

TODAY'S VERSE

Nahum 1:7 The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and He knoweth them that trust in Him.



FACES OF HAMILTON COUNTY

People who call our community their own. What makes London Bramer smile? "When somebody takes my picture," and "when Daddy does something funny," said the then 7-year-old Fishers resident, a then homeschooled first-grader. Today's feature is a look back at one of The Times' previous Faces of Hamilton County. She was found in 2019 hunting Easter eggs at the Hamilton County 4-H Junior Leaders' Community Easter Egg Hunt at the 4-H Fairgrounds in Noblesville. Most fun about hunting eggs? "Getting them," she said. London is the daughter of Greg and Lorene Bramer and has an older brother, Nick. London said she plays the piano and had taken lessons for two years. Favorite song to play? "I think I like them all." She was also taking gymnastics and ballet. Favorite food? "Macaroni and cheese." Favorite Disney characters? "Mickey and Minnie." Favorite animals? "Cheetahs, kangaroos, cats and dogs." Any pets of her own? "A cat, Dinah, and a (Miki-breed) dog, Ariel." Last movie she watched? "Dumbo." Plans for summer break? "Swimming." This year's 4-H Junior Leaders Community Easter Egg Hunt will be at 6 p.m. March 20 at the 4-H Fairgrounds in Noblesville. For more Easter happenings, read today's Betsy Reason column in The Times.

And Another Few Things...

1. TRASHY BEHAVIOR

Some Hoosiers are just plain trashy. According to a survey from the good folks at PestDude.com, 3,000 people were polled and 13 percent of Hoosiers admit to illegal dumping. Food waste is the most common item, but the list includes old furniture, mattresses and all sorts of blights on our beautiful countryside. Who's the worst? PestDude says a whopping 38 percent of Montanans admit to illegal dumping at some point. The most community conscious are those from Colorado, where only 4 percent admit to having illegally dumped. Want to see how the whole country rates? Go to <http://pestdude.com/illegal-dumping-in-america/>

2. LANE RESTRICTIONS

Please be advised, beginning on or after Monday, March 20, Florida Road between 104th Street and 113th Street will be under lane restrictions for tree clearing work. The estimated project completion date is Friday, March 24. Lane restrictions will be in place daily from the hours of 8am thru 4pm. Flaggers will be in place throughout this process, but we ask that you use extreme caution while driving through this area.

3. SPARTZ: FARMERS RAISING INFLATION AND FOOD SECURITY CONCERN

This week, Rep. Victoria Spartz (R-Ind.) toured all six counties in Indiana's Fifth Congressional District meeting with Delaware, Grant, Hamilton, Howard, Madison, and Tipton county farmers as part of her 2023 Farm Bill listening tour. Every five years, Congress votes to reauthorize the Farm Bill.

The following are some of the key concerns raised during the tour:

-Inflation, lack of energy policies, and high input cost;

-Revised definition of 'the Waters of the United States' by the Biden Administration;

-Unreasonable obstacles to repair equipment imposed by manufacturers;

-Infringements on private property rights; and

-Weak foreign policies and lack of enforcement of trade agreements with Mexico and Brazil.

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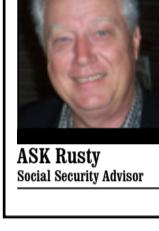
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Ask Rusty – How Do I Withdraw My Application for Social Security?

Dear Rusty: I will be 67 next month and reached my full retirement age in July 2022. My wife and I are discussing whether we should take Social Security now or wait until we are age 70 to get a higher benefit. I remember reading that you can start Social Security and, if not needed, pay it back within a year and then "reset" to get a higher benefit by waiting longer. Please describe the steps of this process to take now and repay the year's benefits if we do not need them. Signed: Uncertain

Dear Uncertain: Well, to exercise the so-called "do over option" (which is essentially withdrawing your application for benefits), you need to contact Social Security (1.800.772.1213



Social Security Matters

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or your local SS field office) and request that your application for benefits be withdrawn. You can also download and complete form SSA-521 and deliver the same to your local Social Security office. You can get that form at this link: www.ssa.gov/forms/ssa-521.pdf.

This "do-over option" is only available within 12 months of the date you submit your

application and can only be done once in your lifetime. If you use it, you will be required to repay Social Security for all payments made on your behalf, including not only your monthly payments but also any income taxes you had withheld, and any Medicare premiums which were withheld from your monthly payments

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It's Not About Growing Old; It's About How You Grow Old

By John Grimaldi

More Americans than ever are growing older and healthier these days. Consider the fact that on average we were lucky if we lived past 47 years of age at the beginning of the 20th century. Yet nowadays most men and women in the U.S. can look forward to celebrating birthdays well into their 70s. In fact, the New England Centenarian Study at Boston University tells us that the numbers of us who make it past our 100th birthday have just about doubled over the past two decades.

To be sure, the covid pandemic has taken its toll, causing an increased mortality rate in general among the elderly as well as a time out when it comes to expanded life spans. Not long ago, the Washington Post reported that "unlike flu, which impacts both the very young and

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Going forward the question is, will life expectancy in the U.S. resume its growth in the future. It most likely will, say the experts. But it is not because medical science is on a quest for immortality; rather, the goal is to alleviate the illnesses that come with aging. As the website, Lifespan.io, put it:

"The immune system keeps us safe from the constant invasion of viruses, bacteria, and other pathogens, helping us to stay healthy and free from diseases.

However, the immune system begins to break down as we get older and we become ever-more vulnerable to diseases and infections. To solve this problem,

Craft fairs are an excellent place for artisans and small business owners to sell their wares, but vendors should be cautious when dealing with unfamiliar "organizers." BBB Scam Tracker has gotten reports of scammers posing as craft fair planners who trick vendors out of money and personal information.

How the scam works

You see a local craft fair ad on social media, a physical flyer, or an internet search. When you contact the event organizer, they give you basic details about the fair and ask if you are interested in participating. If you are, they may ask you to fill out an application and pay the vendor fee. BBB Scam Track-

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BBB Scam Alert: Think Twice Before Filling Out Craft Fair Applications

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ers: ages 0-2 at 6:05 p.m., ages 3-5 at 6:10 p.m. and ages 6-8 at 6:15 p.m. Farm animals will be available for petting and photos.

2. Enjoy brunch and an Easter Egg Hunt with the Easter Bunny beginning at 10 am. March 25 at St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Carmel.

3. Get your tickets for Hamilton County Passion Play "Behold the Lamb" on stage March 29-April 1 at Noblesville High School Auditorium. Tickets are \$1 each at <https://www.beholdthelamb.com/>

4. Put on your running shoes and head for Forest Park for the return of the free Easter Egg Hunt activities that begin at 10

am. April 1, with the hunt at 11 a.m., sponsored by Noblesville Parks and Recreation Department and Hare Chevrolet. Activities at Shelter 5 include bounce houses, a DJ, and vehicle tours from the Noblesville Fire Department and Noblesville Police Department. The Easter Bunny also will make a special appearance. The egg hunt

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HONEST HOOSIER

Happy birthday to my favorite reader ever!

TODAY'S QUOTE

"Forever and a day."
-Anonymous

TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Grandma's advice not to put anything smaller than your elbow in your ear was right - that includes Q-tips.

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

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The Noblesville Library is nearing completion of Phase 1 renovations, which means our main entrance is set to reopen. While we've remained open throughout renovations, we're very excited to share these new updates, including: improved traffic flow and expanded parking, increased access to green spaces, outdoor amenities for all ages, plus an updated front façade, meeting rooms, and lobby.



New playground equipment along the River Heritage Park nature trails.



One of two new White River overlooks to enjoy nature and relax along the trails.

CCPR To Hold River Heritage Park Rededication Ceremony In Honor Of Disability Awareness Month

A rededication ceremony will be held on Monday, March 27 from 5-6 p.m. at River Heritage Park, 11813 River Road, to celebrate the newly reimagined park. Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation (CCPR) looks forward to commemorating the park's focus on inclusive and accessible play during Disability Awareness Month.

The rededication will include brief remarks from community leaders and a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

An American Sign Language interpreter will be present, and the event will be live streamed on the CCPR Facebook page.

Attendees will have an opportunity to tour the park's innovative features, including new playgrounds for everyone, accessible trails, White River overlooks, and an updated shelter.

In June 2001, River Heritage Park was dedicated as "Everyone's Playground," where children

of all abilities could play. This park sparked CCPR's focus on making accessible play the standard for all parks. Universal Design, which ensures spaces are intentionally designed for accessibility and used to the greatest extent possible by all people, is now a guiding force for all CCPR projects. When the River Heritage Park was

reimagined in 2022, CCPR renewed the park's focus on accessible play.

"River Heritage Park

was CCPR's first accessible playground," shared CCPR Director Michael Klitzing. "The once first-of-its-kind park helped define the department's mission to be an inclusive, innovative steward of the community. During the planning process, we prioritized expanding the park's focus on accessibility."

Renovations were made possible by the Clay Township Impact Program.

Noblesville And Carmel Lions Assist Gleaners



Photo courtesy of Noblesville Lions

On Thursday, March 16th, Noblesville and Carmel Lions helped Gleaners pass out food to the needy at Sheridan 6 Points Church. The group braved the rain and passed out a lot of food.

(Left to Right) Carmel Lions Bob Yunker, Lane Sims, Matt Best, Bill Ryan and Noblesville Lions Ron Williamson, Steve Shaw, Jeff Kozicki, Joe Connerley, and Jerry Baker

The Pursuit Institute Adds Deputy Director

Kurt Cantlon recently joined The Pursuit Institute as deputy director. The Pursuit Institute is currently a program of Invest Hamilton County (Hamilton County Economic Development Corporation). Cantlon brings a level of experience to The Pursuit Institute that will further enable innovation and collaboration to drive career and technical education in Hamilton County. Kurt will work directly with school districts to ensure alignment of educational pathways while guiding and supporting the expansion of CTE for students across the entire county.

Before joining The Pursuit Institute, Kurt worked in Career and Technical Education as the Director for Wildcat Creek

Career Cooperative. Over the course of his career, Kurt has worked with youth from all different situations and backgrounds throughout Central Indiana. He started his career as a probation officer and worked in mental health before becoming a school counselor. He has worked in education for the past 14 years as a counselor and administrator.

"I am thrilled to return to work with the youth of Hamilton County, a place that I grew up and continue to raise my family. Career and Technical Education has become a true passion of mine in my years as a school counselor and leading a Career and Technical Education District in another part of the state. Carrie Lively has

done an amazing job getting The Pursuit Institute off the ground and ready to serve students. I am excited to join her to continue to innovate and build Career and Technical Education for the benefit of the students and employers of Hamilton County," stated Cantlon.

Kurt has worked to expand programming options for students, build partnerships with industry, and provide students opportunities to gain hands on experiences in career fields of interest. He has worked, both as a counselor and administrator, with students to encourage being intentional and active participants in planning for their future through the courses and experiences that they select.

Kurt is a graduate of Westfield High School and lives in Hamilton County with his wife and 2 boys. He received his undergraduate degree from Hanover College. He holds a master's degree in counseling and counselor education from IUPUI and he completed his Administration License coursework through Purdue University.

KURT CANTLON



The Times archive photo by Betsy Reason

Kids hunt for Easter eggs during a previous free Easter Egg Hunt annually offered by Noblesville Parks & Recreation Department and Hare Chevrolet with this year's egg hunt at 11 a.m. April 1 with activities beginning at 10 a.m. at Forest Park in Noblesville.

Noblesville Annual Easter Egg Hunt

The Noblesville Parks and Recreation Department and Hare Chevrolet are egg-cited to announce the return of the free Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 1 at Forest Park. The festivities will be held at Shelter 5 and begin at 10 a.m., with the egg hunt starting promptly at 11 a.m.

Activities at Shelter 5 include bounce houses, a DJ, and vehicle tours from the Noblesville Fire Department and Noblesville Police Department. The Easter Bunny also will make a special appearance at the event.

The Egg Hunt includes three age groups for children 3-10 years old

(3-4, 5-6 and 7-10). Children ages 2 and younger are invited to stop by the Parks and Recreation tent, where toddler-related activity bags will be handed out to the first 50 kids.

No registration is required to participate.

Prior to the event, the Noblesville Kiwanis Sun-

risers will host a pancake breakfast in conjunction with the Easter Egg Hunt at the Forest Park Inn from 8 to 10:30 a.m. The menu will consist of pancakes, sausage, juice, coffee and milk. There is a \$5 charge for the breakfast and all proceeds will go to a local charity.

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Photos courtesy of Noblesville Community Gardens

Noblesville Community Garden Returns To SW Quadrant In Downtown Noblesville

A newly-energized group of volunteers is eager to provide fresh fruits, vegetables and herbs to area residents and neighborhood families this summer. Two community call-out meetings are planned for Saturday March 25 9-11AM and Thursday April 6 6:30 – 8:00PM at Mill Top Banquet & Conference Center, 802 Mulberry Street. All who are interested in renting a garden plot and/or volunteering are welcome. Learn more about the garden by emailing noblesvillegarden@gmail.com or visit www.facebook.com/groups/noblesvillegarden .

Located near Southside Park at Pleasant and 3rd Streets, in past years the garden served as an instructional and experiential place for students and educational non-profits, such as the Girl Scouts of Central Indiana. Forty percent of the gardening space will be utilized to grow vegetables for the community, aimed at reducing food instability in the neighborhoods near the garden. The remaining sixty percent garden plots will be allotted to gardeners interested in renting a plot for their own vegetable production.

Gardeners agree to use organic gardening methods, and to refrain from using conventional, synthetic herbicides and pesticides. Along with vegetables, an existing pollinator garden will be supplemented with additional native plants. Strategically planting flowers will increase the honeybee population near the garden, increasing future harvests.

Nine years ago, this community garden began at a different location, at Arbuckle's off 13th Street. Through a use agreement negotiated with the city of Noblesville, the garden relocated to

the present location seven years ago. From 2018 through 2022, led by local college professor Renee Rule, the garden was a place for families and residents to grow food in an organic setting. Noblesville business leader and philanthropist Rocky Shanesaz is proud to be the initial provider of funding in 2014, along with a recent gift to relaunch the garden covering expenses for 2023 for a liability insurance policy and for access to city water.

Community gardens serve as a priceless resource, not only for the food-cultivation,

but for the camaraderie and socialization that occurs when community members meet while gardening. A research paper titled 'Benefits of Community Gardening on Quality-of-Life,' published by the Horticultural Research Institute, revealed gardens help to meet "quality-of-life needs on the higher levels of esteem and self-actualization." (HRI Source). The community garden aims to be a place for neighbors to meet and interact, both sharing and learning how to grow food.

With national food insecurity on the rise,

recent data from the USDA shows Indiana placing 12th out of US states for those most at risk of hunger. (USDA Source) The current Indiana average is around 13.5 percent of food-insecure households, equating to about 1 in 7 families. The national average for food instability is 10.2 percent. In Hamilton County this number is 9.4 percent. Statistics from Gleaners Food Bank, a central Indiana , show that out of the 25,000 food-deficient people in Hamilton County, over 6,300 of them are children. (Gleaners Source)



Photo courtesy of Hamilton Heights High School

Jon Kirschner, a history teacher at Hamilton Heights High School, was selected as the Husky Hero for the month of February. Pictured (l-r): Melissa Martin (HHEF), Jon Kirschner (HHHS History Teacher), Craig and Amber Bowen (FC Tucker), and Jarrod Mason (HHHS Principal).

Kirschner Named Husky Hero

Jon Kirschner, who teaches health at Hamilton Heights High School, has been named as a Husky Hero for February. Kirschner, who is also Head Strength and Conditioning Coach,

Head Football Coach,

and Junior Government Sponsor, does a good job of connecting with students and motivating them to be their best. He goes out of his way to provide training to ALL athletes, and the results are impressive.

"Being selected as a Husky hero is very humbling and I feel very honored," said Jon Kirschner. "It is the kind of award that as a teacher means the most! Within the realm of strength and conditioning I work with a good majority of our student-athletes on a daily basis. My class allows

for me to see growth of my students as they progress in their athletic development whether it be executing a squat pattern with greater range of motion or achieve a new personal record on a max out day. Getting to see the hard work students put in the weight room pay off on the fields, courts, mats, pools, and track is the most motivating and reward part of my job. Strength and conditioning extends well beyond the scope of just 'lifting weights,' whether it is approaching adversity from a different mindset, leadership, time management, etc., these are the things that

keep me going, keep me motivated!

"This person is a husky hero for several reasons," said Diane Handy. "I think that he gets swept under the rug a lot of times for what he does for our athletes and even non-athletic students.

How most teachers can

go home when the school day is over, he is still investing into helping each kid or sport become better not just at the high school, but even at the middle school. He offers for free after school training for all athletes and has even opened it up to the middle school yearly to help them get better as well which is not in his job description.

He goes above and beyond always of what is asked of him because he truly cares for the students and expects nothing in return.

"You'll see him at almost every home sporting event with his family supporting the kids," she continued.

"I've never seen a teacher go on a deeper level with the kids to learn about their personal life and what's going on with them to help them overcome obstacles they may be facing that day, week, or even year. He also runs junior class student government, prom, dances, and several other things he's involved in. I've gotten to work alongside him this

semester and he just truly is someone you can tell

the kids have full trust in and appreciate what he does for them, but I just don't think people are aware he's going 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. or even 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. some days helping or supporting kids from both middle school and high school even over the summer as well. This is why I think Jon Kirschner is a Husky Hero."

Keilah King said her daughter injured her finger in Mr. Kirchner's APC class. "He personally called that night on his own time to ask how she was doing," she explained. "I was truly touched and felt I knew my daughter was being well cared for when not in my presence."

"The award will be a daily reminder of my 'WHY' in why I do what I do every day," Kirschner noted.

Congratulations to our February Husky Hero! Thank you, Jon for making an impactful difference in our schools and being a Husky Hero!

Do you know a Husky Hero? Nomination forms and information about this special recognition program for Hamilton Heights employees are available at: <https://bit.ly/hhschuskyhero>. The Husky Hero Recognition program is made possible through the Hamilton Heights Educational Foundation in partnership with Craig and Amber Bowen (FC Tucker). #hhfoundation

Spring Into Action: Give blood With The Red Cross

Spring is near! As the seasons change, the American Red Cross is reminding the public that the need for blood doesn't take a break. Blood remains at risk of running low this month. Donors are crucial to helping the Red Cross avoid a blood shortage in the weeks to come.

Donors of all blood types, especially type O donors and platelet donors, are encouraged to make and keep appointments to donate. Book a time to give by visiting RedCrossBlood.org, downloading the Red Cross Blood Donor App, or calling 1-800-RED CROSS.

When donors lend an arm this month, the Red Cross will lend a hand. All who come to give blood, platelets or plasma March 1-31, 2023, will receive a \$10 Visa® Prepaid Card by email. Plus, they'll be automatically entered for a chance to win a \$3,000 Visa Prepaid Card – which could help toward expenses like gas or groceries. There will

be five lucky winners. Details are available at rcblood.org/help.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities March 16-31

How to donate blood

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

for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood and platelet

donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass® to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive. To get started, follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the Blood Donor App.

Amplify your impact! volunteer!

Another way to support the lifesaving mission of the Red Cross is to become a volunteer blood donor ambassador at Red Cross blood drives. Blood donor ambassadors help greet, check-in and thank blood donors to ensure they have a positive donation experience.

Volunteers can also serve as transportation specialists, playing a vital role in ensuring lifesaving blood products are delivered to nearby hospitals. For more information and to apply for either position, visit redcross.org/volunteertoday.

Indiana Wesleyan University To Host Book Launch And Conversation Concerning The Global Realities Of Christian Martyrdom

Indiana Wesleyan University (IWU) will be hosting a book launch event for the recently released New Book of Christian Martyrs: The Heroes of Our Faith from the 1st Century to the 21st Century (Tyndale House), on Monday, March 20, 2023, from 3:30 to 4:30 pm in the Barnes Student Center's Globe Theater on the IWU Marion campus.

The event will feature a conversation with authors Johnnie Moore and Jerry Pattengale.

"Efforts to advance religious liberty are critical to the health of the global Body of Christ. All too often, we take religious liberty for granted at home while neglecting to support those who are

serving around the world, facing persecution and even martyrdom," says Jon S. Kulaga, President of Indiana Wesleyan University.

The event will be hosted by Andrea Summers, Dean of Spiritual Formation and Campus Pastor, and Todd Nettleton, the Chief of Media Relations and Message Integration for The Voice of the Martyrs and Host of The Voice of the Martyrs Radio, will moderate the conversation with Moore and Pattengale.

Please contact Tod Dalberg, Chief Marketing Officer, with questions or to learn more information regarding the event.

About the Authors

Moore is the founder and CEO of the KAROS Company, President of The Congress of Christian Leaders, and the author of nine other books, including (with Rabbi Abraham Cooper) The Next Jihad: Stop the Next Christian Genocide in Africa (Thomas Nelson, 2020).

Pattengale serves as a Professor at Indiana Wesleyan University, the Museum of the Bible's Founding Scholar and Senior Advisor to the President, and the author or editor of over 20 other books, including (with Lawrence H. Schiffman) The World's Greatest Book: How the Story of the Bible Came to Be (Worthy, 2017).

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IU Health Recognizes Indy Airport Employees Who Saved Travelers' Lives

IU Health recognized 22 Indianapolis Airport Authority employees recently for their heroic work in saving the lives of two travelers who suffered traumatic medical emergencies at the Indianapolis International Airport (IND) in 2022.

More than 8 million people from all over the world travel through the Indy airport each year, and the airport's public safety team is ready to step in at any hour of the day to protect the well-being of passengers, employees and the airport terminal facilities.

On two separate occasions in 2022, that's exactly what they did, coming to the aid of passengers experiencing serious medical emergencies. IND first responders were dispatched to the terminal in response to a patient with difficulty breathing and one that was unconscious. Thanks to a passerby and an Indy airport police officer, CPR was in-progress for both. On arrival, Indianapolis Airport Authority Fire Department paramedics and EMTs provided advanced life support care and resuscitated the patients. The patients were transported to IU Health West for further treatment, recovery and discharge to return home safely.

"These specific responses were the difference between life and death," said Kurtiss McKissick, EMT and EMS liaison for IU Health's Indianapolis

Suburban Region. "It was an honor to recognize the crews involved in these incidents for their quick response, knowledge and skills that resulted in a life saved."

IU Health recognized the following Indy airport public safety team members for their "superior dedication, care, compassion and commitment in serving their patient":

- Dispatcher Heather Clodfelter
- Dispatcher Brent Freudenstein
- Dispatcher Julia Pulliam
- Firefighter/Paramedic Andrew Patton
- Firefighter/EMT Derek Wilson
- Lieutenant/EMT Kennitay Byrd
- Firefighter/EMT Ed Taylor
- Lieutenant/Paramedic Keith Schmidt
- Firefighter/EMT Adam Rich
- Dispatcher Lori Joseph
- Dispatcher Cameron Collins
- Dispatcher Cameron McAtee
- Dispatcher Cory Wiggins
- Dispatcher Christine Nevins
- Police Sergeant Officer Mike Grimes
- Division Chief/Paramedic Michael Hammond Sr.
- Firefighter/EMT Jamar Kendrick
- Deputy Chief/EMT Stephen Summers
- Battalion Chief/EMT Travers Swardson
- Lieutenant/EMT Jim Nungester

• Firefighter/Paramedic Brandon Towns
 • Battalion Chief/EMT Brian Booth
 The American Heart Association reports that only 30% of cardiac arrest patients survive upon arrival at the hospital. Conversely, the IAA's public safety teams have consistently achieved a survival rate of over 60%, which significantly surpasses the national average.

"The success of the IAA's public safety teams' efforts is primarily attributed to their dedication to training, preparation, and having the appropriate equipment on hand, such as automatic defibrillators and an effective CPR program," said Keith Berlen, IAA senior director of operations and public safety. "Many of the patients we revive go on to recover neurologically, a testament to the high-quality care provided by our teams."

To learn more about joining the IND public safety team and other open opportunities with the Indy airport, visit [IND.com/Careers](#).

Travelers can also learn and practice the life-saving skill of hands-only CPR at American Heart Association kiosks located at the Indy airport in both Concourse A (near gate A18) and Concourse B (near gate B15). Since the first interactive kiosk was placed at IND in 2016, nearly 23,000 passengers have completed the brief training to learn Hands-Only CPR.

Preservation-Minded Organic Farmers From Indy Buy Huddleston Farmhouse In Wayne County

Experienced preservationists and organic farmers Tyler and Gentry Gough have purchased Cambridge City's historic Huddleston Farmhouse and 18 acres from Indiana Landmarks.

The Goughs, who have restored a 1902 shingle-style house in Greenfield and a 1928 Dutch Colonial house in Indianapolis' Irvington neighborhood, are deeply involved in Indy Urban Acres, an eight-acre organic urban farm that supplies low-income Hoosiers with healthy fruits and vegetables. Tyler is Indy Urban Acres' director, and Gentry is a farmer.

With initial plans to live in Huddleston Farmhouse and use the land as a private family farm to grow crops and raise animals, the Goughs will eventually employ the property as an educational site to teach historic methods of planting, cooking and preservation.

"Our goal is to provide a place of beauty, integrity, stability and knowledge to the community for generations to come," said Gentry Gough. "We'll provide fruit, vegetables, herbs, nuts, grains, heritage meat, syrup and more."

"We couldn't have asked for better stewards," said Indiana Landmarks President Marsh Davis. "Their vision for the land and its historic structures carries on the legacy and tradition of the Huddleston family and others who have cared for this important historic property."

Built in eastern Indiana in 1841, the 14-room farmhouse originally provided a home for the 13 members of the Huddleston family and functioned as an inn for weary National Road travelers. Huddleston family members sold the home in the 1930s, and it served a number of uses before Indiana Landmarks

acquired the property in 1974 and invested hundreds of thousands of dollars in a multi-year restoration of the house and accompanying barn, carriage shed, smokehouse, and springhouse. The organization will invest sale proceeds into other threatened historic buildings.

Gentry grew up in nearby in Henry County near Summit Lake State Park and went to school with descendants of the Huddleston family.

The Huddleston Farmhouse was sold with Indiana Landmarks' protective covenants safeguarding its architectural character. Previously, Indiana Landmarks used Huddleston Farmhouse as its Eastern Regional Office. The organization plans to relocate that office to the Reid Center (formerly the Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church) in Richmond.

Lawmakers Push Controversial Military Trial Rights Bill Through To Governor

By Leslie Bonilla Muniz

Indiana Capital Chronicle

The Indiana Senate on Thursday passed a much-disputed proposal barring Indiana National Guard members from demanding a military trial — or court-martial — in lieu of non-judicial punishment. House Bill 1076 now goes to Gov. Eric Holcomb.

House Bill 1076 now goes to Gov. Eric Holcomb.

Across hours of committee testimony and floor discussions, proponents have argued that the guard doesn't have the resources for unnecessary legal proceedings, and that members could take advantage of that to stall punishment. Opponents — including numerous veterans — worry members won't get a fair shake before a neutral arbiter and have said the state should kick in more resources instead.

"To allow those kinds of petty offenses to then be asked for a court-martial, when you know that we do not have a courtroom, we don't have the staff, we don't have the resources to do that [trial], you are impeding the good order and care of the military," Sen. Aaron Freeman, R-Indianapolis, said Thursday.

Freeman, the Senate sponsor, emphasized that if members and their immediate superiors don't get along, members can appeal punishments upward within the chain of command. He said members could even write letters to the guard's leader asking for review.

He and others focused on minor offense, from being late to duty to a sloppy uniform. Non-judicial punishment can involve a variety of options, including a reprimand, loss of pay or rank, but not incarceration.

Some Democrats pushed back.

The bill "doesn't allow [members] to have somebody impartially review discipline that happens to them when they are serving those people in the state of Indiana," Senate Minority Leader Greg Taylor, D-Indianapolis, told reporters afterward.

During session, Taylor repeatedly questioned Freeman on data for minor and major offenses, arguing there was no evidence the bill was necessary.

"I don't have to know numbers to know that Houston, we have a problem, and we should change the law in Indiana," Freeman retorted.

Asked if Indiana

should give the guard the resources to hold courts-martial — rather than block members from demanding them — key lawmakers acknowledged some need, but to varying degrees.

"If the issue is that you don't have the resources or locations, that might be something we need to look at," Senate Pro Tem Rodric Bray told reporters Thursday. "I'll tell you the other side ... I'm not sure for these these minor

issues that we really want our National Guard using their time and their resources to do that more lengthy process."

"If this [bill] is what they want, I'm very happy to support it," Bray added.

House Speaker Todd Huston congratulated Senators for passing the bill in comments to reporters. Meanwhile, House Minority Leader Phil GiaQuinta said he hoped Holcomb would find room in the budget for trial resources.

Guard leaders said there'd been four reported sexual assault cases last year, but didn't ask Holcomb to convene courts-martial even for those cases, WFYI reported. It is unclear the outcome of those cases.

Senators passed the bill 34-13, with five Republicans joining eight Democrats in opposition. It passed the House in late January 74-24, with three Republicans defecting.

It hasn't been amended, so the chambers have no differences to resolve.

That means the bill will go to Holcomb for a signature.

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Elevate Your Garden's Beauty With Jewel-Tone Plants



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Bring the beauty of your favorite gemstones into the garden and your outdoor living space with the help of jewel-toned plants. Even a pot of these beauties placed on the balcony can provide bold color, vibrancy, and lushness to any space.

Select plants with leaves, flowers, or both in the saturated colors of gemstones like rubies, amethyst, topaz, sapphire, and turquoise. Select plants with colors that complement your home and landscape and will thrive in the growing conditions in your gardening space.

Look for opportunities to include these rich colors throughout the growing season. Jewel-toned pansies, ornamental cabbage and kale, and calendula are a few plants that thrive in cooler weather, providing welcome color before other plants appear or have faded in the summer heat.

As temperatures rise, include rich yellows and oranges of Rudbeckias and sunflowers. Add a showy and exotic look to the garden with Crocosmia. Plant Lucifer for bright red flowers, Prince of Orange for its red-orange blooms, and George Davidson for an added touch of yellow.

Check out the many colorful varieties of dahlias and gladioli that



Photo courtesy of All-America Selections

Blue by You salvia has rich blue blossoms from late spring into fall and attracts butterflies and hummingbirds.

grow well in the garden and containers and make great additions to your garden bouquets. Canna's bold and colorful foliage is impressive all season long and is sure to command attention when topped with flowers.

Add colorful zinnias for season-long color. You can start them from seed right in the garden or buy transplants for earlier bloom. Look for disease-resistant varieties and those with bold colors like Benary's giant deep red, Profusion red, and Double Zahara Fire's orange-red blooms. These sunny loving annuals are also heat and drought-tolerant, making them perfect for low-maintenance gardens.

Plant some tall Mexican sunflowers in the back of the garden. Consider Fiesta Del Sol, a more compact variety, if you want something shorter and more compact. No matter which you grow, you and the pollinators will enjoy the orange blooms.

Keep the color going with summer to fall

blooming Helenium which is hardy in zones three to eight. Hot Lava is topped with fire engine red flowers while Buttermilk has vibrant yellow blossoms.

Coral bells come in a wide variety of leaf colors, making it easy to include jewel tones all season long. Many shade-tolerant hostas have deep green foliage that provides the perfect backdrop for other flowers.

Combining complementary colors that appear opposite of each other on the artist's color wheel creates an eye-catching display. Dark colors can easily disappear in the background or shade. Team them with a complementary colored plant or light background can help them pop. A combination of purple-leaved bugbane and the fine chartreuse foliage of Hakone grass, for example, allows both plants to shine while creating a splendid display.

Make sure the plants you combine are equally bold, so each adds to

the overall design. Mix in some green foliage to provide a bit of color relief. Too much of a good thing, including vibrant colors, can overpower the landscape and create a somewhat chaotic feel.

Make notes on the plants and combinations you want to repeat next year. Note those that didn't perform to your expectations and don't need to be repeated. If you decide to expand upon this theme, be sure to add some jewel-toned, spring-flowering bulbs like tulips and hyacinths to the landscape this fall.

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Gardeners Asked To Be Vigilant This Spring For Invasive Jumping Worms

While earthworms in the spring are a happy sight for gardeners, an invasive worm species is wreaking havoc for landowners and gardeners in southern Indiana.

Robert Bruner, Purdue Extension's exotic forest pest specialist, describes jumping worms, an invasive species to North America in the genus

Amyntas: "Traditionally,

when we see earthworms,

they are deep in the ground and a little slimy.

The jumping worms are

a little bit bigger, kind of

dry and scaly, and tend to

thrash around much like a

snake does."

While worms have a

reputation as a helpful

species found in the soil

ecosystem, invasive

jumping worms do not

live up to that standard,

Bruner explained. Jumping worms will consume all organic material from the top layer of soil,

leaving behind a coffee

ground-like waste with

no nutrients for plants or

seeds."

Since jumping worms stay within the first few inches of topsoil, they are not creating channels



Photo courtesy of Purdue Agricultural Communications

for water and air the way earthworms do, disrupting water flow to plant roots.

"So basically, they're just very nasty pests that ruin the quality of our soil, and the only thing that can really grow in soil like that are essentially invasive plants, or species that are meant to survive really harsh conditions," Bruner said.

Currently, the worms are being found in cities around southern Indiana, he said, particularly in Terre Haute. There is still much to learn about jumping worms, making eradication efforts difficult. One thing that is known, Bruner said, is they aren't a migrating species.

"This is the kind of invasive pest that is moved

almost entirely through human activity. They don't crawl superfast," he explained. "So, when they move, that means they're moving because we're transferring soil, say, from someone's plants or someone's compost and we're bringing them to a new area."

Bruner is working with fellow Purdue Extension educators to spread the message that gardeners should not share ground soil or compost and avoid potted plants from unknown sources. If you suspect jumping worms are present in your own soil, Bruner suggests a process called solarizing to eliminate unwanted pests. Gardeners should lay down a black or dark-toned tarp on a sunny day

and sprinkle a thin layer of soil on top, allowing it to reach a temperature over 105 degrees Fahrenheit.

Bruner cautions that jumping worms can escape during the solarizing process, "so you need to completely wrap the soil up in the tarp, essentially making the world's worst sandwich, and allow it to heat up and kill whatever is in there."

Bruner said whether the worms will create a major issue for gardeners this season remains to be seen, but he isn't as concerned for farmers.

"It's a bit of a nightmare pest if you do gardening, but we don't have evidence yet that it will spread into agricultural fields," he said. "We don't think it's going to kill any kind of industry. We're asking people to be on the lookout and use your best judgment when you're getting your soil."

Any invasive species sightings should be reported to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources at depp@dnr.in.gov or by calling 1-866-663-9694.

A Tropical Atmosphere With Canna: The Summer Bulb Of The Year

Canna has been crowned summer bulb of the year. With its broad leaves and cheerful flowers, this exotic beauty lends gardens a tropical atmosphere. For that holiday feeling in your own garden! What's more: Canna is super strong, a real power plant.

Beautiful background

The leaves of Canna alone are spectacular. Rolled up as a young leaf, they unfold into broad leaves in green or chocolate brown colors. The green leaves are reminiscent of banana leaves. Canna leaves are often variegated. With their exotic look, they make for a beautiful background for other plants and flowers in the garden.

Many varieties

The first flowers of this tropical surprise will appear in July. Through to October, they will tower above the leaf in red, orange, yellow, white or pink. Some flowers are even multicolored: speckled or with colored edges, for example. Canna comes in taller and shorter or dwarf varieties.

How to plant?

Canna has tuberous rhizomes: underground stems where they store food reserves. They should be planted in April or May, once the soil has warmed up a bit after winter. Canna feels at home in borders and large pots alike. Choose a sheltered spot in the sun or half shade: the more sun, the richer the flowering. Dig a shallow planting hole of about 4

inches. Place the rhizome with the 'eyes' (growth points) facing upwards, then cover with soil and water.

Care

The plant will grow of its own accord. The final height varies from 1.5 to more than 6 foot. Canna rarely needs support. It does, however, gratefully receive feed in the form of organic manure. If you deadhead the wilted flowers, Canna will continue to produce new flower buds. Branches left in place will develop elegant seed pods. Branches like these can be cut off and put in a vase.

Wintering

Canna hails from South America. They are happy to hibernate outside in mild winter weather. In

the fall, fold down leaves that are starting to die off and apply a layer of straw if necessary. For wintering out of the soil, dig out the rhizomes and store them in a cool, frost-free place. The following spring, you can simply replant them and start the cycle again.

Interesting little facts

* The name Canna comes from the Greek word Kanna, which means 'reed'. Canna is also called Canna lily, although it is not actually a lily.

* Canna has its own family, the Cannaceae.

* In Thailand, it is customary to offer a Canna flower as a gift on Father's and Mother's Day.

* In some countries, Canna seeds are used to make rosaries.

A Low-Maintenance Garden With Perennials

If you have little spare time, but still want a green garden, perennials are the answer! As long as you choose the right plants and plant them with a little attention, you won't need to pay them much attention at all afterwards. Even better: they will come back year after year, so you can enjoy color in your garden for years.

Sun or shade

With low-maintenance perennials, you will enjoy both a green garden and little work. These plants grow fast, so weeds will have little chance. Put them at the right distance from each other; you will find this information on the label. Also pay attention to the location; some perennials like a super sunny spot, while others prefer the shade or half-shade.

A selection of the many low-maintenance varieties

• Holly fern (*Polystichum*)

Location: shade

Height: 3 to 4 ft

Flowering months: not applicable

Beautiful evergreen fern that requires little water.

• Cranesbill (*Geranium*)

Location: partial shade

Height: 1.5 to 2 ft

Flowering months:

May – September

An endlessly flowering perennial. Works well in groups, but also suitable for filling bare spots in your garden.

• Alstroemeria Indian

Summer
Location: full sun/partial shade

Height: 2 to 3 ft

Flowering months: July – October

Flowers until late fall and is suitable as a cut flower.

• Korean aster (*Kalimeris*)

Location: full sun

Height: 2 to 2.5 ft

Flowering months: July

– October

These flowers have a cheerful, summery look.

• Black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia*)

Location: full sun

Height: 2 to 3 ft

Flowering months:

August – September

For those who like sunny yellow in their border.

Practical tips

• Position low plants in front of taller ones.

• Dig a planting hole more than twice the size of the root ball and loosen the soil at the bottom and all around before planting.

• Soak the root ball properly and then firmly squeeze the bottom of the root ball to create new roots.

• Plant the same perennial plant, preferably in larger groups together, at least 3 pieces and preferably an odd number.

• In spring, trim away any dead stems from taller plants. Until then, they will form a pleasing winter silhouette.

Visit www.perennial-power.eu for more varieties, tips and inspiration.