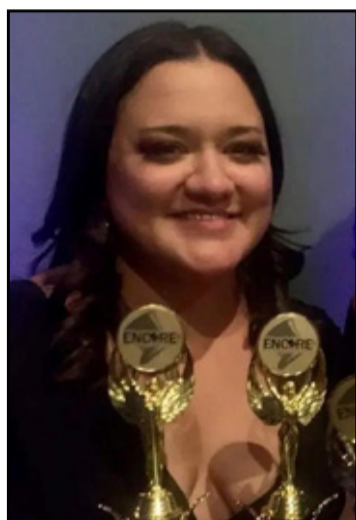


➔ TODAY'S VERSE

Psalms 1:1-3 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.



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What makes Ka'Lena Cuevas smile? "Only the worst cliches come to mind when trying to answer this question, but it reminds me of one of my favorite Shakespeare plays: 'The robbed that smiles, steals something from the thief,'" said the Fishers resident, who is often found producing local community theater productions. Most recently, she earned Encore Association's 2022 Awards for Best Production of a Comedy for Basile Westfield Playhouse's "Rumors" and Best Production of a Drama for the Playhouse's "Mice and Men" on Nov. 7 (above) at The Toby theater at Indianapolis Museum of Art at Newfields. Before that, she earned Best Production of a Comedy for the Playhouse's 2019 "Lie, Cheat and Genuflect." She performed in Noblesville Cultural Arts Commission's 30th annual free Shakespeare in the Park. Cuevas was born and raised in New York City (Chelsea, Manhattan) and when she was a teenager moved with her family to Oahu, Hawaii, until she left for college, "which is what brought me here (to Indiana)," said Cuevas, who graduated from DePauw University. After finishing grad school on the East Coast, she moved to Indianapolis, then Fishers. Why theater? "I've always loved theater. My parents would take my siblings and me to Broadway and Off-Broadway shows growing up in NYC, and I still remember those," said Cuevas, who took acting and playwriting classes in college and majored in English. Basile Westfield Playhouse is currently in its final weekend for "Mothers & Sons," on stage through Sunday with tickets at westfieldplayhouse.org

And Another Few Things...

1. Operation Christmas Child

As the Thanksgiving season approaches, many families and children are giving thanks and giving back—to children in need around the world through Operation Christmas Child. Shoebox gifts prepared by generous donors and filled with toys, hygiene items and school supplies may be dropped off now during National Collection Week, which began yesterday and runs through next Monday. More than 4,500 drop-off sites are now open. The Samaritan's Purse project will collect its 200-millionth shoebox this year! This year, Operation Christmas Child hopes to collect enough shoeboxes to reach another 11 million children. There's still time for individuals, families and groups to transform empty shoeboxes into fun gifts. Samaritan's Purse partners with local churches across the globe to deliver these to children in need. Find a step-by-step guide at samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box/ Information on the nearest drop-off location and hours of operation can be found online at samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/drop-off-locations/. The online lookup tool is searchable by city or ZIP code. Signs at each location will identify the drop off.

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Noblesville High School students Cai Cook (from left), Else Miller, Hannah Ropte, Nolan Campbell, Sarah Rolinson and Hailey Kirkpatrick rehearse this week for "Chicago: Teen Edition" with two more shows, at 7 p.m. today and Saturday at NHS Auditorium. Tickets are \$10-\$15 for reserved seating at nhscpo.org

Stage Musicals, Drive-Thru Holiday Lights, Amazing Athletes, All This Weekend



BETSY REASON
The Times Editor

Westfield Playhouse winds down its current play, "Mothers & Sons," and Noblesville High School choral department presents its fall musical, "Chicago: Teen Edition" today and Saturday, and Fishers High School presents its fall musical, "Legally Blonde," today and Saturday.

Here are more details of my list of 20 things to do this weekend and beyond:
1. Noblesville High School presents "Chicago: The Musical," at 7 p.m. today and Saturday at NHS Auditorium. Silent auction and tickets are \$10-\$15 for reserved seating at nhscpo.org

2. Main Street Productions presents "Mothers & Sons," an Artist's Choice Production that celebrates inclusion, diversity and new voices. The play, Rate PG-13, through Sunday at Basile Westfield Playhouse with tickets at westfieldplayhouse.org

3. Theatre Fishers proudly presents "Legally Blonde The Musical" at 7 p.m. today and Saturday at Fishers High School, with tickets at www.purplepass.com

4. Take a drive through the Magic of Lights: Drive-Through Holiday Lights Experience, now open nightly at Ruoff Mu-

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Dr. Arrowood Thanks Heights Community and Welcomes New School Board Member



DR. DEREK ARROWOOD
HHSC Superintendent

Last Saturday, Hamilton Heights enjoyed hosting its first ever VEX Robotics Competition. The event, held at the Hamilton Heights Middle School, drew in some 40 teams from 30 different schools. It was nothing short of amazing! Energy, innovation, collaboration, teamwork, technical problem-solving, and pride filled the air. I'm pretty sure I was watching future scientists and engineers in action! It proved to be a successful event with all three of the Heights teams placing in the Top 10. Bonus! We had the opportunity to showcase our incredible gymnasium which did not disappoint! It is my pleasure to welcome

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Hamilton Heights Among 7 Districts to Share in 3E Grant to Support Students

Hamilton Heights School Corporation is one of seven Indiana school districts that will share in a \$4 million grant from the Central Indiana Educational Service Center (CIESC) to support a transformational college and career readiness approach.

The seven districts include Hamilton Heights, Fort Wayne Community Schools, Whitley County Consolidated Schools, Mill Creek Community Schools, MSD of Warren Township and Hamilton Southeastern.

Over the two years of the grant, all seven districts will implement a community advisory consisting of both internal and external stakeholders. The goal is for all seven school districts to become state models for significant transformational

change, positively impacting students, school districts, and communities. The process is already underway at Heights. "The goal is to build more community partnerships and connections that will allow us to provide even more enriching and focused opportunities for our students," explained Jessi Cantlon, HHHS School Counselor. "We will begin by creating a portrait of a graduate and spelling out what exactly we expect to see from a Hamilton Heights graduate. From there, we will take that portrait of a graduate and create opportunities so our students have options available to them that will allow them to earn credits, certifi-

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

➔ HONEST HOOSIER

Happy 73rd to a member of Hamilton County's royal hoops family, Billy Shepherd!



➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

If you snore loudly or appear to stop breathing while sleeping, you may have sleep apnea. 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

"Religion and culture are much in the news these days, usually as sources of difference and conflict, rather than for bringing people together. But the irony is that every religion has something to say about tolerance and respecting others." - Queen Elizabeth II

➔ TODAY'S JOKE

Why did the band recruit the turkey? Because he had his own drumsticks!

7 DAY FORECAST

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OBITUARIES

DeeDee 'Debbie' Mae Gamble

September 7, 1963 - Monday November 14, 2022

DeeDee 'Debbie' Mae Gamble, 59, passed away on Monday Nov. 14, 2022 at her home in Sheridan.

She was born on Sept. 7, 1963 to Grosto and Judith Wells in Danville, Indiana.

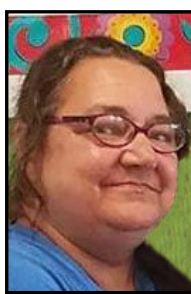
She worked as a waitress and enjoyed many hobbies which included; fishing, playing Yahtzee, cheering on the Indianapolis Colts, gardening and being outside by the fire. Ms. Gamble also enjoyed being surrounded by animals and her pet cats.

Survivors include her 2 sons Jason Gamble and Josh Gamble; daughter April Greene; 5 grandchildren Emily, Briyanna, Ethan, Abel and Willow; and her soul mate of 14 years Marc Neuenschwander.

Services are scheduled to be held from 4-6 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2022 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Rd., Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Humane Society for Hamilton County, 10501 Hague Rd. Fishers (hamiltonhumane.com)

Online condolences may be made at randallroberts.com



Bill Green

June 7, 1925-November 11, 2022

Bill Green, 97, WWII veteran, passed from this life to his eternal home on Veteran's Day, Nov. 11, 2022.

He was born on June 7, 1925 at home in Tipton, the son of Lowell E. and N. Olive Green.

At the age of sixteen, Mr. Green moved with his family to Fairfax, Virginia where he finished his high school education and served as a Capital Messenger prior to joining the U.S. Navy. He served on the U.S.S. Monitor, II in the Pacific operating a 36 foot landing craft. Upon his discharge from the Navy, he attended Franklin College in Franklin, graduating in 1950. While attending Franklin, Mr. Green met the love of his life, Betty Bowman, and they were married Aug. 29, 1948. They shared 68 years of marriage until her death Nov. 7, 2016.

He started his working career at A & P grocery store and the Sears & Roebuck department store. He then owned and operated a Pure Oil Service at 38th and Central in Indianapolis. From 1957-60, he taught math at Pike High School. In 1960, he launched his sales career as a wagon jobber in the automotive aftermarket. He was a lead sales rep for Preferred Electric and later joining Midas International. During his work in the automotive aftermarket, Mr. Green belonged to and served as President of Automotive Booster Club #28. He also briefly published Automotive Contact Magazine. He then went to Research Institute selling tax and technical materials to Accountants and Tax Attorneys. He was then recruited by Prentice Hall to continue selling tax materials.

While with Prentice Hall, Mr. Green acquired a Public Accountant License. Upon his retirement from Prentice Hall, he bought the practice of one of his customers and began a tax and accounting career which he continued to work until he was ninety. During this time, he also got into the real estate industry as an Independent Broker, operating Green Acres Realty.

In 2019, Mr. Green took a fall in his home, breaking his back. He had surgery and went through rehab. Upon discharge from rehab, he took up residence at Woodland Terrace in Carmel where he then met Bette Wilson. They married in Oct. 2019 and remained married until her passing in Feb. 2021.

Survivors include his son Stephen (Jan) Green; 2 sisters Janet McQueen and Mary (Gary) Craighead; 3 grandchildren Sarah (Curt) Gwin, Sam Green and Katie (Jon) Gibson; 8 great-grandchildren Cade Green, Kyler Green, Megan Gwin, Hannah Gwin, Cadence Gwin, Conrad Gwin, Sage Gwin and Kit Gibson; 5 nephews Richard (Mary Earlene) Anderson, Larry (Elizabeth) Goergen, Robbie (Ginnie) Green, Jeff Green and Chris Green; 5 nieces Nancy (Harry) Miller, Judy (Norm) Lawson, Cathy (Mark) Najmon, Pam (Frank) Goodall and Tabby Davis; plus many great- and great-great nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements are scheduled for for Friday, Nov. 25, 2022 at Randall and Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Visitation is scheduled to be held from 1 to 3 p.m., with services scheduled to begin at 3 p.m. Burial will follow after cremation on Tuesday, Nov. 29 in Fairview Cemetery, Tipton, at approximately 1:30 p.m.

Online condolences may be made at randallroberts.com



Evelyn Kay Whitcomb Harvill

November 23, 1953-November 12, 2022

Evelyn Kay Whitcomb Harvill, beloved and feisty mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin and friend, passed away at age 68 on Saturday, Nov. 12, 2022, in Elwood after a sudden cardiac event.

She was born on Nov. 23, 1953 in Wichita Falls, Texas.

Ms. Harvill attended Littleton Senior High School, in Littleton, Massachusetts, and was a member of the National Honor Society. Throughout her career, she has been described by her co-workers and managers as an essential part of their success and an extremely hard worker. She enjoyed her work and spent the last decade with Cognia Inc in Dover, NH, where her supervisor, Jen Carton, became a dear family friend.

But of all her life's work, Ms. Harvill's deepest joy was in the relationships she created with her children and grandchildren, who filled her life with laughter, purpose, and unabashed delight. Her commitment to these relationships was so sincere that after spending most of her life in New England, she chose to move to Elwood in 2021 so that she could be closer to her daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren to continue watching them grow into the wonderful people they are still becoming.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law David Harvill and Stephanie Schanda; daughter and son-in-law Sarah and David Gray; 4 grandchildren Cardon, Maggie, "Hope" Charlotte and David-Benjamin Gray; mother Rita May Duncan Wicks; 5 sisters Peggy Lapin, Felicia Rai, Leslie Whitcomb, Brenda Merrill, and Juanita Hammond; brother Oliver Adams Whitcomb III; aunt Barbara Whitcomb; a large extended family and many wonderful friends.

She was preceded in death by her "Grammy" and "Pa," Margaret and Oliver Adams Whitcomb Sr; "Nana," Thora Otterson Mekkelson Eager; 2 brothers Chris Whitcomb and Jimmy Lewis Waters, Jr.; uncle Henry Whitcomb; 2 cousins Bryan Whitcomb and Tim Lapin; and brother-in-law Marc Lapin.

A visitation is scheduled to be held on Monday, Nov. 21, 2022 from 5-6 p.m. in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Chapel, 11257 Temple Dr. Carmel, where the Funeral Service is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m.

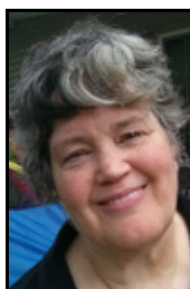
A Memorial and interment for family and friends will take place in New England at a later date with details forthcoming.

Flowers in honor of Ms. Harvill may be sent to the chapel address listed above.

Memorial donations may be made to PREVAIL: crisis intervention & restorative support services of Noblesville (prevailinc.com/index.php/general-donations).

And if you really wish to celebrate her vivid life, turn up your favorite song, close your eyes, and dance like nobody's watching. We know she is!

Bussell Family Funerals is privileged to assist the family in arrangements.



Dick in Jeopardy!



DICK WOLFSIE

Life in a Nutshell

In last week's column, I speculated on what personal recollections my wife might share during the "chat" portion of the show "Jeopardy!" if she were a contestant. All of Mary Ellen's responses were totally true stories. This week, I cover what I would say if I were accepted to be one of the three challengers. Again, all my answers are what really happened.

FIRST NIGHT ON SHOW

MAYIM: So, Dick, I understand you outright lied to get your first job as a teacher.

DICK: Yes, Mayim, that's true. Arriving at my interview, I discovered that the English position I wanted had been filled. What they needed was a psychology teacher. The assistant superintendent asked me what I majored in. I said psychology, of course, and got the job on the spot. Then I taught that subject for 10 years. They never checked.

THE SECOND NIGHT

MAYIM: Dick, is it true you once made the front page of a tabloid magazine?

DICK: In New York City, I became friendly with exercise guru Richard Simmons. The paparazzi snapped a photo of us jogging together in Central Park. The next week at the supermarket checkout counter, I saw one of those trashy tabloids with a photo of us on the lower left-hand corner of the cover. The headline read: EXERCISE WITH YOUR LOVER. I received calls from friends I hadn't heard from in years. I thought the whole thing was funny. Richard thought it was hysterical. So did my wife. What about you?

THE THIRD NIGHT

MAYIM: Dick, tell us about the time you had a very embarrassing moment on TV with a big Holly-

wood star.

DICK: Mayim, I interviewed Cyd Charisse, the gorgeous Hollywood actress and dancer. Her publicity person told me to mention Underalls, a pantyhose brand that I assumed was sponsoring her tour. This made sense; the woman had awesome legs. I mentioned Underalls numerous times until Ms. Charisse corrected me, saying she had nothing to do with Underalls, but she did want to talk about Enderall, her arthritis medicine. This week, 35 years later, I finally got hearing aids. Just a little late.

THE FOURTH NIGHT

MAYIM: I'm told you have asked some really dumb questions on your TV shows. What was the dumbest?

DICK: I interviewed a man who had a six-foot-long alligator as a pet. When I got to his house, his reptilian giant had on a t-shirt that said, "I'm a Dick Wolfsie Fan." I asked the owner if he had ever gotten in the tank with the gator. "No, Dick," he said, "the gator put the shirt on by himself."

THE FIFTH NIGHT

MAYIM: Dick, I understand you were a bit deceptive in securing another job later in life.

DICK: Yes, many years back I went to the developer of the new Union Station in Indianapolis and told him I had spoken with the WTHR general manager and that he was interested in producing a morning show from their new facility. I totally made that up. Then I went to the general manager of WTHR and told him that the Union Station people were considering the possibility of broadcasting a morning program from the new venue. I kinda made that up, as well. Both sides ended up talking to each other. The show premiered April 26, 1987, with me as host. I'm retired now. Thank goodness. I'll never have to lie to get a job again.

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.

Anthony 'Tony' Wade Lockhart

April 28, 1957-November 16, 2022

Anthony 'Tony' Wade Lockhart, 65, of Westfield, passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2022 at Zionsville Meadows in Zionsville.

He was born on April 28, 1957 to Roy and Nancy (Firestone) Lockhart in Noblesville.

Mr. Lockhart was a great HVAC technician for many years, working at County Refrigeration and Clark's. He was an artist and enjoyed painting. He liked to go fishing, hanging out at the pool and all things science fiction.

Survivors include his father Roy E. 'Tuck' Lockhart; 3 siblings Jackie (Donald) Brewster, Lynn (David) Martin, and Dean (Beth) Lockhart; 7 nieces and nephews Brian Rider, David Martin III, Courtney Scott, Whitney Martin, Matthew Lockhart, Curtis Lockhart and Stephen Lockhart; 11 great-nieces and nephews Corinne Capadagil, Lilliana Wright, Peyton Scott, Alayna Lockhart, Aiden Wright, Quinnlyn Scott, Reagan Martin, Reese Martin, Damian Lockhart, Mackenzie Lockhart and Carson Lockhart.

He was preceded in death by his mother Nancy Lockhart.

Visitation is scheduled to be held from 4-6 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 19, 2022 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Memorial service is scheduled to follow at 6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, PO Box 681405, Indianapolis, IN 46268 (cancer.org).

Online condolences may be made at randallroberts.com

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Employment Opportunity

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

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

Interested applicants can submit a cover letter and resume to Todd Burtron at tburtron@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, December 2, 2022.

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Kenny Breaks Down A Potentially Chaotic Big Ten Finale

It's not the path optimistic Purdue football fans, and this columnist, predicted when forecasting a Big Ten West Division championship this season.

Saturday's 31-24 victory at Illinois not only secured The Cannon trophy for another season in West Lafayette, it helped create a four-way tie for first place with two weeks to go.

With Iowa traveling to Minnesota on Saturday in a clash of co-leaders, at most there could be a three-way tie going into the final weekend. No one needs three guesses to figure out which of the four division leaders has the most favorable remaining schedule.

Purdue.

Let the angst begin. A noon Saturday game against Northwestern on Senior Day. The same Wildcats who are giving up 28 points a game and averaging a league-worst 15 per game. A team that has yet to win a game in the continental United States this season, having beaten Nebraska 31-28 in the season opener at Dublin, Ireland.

Indiana has been even worse defensively than its last-place numbers of a year ago. The Hoosiers again rank last in total defense and are giving up almost 35 points a game.

So, Purdue is going to be the West Division representative against Ohio State or Michigan in Indianapolis on Dec. 3?

To borrow Lee Corso's catch phrase on ESPN GameDay, not so fast my friend.

Purdue fans will be rooting for P.J. Fleck's Gophers to row the boat one more time against the Hawkeyes. A tie with Minnesota would send the Boilermakers to Indianapolis. If Purdue ties Iowa for the division, the Hawkeyes advance based



KENNY THOMPSON
Columnist

on the head-to-head victory over the Boilermakers.

A three-way tie, not outside the realm of possibility, is complicated. First tiebreaker is record versus the other two leaders. If the three-way tie is Purdue, Minnesota and Illinois, the Boilermakers advance with a 2-0 mark. If the three-way tie is Purdue, Iowa and Illinois, all three teams are 1-1.

That would move us to tiebreaker No. 2, winning percentage inside the division. For argument's sake, let's give Purdue and Illinois wins over Northwestern, and Minnesota beats Iowa and Wisconsin. The Fighting Illini get the Big Ten championship berth with a 5-1 division record over 4-2 marks by Purdue and Minnesota.

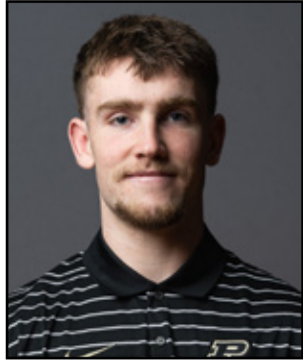
In all, the Big Ten has eight tiebreakers if three or more teams share the division's best record. Imagine the Big Ten Network ratings if somehow we got to tiebreaker No. 8, a random draw?

Here's a more likely scenario:

- Purdue beats Northwestern and Indiana to finish 6-3 in conference play

- Illinois loses Saturday at Michigan, beats Northwestern to finish 5-4.

- Minnesota wins at home against Iowa and at Wisconsin to finish 6-3
- Or, Iowa scrapes



Braden Smith

together enough defensive touchdowns and field goals to win at Minnesota and then smother Nebraska to finish 6-3 as well. The Hawkeyes finish 5-1 in division play and go to Indianapolis.

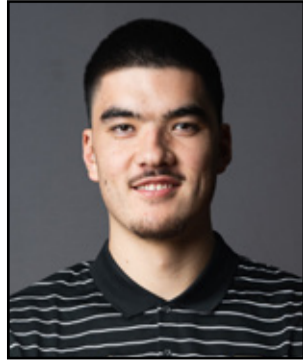
Ties are unusual in Big Ten divisional play. Since the conference went to an East-West format in 2014, there has been an outright West champion every year but 2019 when Wisconsin earned the tiebreaker over Minnesota. The East Division has had four ties, all involving Ohio State.

When Ohio State or Michigan improve the East's record to 9-0 against the West in the Big Ten Championship game, what happens next?

For the Buckeyes/Wolverines, an almost certain berth in the College Football Playoffs. The loser of the regular season matchup likely is going to Pasadena for the Rose Bowl

Entering Saturday's games, eight Big Ten schools are bowl eligible: Ohio State, Michigan, Penn State, Maryland, Illinois, Purdue, Minnesota and Iowa. Michigan State is likely to make it nine schools barring an upset at home by Indiana on Saturday. Wisconsin will be favored to win at Nebraska, elevating the Badgers to bowl eligibility as well.

Rutgers' path to bowl eligibility requires beating Penn State at home and winning at Maryland the



Zach Edey

following week. Very slim hopes for the Scarlet Knights to pull off that sweep.

Indiana, Nebraska and Northwestern are out of the bowl picture.

Next up on the Big Ten bowl list are the Jan. 2 Florida games. Pencil in Penn State for the Citrus in Orlando. An educated guess says the Big Ten West winner gets the former Outback Bowl, now called ReliaQuest, against an SEC foe in Tampa. Purdue graduate Jerry Palm, a contributor to CBS Sports online and on screen, has the Boilermakers facing Florida in the ReliaQuest Bowl.

If Purdue doesn't go to Florida, it is very unlikely to be sent back to Nashville for a second consecutive Music City Bowl on New Year's Eve. This spot would probably go to Iowa or Illinois.

The Duke's Mayo Bowl, set for Dec. 30 in Charlotte, N.C., probably comes down to Illinois or Purdue against an ACC rival.

I'll agree with Palm that Minnesota is a good bet for the Pinstripe Bowl in New York City on Dec. 29 against an ACC foe.

The Liberty Bowl, site of Purdue's 1980 victory over Missouri, is back on the Big Ten postseason list. Palm has Maryland taking on this year's Cinderella team, Kansas, on Dec. 28 in Memphis. Palm also has Wisconsin

taking on Oklahoma in the Guaranteed Rate Bowl on Dec. 27 in Phoenix. That leaves a quasi-home game for Michigan State in the Quick Lane Bowl, with Palm projecting Miami (Ohio) as the opponent Dec. 26 in Detroit.

Noteworthy

Carolyn Peck, who coached Purdue to the 1999 NCAA championship, is among the 12 finalists for the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame class of 2023.

Peck was the first African-American women's head coach to win a national title, guiding the Boilermakers to a 34-1 record that season. In two seasons before departing to coach the WNBA's Orlando Miracle, Peck went 57-11.

The hall of fame class will be announced Nov. 27 at halftime of ABC's broadcast of the Phil Knight Invitational championship.

Previous inductees include former Purdue coach Lin Dunn and former player Amy Ruley, who coached North Dakota State to five NCAA Division II titles.

Westfield's Braden Smith took advantage of his first nationally televised game with Purdue on Tuesday night, matching 7-4 center Zach Edey for a team-high 20 points in the Boilermakers' 75-70 victory against Marquette in the Gavitt Games.

Smith (15) and Edey (14) combined for 29 of Purdue's 43 points in the second half, helping the Boilermakers erase a nine-point deficit. Smith was 6 of 8 from the field (3 of 4 from 3-point range) and 5 of 6 at the free throw line.

The freshman point guard is now Purdue's second-leading scorer at 10.7 per game, exactly 10 points behind Edey. The

junior center recorded his third double-double in as many games with 13 rebounds and is now averaging 20.7 points and 13.7 rebounds in just over 29 minutes a game. ...

Purdue quarterback Aidan O'Connell is one of three finalists for the Bulsworth Trophy, awarded to the most outstanding football player in America who began his career as a walk-on.

O'Connell leads the Big Ten at 297.2 passing yards per game. Georgia quarterback Stetson Bennett and Troy linebacker Carlton Martial are the other finalists for the award, which will be presented Dec. 5 in Bentonville, Ark.

Bulsworth went from walk-on to an All-American at Arkansas. He passed away in an automobile accident in 1999, 11 days after being a third-round draft pick by The Indianapolis Colts. ...

Purdue basketball signee Myles Colvin and Carmel big man Sam Orme were ranked in the top five of Indiana's high school basketball senior class by Kyle Neddenriep of The Indianapolis Star.

Colvin was second behind Cathedral's Xavier Booker, a ranking Purdue coach Matt Painter disputes.

"I feel he is the best player in the state and one of the top 25 players in the country," Painter said. Colvin is No. 74 on the 247Sports composite rankings.

The 6-9 Orme, a Belmont commitment, was ranked fifth. Orme is a three-star prospect by 247Sports.

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.

IDDC CEO Elaine Bedel Earns Indiana Chamber Bayh-Lugar Government Leader Award

Indiana Destination Development Corporation Secretary and CEO Elaine Bedel accepted the 2022 Indiana Chamber Bayh-Lugar Government Leader Award yesterday at the Indiana Chamber's 33rd Annual Awards Dinner.

The Bayh-Lugar Government Leader Award honors state officials leading the charge in bolstering Indiana's interests in new and innovative ways. Bedel was selected for her efforts to attract and retain workforce talent in Indiana and support tourism to the state through the "IN Indiana" campaign, which launched in June this year.

"When I first joined the public sector, I could have never expected where this journey would take me and I am so honored to be recognized for the progress we've made as a state and



the good we are doing for communities large and small," Bedel said.

"Indiana is truly the best state to be in right now. I will forever be grateful for the opportunity to create and lead the new Indiana Destination Development Corporation as we work to raise the perception of Indiana across the globe and showcase the Hoosier story."

After starting and running Bedel Financial, a wealth management firm, for thirty-plus years, Bedel was tapped by then Governor-Elect Eric Holcomb to join his team and jumped headfirst into the public sector in February 2017. Bedel joined IDDC in 2019 as

the organization's first Secretary and CEO after previously serving as president of the Indiana Economic Development Corporation.

About IDDC/Visit Indiana:

House Enrolled Act 1115 established the Indiana Destination Development Corporation (IDDC) to position Indiana as the best place to live, work, play, study and stay. IDDC operates as a public-private agency and is governed by a seven-member board.

Members include Governor Eric Holcomb who has appointed the Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch as his designee, the president of the IEDC or designee, and five governor-appointed members from the private sector. Elaine Bedel serves as Secretary & CEO.

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Local Police Receive Grants to Prevent Dangerous Driving

As part of a campaign to curb dangerous driving led by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI), local law enforcement in Hamilton County have been granted \$215,670. The Hamilton County traffic safety partnership is overseen by the County Prosecuting Attorney's Office and includes the Noblesville, Fishers, Carmel and Westfield Police Departments and Hamilton County Sheriff's Department.

The ICJI awarded \$5.7 million in grant funding to more than 200 police departments for enhanced traffic enforcement. Departments will use the funding to conduct overtime patrols and carry out strategies aimed at curbing reckless driving.

Most of their efforts will take place during targeted enforcement campaigns, which coincide with some of the deadliest times of the year to be on the road, such as the holiday season and Labor Day. While officers will be on the lookout for all traffic violations, their focus will be on addressing some of the leading causes of fatal crashes including impaired driving, speeding, distracted driving and lack of seat belt use.

Ultimately, the goal of the program, funded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), is to help prevent crashes and fatalities through education and enhanced high-visibility enforcement.

"One of the aftereffects of the pandemic that we're still grappling with is the impact it's had on the way people drive," said Devon McDonald, ICJI Executive Director. "Last year was one of the deadliest we've seen in nearly two decades, since the early 2000s. It's time we put a stop to this crisis. The extra enforcement will help, but we need every person to make responsible decisions behind the wheel."

According to the latest statistical projections from NHTSA, 20,175 people

died in motor vehicle crashes nationwide in the first half of 2022, up slightly from the previous year. Despite the discouraging report, traffic fatalities decreased by 4.9% in the second quarter of 2022 – signifying the first year-to-year decline since the start of the pandemic.

Unfortunately, this is the opposite of what statewide data is showing in Indiana, as fatalities continue to rise. As of October, ICJI estimates that 814 people lost their lives in fatal collisions this year. While that's up 2.4% from the same time in 2021, it represents an 18.5% increase from pre-pandemic 2019.

The rising number of crash-related deaths can be attributed, in part, to an increase in unsafe driving behavior such as speeding, driving impaired or distracted, and not wearing seat belts, according to ICJI.

"We're at a critical crossroads, with traffic fatalities at the highest point in almost 20 years," said Robert Duckworth, ICJI Traffic Safety Director. "Besides motorist behavior, one of the challenges we're facing in Indiana and across the country is the fact that, overall, traffic enforcement is down. It's something we're working to address through this program. Enforcement and education are key to tackling this issue."

The grants were awarded last month using federal NHTSA funds. The largest amount went to the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department at \$1.3 million, as urban areas, like Marion County,

continue to see the largest increase in fatal crashes.

The first campaign of the program, Safe Family Travel, kicks off next week and is designed to cut down on impaired driving and promote seat belt use during the busy holiday season, followed by a St. Patrick's Day-focused enforcement operation in March.

The grants were awarded to stand-alone police agencies and traffic safety partnerships made up of multiple agencies.

Visit content.govdelivery.com/attachments/INSTATE/2022/11/17/file_attachments/2331958/Media%20List%20CHIRP.%202023.pdf for a full list of the 2023 award recipients.

For more information about the Traffic Safety Division and the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute, visit cji.in.gov.

About the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute:

The Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) is the state planning agency for criminal justice, juvenile justice, traffic safety and victim services. ICJI is designated as the state administering agency for distribution of federal funds and as the state Statistical Analysis Center for research. ICJI is responsible for coordinating and collaborating with local, state and federal entities to identify, assess, plan, resource and evaluate new and emerging issues facing the criminal justice and public safety spectrum. Visit www.cji.in.gov to learn more about the agency.



Holiday Season in Fishers Kicks Off This Week

The holiday season kicks off this week in Fishers, featuring beloved seasonal traditions and festive family fun.

Celebrate the magic of the season at Fishers Parks' new holiday light display along the downtown portion of the Nickel Plate Trail, knock out your holiday shopping while supporting local during the Shop Fishers: Holiday Series, create handmade gifts at the Fishers Maker Playground, and get a behind-the-scenes look at the new Geist Waterfront Park.

The seasonal lineup includes:

Geist Waterfront Park Preview Night

- Saturday, Nov. 19 from 4-6 p.m.
- Geist Waterfront Park (10811 Olio Road)
- Free, but registration required

Get a sneak peek of Fishers' newest park set to open in Spring 2023 while enjoying food trucks, games and activities from Fishers Parks, music, and more! Registration is required for this free event, and carpooling, ride sharing, walking and biking to the park are encouraged due to limited parking.

Fishers World Cup Watch Parties

- Friday, Nov. 25: USA vs. England at 2 p.m.; Tuesday, Nov. 29: USA vs. Iran at 2 p.m.
- Nickel Plate District Amphitheater (6 Municipal Drive, Fishers)
- Free

Cheer on the U.S. Men's National Soccer Team during the World Cup with free watch parties on the big screen at the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy food from onsite vendors during the games. The first 50 fans will receive a free, limited-edition City of Fishers USA scarf. No registration is required for this free event. Learn more at thisfishers.com/WorldCup.

Fishers Carpool Cinema

- Friday, Nov. 25; Cool Runnings: 6 p.m., Elf: 7:30 p.m.
- Holland Park (1 Park Drive, Fishers)
- Registration required, \$3 per car

Start a new Thanksgiving weekend tradition with Carpool Cinema at Holland Park on Friday, November 25, featuring a winter movie double-header of Cool Runnings and Elf. Registration is \$3 per car and is limited to the first 50 cars. Register here.

Santa's Mailbox

- Friday, Nov. 25 – Friday, Dec. 16
- Nickel Plate Trail (near the 116th Street intersection at the swings) and Fishers Parks HQ (8100 E. 106th Street, Fishers, east entrance)
- Free

Drop off your letters to Santa in the special mailboxes located on the Nickel Plate Trail and Fishers Parks HQ. Include your address and you'll receive a reply from St. Nick! Can't drop off in person? Email Santa through Friday, December 23 at santa@fishers.in.us. Learn more here.

Shop Fishers: Holiday Series

- Saturday, Nov. 26 – Saturday, Dec. 31
- Throughout Fishers
- Free

Support Fishers' home-grown small businesses during the Shop Fishers: Holiday Series, beginning on Small Business Saturday, November 26 and running through December 31. Get a jump start on your holiday shopping and take advantage of special deals and promotions at nearly 70 local businesses around Fishers, including boutiques, restaurants, fitness centers, spas, and more! Get the full list of deals at ThisIsFishers.com/ShopFishers.

Shop Fishers: Giving Tuesday

- Tuesday, Nov. 29
- Throughout Fishers
- Free

For the second year, a Giving Tuesday event will be held in conjunction with the Shop Fishers celebration on Tuesday, November 29. Several Shop Fishers businesses have partnered with local nonprofits that serve the Fishers community to give back during the global day of giving. Get the full list of deals at ThisIsFishers.com/GivingTuesday.

NPT Night Lights presented by Centier Bank

• Free holiday light display open daily in December

• Downtown portion of the Nickel Plate Trail (near 116th Street intersection)

• Food trucks and music: Dec. 2, 3, 9, and 10 from 6 – 8 p.m.

Fishers Parks lights up the night on the Nickel Plate Trail! Through the month of December, enjoy a new, free light display along the downtown portion of the Nickel Plate Trail. Enjoy live music and food trucks on December 2, 3, 9 and 10. Learn more here.

Holiday Lights Map

- Throughout Dec. 31
- Throughout Fishers
- Free

Looking for the best holiday light displays around Fishers? Grab some hot cocoa and hop in the car to enjoy the festive displays from fellow residents using the digital Fishers Holiday Lights Map, that will debut later this month. Is your house decked out for the holidays? Help spread holiday cheer and show off your display by adding your house to the map. Learn more at ThisIsFishers.com/FishersLights.

Fishers Maker Playground Holiday Art Classes & Workshops

• Various dates and times

• Fishers Maker Playground (8100 E. 106th Street, Fishers)

• Registration required, various prices

Get creative by making your own holiday gifts in workshops and classes for eco-dying, ornament and custom card making, macra-weave and more. Register online at fishersmpg.com.

Storywalk

• November: Cyntheanne Park (12383 Cyntheanne Road, Fishers)

• December: Holland Park (1 Park Drive, Fishers)

• Free

This season, Fishers Parks' self-guided Storywalk hike features Bear Says Thanks by Karma Wilson in November and When the Snow Is Deeper Than My Boots Are Tall in December. Visit fishers.com/Storywalk for more info.

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Report: Rural Indiana Needs Investment to Ensure Economic Stability, Growth

By Casey Smith

Rural Hoosiers “desperately” need state leaders and lawmakers to make greater investments in Indiana’s lesser-populated regions, especially as the younger and more educated workforce moves to more urban areas of the state.

That’s according to a new report released Wednesday by the Indiana Community Action Poverty Institute, an Indianapolis-based advocacy group that seeks to prevent and end poverty in the state.

The 38-page report is based on surveys of more than 1,000 Hoosiers, including business leaders, elected officials, economic developers and financially vulnerable residents. Rural researchers were also interviewed. In-depth data analyses and policy reports specific to 40 rural Indiana counties helped inform the briefing, too.

At the heart of the report is a message to policymakers and other stakeholders that — in order to boost the rural Hoosier economy and make rural businesses profitable — “rural people need to thrive.”

That isn’t the case currently, however. Rural Indiana’s economy is increasingly vulnerable to job loss, population decline, and shrinking prosperity, as educated young people leave for more opportunities in urban areas and low-paying service jobs replace good-paying manufacturing jobs, according to the report.

According to a Kelley School of Business report, census data shows the 44 Indiana counties that are part of a metropolitan statistical area combined to grow by 6.3 percent over the past decade. Meanwhile, the state’s 48 non-metro counties as a group declined by -0.9 percent over the same period.

As the rural economy struggles, business vulnerability is also rising — automation, offshoring and low educational attainment in the workforce threaten business competitiveness. That challenge is heightened by a lack of critical industrial infrastructure, including broadband and insufficient quality housing stock to attract workers of all incomes.

The Hoosiers who rely on those struggling employers for their financial well-being are also increasingly vulnerable, the report notes. It’s becoming harder to find good jobs that pay enough to support their families. Even when those jobs are available, a lack of affordable childcare and unreliable transportation make it even harder to commute to work and stay employed.

“Tragically, hard work just isn’t enough to get ahead anymore for too many struggling Hoosiers in rural communities,” the report said.

A window into ‘rural’ Indiana

The 40 counties classified in the report as “rural” each have a total population of less than 40,000 and density that is below 100 people per square mile. The largest city in each county additionally has a population that is less than 10,000 residents.

Collectively, the counties are home to nearly 900,000 Hoosiers, accounting for 13% of the state’s residents.

By most high-level economic measures, “rural Indiana performs quite well,” according to the policy institute. In rural Indiana counties:

Median household income (\$52,237) is only slightly lower than in urban/non-rural Indiana (\$56,491)

The unemployment rate (2.3%) is slightly lower than in the state as a whole

(2.5%), as of May 2022

A rural poverty rate for Black, Indigenous and other non-white families is lower than in urban areas — although the poverty rate is still twice as high as the poverty rate for white families in rural Indiana.

The report attributes much of this success to the abundant assets in rural Hoosier communities — like natural resources, a strong base of experienced manufacturing workers, and “a great quality of life,” emphasizing that “rural Hoosiers love their communities.”

Moreover, rural Hoosiers interviewed for the report expressed a strong satisfaction for the “quality of place” in their communities. More than two thirds of financially well-off rural Hoosiers reported being satisfied with the safety, schools and overall quality of their neighborhoods. More than half of financially vulnerable Hoosiers said they feel the same, according to survey results.

“This reinforces the message we heard over and over again — rural Hoosiers love their communities and want to stay there,” the report’s authors wrote.

Rural Indiana’s economy is ‘increasingly vulnerable’

But rural Indiana’s economy continues to be vulnerable to job loss and shrinking prosperity.

Manufacturing jobs are particularly at risk, largely due to increased automation. Estimates from Ball State University’s Center for Business and Economic Research and Rural Policy Research Institute shows that 11 of the 17 Indiana counties most at risk of automation are in rural Indiana. Only 4 of the 19 counties with the lowest automation risk are in rural Indiana.

As a result of that transformation, the second and third largest employment sectors in rural Indiana are now retail trade (equal to 10% of all rural jobs) and accommodations and food service (6% of rural jobs) — sectors that the Indiana Community Action Poverty Institute says are “dominated by ultra-low-wage jobs.”

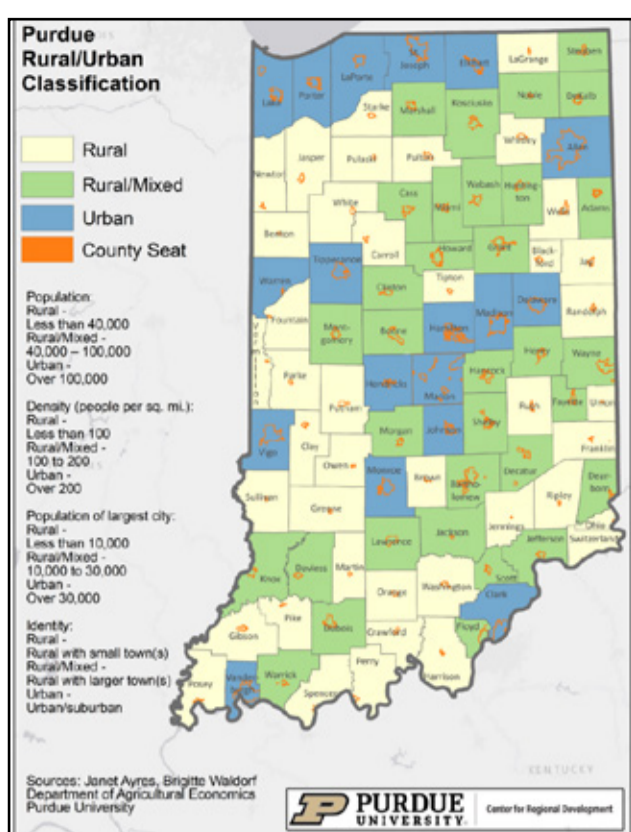
“Thanks to these changes in the rural economy, hard work isn’t always enough anymore to provide people with middle class financial security,” the report notes. “To be clear, this growth in poor people didn’t happen because more rural people got lazy or stopped working, it’s the result of a massive economic transformation affecting the entire American economy that eliminated the kinds of jobs that working families depended on to earn a living and replaced them with jobs that paid significantly less.”

In other words, rural Hoosiers didn’t stop working hard, “hard work stopped paying off,” the report’s authors continued.

Manufacturing remains the largest source of jobs in rural Indiana, employing almost a third of the rural workforce. While the report’s authors say this is “good news” in the short term for rural workers, since manufacturing tends to pay better wages than jobs in other sectors, the long-term trends are “more concerning.”

That’s because manufacturing jobs have declined steadily throughout the entire state for decades, a trend that shows no sign of improvement in rural communities. This means rural workers are forced to depend on a sector that is “steadily vanishing.”

Of the rural residents surveyed, 62% of those who are low-income said that good jobs were needed “very much” in their rural community, and that without them, too many people’s lives are dominated



Forty counties in Indiana are considered “rural,” based on methodology used by Purdue University.

ed by significant economic hardship and financial vulnerability

Just over half of respondents working full-time and 62% of respondents working part-time indicated that they wouldn’t be able to pay for an emergency expense, if one were to occur.

Other survey data revealed that:

- 58% of respondents working full-time and 63.1% working part-time do not have a savings account
- 70% of respondents working full-time and 87.9% working part-time do not have a retirement account
- 31% of those employed part-time and 36.7% employed full-time are behind on medical debt

Transportation is an additional challenge for those living in rural Indiana. One out of every three rural Hoosiers travel outside of their communities to urban centers to find work, suggesting that rural workers can’t find jobs that pay enough or that they’re qualified for within rural places, according to the report.

It also suggests that the low unemployment rates and competitive household income levels in rural counties may be due in large part to the strong job markets in the state’s urban areas, meaning urban Indiana may be propping up the economy in rural

Indiana. Making matters more complicated, the report points out that while Indiana’s urban cities have experienced robust population growth of about half a million people from 2000 to 2020, rural population has remained stagnant or, in many counties, actually declined.

“The numbers reinforce the story we heard repeatedly in interviews — many rural areas are experiencing significant ‘brain drain,’ as the next generation of rural Hoosiers leave their rural places to find better-paying work in the suburbs and cities,” the report says.

Recommendations for a more “prosperous” rural Indiana

The Indiana Community Action Poverty Institute recommends seven specific priorities for achieving what it calls “rural prosperity.”

Priority 1: Provide residents with access to reliable, affordable transportation that connects them to essential goods, services, and jobs

The institute called on policymakers in Indiana to invest in expanded transportation options for rural Hoosiers, including ridesharing approaches like carpooling or vanpooling, as well as vouchers that low-income riders can exchange for rides.

Lawmakers are additionally encouraged to enact

policy that enables more electric vehicle usage, mostly through investments in public charging stations, and rebates for the sale or lease of electric vehicles.

Priority 2: Ensure all Hoosiers have access to high-quality, affordable housing

The report says policymakers can increase the supply of high-quality, affordable housing by enforcing habitability standards, increasing investments in the state’s Housing Trust Fund, providing funds for appraisal gap financing, and making regulatory changes that spur housing development or increase the appraised value of existing housing, especially manufactured homes.

Priority 3: All businesses in rural Indiana have an adequate supply of appropriately skilled workers

Despite recent efforts to get Hoosiers better educated, Indiana still lacks the skilled workforce needed to grow our economy, the report says.

Among the policy institute’s recommendations to help increase the skills or educational attainment of adults already in the workforce is a call for a pilot program that would allow Indiana to provide supportive and wrap-around services to help financially vulnerable Hoosiers attain more skills and education. The state should also put greater emphasis on increasing education and training options available to Hoosiers participating in Indiana’s Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

Priority 4: Rural areas fully integrate immigrant residents into their communities

Supporting immigrant participation in existing small business development programs is critical at the statewide level, according to the policy institute. Policymakers and state economic development leaders should additionally encourage local economic development strategies and systems to explicitly include immigrants.

Priority 5: Businesses and their employees have access to high-quality and affordable broadband services in all rural communities

To boost broadband access in rural Indiana, policymakers in Indiana should consider investments that build on existing state efforts to support internet providers in providing access to fast and reliable internet services in their service areas. Indiana should also leverage federal resources to boost broadband access in rural parts of the state, and invest in nonprofits that deploy free Wi-Fi networks in low-income apartment buildings.

Priority 6: Provide workers in rural Indiana with access to good jobs with living wages

The primary recommendation is for lawmakers and local governments to raise the minimum wage for public employees and workers, although the policy institute did not give specific numbers for such increases. Policymakers can also enact family-friendly workplace policies, including those pertaining to paid family medical leave insurance programs. State lawmakers can further mandate that all private and public sector employers provide paid sick days to their employees.

Priority 7: Ensure rural Hoosier families have adequate access to high-quality and affordable childcare

Quality, affordable childcare is critical for helping Hoosiers in rural communities go to work, according to the report. Lawmakers in Indiana should increase state funding to expand access to childcare, like additional investments in On My Way Pre-K, as well as childcare subsidies for children aged 0-3. The policy institute additionally called on the state to invest in the childcare industry, including both high-quality early childhood training programs, and paying reimbursement rates that support and reward providers who pay higher wages and provide benefits.

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6. Take a Cookie Decorating class at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at Spencer Farm Winery in Noblesville.

7. Amazing Athletes of Central Indiana is coming to Noblesville Parks and Recreation this winter and is offering a free "Try-It" Day at the park from 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday with 20-minute classes running about every 25 minutes for ages 18 months to age 5. Join Coach Stacy and Coach Andy at the Forest Park Lodge for some cheering/ stretching/ obstacle course fun/ ball skills and more! It's free and open to the public, with sessions at 9:30 a.m., 9:55 a.m., 10:20 a.m. and 10:55 a.m.

8. All-aboard for Reindeer Rides from Saturday through Dec. 23 on the Nickel Plate Express in Noblesville.

9. While Geist Waterfront Park in Fishers isn't yet open to the public until spring 2023, a preview night will offer a sneak peak at the park while enjoying food trucks, Fishers Parks games and activities and music. Then Kristen Timmons, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday.

10. A 2023 Noblesville Community Toboggan Build Organizational Meeting will be at 8 p.m. Nov. 22 at Primeval Brewing Co. and will offer a grass-roots gathering to talk about how Geoff Davis can help you build a sled. Many folks have



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Basile Westfield Playhouse celebrates diversity, inclusion and new voices in its next play, "Mothers and Sons," through this Sunday.

asked how they can build a toboggan and represent Noblesville at the Nationals Toboggan Championships in beautiful Camden, Maine.

11. Join the Drinksgiving with The Dead Squirrels celebration at 7 p.m. Nov. 23 at 1205 Distillery North in Westfield.

12. Enjoy the music of Jai Baker 3 at 9 p.m. Nov. 23 (pre-Thanksgiving party) at Joe's Grille in Westfield.

13. Dress in your warm gear and join the 15th annual Michael Treinen Foundation Turkey Trot, annually at 9 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day, by registering at michael-treinenfoundation.org

14. Partake in the sixth annual My Country Needed Me Thanksgiving Dinner at 11 a.m. for all who want to come and have a Thanksgiving meal at the Noblesville VFW Post 6246.

15. The Belfry Theatre presents "The Sound of Music" Nov. 25-Dec. 4 at The Ivy Tech Auditorium in Noblesville and tickets -- \$20 for adults and \$15 for students, ages 65 and older and military -- at thebelfrytheatre.com

16. Suburban Indy Holiday Show will be open for shopping 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Nov. 25, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Nov. 26 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 27 at Grand Park in Westfield.

17. Take a stroll during A Merry Prairie Holiday, opening at 6 p.m. Nov. 25 at Conner Prairie in Fishers.

18. Meet Santa's Reindeer, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 3, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 10 and Dec. 17 at 14390 Clay Terrace in Carmel.

19. The Noblesville Christmas Parade is back on in 2022 but has

moved to 2 p.m. Dec. 3 on the traditional parade route, starting in the Ivy Tech Hamilton County Campus parking lot in Noblesville and traveling south on 16th Street, west on Logan Street, north on Ninth Street and west on Monument Street back to the college. Nonprofits only are invited to participate in the parade, which is at 2 p.m. Another three routes will be Sunday, Dec. 4, west of the White River. Nonprofits may register for the downtown parade at cityofnoblesville.org/santaparade

20. EnPointe Indiana Ballet presents "An EnPointe Christmas" at 7 p.m. Dec. 16 and 2 p.m. Dec. 17 at Noblesville High School Auditorium, with tickets, at \$10, available at enpointe.yapsody.com

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Ben Lehman to the Hamilton Heights School Board. He was elected to the White River Township seat held by Doug Ozolins for the past eight years. We are extremely appreciative of Doug's leadership and contributions during his tenure. His work on the board will positively benefit students well into the future. Expect to see Doug in other impactful roles that make a difference in our district.

Ben joins an exceptional and seasoned team of public education advocates which include Arnett Cooper (At-Large), Dr. Kevin Cavanaugh (Jackson Township), Julie Davis (Jackson Township), and Gretchen Pennington (White River Township). Arnett and Julie were re-elected to their seats and their continued leadership and involvement is a win for students and Hamilton Heights. The new board term begins in January.

Speaking of being involved, we value public participation and recognize the importance of public input on issues affecting all things Hamilton Heights and our district. We hold some of our board meetings in the morning to accommodate the diverse and varied schedules of our board and residents. Our school board meeting dates, times, locations, agendas, and minutes are available on our website (hhschuskiies.org/domain/66). You can download a copy of our 2023 school board meeting calendar online (drive.google.com/file/d/1Dm0C71hmvtqoS-GvwnmdQaAi2_seKT-KXV/view).

teamed up with the Hamilton Heights Educational Foundation to take the Husky Hero Award to the next level. The monthly award is designed to recognize a Hamilton Heights School Corporation employee for performing an act of kindness, or going above and beyond for a student, fellow staff member, or our community. Any staff member employed by the district is eligible to be recognized and can be nominated by anyone on or off campus. The Husky Hero recipient will be presented with a certificate and a monetary donation of \$250 in appreciation for their making a meaningful impact. It's all of our employees -- teachers, aids, bus drivers, custodians, nurses, cafeteria workers, etc. -- who truly make the difference in the overall educational experience of our students every single day. Nominate a Husky Hero today or learn more about this special recognition program online (docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScF-2GhvQIBVKKMx-Gkv7epQCCTFUU_PEx-nbMI9e5KIUhtapmsA/viewform). Thank you, Craig and Amber for being heroes for Hamilton Heights by championing this special program!

With the Thanksgiving holiday right around the corner, I want to pause and express how thankful I am for having the privilege of working with such wonderful staff, volunteers, students, and their families. Thank you for helping to make Hamilton Heights an empowering place for our 2,258 students to learn, grow, and excel. #WeAreHuskies

I want to give a shout out to Craig Bowen, F.C. Tucker Company, and his wife, Amber, who have

Dr. Derek Arrowood is the Superintendent of the Hamilton Heights School Corporation.

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Several members of Hamilton Heights leadership team traveled to Ohio to witness firsthand the impact of the Akron in Action program. Students, of which 50% are refugee/non-English speaking, are excelling in college, career, military, and life in general, post-graduation thanks in part to stronger school community partnerships.

ates, and/or opportunities to seamlessly move into enrollment in college, enlistment in the military, or focused employment opportunities."

"This grant will also help provide the initial funding for a third counselor at the high school and help us better connect our schools with our local business community so that every student who graduates will be ready to Enroll (College), Employ (go direct into the workforce with a high wage job) or Enlist (in a branch of the military) -- aka the "3 E's," added HHSC Superintendent Dr. Derek Arrowood.

To get an up close and personal look at this program and its impact in action, Dr. Arrowood, Bret Bailey (HHMS Principal), Julie Davis (HHSC Board member), Brad Batman (HHHS Science teacher), and Jessi Cantlon (HHHS Counselor) traveled to Akron,

Ohio to see how Akron Public Schools is connecting with their community to help their students reach one of those 3 E's by graduation.

"It was an inspirational experience," said Julie Davis of the visit to North High School, one of the oldest magnet schools in the Akron in Action project. The school has a population of 50% refugee/non-English speaking students who are thriving thanks in part to their 3 E program. "The 3 E project and associated grant monies will help to determine and best address the needs of ALL students at Heights."

"I could see our own great individual programs coming together and then deeply partnering with community businesses and organizations to add context, relevancy, purpose, and authentic problem-solving opportunities for our students," Dr. Arrowood pointed out.



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Heights will share in a \$4 million grant from the Central Indiana Educational Service Center (CIESC) to support its transformational college and career readiness focus. The goal is to become a state model for developing community partnerships with local businesses and authentic learning opportunities, positively impacting all students, its district, and communities it serves. Students Nora Privett and Kamryn Rhoton are pictured exploring college programs at universities around the state and beyond during Future Huskies Week with teacher Connor James at Hamilton Heights Middle School. The middle school offers opportunities throughout the year for students to develop skills and pursue interests that ensure they are college and career ready by graduation through its Preparing for College and Careers (PCC) program.

"I saw teachers refreshed and excited. I saw students stepping up confidently as they brought transformational change to the problems in their communities. We left excited and refreshed for the possibilities ahead. Our experience here reinforced that Heights is on

the right track with many of the initiatives that are proving to be transformational for our students."

Arrowood went on to say, "We plan to continue to keep kicking up our efforts and district looped into our progress and achievements on the 3 E's."

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Microelectronics Engineer Helps 'Get The Lead Out' Of Solder

Carol Handwerker's life's work is aimed at increasing reliability in everything from the largest Navy carrier to the family car. She does it by researching probably the most inconspicuous material: solder.

Handwerker, the Reinhardt Schuhmann Jr. Professor of Materials Engineering at Purdue University, has tested and researched materials for almost 30 years to determine the best options for solder that connects electronic components to circuit boards, focusing on almost any physical condition that a circuit board could encounter.

In today's evolving era of microelectronics, green polymer circuit boards are among the most important factors. Without these functioning circuit boards – that can range from the size of a fist to a large photo frame – even a lot of the cars on the road today would stay parked.

"In today's boards, there are so many interconnects," Handwerker said. "There are thousands, if not millions, of solder joints in a single circuit board. If a solder joint fails, the system is compromised. So, it's important that solder is reliable."

Tin-lead solder was the mainstay for more than 50 years. But environmental and health concerns brought about the evolution of a new generation of solders that are lead-free and use alloys that are a better, nontoxic alternative to tin-lead.

One of more than 60 kinds of solder on the market today, tin-lead solder was banned by the European Union in 1999 for use in consumer electronics because of toxicity concerns. Handwerker, also a professor of environmental and ecological engineering at Purdue, was part of four years of research in the 1990s that preceded that ban, setting

a baseline for possible replacement alloys. She worked closely with industry in the 2000s to transition to the new standard lead-free alloy for consumer electronics worldwide.

The only industries still exempted by the EU are defense, aerospace and implantable medical devices.

Handwerker's current research is part of the U.S. Partnership for Assured Electronics (USPAE) and is backed by a \$40 million U.S. Department of Defense contract. The work is in concert with defense companies and experts from the University of Maryland, Auburn University and Binghamton University and focuses on determining when lead-free solders might be as reliable or more so than tin-lead when used in defense systems.

"We're providing options in a way that gives all of us confidence in our solder choices," Handwerker said. "Solder is used in Department of Defense systems everywhere there are circuit boards, from handheld communication devices and battleships to helicopters and missiles. We are working to quantify how different lead-free solders behave in various highly demanding environments compared with tin-lead."

Now in its second year, the five-year project has developed the first edition of the Solder User's Handbook, which was recently approved by the Department of Defense. Handwerker said the project also is developing specifications and underlying scientific analysis allowing researchers to extrapolate to more extreme defense environments.

Handwerker is joined in her solder project by three other Purdue professors – Ganesh Subbarayan, professor of

mechanical engineering; John Blendell, professor of materials engineering; and Nikhilesh Chawla, the Ransburg Professor of Materials Engineering – and Harvey Abramowitz, a professor of mechanical engineering at Purdue University Northwest.

As the inconspicuous glue that holds the components of circuit boards together, solder has a litany of microelectronics uses in Department of Defense vehicles and equipment. Jets face thermal cycling issues in which systems must function through high heat, then cold temperatures and back to high heat. Vibration and shock impact scenarios are shared by the solder used in circuit boards for planes, naval vessels and missiles.

Current experimentation at Purdue is focused on data analysis, solder reliability testing and process testing that confirms what the melting temperatures are for the solders. An in-depth testing plan is being developed.

Purdue is a national leader in microelectronics devices and packaging research, spanning the semiconductor ecosystem in software and hardware.

Purdue already has established excellence in key research areas considered critical to national security, including microelectronics. The area is among the critical topics under Purdue's Next Moves, strategic initiatives that will advance the university's competitive advantage.

A recent agreement with MediaTek, a leading global chipmaker, partnerships for future workforce development and the establishment of a semiconductor degrees program are the latest pieces of Purdue's continually expanding research and development efforts in the field of microelectronics and semiconductors.

Small Business Owner Shares Struggles

According to NFIB's monthly jobs report, small business owners continue to struggle with labor issues as 23% of owners report labor quality as their top business problem, second to inflation. Ten percent of owners report labor cost as their top business problem, a historically high reading.

"The hardest thing for small businesses right now is that they have the demand and the need for workers, yet many are still struggling to find people" said Natalie Robinson, NFIB State Director in Indiana. "However, it's not for a lack of trying. Even as business owners continue to increase compensation, they still report trouble finding workers. There are jobs out there for people seeking employment and employers who want to hire."

Small business owners' plans to fill open positions remain elevated, with a seasonally adjusted net 20% planning to create new jobs in the next three months, down three points from September but still historically strong.

"Staffing shortages continue to be my top business concern. I'm paying higher wages

than ever before and it's still challenging to hire and retain employees," said Ryan Carroll, owner of Carrsun Furniture Rental in Indianapolis. "I'm doing everything I can to prevent this issue from limiting my ability to take advantage of current sales opportunities. I've had to make major adjustments to business operations to compensate for the lack of workers."

Sixty-one percent of owners reported hiring or trying to hire in October, down three points from September. Of those hiring or trying to hire, 90% of owners reported few or no qualified applicants for the positions they were trying to fill. For all firms, including those not actively hiring, 30% of owners reported few qualified applicants for their open positions and 25% reported none.

Seasonally adjusted, a net 44% reported raising compensation, down one point from September but just six points below the 48-year record high set in January. A net 32% plan to raise compensation in the next three months, up nine points from September. This will put continued pressure on prices.



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Sixteen Left In Indiana Chamber's Coolest Thing Made In Indiana Tourney

The Indiana Chamber of Commerce's competition for the second annual Coolest Thing Made in Indiana tournament is down to 16 companies. The organization reports "voting has been fierce with thousands of votes cast" in each of the first two rounds.

The tournament was created to celebrate the state's rich manufacturing history and showcase all the great things being made right here in Indiana.

Round three voting is now underway with the remaining 16 teams from 14 communities around the state battling it out. Public fan voting for the third round ends November 15 at 10 p.m. In the single-elimination bracket, each winner goes to the next round until the Coolest Thing Made in Indiana champion is crowned.

The 16 companies still vying for the title are: A. J. Schnell Woodworks in Zionsville; Birthday Chocolates in Greens Fork; Blue Fox Farms LLC in Wawaka; Dec-o-Art in Elkhart; Grinds Coffee Pouches in Westfield; Hard Truth Distillery Co. in Nashville; Hiker Trailers in Columbus; Hudson Aquatic Systems LLC in Angola; Janus Motorcycles in Goshen; Kidstuff Play Systems in Gary; Maple Leaf Farms in Leesburg; Oliver Winery in Bloomington; Polywood in Syracuse; Pure Green Farms in South Bend/Elkhart; Tactile Engineering in Lafayette; and Wag'n Tails Mobile Conversions in South

Bend.

To check out the products and cast your online vote, visit www.indianachamber.com/coolestthing.

Voting for the tournament concludes Nov. 30. Below is the timing of each voting round; all times noted are in Eastern Time.

- Round 3: Nov. 11-15 (at 9 a.m.; closes 10 p.m. Tuesday)
- Round 4: Nov. 16-18 (at 9 a.m.; closes 10 p.m. Friday)
- Semis: Nov. 21-23 (at 9 a.m.; closes 10 p.m. Wednesday)
- Finals: Nov. 28-30 (begins at 9 a.m.; closes 10 p.m. Wednesday)

The Champion will be announced December 14 at the Indiana Chamber's Best IN Manufacturing Luncheon, which also features the first honorees in the Indiana Best Places to Work in Manufacturing program.

Coolest Thing Made in Indiana sponsors are spirit sponsor Purdue Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP); gold sponsor Gibson; and silver sponsors Evonik Corporation, Insperty, Nucor Steel Indiana, SMC Corporation of America and The Horton Group.

Entry in the tournament is free. To participate, a company did not need to be headquartered in Indiana, but the product entered must be manufactured in the state. Companies are limited to having one product nominated for entry.

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Going from Bad to Worse to . . .



TIM TIMMONS
Two Cents

When it comes to health, I have always considered myself a lucky guy. When I tell my family that, they roll their eyes and ask if I'd forgotten that my heart was laying on a table while some nice medical folks played around inside my chest earlier this year.

Oh pshaw, I say. My daughter says that's like saying, "other than that, how was the play Mrs. Lincoln?"

Kids. And like a lot of guys, I do tend to ignore some things. I've always figured if it's serious enough we'll figure it out sooner or later. Until then, I don't want to dwell on every little ache and pain.

Except the other day. I had this pounding headache that hurt all the way from the top of my head down to the corns and bunions below.

I opened my desk and was looking for the bottle of aspirin – nuclear strength – when the phone rang so loud it rattled my wisdom. (No, I didn't leave out the word teeth.)

"Paper, Timmons."
"This here is your lucky day my good man," a very loud and very twangy voice boomed into my ear. "This here is Bob Eubanks and we are calling some of the original contestants from The Newlywed Game with a free prize! All you have to do is answer the following question, when is the best time to make whoopee?"

Good Lord! That twang and the stupid gimmick could only mean one thing. Bubba Castiron was calling me . . . again!
Did I mention how badly my head hurt?
"Bubba, first off – the Newlywed Show was on in the 1960s. My wife and I may have been together for 40 years, but we didn't even know each other back then. And second off, when we make whoopee is none of your business."

"Don't happen very often, huh?" Bubba cackled. "Doggone Timmons, I thought for sure the Bob Eubanks thing would get you. I figured at your age you'd just believe you for-

got being on that show."

"Bubba, listen, didn't we just talk a couple of weeks ago? You only call every few months, if that often. Why are you calling so soon?"

"I got to tell you, Timmons, that hurts my feelings. I mean I think a lot of you and value your opinion and all. Why you got to be so cross?"

Inside my head a thousand tiny men with jackhammers were pounding away on the back side of my eyeballs. And now, on top of everything else, I was feeling guilty about being short with Bubba.

"Ah, look, Bubba. I didn't mean to."

"Ha!" Bubba shouted. "I was just yanking your chain. The only time my feelings get hurt is when the store is out of Falstaff beer."

"Bubba! Listen, I really am busy and it really is a bad day for this," I steamed back. "Exactly what is it I can do for you?"

"Dang, Timmons, you really is in a mood today, huh? You know what you need, son? What you need is what my great-grandpappy used to call an altitude adjustment."

"Attitude?"
"Huh?"
"Never mind."

"Timmons, you just got to open your eyes to the wonders of the world, to a meridian of possibilities."

"Myriad?"
"Huh?"

Why do I bother?
"Look, I'll tell you what Timmons. You play along with me on this and I will stop bugging you for the day, AND I promise you that you will feel better. I am going to pry your eyes open to the wonders of the world like a metal key opening a can of Spam."

Prying my eyes actually might help with the pain. And even though I had no illusions that whatever Bubba had up his sleeve would be worthwhile, I was willing to do darn near anything to end this conversation.

"Fine, Bubba. I'll play your silly game. What is it?"

"OK, Timmons. Good deal. Now, what if I could show you something that you have never, ever seen before and will never, ever see again. Would that make you change your crappy outlook today?"

Bubba, I am old enough to be on Medicare. I have worked from one coast to the other and have seen an awful lot. I seriously doubt that you can show me something that A) I

have never seen before and B) will never see again. It just isn't possible."

"Yeah, OK, Mr. Know-It-All, that's just fine," Bubba said. "If I can do that, will you admit you're wrong and adjust that attitude?"

I just wanted this to be over. "OK, fine, Bubba."
"Then here's what I want you to do, Timmons. Close your eyes."

How would he know? I just sat there.
"Dang it, Timmons. No cheating. Now close them eyes!"

Sigh. I closed them.
"OK, now I want you to imagine we are in a movie theater. And imagine me holding a big tub of hot buttered popcorn. Got it?"

"Yeah, yeah, I got it Bubba. But if you're thinking about a movie, that won't work. You said that you're going to show me something I've never seen before and will never see again. You can show me a movie I've never seen, but nothing would prevent me from seeing it in the future."

"Would you relax, Timmons," Bubba said. "Stop getting ahead of yourself. Just keep those eyes closed."

The pain in my head wasn't getting any better.

"OK, now focus on the big ol' tub of hot-buttery popcorn. Can you smell it, Timmons?"

I've got to admit that I was starting to think about how good that would taste. Warm butter/ A little salt . . .

"OK, Timmons. Now I reach my hand way down in the tub and pull out one popped kernel from the bottom. Can you see it?"

"Yeah, Bubba. I know what a popcorn kernel looks like."

"I pop that puppy in my mouth and there you go! You never saw that kernel before and you'll never see it again! Now open them eyes Timmons and stop overthinking everything. Maybe you just oughta be thankful for what you got!"

Just like that, Bubba was gone. The pain wasn't, but it didn't feel quite as bad.

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DICK WOLFSIE
Life in a Nutshell

Mary Ellen and I promised each other that during our recent vacation we would not check our emails. At dinner each night, we conversed and learned a great deal about each other, things that have happened to each of us since we got our first cell phones in 1990.

When we returned home, we eagerly retrieved our messages.

"Mary Ellen, this is awesome. While we were away, I won a DEWALT Power Station."

"Hey, that's great. Guess what? So did I. What's a DEWALT Power Station?"

"No clue, but now we have two."

This was just one of over 40 emails we got telling us we won something, which we didn't. In order to win, you must click on a link and answer a survey, at which time you are informed that you won nothing, but . . .

1. You have a chance to win something
2. You have the opportunity to win something
3. You are in the running to win something
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Not only did I have a chance to own a DEWALT Power Station, but also a DEWALT Drill, a Yukon Stove Fire Pit, a gift certificate to Walmart, Ultimate non-stick cookware, a Yeti Cooler and a Samsung Neo 8K QLED Smart TV. I didn't know where NOT to click first. Walgreens was thanking me for being a loyal customer, but I have never been in a Walgreens in my life. I am a loyal CVS patron, but all they ever gave me for free was a two-foot-long receipt.

Wait: Incoming! I just received a "shipment pending"

notice for a Keurig Coffee Maker and I have "won" a Ryobi Lawn Mower.

I'm no expert in this area, but there are several clues to determine scams. Here are some real examples I received. Read each one carefully.

WIN AN GOLF CART

THEIRS A PRIZE WAITING OR YOU!

YOUR A WINNER!

YOU HAVE WON A FREE GIFT

The phrase "Free Gift" is not only suspicious, it's redundant. Clearly, a fake scam—which I know is also redundant.

Some of these language goofs are because the scammers are not English-speaking. Other mistakes are on purpose in order to either get your attention or to avoid detection by anti-spam programs. I tried using those last two excuses on my proofreader, Heidi, to justify some of my blunders in spelling and grammar. I was surprised she didn't fall for them. Who needs her, anyway?

The rip-offs often include an additional method to motivate you, like a countdown clock that tells you how much time you have left to click on the link or the offer goes away.

"Honey, I know you are breastfeeding the twins, but drop what you are doing or we are going to lose out on that free sump pump from Ace."

My favorite come-on is
YOU HAVE BEEN SELECTED TO TRY CANNABLISS CBD

CONGRALUATIONS

Yes, and congratulations to all who have wisely avoided these bogus offers. I never click on a questionable link, but I am tempted by this CBD product, which is has the shape and texture of a gummy bear. Before I decide, I am going to have to chew on it for a while.

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Hangin' At Ol' Merle's Barbershop

I don't really remember who cut my hair the first time. I'm certain that I cried, because I still do.

My first haircut outside the home was likely at Ol' Merle Winger's barbershop on Iowa Street in my hometown. I'm not sure why I mention Merle's being on Iowa Street, except that I always marveled that our town was one of the few small towns that didn't have a Main Street or an Elm.

Instead, all of our streets were named after states. Why the founders chose Iowa Street I'll never know. The only way to get to Iowa in that direction is through Uzbekistan.

Anyway, Merle's was one of only two businesses on Iowa Street during my youth. The other was the Poultry Building. It wasn't unusual for the old-timers to pop into Merle's for a quick shave with a straight razor while their Leghorns were next door having their throats slit with the same.

The air inside Ol' Merle's barbershop was a miasma of wet chicken feathers and witch-hazel. I'm not sure how I can describe the smell to you other than to suggest that it is the same odor that an operating room would have, if it were located inside Kentucky Fried Chicken.

Merle wasn't very big, even by barber standards. He stood about five feet, six inches tall, and often struggled cutting the hair of taller clients. When 6'6" Gib Barry came in for a haircut, Merle would always greet him with the same salutation.

"How's the weather up there, Gib?"

Merle was resourceful, though. He kept a little black stool under his work station. He'd pull that stool out, sidle up



JOHN MARLOWE
With the Grain

to the giant leather and porcelain barber's chair, and start snipping away.

We always figured Merle learned barbering in the Navy. His rolled up sleeves exposed two giant "anchor" tattoos on the tops of each forearm. We guys thought they were pretty neat -- tattoos weren't often openly displayed in those days. But they weren't nearly as neat as the scantily clad rendering of the short-haired dancehall girl tattooed on Merle's upper arm.

Merle called her Sally Mae, and when he articulated the clippers with his fingers, his bicep flexed, making Sally Mae shimmy. The younger boys, you know, the ones not nearly as worldly as myself, would run up to Merle and clamor for him to make Sally dance.

Merle always complied.

The best part about Merle's was that he owned a subscription to about every comic book that ever existed, even the one's our parents didn't dare let us read at home. On a Saturday morning, it was commonplace to see a dozen bicycles piled on the sidewalk outside. A room full of waiting room chairs sat occupied

with swinging legs, each with a Choc-ola soft drink in hand, and each with a boy's nose jammed into the latest edition.

There were rumors from the older boys that Merle kept a few "special" comic books in the back room, but I can't confirm that. I can confirm, however, that no one left Merle's without a smile on his face.

Sadly, Merle's barbershop is no longer on Iowa Street. Merle experienced some serious heart issues, and had to walk away from the shop. His twin brother took over for awhile, but it was never really the same.

Besides, we always wondered how Merle kept the shop open in the first place. It was the 1970s, and the anti-government, rock 'n roll teenagers of the time wore their hair long.

That did lead, however, to one of the best barbershop stories I've ever heard.

Dewey Denman and Roger Robinette -- I suppose, in an act of anti-anti-government defiance -- decided that they were going to join the Army after high school. Dewey sported rather stringy, shoulder-length reddish-brown hair, and Roger had really beautiful flowing blond hair, which reached well below his belt line in back.

The two popped into Merle's barbershop to have it all buzzed away for bootcamp after graduation. They stood in the open doorway for more than a moment, perhaps surveying the reaction of the men inside.

After a long pause, Merle turned to the pair and said, "You boys here to get a haircut? Or, are you just looking for an estimate?"

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Thanksgiving And A Lifestyle Of Saying Thank You

By Dr. Glenn Mollette



GLENN MOLLETTE
Guest Column

Thanksgiving is coming and it's never out of season to say thank you.

Say thank you to your local politicians. The majority of those who pursue an office, lose. Losing is tough and usually expensive. Thank them for their interest in your community or state and for the time they gave making their case and pursuing votes.

Our world would be better if we all said thank you and please as often as possible. Amazingly many people don't know how to say thank you, or please.

If someone does anything for you say thank you. Even if they haven't necessarily done it for you but are helping others then say thank you. Thank your community leaders, teachers, politicians, clergy, this media source, family, friends and anyone who is somehow positively impacting your life.

Teaching our kids to say thank you and to say it often is well worth our time for us and them.

Here are some thank you notes from Reader's Digest, RD.com June 2023

About 15 years ago, we purchased a dining

set from an older couple after seeing their ad. When we went to pick it up, it was apparent to me that the lady was having a hard time seeing it go, although it hadn't been used for many years. On Thanksgiving, I set the table, took a picture, and sent it to her, saying we were thankful to be enjoying the beautiful set. She sent a note back that read, it looks like it was meant to be. It really has helped me, seeing it happy. Thank you from my heart. —Diane Ensch, Mansfield, Texas

As a volunteer, I recorded several audio-books for the blind. I received a braille card that said thanks for my work. Fortunately, the sender also enclosed a reading chart for the braille words. It took me 90 minutes to figure out what the card said. It reminded me of how blessed I am and how much I

can keep giving. —Yen Chou, Taipei, Taiwan

My coworker sent me this heartwarming e-mail after I was laid off: Thank you for giving me a chance way back when. This position got me off state assistance, paid for my car, and has blessed me and my son in so many ways. You have been an amazing mentor and friend, Mike. The best! I've learned so much and not just about pest control. To speak up for myself. To be less emotional when things go wrong. To have patience with myself and others. Thank you for being so incredibly patient with me and my thousands of questions and mistakes! It has helped my confidence in so many ways. Thank you! Thank you! It was humbling for me to know that I had that kind of impact on someone's life by just being myself, doing my job. —Michael Shearing, Port Angeles, Washington.

After I had worked as a mail carrier for 30 years, it was time to retire. I put a note in each of my 436 customers' mailboxes, thanking them for allowing me to serve them over the years. I never expected that on my last day so many would hang balloons on

the boxes and put out so many beautiful thank-yous. I hope I delivered all the mail properly that day, as there were tears of gratitude filling my eyes. —Kay Scott, Bucyrus, Ohio

I was gram's favorite, and she was mine. She passed away in September 2016, at 100½—she always said you earned the "half" when you got to be her age. To my surprise, I received a card in the mail that my sweet grandma had tucked away for my aunt to send after she passed. It read, Melis, thank you for all the nice things you did for me. Remember, this is the year you'll meet your man. Be cool and play it safe. Don't screw it up. Be careful. I'll be watching you. All my love, Gram.—Melissa Wegman, Cincinnati, Ohio

You can find these and other thank you notes on RD.com Reader's Digest, June 3, 2022

Thanksgiving season is here. Let's all aim for a lifestyle of saying thank you.

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Adversity Can Drive A Life



RANDALL FRANKS
Southern Style Columns

While much of my childhood seemed idyllic in a "Leave It to Beaver" kind of way, there were days when I had Eddie Haskell making my life unpleasant.

My Haskells tended to be more than just jerks; in some cases they were downright difficult.

When I started high school, I dreaded the bus ride to school. Those solid sitting seats were where those with ill intent often began their mischief. And sure enough, for me that is where I often found myself between the cross hairs of their disdain.

I was short and stout and due to my lack of athletic ability, I was the object of those with bullying tendencies. Let's say, I was an easy mark.

Whether it was a group of jocks using my violin case for a football, a tough guy spitting in my hair or flicking my ears, the daily dread of anticipating those experiences made going and coming from school a less than pleasant experience.

Some days, ridicule was a consistent companion from those who had to tear others down.

I was raised that you didn't bellyache over one's plight in life. My dad taught me to stand up to bullies wherever possible, choose the battles, know when to fight and when to walk away to fight another day. My mother was a warrior who always stood up for the underdog.

While bucking up to my experiences, they inspiration became a solid part of my make up. But within my underlying drive, those times planted a mission statement that pushed me forward through my 20s - "I will show you."

It took me some time to change that mission, but I did. I no longer desired to show anyone. I just wanted to fulfill whatever God's path for my life was to be.

Adversity in our days, bullies in our lives, no

matter the time or place when we face such, we must handle it with grace. My father's teachings and my mother's grit forge how I react when I encounter adults who never grew up and chose to bully others. I have always stood up protecting those within their aim. I have taken on slings and arrows thrown to protect others but thanks to all I endured early in life, I have strong shoulders upon which to carry those. God placed below me solid legs upon which to stand my ground in the face of those who wish to bulldoze others.

While I wish that I could have enjoyed a youth free from those experiences, and I would not wish them upon anyone, I would not be the man that I am without them. All those God has allowed me to help, would not have had the champion those created.

If life brings you adversity, chose the battleground, and use it to fight against what may come your way, with the ultimate goal to uplift and encourage others.

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China's Ally In Its Crusade To Steal Western IP: The United States

By Walter G. Copan

The director of the FBI and the head of Britain's MI5 security service recently made an unprecedented joint appearance to warn the world of a singular danger.

Speaking to business leaders in London, they warned that the Chinese government poses the biggest long-term threat to the economic and national security of the United States, Great Britain, and their allies.

FBI Director Christopher Wray described a lawless, stop-at-nothing Chinese government agenda to steal competitors' intellectual properties, and using these to dominate global markets. MI5 chief Ken McCallum called China's threat "game-changing."

They both made clear that Beijing aims to undercut and usurp the world's leading companies in strategic technology sectors -- among them aerospace, biotech, and artificial intelligence.

Unfortunately, as the FBI works to counter this threat, it's up against not just China, but the U.S. government itself.

That may sound surprising. But in June, the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative joined other WTO members to pass a measure that will waive patent rights related to Covid-19 vaccines.

This decision allows developing countries to ignore their obligations under the WTO's Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) -- and seize intellectual property without the rights holder's consent.

Under WTO rules, China counts as a "developing country." An early draft of the agreement would have barred China from taking advantage of the waiver, based on its enormous vaccine exports. But during debate leading up to the WTO decision, the Chinese government lobbied member countries to remove language that would have excluded it. In the final version, China is simply "encouraged" not to avail itself of the waiver.

In short, the world has been asked to trust Beijing regarding vaccine IP. But as Wray and McCallum made clear,

it isn't a trustworthy partner.

And China's good fortune doesn't stop there. WTO member countries are considering extending the IP waiver from vaccines to Covid-19 diagnostic tools and treatments.

Expanding the waiver further will only expedite China's plans to undercut U.S. and European companies, control supply chains, and dominate the biopharmaceutical industry.

It's critical that WTO member countries wake up to China's not-so-secret plan. As Wray warned in London, "it may be a lot cheaper to preserve your intellectual property now than to lose your competitive advantage and have to build one down the road."

The United States has already lost its competitive advantages in technology and manufacturing for many product categories, including cutting-edge vanadium redox flow batteries. China is now the world's largest manufacturer of these high-performance batteries, using technology developed at U.S.

national laboratories.

As NPR recently reported, this major loss was due in part to the Department of Energy "violating its own licensing rules while failing to intervene on behalf of U.S. workers in multiple instances."

Director Wray was speaking to private-sector businesses, but his message is just as relevant for leaders of democratic countries. China's nefarious tactics are easy to see; the last thing we should do is willingly hand Beijing the keys to our castles. Protecting intellectual property is about more than profitability -- our innovations, economic competitiveness, and national security are at stake.

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