mix. The project will help the park save on long-term turf management expenses, reduce their fuel consumption and enhance the park’s biodiversity.

12. Penny Trails (Hancock County)

- \$13,561 to increase parking at Eagle Station
- The grant will fund efforts to expand parking and trail access at 400 West Eagle Station. The expanded parking lot will accommodate additional cars and school buses and allow visitors to easily access a recently constructed outdoor classroom and educational signage.

13. Ripley County Community Foundation (Ripley County)

- \$25,000 for tree planting, installation of water bottle filling stations and trash/recycling receptacles
- The grant will fund the planting of trees and native plants in pollinator gardens and near trailheads. The funds will also support the purchase and installation of water bottle filling stations and trash and recycling receptacles.

14. The Nature Conservancy (Jefferson, Putnam and Owen counties)

- \$10,000 for ecological enhancement
- The grant will support reforestation efforts at Pennywort Cliffs Nature Preserve in Jefferson County, Big Walnut Nature Preserve in Putnam County and Green’s Bluff Nature Preserve in Owen County.

15. Tree Lafayette (Tippecanoe County)

- \$15,000 for tree planting in Lafayette
- The grant will support the planting of 40 trees along the streets of Lafayette in spring 2023. Many of the trees will be planted in underserved or low-income neighborhoods

within the community.

16. Vigo County 4-H Council (Vigo County)

- \$8,000 for tree planting at Vigo County Fairgrounds
- The grant will fund the purchase and planting of a variety of trees at the Vigo County Fairgrounds, contributing to beautification efforts on the property and creating an inviting space for fairgoers and visitors.

17. Vigo County Parks and Recreation Department (Vigo County)

- \$15,000 for osprey and eagle nesting platforms
- The grant will fund the purchase and installation of two nesting platforms for eagles and ospreys at the top of two retired electric transmission towers at the Wabashiki Fish & Wildlife Area in West Terre Haute.

18. Zionsville Parks Foundation (Boone County)

- \$14,970 for ecological enhancement at Zionsville Golf Course
- The grant will support work to convert 3.53 acres of grass at Zionsville Golf Course into native plantings. The project will not only attract and support pollinators and other wildlife, but also reduce the amount of mowing required, thus reducing the golf course’s carbon footprint. Additionally, the grant will support the installation of signage to educate the community about the habitat restoration project and underscore the importance of supporting pollinator-friendly plants.

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TECH From Page A1

itself as a leader in entrepreneurship and in tech innovation, making us the perfect place for spokenote to launch and grow,” Holcomb explained. “I couldn’t be more grateful for them choosing Indiana among a world of options and for the hundreds of high-tech, high-wage jobs they will create for Hoosiers in central Indiana.”

“As a state, we are focused on advancing future-focused industries by investing in innovative, high-growth companies like spokenote,” said Indiana Secretary of Commerce Brad Chambers. “Indiana was named one of the top global emerging destinations for startups, and our robust network of entrepreneurs and innovative companies like spokenote will continue to elevate our reputation as a leader in the tech sector.”

The company, which provides a platform enabling customers to “add video to anything,” will invest \$2.95 million to establish and grow its headquarters in the Certified Technology Park in Fishers. spokenote will locate in and equip a 4,000-square-foot office in the Techway building, which is currently being redeveloped, and plans to invest in new hardware and equipment to support its growing team. The company plans to move from its current location in the Indiana IoT Lab to its new headquarters in fourth quarter 2022.

spokenote was founded in 2021 and launched its first product in June. The company, which currently employs 10 full-time associates, plans to begin hiring for technical, sales, marketing and operations roles by year-end to support its growth and future product launches.

“We are very excited about our prospects for growth, and having the support from our state and local government makes a real impact in our expansion plans,” said John Wechsler, founder and CEO of spokenote. “Between the thriving innovation ecosystem in Fishers, and the financial incentives from the state, we’re confident in our ability to generate new jobs and create economic value in Indiana.”

The company, which recently completed its initial funding round, has utilized a number of resources

About spokenote, LLC

spokenote develops technology that improves how people communicate, providing tools for human expression and communication via digital media. The company’s initial product – spokenote stickers – connect users to the company’s video creation and sharing platform. Each spokenote sticker features a unique spokenote code that, when scanned by a mobile device, can be paired with a video created by the user. Once the code and video are paired, anyone who scans the code on the sticker can view the video. The company is headquartered in Fishers, Indiana. For more information or to purchase spokenote stickers, visit spokenote.com.

available to help Indiana entrepreneurs and startups grow, including ample shared co-working spaces and the state’s Venture Capital Investment (VCI) tax credit, which helps entrepreneurs and startups attract capital more quickly by giving investors an additional incentive to invest in early-stage, growing Indiana companies.

spokenote’s first product – called spokenote stickers – allows users to view and share a recorded or uploaded video via unique, machine-readable code on a sticker. The company’s products are currently available on Amazon and spokenote.com, and plans for a retail launch are in the works for 2023. Additionally, the company anticipates developing and launching several new products for consumer and enterprise customers next year.

Based on the company’s job creation plans, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) committed an investment in spokenote of up to \$7 million in the form of incentive-based tax credits and up to \$165,000 in training grants. These tax credits are performance-based, meaning the company is eligible to claim incentives once Hoosiers are hired and trained. The city of Fishers offered additional training grants to support the company.

BETSY From Page A1



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Visitors to Noblesville Farmers Market shop for honey at Eagle Creek Apiary (above), one of the many vendors at the weekly market, which winds down for the season with the final market 8 a.m. to noon Saturday at Federal Hill Commons.

annual nights of the 39th annual Headless Horseman at Conner Prairie, which continues Thursdays-Sundays, through Oct. 29 in Fishers. Explore the mystery of Amsel Farm and an 11-acre haunted corn maze, enjoy sweet treats at the Apple Store, operated by the Conner Prairie Alliance, celebrating its 40th. Noblesville Farmers Market’s final market of the season is 8 a.m. to noon Saturday at Federal Hill Commons in downtown Noblesville.

4. Join Noblesville Fire Department from 7:30 to 11 a.m. Saturday for the annual NFD Auxiliary Pancake Breakfast and open house at Station 71 at 135 S. Ninth St., with inflatable slides, plastic fire helmets, and fire hoses for future NFD firefighters. All-you-can-eat pancakes are \$5. This week, Oct. 9-15, is the 100th anniversary of National Fire Prevention Week.

6. Carousel Corner is open at Forest Park in Noblesville from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. this weekend and weekend of Oct 23, with \$2 carousel rides and \$3 mini golf, then closes for the season.

7. Fall-A-Palooza is 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday in the Fishers District in The Yard, featuring live music by local polka band, Indy Polkamotion, a live pumpkin-carving demonstration by master pumpkin carver Lee Aberson, a display of pre-carved pumpkins, face

painters, magic tricks by Daniel Lusk, stilt walker, kids can decorate mini pumpkins and enjoy activities and crafts.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. Visit Little Haunt on the Prairie at Ghoul Creek Park at 5 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Oct. 20 at Cool Creek Park in Westfield. Spooky, yet age-appropriate Halloween activities will be offered for children ranging from preschool to school ages and their families. You are welcome to come in your costumes and enjoy nature interpretation, entertainment, a hayride, food for purchase, and activities for the little ones as they trick-or-treat their way through this spooky event.

11. Sit back, relax and watch The Attic Theatre’s production of “The Play That Goes Wrong,” 7 p.m. Oct. 20-22 and 2 p.m. Oct. 22 at The Ivy Tech Auditorium in Noblesville.

12. Attend the 14th



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Dom Piedmonte (from left), Margaret Smith and Ervin Gainer rehearse for Carmel Community Players’ production of “Tick, Tick, Boom” opening tonight at The Switch Theatre at Ji-Eun Lee Music Academy in Fishers.

annual Free Pumpkin Giveaway at 4:30 p.m. Oct. 21 at Red Bridge Park in Cicero, with face painting, games and goodies.

13. Children can enjoy trick-or-treating in the Plaza at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 21 at Grand Junction Plaza.

14. Join the Ghosts & Goblins 5K/2K Run/Walk at 9 a.m. Oct. 22 at Carmel High School.

15. The 10th annual Boo ‘n Brew Fall Festival is 2 p.m. Oct. 22 at Clay Terrace, 14390 Clay Terrace Blvd., Carmel.

16. Enjoy live music with Red Tailed Hawk at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 22 at Spencer Farm Winery in Noblesville.

17. All aboard for Dinner & Goblins the Nickel Plate Express at 6 p.m. Oct. 22 and 5 p.m. Oct. 23. Also, enjoy Trick-or-Treat on the Rails, a 65-minute adventure down the rails, from 2 p.m. to 3:05 p.m. Oct. 29-30 on the Nickel Plate Express. Wear your best costume for a Halloween costume contest. Also,

18. Kids Halloween Night is 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Oct. 24 at Noblesville Jim Dandy, featuring kids activities, face painting and coloring contest for bucket of candy prize. Kids eat free off of the kids menu with adult purchase of \$9 or more.

19. Westfield continues its Movies in the Plaza series at dusk select Fridays, on the Great Lawn

at Grand Junction Plaza, with two more movies, “Hocus Pocus,” Oct. 28; and “Elf,” Dec. 2.

20. Kids participate in a Trunk or Treat event at 6 p.m. Oct. 28 at Noblesville Moose Lodge.

21. Enjoy a free Fall Festival at 3 p.m. Oct. 29 at Harbour Shores Church in Noblesville.

22. Celebrate Halloween during Noblesville Preservation Alliance’s entertaining evening exploring murder ballads music genre during “Murder in Noblesville” from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Oct. 29 at Preservation Hall, with tickets \$10 each at preservationhall.org/

23. Take a ride on Nickel Plate Express’ Wizard Express or any different train rides. Pumpkin Spice Express rides in October. Trick-or-Treat on the Rails, Oct. 29-30. Check availability at nickelplate-express.com/

24. Kids can participate in Trunk or Treat at 4 p.m. Oct. 30 at Noblesville First United Methodist Church, with free games, inflatables and candy in the church parking lot, and prizes for the spookiest, silliest and most creative.

25. Save the date for Noblesville Main Street’s First Friday Holiday Open House from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Nov. 4 in downtown Noblesville.

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Female Breadwinner Burnout is Very Real

You would think that the average female breadwinner has a partner who handles the housework and caregiving burden, right? Think again. In fact, research shows that once women start to out-earn their partners and simultaneously have children, couples still revert to more traditional gender roles, with women picking up all or most of the housework and getting hit with the very real "mommy penalty" of lower wages as a result.

Acclaimed leadership coach, mother of two and TEDx Speaker Vanessa Loder offers insight on why this unfair disparity exists and simple solutions that working women can implement to help alleviate burnout and save their sanity. In her new book, *The Soul Solution: A Guide for Brilliant, Overwhelmed Women to Quiet the Noise, Find Their Superpower, and (Finally) Feel Satisfied*, Vanessa bridges spiritual concepts with business acumen, trust, and authority to those feeling overwhelmed and exhausted recover their true

elves while feeling more joy in their daily lives.

"The majority of women who out-earn their partners deal with external judgment and shoulder the majority of household labor and childcare, leaving them chronically overworked, under pressure and worrying about protecting their partners from negative emotions and perceptions," says Vanessa. "While it's clear that we need improved public policy that supports working mothers, there are simple solutions that can be implemented at home right now."

Vanessa has supported thousands of burnt-out female breadwinners, and in an interview, she can share simple solutions to help working women alleviate burnout and save their sanity. Talking points include:

Do Less + Choose Rest Over Resentment. Research shows in couples where the female breadwinner spends more time on household chores, marital dissatisfaction is at its highest. Recognize the pressure to do it all and lie down on the couch instead.

Pick Your Battles. When it comes to external societal forces, choose where to spend your energy. Schools still tend to call the mom, even if the dad is listed as the primary contact. It's crucial for men to disrupt these caregiving gender norms. It probably is worth your or your partner's time to make sure your kids' teacher and other parents know to email and text your partner about school issues and playdates. Maybe it's not worth your while to correct the family vet when they look at you (and not your partner) while describing how to give the dog its medicine.

Untwist Your Pretzel. This is something I talk about in my book. It's important to peel back the layers of unconscious messaging we've absorbed from our culture. Source your "Should's" by journaling on the sentences "What my mom says a good wife/mom/worker does", "What my dad says a good wife/mom/worker does", and "What our culture says a good wife/mom/worker does". Your answers may surprise you.

Then ask for each belief, "Is this something I want to choose to believe going forward?" Come back to your core values and decide which beliefs and mindsets you want to intentionally carry forward.

Vanessa is highly engaging and has been featured across top-tier media, and various speaking engagements. Most recently, she was on Good Day Chicago.

ABOUT VANESSA LODER

Vanessa Loder is an inspirational keynote speaker and sought-after expert on women's leadership, mindfulness, stress management and sustainable success. Vanessa's work has been featured in Forbes, Fast Company, the Huffington Post and Glamour magazine, among others. Her TEDx talk "How To Lean In Without Burning Out" has over 150,000 views, over 18,000 people have taken Vanessa's paid online courses and her guided meditations have been streamed over 1 million times globally. Loder is the author of the forthcoming book, *The Soul Solution: A Guide for*

Brilliant, Overwhelmed Women to Quiet the Noise, Find Their Superpower and (Finally) Feel Satisfied, released by Sound-sTrue in October 2022.

After spending close to a decade working in finance on Wall Street and Silicon Valley, Vanessa felt that she had climbed to the top of the wrong ladder. Her personal transformation and soul awakening, subsequent research and work have led to thousands of brilliant, overwhelmed women finding their way back to soul.

Vanessa received her MBA from Stanford University and her BA from Columbia University where she graduated Phi Beta Kappa, Summa Cum Laude. Loder is a certified Executive Coach, trained in Neuro-Linguistic Programming, past life regression hypnosis and Vipassana meditation with Jack Kornfield. Vanessa currently lives in Lafayette, CA with her husband and two children, who remind her to take "mommy time-outs" when she's about to lose her marbles. Visit her at www.vanessaloder.com.

World's Whitest Paint Now Thinner Than Ever, Ideal for Vehicles

The world's whitest paint – seen in this year's edition of Guinness World Records and "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" – keeps surfaces so cool that it could reduce the need for air conditioning. Now the Purdue University researchers who created the paint have developed a new formulation that is thinner and lighter – ideal for radiating heat away from cars, trains and airplanes.

"I've been contacted by everyone from spacecraft manufacturers to architects to companies that make clothes and shoes," said Xiulin Ruan, a Purdue professor of mechanical engineering and developer of the paint. "They mostly had two questions: Where can I buy it, and can you make it thinner?"

The original world's whitest paint used nanoparticles of barium sulfate to reflect 98.1% of sunlight, cooling outdoor surfaces more than 4.5°C below ambient temperature. Cover your roof in that paint, and you could essentially cool your home with

much less air conditioning. But there's a problem.

"To achieve this level of radiative cooling below the ambient temperature, we had to apply a layer of paint at least 400 microns thick," Ruan said. "That's fine if you're painting a robust stationary structure, like the roof of a building. But in applications that have precise size and weight requirements, the paint needs to be thinner and lighter."

That's why Ruan's team began experimenting with other materials, pushing the limit of materials' capability to scatter sunlight. Their latest formulation is a nanoporous paint incorporating hexagonal boron nitride as the pigment, a substance mostly used in lubricants. This new paint achieves nearly the same benchmark of solar reflectance (97.9%) with just a single 150-micron layer of paint.

Their research has been published in *Cell Reports Physical Science*.

"Hexagonal boron nitride has

a high refractive index, which leads to strong scattering of sunlight," said Andrea Felicelli, a Purdue PhD student in mechanical engineering who worked on the project. "The particles of this material also have a unique morphology, which we call nanoplatelets."

Ioanna Katsamba, another PhD student in mechanical engineering at Purdue, ran computer simulations to understand if the nanoplatelet morphology offers any benefits. "The models showed us that the nanoplatelets are more effective in bouncing back the solar radiation than spherical nanoparticles used in previous cooling paints," Katsamba said.

The paint also incorporates voids of air, which make it highly porous on a nanoscale. This lower density, together with the thinness, provides another huge benefit: reduced weight. The newer paint weighs 80% less than barium sulfate paint yet achieves nearly identical solar reflectance.

"This light weight opens the doors to all kinds of applications," said George Chiu, a Purdue professor of mechanical engineering and an expert in inkjet printing. "Now this paint has the potential to cool the exteriors of airplanes, cars or trains. An airplane sitting on the tarmac on a hot summer day won't have to run its air conditioning as hard to cool the inside, saving large amounts of energy. Spacecraft also have to be as light as possible, and this paint can be a part of that."

As to that other big question – where can I buy the paint? – Ruan explains. "We are in discussions right now to commercialize it," he said. "There are still a few issues that need to be addressed, but progress is being made."

Either way, these Purdue researchers look forward to what the paint could accomplish. "Using this paint will help cool surfaces and greatly reduce the need for air conditioning," Ruan said. "This not only saves

money, but it reduces energy usage, which in turn reduces greenhouse gas emissions. And unlike other cooling methods, this paint radiates all the heat into deep space, which also directly cools down our planet. It's pretty amazing that a paint can do all that."

Patent applications for this paint formulation have been filed through the Purdue Research Foundation Office of Technology Commercialization. For further discussion on this intellectual property, contact Will Buchanan at wdbuchanan@prf.org and reference code 2022-RUAN-69542. This research was supported by the National Science Foundation with Award No. 2102645, and Andrea Felicelli was supported by a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship. The research was performed at Purdue's FLEX Lab and Ray W. Herrick Laboratories and the Birck Nanotechnology Center of Discovery Park District at Purdue.



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School Board Elections More Important Than Ever



TIM TIMMONS
Two Cents

There's so much disagreement in the world today. Liberals, conservatives, socialists, Trumplers, non-Trumplers . . . it just goes on and on. But perhaps most of us can agree that parents are the biggest influence when it comes to their children. And maybe we can also nod our heads together on the idea that the second-biggest influencer might be schools.

If so, then this election might be one of the most important in recent memory.

It's time to vote for school boards.

Long gone are the days when folks ran because they either wanted to hire, or fire, a basketball coach. But things haven't cooled off much. Instead of coaches, the hot topics are critical race theory, what books should or shouldn't

be in school libraries, how many genders there are, do kids have the right to be "furries" at school . . . and even the core question of do parents have the right to know and / or influence the curriculum.

Look, you may have strong feelings on these topics. That's good, I do, too. We might agree, we might not. But the point is that the folks who will decide those topics and more are on your ballot.

Look, it's just one man's opinion but getting school boards who believe the following four things are more important than ever:

- Parents are responsible for raising children, not schools
- There are indeed some books that are not age appropriate
- Teachers need to be able to educate – not just make sure kids can pass tests

• School principals and administrators should be more concerned with school safety than hot topic social issues

Boil it down and we need people in charge who put education, teachers and kids first.

We do not need people who think schools' jobs

are to raise children. Ask a teacher and they will tell you the classroom is hard enough today. Most will tell you they desperately want mom and dad to raise Little Johnny and Susie before they hit the classroom door.

We don't need to elect people who think racism is part and parcel of being white. Isn't that actually the definition of racism?

We do not need people, like our First Lady, who said that any and all books should be in the school library. Look, I have eight grandchildren, and all but two are in pre-school or elementary schools. You can damn well bet there are books they should not be exposed to yet. Isn't the Internet bad enough? The 10-year-old knows more about the birds and bees and such than I did when I was in high school.

We very much do not need people who believe boys aren't boys and girls aren't girls . . . or cute little furry animals.

And most of all, we do not need people sitting on those boards who are (what's the term?) woke.

In today's upside-down world, we desperately need school; boards who support teachers and

support students. We need school boards who hire administrators who are in line with community standards, and show the door to those who are not.

Make no mistake, this is a critical time.

And make no mistake, this is about education.

Isn't it intellectually dishonest to let little boys and girls think they can be something other than a little boy or little girl? Isn't it intellectually dishonest to try to ignore the parts of history we don't like, agree with or make us uncomfortable? Shouldn't education be about being honest, not anything else?

We need people serving on those boards who are exactly that – intellectually honest. We don't need those who are more concerned about being politically correct than about ensuring administrators, teachers and kids are all rowing in the same direction toward learning. We need to elect people who believe accountability isn't a bad thing and who believe successes should be celebrated. Let me say it again, ask a teacher. The job is hard enough today. It's not anything like when you and I were

Local Candidates

According to the state web site, here are the candidates for local school boards:

Noblesville:

Joe Forgey
Chuck Haberman
Melba Kiser
Brian Laskey
Misti Ray

Hamilton Southeastern:

Brad Boyer
Edward Gedeon
Jackie Howell
Tiffany Pascoe
Juanita Pritchett
Carla Cork
Dawn Lang
Julie Chambers
Harry Delks
Ben Orr

Sheridan:

Tyler Henning
Kim Zachery
Nancy Boone
Drew Carlisle
Cheri Hume

Westfield:

Patricia Fassnacht
Alan Ford
Amber Huff Willis
Curtis Wyatt
William Anderson
Patrick Phillips
Rebecca Ogle
Jill Woerner

Carmel:

Sheldon Barnes
Jenny Brake
Stephanie Ann Fittner
Kristin Kouka
Lori Long
Jennifer Nelson-Williams
Adam Sharp
Greg Brown
Jake Nichols

Hamilton Heights:

Arnie Cooper
Julie Davis
Benjamin Lehman
Doug Ozolins

in school.

When you go to the ballot box, please cast your vote for those individuals who are ready, willing and able to help get things going in the right direction again.

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 ttimmons@thetimes24-7.com.

Ask Rusty – Octogenarian Asks About Wife's Spousal And Survivor Benefits

Dear Rusty: I am now 80 and my wife is 76, and we both took early Social Security benefits at age 62. When my wife took her Social Security, it was a lot smaller than mine, so they took a portion of mine and added it to hers. How does that work? Also, when I die, will my wife get all of mine or just a percentage? Signed: Curious Senior

Dear Curious: Social Security's standard process is to pay a beneficiary's personally earned retirement benefit first, and then add an additional amount as necessary to bring the payment up to what they are entitled to as a spouse, or as a surviving spouse. So, in your

wife's case, she is now (while you are both living) receiving her own earned Social Security benefit plus a "spousal boost" to make her payment equal what she's due as your spouse. Your wife's spousal boost was not taken from your benefit payment – you still get your own retirement benefit – but her spousal boost amount was computed by comparing the amount she was entitled to at her full retirement age (FRA) to 50% of your FRA benefit amount and then reducing her spousal boost amount because she claimed at age 62 (all Social Security benefits, except disability benefits, taken before FRA are reduced).

Regarding your wife's benefit as your survivor,



ASK RUSTY
Social Security Advisor

since her own SS retirement benefit is smaller, if you die first the added "spousal boost" amount your wife now gets will stop and be replaced by a higher supplement which brings her total payment up to what she is entitled to as your surviving widow.

As your spouse while

Social Security Matters

by AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor
Russell Gloor

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you are still living, the most your wife could have gotten was 50% of the benefit amount you were entitled to at your full retirement age (FRA) of 66, but she gets less than that because she claimed at age 62. However, if you die, your wife will get a higher total amount consisting of her personally earned age

62 benefit, plus a supplemental amount to make her payment equal to 100% of the amount you were receiving when you died. In fact, her benefit amount at your death may even be more than you were getting when you died, because she will get at least 82.5% of your "primary insur-

ance amount" or "PIA", which is the benefit you were due at age 66 (your FRA).

Think of it this way – as your surviving spouse your wife's total benefit payment amount will be either 100% of the benefit you were receiving when you died, or 82.5% of the benefit you were entitled to at age 66, whichever amount is higher. And that will replace the smaller amount your wife is now getting as your spouse while you are both living. Of course, your wife will need to notify Social Security of your death and should do so in a timely manner to get the higher benefit she is entitled to as your surviving spouse flowing as soon as possible.

John Comes Up With 'Clutch' Performance



JOHN MARLOWE
With the Grain

We watched with great anticipation as the giant tanker truck maneuvered through the concrete service lot. The clumsy behemoth gracefully positioned itself directly above the fuel storage tanks, hesitating there for a moment above the open intake ports, like mother Blue Jay hovering above the gaping mouths of her hungry chicks.

The four of us stood by our vehicles among the array of retail gas pumps, and watched the truck driver descend from the cab, attach a rigid black hose to both the tanker and the buried storage tanks, and begin regurgitating nearly 11,000 gallons of gasoline into the ground below.

It was feeding time at this rural gas station, and on the menu was Texas Tea.

We four, we who waited – we who had believed the gas station attendant when he said the resupply tanker was just down the road, or who like me, had disobeyed his Mother and let his car's gas tank drain cavernously empty – we were quickly rewarded for not trying to reach the next gas station 20 miles down

the road.

One by one, I watched my fellow wayfarers gas up, then pull away from the pumps, continuing their journeys to parts unknown.

I preferred being last, because I knew Skinny Edwards.

Skinny, who delivered fuel oil when I was a kid, always told his customers not to restart their furnaces immediately after a fill. "There are foreign bodies floating around in there now," Skinny explained. "You must let them settle or they'll get sucked into your motor."

I remember opening the lid to the fuel tank after Skinny pulled away, hoping to catch sight of a real cadaver bobbing in the murk. I never did. I also never forgot Skinny's lesson. It explains why they never serve Pinot Noir with Brussel Sprouts.

It was a particularly quiet morning at the gas station, as my fellow travelers pulled away. For some reason the falsetto yelp of automatic transmissions shifting into the next gear caught my attention. Then it dawned on me.

There's the answer, I thought! We should all go back to standard transmissions. What this world needs is a good clutch!

I first learned to drive in a car with a standard transmission, and lest you believe that Henry Ford was my neighbor then, let me remind you that vehicles with manual clutches still exist today. There's just not very many.

The idea of a clutch is simple. Its job is to interrupt the power coming from the engine long

enough for the gears in the gearbox to be selected while the car is moving. Today's vehicles with automatic transmissions use computers to engage the clutch and select gears. In my early driving days, cars with standard transmissions had a third pedal coming through the floorboard that we stomped on to make gear selections manually.

What was neat was that when you manually engaged the clutch – pushed in the pedal – the car coasted.

Many a time I eked out extra miles on an empty gas tank by strategically coasting down steep hills, then releasing the clutch in time for the engine to power the car up the next grade. Repeating the process, I saved hundreds of dollars annually, although to register a real profit, I had to include the cost of a burned clutch or two.

Think of the millions of gallons we could save, today, if everyone was required to step on a clutch!

There are side benefits, too. Road rage declines. We all will be too busy learning again to shift the car manually to be bothered by what anyone else is doing. And we'd get a great workout! Pumping that third pedal will be like taking a spin class on your way to work.

Perhaps I've oversimplified. Yet often the best solutions are not complicated. Adding a clutch to our lives might just be the easiest way to reinvigorate this shiftless society.

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Getting Ahead of the Snores...



RANDALL FRANKS
Southern Style Columns

It had been a busy day or roaming for me around my grandparent's place.

I am sure much of my adventures had not amounted to much but to me they seemed like I was Davey Crockett and Daniel Boone rolled up into one.

As the evening sun went down and the family gathered on the porch, the evening meal of pinto beans, turnip greens with fatback, fried chicken, and cornbread, was being set on the table and soon we would gather around it, bow our heads and hear grace emanate from my grandfather's booming tones.

As we gathered in the living room, the black and white Zenith was turned on in anticipation of an episode of "The

Porter Wagoner Show." Grandma loved Porter and never missed his show. Plus an added benefit, he had one of her mountain kin singing on the show too, a blonde named Dolly.

As the designated antenna holder, I would often spend my time hanging with one hand on the rabbit ears, as I hung around to see a bit of the screen being chided to get out of the way should I ever lose my balance.

As the evening progressed, the family would eventually veer from the screen to talking amongst each other. After finishing my acrobatics around the TV, I would excuse myself and head to bed.

The old farmhouse had two bedrooms each with a double bed adorned in a chenille bedspread, one for my grandparents and one for my folks and I.

You might wonder why a youth would wish to get to bed early. Well, if I didn't, I wouldn't sleep a wink.

Between my grandfather and my father sawing logs throughout the night, I have no idea how my mother or grandmother rested at all.

If I had not went to bed early in an attempt to beat their snores, I would have spent the night tossing and turning simply hoping to find rest.

On a couple of occasions when I awoke unexpectedly, those were nights of misery.

As I have now years between me and those memories, and they are all gone, I do wish I could go back and endure it once again. I am sure that if anyone is within ear shot of my sleeping, they probably are now finding the same misery, although I have never stayed up to find out myself. Sweet dreams!

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