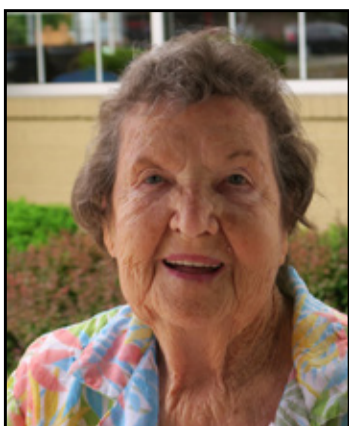


➔ TODAY'S VERSE
Psalm 23:1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.



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What makes Joanne White smile? "My grandson and great-grandchildren," said the 92-year-old Noblesville woman. She has one son, the late Joe Wilson, and daughter-in-law, Vicki; two grandchildren, Craig Wilson and Angie McCauley; and five great-grandchildren. Andrew, Erin and Lindsay Wilson and Mason and Alexis McCauley. She has worked for The Noblesville Ledger and The Times. "Before that, I was the telephone operator before they went dial," she said. "We were at the corner of Maple and Ninth Street, and there was a long board where we'd plug the cords in for people to ask us for a number. Somebody was there 24-7 ... When Noblesville closed, we went to 40th and Central in Indianapolis, then from there, down to New York (Street) where the nature office was... That didn't last very long, because in '64, I married Eddy White who had White Oldsmobile (on Logan Street in Noblesville)." She said, "It doesn't seem like it's been that long ago, but time really flies." The former Joanne Cook, she's related to Steve and Matt Cook and every August enjoys the Cook Reunion at Forest Park. She was an election poll worker for more than 12 years at the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center and some of the precincts, but in 2020 was the first year she didn't work due to the pandemic. She and her twin brother, Joe Cook, graduated in 1948 from Noblesville High School. "I'm still on the Noblesville Alumni Board for the scholarship committee." The 2023 NHS Alumni Banquet is April 29 at Noblesville High School, where she will celebrate her 75th-year reunion. For more information on the banquet, email NHS Alumni president Peggy Baldwin Beaver at bvrhut@aol.com

And **Another Thing...**

1. Colorful Sidewalks Move Tourists

A team of Purdue University researchers investigated whether Americans were willing to put on their walking shoes instead of driving or riding. The researchers surveyed almost 2,000 U.S. adults to understand if colorful sidewalks, images of people moving and even just the image of walking shoes would entice vacationers to skip Uber and hoof it themselves. The research, published in the April 2023 Tourism Management journal, found those polled would be more apt to walk around tourist locations if the paths leading them to a museum or historic site were clearly marked and decorated. The images of people walking or merely of sneakers were encouraging as well, whether they were posted near the paths or in hotels, the project also found.

2. Sens Braun, Tester, Rubio and Tuberville introduce bipartisan bill to stop foreign adversaries from buying U.S. farmland

Yesterday, Senators Braun, Tester, Rubio and Tuberville introduced legislation to prohibit the purchase of U.S. farmland by those associated with the governments of our foreign adversaries (Iran, North Korea, China and Russia).

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Noblesville High School 2021 graduate guitarist Santiago Baptista, who will be the opener April 1 for Legacy Keepers Music's new Classical Guitar Series, performs during a "sound check" of the Historic Courtroom in the Hamilton County Courthouse in downtown Noblesville.

Historic Courtroom Opens For Classical Guitar Series



BETSY REASON
The Times Editor

Imagine sitting in the Historic Courtroom of the Hamilton County Courthouse in downtown Noblesville, listening to classical guitar.

Legacy Keepers Music's new Classical Guitar Series will offer four concerts in 2023 in the Historic Courtroom.

The first concert is Saturday, April 1, and features 2021 No-

blesville High School graduate, guitarist Santiago Baptista, "who will take the stand to give his own musical testimony prior to featured artist of the evening, Joseph Jones, a 2020 graduate of Butler University Masters Guitar program.

"Along with fiery numbers from modern day, high-brow compositions that were significant during Noblesville's founding era will be heard to bridge 200 years in Hamilton County history," according to Legacy Keepers' director Janet Gilray of Noblesville, who offered a colorful, tongue-in-cheek, description of the Historic Courtroom performances.

The production also includes "a smattering of light-hearted banter" by "Judge Janet Gilray, regarding the musical testimony to be heard before the evening audience assigned to 'jury duty,'" she said.

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Major Academic Expansion Planned For Noblesville High School

Noblesville Schools announced today that they are planning a major academic expansion to Noblesville High School (NHS) that would add 70,000 square feet of new space in support of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) programming, as well as the renovation of 37,000 square feet for performing arts.

The expansion, which would be the largest at NHS since the 2014 freshman center addition, would include up to 22 new classrooms, STEM labs, enlarged performing arts spaces, an additional café area, a makerspace, room for large group meetings, storage, and more.

"Beyond addressing general capacity needs at the high school, this project will sig-

nificantly expand our academic reach in STEM and performing arts education," said Dr. Daniel G. Hile, superintendent of Noblesville Schools. "Noblesville Schools is nationally recognized in these areas, and they are huge points of pride for our community. This additional space will allow us to meet growing demand and best prepare students for future high-paying, competitive careers."

Since 2012, the overall NHS population has grown by 25%, but STEM class enrollment has seen a 193% increase, while performing arts has seen a 76% enrollment increase. Some of the career and technical education options NHS offers have

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Want TO GO?

What: Legacy Keepers Music's new Classical Guitar Series.

When: 7 p.m. April 1, May 6, Nov. 4 and Dec. 2. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Where: Historic Courtroom inside Hamilton County Courthouse, downtown Noblesville.

How much: \$20 per show or \$60 for the four-show series, a savings of \$20. Tickets are available at Ginger's Cafe.

Good to know: Legacy Keepers Music nonprofit educational public charity will also offer its annual free summer outdoor String-Time Music on the Square series on the first Saturday of the month during summer months with an all-day Bicentennial Celebration beginning at noon July 1.

Info: facebook.com/LegacyKeepersMusic/

Temporary Road Restrictions Planned For Saturday, April 8 in Carmel

Organizers of the 13th annual Carmel Marathon Weekend would like to remind residents of Carmel, Indiana to prepare for temporary lane restrictions and brief street closures in parts of the city on Saturday, April 8, 2023. Short delays can be expected. Motorists are advised to plan alternate routes, allow for extra driving time, and take caution along the event route.

Motorists looking to avoid the marathon course are recommended to use 116th and 146th Streets for east/west routes, and Keystone Avenue and US-31 for north/south routes. With the exception of the first 2.5 miles

of the marathon course, single lane closures will allow traffic to flow in the opposite direction or alongside runners, keeping delays to a minimum for motorists. The race course begins and finishes at 3rd Avenue and City Center Drive near Carmel's Palladium at the Center for Performing Arts. All events begin at 8 a.m., with a maximum course time of 6.5 hours. The course and finish line will officially close at 2:30 p.m. All lanes of affected roads will open throughout the morning immediately following the last race

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➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

If you're planning a trip overseas, make sure you contact your doctor early to see if you need to receive recommended vaccines.

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 thetimes24-7.com



➔ TODAY'S QUOTE

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

-Martin Luther King, Jr.

➔ HONEST HOOSIER

All the best to the boys basketball teams at State. And nothing at all against any of them, but I still miss the old tourney!



➔ TODAY'S JOKE

Hey, why are waterbeds so bouncy? They're filled with spring water.

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Boys Basketball State Championship Information

The IHSAA 3A Boys Basketball State Championship game featuring Guerin Catholic vs. NorthWood will take place on Saturday, March 25, at 6 p.m. at Gainbridge Fieldhouse in downtown Indianapolis. We have been allotted a limited number of tickets in designated Guerin Catholic sections and we want to fill Gainbridge with Golden Eagle fans! GC Student Tickets Available: March 21 after school Guerin Catholic students will have access (via Canvas) to a link to

purchase tickets in the designated Guerin Catholic "student section" this evening. Please know that this section and ticket link is for GC STUDENTS only! GC Family Tickets Available: Wednesday, March 22, 9 a.m. Guerin Catholic families will receive a GC Update email with a ticket link/code for the designated GC sections on Wednesday, March 22, at 9 a.m. Please feel free to share the link with other GC Fans, but do NOT share the link on social media

as these seats are highly sought after by other schools also competing that night. On Wednesday, March 22, at 8 p.m. we will post the ticket codes on GC social media channels. Once this occurs, please know that if there are any remaining, we expect the designated GC tickets to be sold out quickly. General Public Ticket Sales Available: Thursday, March 23, 4 p.m. Ticket sales to the general public will open Thursday, March 23, at 4 p.m.

Hamilton County to Invest in Language Assistance

LUNA Language Services Hired to Provide Translation & Interpretation Help Hamilton County has partnered with LUNA Language Services to provide interpretation and professional translation services. The subscription service will allow Hamilton County employees to contact a native linguist to help translate for individuals with limited English proficiency (LEP). "Our community is changing and we're serving more immigrants, refugees, and non-native speakers," says Steven Rushforth, Hamilton County's Safety and Risk

Manager. "We want to ensure we can provide top-notch service to our entire community regardless of fluency in the English language." The service will also help the County meet requirements for Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Title VI prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin in any program or activity that receives Federal funds. That includes service to persons with limited English proficiency. LUNA provides services in over 200 languages including American Sign Language (ASL). It esti-

mates there are more than 100 different languages spoken in different dialects in Indiana alone. The on-demand service will provide County employees with an interpreter over video or phone as needed. "LUNA even offers industry-specific language expertise in a wide range of professional topics," Rushforth adds. "For example, our nurses at the Health Department will now have access to a translator with medical knowledge to avoid confusing, and potentially harmful communication errors. The same goes for others dealing with legal documents."

Hamilton County Traffic Safety Partnership Is Stepping Up Patrols To Enhance School Bus Safety

The Hamilton County Traffic Safety Partnership will be out in full force this spring to ensure that students remain safe when traveling to and from school. Over the next couple of weeks, officers will be positioned along bus routes and in school zones where they will be on high alert for stop-arm violations, speeding and other forms of reckless driving. The overtime patrols are part of the state's Stop Arm Violation Enforcement (SAVE) program and funded with National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) grants administered by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI). "Please help keep our community and children safe by looking out for school buses, particularly when they are loading and unloading. It may be helpful to slow down, give yourself a greater following distance and removing distractions as these are often contributing factors in traffic incidents," said

Hamilton County Sheriff Dennis Quakenbush. The department joins more than 200 police agencies for the spring enforcement campaign, as part of an ongoing effort to prevent reckless driving in school zones and around buses. Last year alone, more than 2,700 drivers were cited for stop-arm violations by Indiana law enforcement, according to ICJI. To address this, officers will be conducting high-visibility patrols in the morning and afternoon hours along routes identified in cooperation with local bus drivers and school transportation officials. If the overhead lights flash red and the stop arm extends, you are required by law to stop. "School buses have several highly visible indicators to let drivers know when to stop," said Devon McDonald, ICJI Executive Director. "The only way you're going to miss those—the activated stop arm and flashing lights—is

if you're on your phone or not paying attention to the road. That choice can be deadly." As part of the campaign, the department is urging motorists to slow down, pay attention to the road and to never pass a bus that has its red lights flashing and stop arm extended. This applies to all road with one exception. On highways divided by a physical barrier, such as a concrete wall or grassy median, only vehicles traveling in the same direction as the school bus are required to stop. It is also important when approaching a school bus to be prepared to stop. Plan ahead and factor in extra time during each commute for school bus stops. Disregarding a school bus stop arm is a Class A Infraction and a serious offense. Violators could pay a fine of up to \$10,000, have their license suspended for up to 90 days (for the first offense) or up to 1 year (for the second).

The Noblesville Professional Fire Fighters Endorse Darren Peterson's Re-Election For Noblesville City Council, At-Large

The Noblesville Professional Fire Fighters, Local 4416, proudly endorses Darren Peterson for his re-election campaign for Noblesville City Council, At-Large. Local 4416 has conducted numerous candidate interviews over the years, and Peterson stands out for his strong commitment to public safety and his unwavering dedication to the people of Noblesville. Peterson is the only At-Large candidate the Local 4416 is endorsing.

"Darren's priority has always been the safety of the citizens of Noblesville, which is evident in his leadership on the council. His support for public safety has been commendable and has earned him the respect and trust of our organization," said Colin Fogarty, Political Director of the IAFF Local 4416. This marks the second time that Local 4416 has endorsed Peterson, further attesting to his consistent efforts toward improving the safety and

security of Noblesville residents. As an affiliate of the Professional Fire Fighters Union of Indiana and the International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 4416 represents a significant voice in public safety. Peterson's endorsement serves as a testament to his continued dedication to the safety and well-being of the people of Noblesville. The Local looks forward to his continued leadership on the Noblesville City Council.

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Hamilton County Boys Top 60 Senior Workout

Five Hamilton County boys hoopsters are included in Hoosier Basketball Magazine's Top 60 senior boys' basketball players for 2022-23. The boys were selected from approximately 1,500 senior players statewide. This event will be at Marian University in Indianapolis on Sunday.

The five are: Luke Almodovar of Noblesville, Alex Romack of Westfield, Kamea Chandler of Guerin and Sam Orme and Spencer White of Carmel. Chandler reportedly can't attend because of spring break.

Hoosier Basketball Magazine's Top 60 Senior Workout is highlighted by 10 players who will participate in the 2023 IHSAA State Finals including— Clay Butler, Zane Doughty and Sheridan Sharp of

Ben Davis and Zavion Bellamy, Kokomo from AAAA; Cade Brenner and Ian Raasch from AAA NorthWood; Josh Furst and Gage Sefton of Fort Wayne Blackhawk along with Joey Hart and Logan Webb from Linton-Stockton representing AA. Unfortunately, due to spring break conflict, Kamea Chandler from AAA Guerin Catholic is not able to attend.

There are 20 players who averaged more than 20 ppg this season who are part of the Top 60 Senior Workout this year topped by the state's leading scorers— Tyler Myers, Evansville Day (31 ppg) and Markus Burton, Penn (29.7).

Statistical evaluation, game observation and statewide research were conducted throughout the season to determine Hoosier Basketball Magazine's Top 60. Two

sessions of the Top 60 Senior Workout will take place at Marian University in Indianapolis (3200 N. Cold Spring Road).

Boys primarily from Northern and Southern Indiana will participate in the first session (1 p.m. to 3 p.m.). The remaining players, mostly from Central Indiana, will compete during the second session (3:30-5:30 p.m.).

Coach Christopher Hawkins (Indianapolis Attucks) will direct both sessions. Four other outstanding IBCA coaches— Donnie Bowling (Anderson), Brent Dalrymple (North Daviess), Greg Dean (Fountain Central) and Ryan Miller (Providence)— have been invited to assist with on-court coaching.

Both sessions are open to the public for admission fee of \$8 (\$5 for elementary age students).

Indiana Republican Party Announces Members Of Third Cohort Of Diversity Leadership Series Class

Two people from Hamilton County have been included by the Indiana Republican Party to be part of a nationally recognized seminar and leadership training program, the Indiana Republican Diversity Leadership Series. The two are Seni Gonzalez Barron and Chaka Coleman.

Barron is the CEO of Seni LLC, co-founder of The Halo App, and strategy director at Aventus Group. She was born in Ciudad Delicias, Chihuahua, Mexico and immigrated to the U.S. in April 1998 not knowing how to speak English. Seni applied herself to learn the American culture, all while adapting to it. She is what many would call a serial entrepreneur. Her first entrepreneurial experience was owning a western-style clothing store from 2001 to 2009. She then decided to re-enter the corporate world, and in 2014, took a leap of faith. Barron's relentless passion for business is reflective in her business accolades. In 2014, she followed her passion for entrepreneurship and helping other by opening the Mexican restaurant Paco's Taqueria with only herself and one cook profiting \$80 a day. Today, Paco's Taqueria proudly employs more than 60 employees where they help team members to become leaders. Paco's Taquerias generates well over seven figures with a vision of becoming a nationwide, casual Mexican fast food restaurant while remaining authentic.

Coleman represents clients on regulatory and legislative matters before the state legislature as a lobbyist. Leveraging over a decade of diverse public and private sector experience, she is able to navigate

legislative interests to protect the value of the organizations she represents. Her advocacy includes the development of a complimentary government affairs strategy that contemplates both market and non-market environments. Prior to joining Paganelli Law Group, Coleman worked for the city of Fishers and the Marion Superior Court. She spent her early career at FedEx, where she worked closely with key stakeholders to overcome the regulatory obstacles her import clients faced. She graduated from Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law with a Juris Doctor degree. She also holds a Bachelor of Science in business management from Indiana Wesleyan University. During law school, was a clerk at the Indiana Court of Appeals and the Marion County Prosecutor's Office. Additionally, she was a co-fellow in the IU McKinney Program on Law and State Government, where she researched ways state governments could address gun laws and gun violence while simultaneously protecting Second Amendment rights. Coleman said she enjoys living in Hamilton County with her family, where she serves on the Mayor's Advisory Commission on Human Relations and volunteered her time serving as a member of the Carmel Rotary. She has also served on the board of the Indianapolis Bar Association and is currently a member of their Commission on Racial Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion.

The program provides the preparation and necessary resources to increase the civic engagement of minority Republicans throughout

the state and bring them into leadership positions.

"Each year our program has welcomed a group of Hoosiers that are driven to make a real difference in their communities, and this year is certainly no different," stated Kyle Hupfer, chairman of the Indiana Republican Party. "With some participants already running for local office and others getting involved in the party in other ways, I'm excited to see how this cohort will engage with the program and use it to help them develop into strong, effective leaders."

The first session of the class will be held this week with sessions running monthly through late this year; those sessions will be followed by a trip to Washington, D.C. Class sessions will cover topics including civic engagement, campaign management, communication, and all levels of government. The IRDLs continues the Indiana Republican Party's ongoing work to develop authentic relationships within minority communities across the state. Hupfer announced this commitment during his remarks at the 2018 Indiana Republican Party State Convention before hiring Whitley Yates as the party's director of diversity and engagement in 2019.

"Today's announcement shows that this program wasn't just a flash in the pan," stated Yates. "As a party, we're truly dedicated to this program's mission and to the success of its participants. I'm thankful to be in this position to once again help empower and equip underrepresented Republicans to effect meaningful change in communities across the state."

Top 60 Players

Luke Almodovar, Noblesville
Sam Orme, Carmel
Alex Romack, Westfield
Spencer White, Carmel
Kamea Chandler, Guerin Catholic (selected, but unable to attend)
 Remainder of State
 Weston Aigner, Castle
 Jeremiah Alexander, Beech Grove
 Marcus Ankney, Center Grove
 Matthew Arthur, New Washington
 Anthony Ball, Decatur Central
 Zavion Bellamy, Kokomo
 Landon Biegel, Oak Hill
 Peyton Bledsoe, Loogootee
 Cade Brenner, NorthWood
 Darrion Brooks, New Haven
 Joey Brown, North Central (Marion)
 Markus Burton, Penn
 Clay Butler, Ben Davis
 Ahmere Carson, Anderson
 Jermaine Coleman, Park Tudor
 Myles Colvin, Heritage Christian
 DaJohn Craig, Lawrence Central
 Nolan Cumberland, Tippecanoe Valley
 AJ Dancler, Southport
 Caleb Dewey, Edinburgh
 Zane Doughty, Ben Davis
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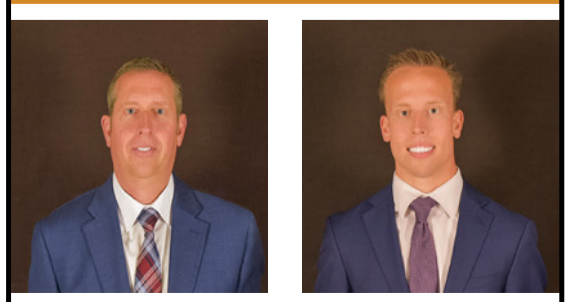


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Spring Sprung Surprise On Timmons



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With the dawning of spring earlier this week, I couldn't wait to get outside and enjoy some fresh air. So I threw on the sweats, laced up the sneakers and hit the trail. Oh man it felt good!

Did I mention it was oh-dark-thirty? Like a lot of us my age, I don't sleep in anymore. And once the workday starts, it's too easy to get caught up in putting out fires. Next thing you know, you missed lunch and bing, bang, boom . . . it's getting dark outside.

After days like that, who has the energy left to go for a walk?

So before the sun comes up, I'm enjoying the fresh air, the quiet and solitude on the trail and a little exercise.

Except not on this day. Just as I got to the darkest stretch of the trail, everything lit up like the giant spotlights car dealers used to use back in the '60s. I didn't hear anything unusual - but quickly realized James Taylor was singing Carolina on my Mind in my headphones. I yanked the earbuds out and

heard or maybe felt a deep, deep bass that shook my whole body. Before I could take another step, a sort of fuzzy, sparkling beam of light appeared on the trail. Slowly, an alien creature materialized in the beam.

I rubbed my eyes. Had I fallen and hit my head? Was I really on the trail, or still snug in my bed and dreaming the kind of weird dream caused by eating those leftover hot dogs (they weren't THAT old, were they?) last night?

No, the alien was standing there. It had long and spindly appendages and an oversized head with very large, dark eyes. If there was a mouth, it was hidden. When the alien spoke, I did not see his lips move, but rather "heard" it in my head.

"Do you want me to take you to our leader?" I asked.

"You must be joking," it said. "We've aren't experts on your world, but we've seen enough to know there's no point in wasting time."

Obviously, an advanced alien race.

"Uh, then what is it you want?" I asked - not sure whether to be excited or terrified.

"Not much, actually," it replied. "We were - what's your expression - just passing through and thought we'd use this opportunity to verify some of our data."

Relief. At least they weren't looking to collect specimens.

"Think of us like census

takers. We just want to ask a few questions and then we'll be on our way."

"Sounds fine to me," I said. "How can I help?"

"Well, we have the basics covered," he said. "Your planet is made up of two sexes and-

"Uh, hang on," I said. "Yes?"

"There's some dispute on that," I said.

"Dispute? How can there be dispute? It's pretty basic biology, isn't it?"

"Above my pay grade," I said.

He wrote something down.

"Fine. Well, your planet isn't much different from many others in that the female tends to be the smartest. We saw that you recently had a week devoted to women and one of them was named the International Woman of Courage. Can we talk to her?"

"Uh, I guess," I said. "But she's not really uh, well, a she."

The large eyes blinked.

"She's a guy in a dress," I tried to explain . . . clumsily. The noise he made sounded an awful lot like the same sigh I hear from my wife when I'm trying to explain why I can't do some household chore.

"OK, then. Let's talk about the countries on your planet. Each country is a sovereign nation and protects its citizens from intruders that-

"Hold on again," I said. "What now?"

"Our country used to have a way to allow im-

migrants in, but now they just come in whenever they please."

"But how do you ensure you have enough resources for everyone?"

"Uh, again, above-

"Yeah I know, above your pay grade."

These guys are really smart.

"OK, one last question then. As far as your family units - the maternal and paternal units are responsible in all aspects for the offspring and-

"Uh . . . " The alien looked unsettled.

"What?"

"Well, there's some debate in the Legislature about whether the government or the parents should-

"You know what, never mind," my new alien friend huffed. "You guys aren't evolving. You're squabbling like neporoids."

"Neporoids?" I asked.

"They're a world a few galaxies over who've decided they never want to grow up. All they do is argue. We'll come back and check on you later to see if you figured it out. A lot later."

-Two cents, which is about how much Timmons said his columns are worth, appears periodically in The Times. Timmons is the chief executive officer of Sagamore News Media, the company that owns The Noblesville Times. He is also a proud Noblesville High School graduate and can be contacted at timmons@thetimes24-7.com.

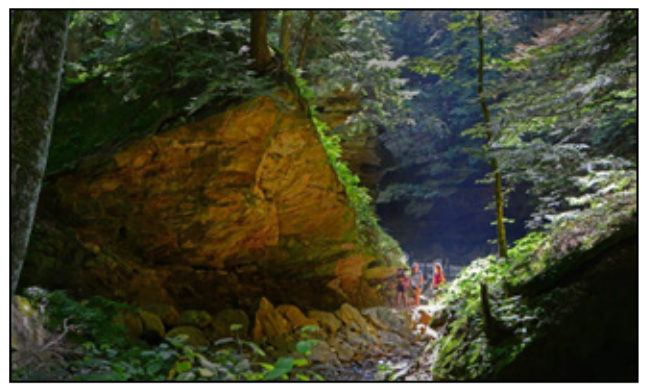


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Turkey Run State Park Trail Is Midwest's 'Best Hike'

Turkey Run State Park's Trail 3 was recently named the Midwest's Best Hike in Midwest Living's annual Best of the Midwest list.

The magazine tabbed Trail 3 from the 11 in the state park near Marshall in Parke County, which features sandstone cliffs and hemlock groves.

The 1.7-mile trail is a relatively rugged trek that traces a riverbed. Rock formations, waterfalls, and glacial potholes

provide scenic highlights before hikers climb out of the canyon via wooden ladders. Trail 3 hikers are advised to wear shoes they don't mind getting wet.

For more details on Midwest Living's awards and how they were determined, see midwestliving.com/travel/best-of-the-midwest-awards-2023.

Turkey Run State Park (on.IN.gov.turkeyrunsp) is at 8121 East Park Road in Marshall, 47859.

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Free Application For Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Deadline Is Quickly Approaching

The Indiana Commission for Higher Education encourages all high school seniors and returning college students to file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by April 15, 2023. Students must file the FAFSA to receive funding and maintain their state scholarships, including the 21st Century Scholarship.

Completing the FAFSA unlocks numerous aid opportunities for students including federal, state and some merit-based scholarships. However, according to the National College Attainment Network (NCAN), Hoosiers left \$70 million in federal Pell Grants on the table in 2022 by not completing the FAFSA. The Commission recently announced a 60 percent FAFSA completion goal for high school seniors to improve the

pathways to state, federal and institutional financial aid.

"The FAFSA continues to be the main way to open doors to financial aid funding for Hoosiers seeking higher learning," said Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Chris Lowery. "The Commission and our college and community partners are available to assist families in the filing process leading up to the April 15 deadline. Students and families are encouraged to utilize the support systems in place to access the maximum available financial aid."

How to file the FAFSA
Students can file the FAFSA online at FAFSA.gov. The first step for students who have not previously filed the FAFSA is to create a Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID. Then, each student will need:

- Social Security number
- Alien Registration number (for non-U.S. citizens)
- Federal income tax returns, W-2s and other records of money earned from 2021
- Bank statements and records of investments (if applicable)
- Records of untaxed income (if applicable)
- Assistance is available

The U.S. Department of Education provides email and live chat assistance for FAFSA filers as well as a helpline at 1-800-4-FED-AID.

Hoosier families can also access free FAFSA help through INvestEd at investedindiana.org.

The Commission's eight outreach coordinators are available via phone or email. A full list of counties and associated numbers is available here.

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Coral Reefs Are Still At Risk

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Dear EarthTalk:
What can we do to save dying coral reefs?

Coral reefs around the world are indeed still at great risk. A comprehensive survey by Canadian researchers in 2021 shows that the world's oceans have lost about half of their coral cover since the 1950s. The non-profit Global Coral Reef Monitoring Network reports that upwards of 14 percent of the world's coral reefs perished in just the last decade.

What's killing our corals? The main stressor is global warming-induced rising sea temperatures. Most coral tolerates a range of 75 to 85 degrees Fahrenheit, and temperatures far above that limit are recorded regularly at various locations around the globe. Other climate-related stressors include the fossil fuel-driven acidification of oceans and more frequent, intense tropical storms. Meanwhile, our irresponsible use of coastal lands and the preponderance of ocean-bound pollution that comes off them, as well as overfishing that decimates marine ecosystems, aren't helping.

The combined effect of these stressors is so-called coral bleaching. Healthy reefs have a symbiotic relationship with an algae called zooxanthellae that lives within coral tissues. Zooxanthellae is coral's

primary food source, but also saturates the structure of the coral that it uses for protection with color—typically a light golden brown, but patches of red, green or blue aren't unusual.

When coral is stressed due to high water temperatures or other factors, it expels the zooxanthellae, its main nutrient source. As the color fades away, the remaining coral structure turns white. While this bleached coral isn't dead, it is in a weakened state more likely to be affected by disease or infection. If environmental conditions improve and the coral is re-inhabited by zooxanthellae, its color can return.

New research is providing a glimmer of hope. A recent study of how heat affects marine ecosystems off the Panama coast shows that some corals there have been able to "shuffle" out one species of zooxanthellae for others more resilient to high water temperatures. But while such findings should be celebrated, we're still causing too much warming too fast to think nature can repair our damage on its own. Marine biologists say corals could be entirely gone by 2050 without substantive human intervention.

Whether or not you live near the ocean, there are many ways you can help coral. For one, seek seafood that is harvested sustainably, as such fisheries prioritize the safety of the marine environ-

ment, using methods that minimize impact and help water ecosystems everywhere (including coral reefs). Another way to be part of the solution is by using so-called "reef-safe" sunscreen. Many mainstream sunscreen products contain oxybenzone, a common UV-blocking chemical. But oxybenzone is toxic to corals and as such exacerbates any bleaching and erosion already underway. A quick scan of the ingredient label on a sunscreen bottle before making a purchase is a small but vital act that promotes coral health. Indeed, any way you can significantly reduce your carbon footprint (less driving, flying, red meat, etc.) helps coral survive by reducing greenhouse gas emissions. If we don't act fast on global warming, our grandkids may never get to see the colorful corals every previous generation of humans has been able to appreciate.

CONTACTS: Why Are Coral Reefs Dying, unep.org/news-and-stories/story/why-are-coral-reefs-dying; NOAA's Coral Reef Conservation Program, coralreef.noaa.gov; Bloomberg Ocean Initiative, bloomberg.org/environment/protecting-the-oceans/bloomberg-ocean/coral-conservation/.

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Tiger Population Slowly Growing

Dear EarthTalk:
How are wild tiger populations faring today around the world?

Wild tigers have been roaming the planet for upwards of a million years—about 600,000 years longer than humans. Tigers can be found across East and South Asia, with most of them lurking in the rainforests of India, Thailand and Nepal. But don't expect to see one anytime soon, as their numbers plummeted during the 20th century from 100,000 worldwide to just 4,500. Hunting has been the main cause of their demise, but threats like habitat loss and global warming could push them to extinction if we don't act fast.

Also, demand across Asia for tiger parts—traditional medicine practitioners make use of tiger bones, eyes, whiskers and teeth to treat a wide range of ailments regardless of medical effectiveness—has led to an uptick in recent years of so-called "tiger farming" whereby wild-life poachers capture wild tigers and imprison them to breed. The non-profit WWF reports that over 8,000 tigers (almost double the number living in the wild) are imprisoned in tiger "farms" across East and Southeast Asia.

Climate change is also a big threat. Rising sea levels are threatening the mangrove forests where

the Bengal tigers of the Sundarban regions of India and Bangladesh reside. WWF projects that habitat loss could completely decimate the Sundarbans given the sea level rise predicted for the region by 2070.

But it's not all doom and gloom. According to ShareAmerica, tigers have begun to rebound slightly in recent years. The increase can be attributed to the reduction of conflicts over space between humans and tigers and education on the fragile status of these precious creatures (Indonesia's Ministry of Environment and Forestry has trained over 1,200 community members in reducing conflicts between humans and tigers). The 2021 END Wildlife Trafficking Strategic Review states that since 2015, no tigers have been killed over landscape conflicts. Additionally, Nepal, a natural habitat for tigers, saw their 121 tigers back in 2009 skyrocket to around 355. In nearby India, new research has laid the blueprint for conservation and human development to coexist. Dr. Stotra Chakrabarti with Macalester College emphasized "land-sharing," in which humans and nature both occupy shared areas. Chakrabarti offers a solution to government officials that finds the Goldilocks zone when considering biodiversity and human growth.

Just because you don't

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live near wild tigers doesn't mean you can't help in their revival. Refuse to purchase illegally harvested tiger products. And if you do reside in an area with wild tigers, support their protection by voting for legislation prioritizing the safety and increase of their population. Tigers have been decimated by human activity over the years, but we can take actions now to assist in their miraculous upswing. Let's all do our part to save our endangered friends.

CONTACTS: Tiger populations are on the rise, share.america.gov/tiger-populations-are-on-the-rise/; Nepal Successfully Doubles Their Wild Tiger Population, tigers.panda.org/news_and_stories/stories/nepal_successfully_doubles_their_wild_tiger_population/; New research offers roadmap for wildlife conservation and human development to coexist, www.maclester.edu/news/2023/02/new-research-offers-roadmap-for-wildlife-conservation-and-human-development-to-coexist/.

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Battery Component Manufacturer Plans \$1.5B Investment in Indiana to Power Growing Domestic Electric Vehicle, Energy Storage Demand

EENTEK, the only U.S.-owned and U.S.-based producer of 'wet-process' lithium-ion battery separator materials, announced plans today to establish operations in Indiana, investing \$1.5 billion in a new Terre Haute production facility. The project, which marks the company's largest investment thus far, will create up to 642 new, high-wage jobs by the end of 2027 and support the growing electric vehicle (EV) industry in Indiana and across the United States.

"This is a great day for Terre Haute and for the state of Indiana," said Governor Eric J. Holcomb. "ENTEK's decision to locate a new, \$1.5 billion battery component manufacturing facility here will have a transformational impact on the West Central Indiana community and the Hoosier economy for generations to come. This decision cements Indiana's leadership in the electric vehicle supply chain sector, and we are thrilled to partner with ENTEK to speed the commercialization of U.S.-built EVs."

"Indiana is squarely focused on building an economy of the future, and this significant investment from ENTEK will continue the state's economic leadership," said Indiana Secretary of Commerce Brad Chambers. "This new giga-scale facility is a testament to our competitive business climate, quality workforce and continued investments in quality of place. With this news, Indiana continues its momentum in EVs and industry supporting the global energy transition."

ENTEK, a global company headquartered in Lebanon, Oregon, will invest \$1.5 billion to establish operations on a 350-acre greenfield site in the Vigo County Industrial Park II in Terre Haute. The company plans to initially construct four buildings covering 1.4 million square feet – equipped with equipment built at current ENTEK manufacturing facilities in Oregon and Nevada and including specialty biaxial stretching equipment supplied by Brueckner Group USA – to manufacture battery separators for lithium-ion battery manufacturers across the United States.

ENTEK's site selection

was focused on choosing both land and community. Larry Keith, ENTEK's CEO, said, "We chose Terre Haute for many reasons including the excellent workforce opportunity, the incredible support provided by Steve Witt and the Economic Development Corporation, a nearly shovel ready construction site with available utilities located in an industrial park, excellent vocational education, and the business-friendly incentives from both the state and local governments."

The campus, which is fueled in part by a \$200 million grant from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) as part of the recent Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, will enable ENTEK to scale its U.S. production, capable of supplying approximately 1.4 to 1.6 million EVs annually by 2027. The new giga-scale lithium-ion battery separator operations will leverage ENTEK's pioneering sustainable, state-of-the-art solvent extraction and recovery systems and processing techniques, and the company will work to utilize available renewable energy with a focus on a reduced carbon footprint. The company plans to break ground on the campus as soon as engineering and permitting is completed and launch its Indiana operations between 2025-2027.

This project is the first phase of ENTEK's planned expansion to produce about 1.4 billion square meters of ceramic coated lithium separators across its operations. Phase 2 of the project will add up to an additional 1.8 billion square meters of battery separator produced annually for a total of 3.2 billion square meters which will provide enough separators for about 3.5 million electric vehicles.

ENTEK, which employs more than 1,000 associates globally, plans to create more than 640 new jobs in Terre Haute during this Phase 1 expansion with average wages well above the Vigo County average. The company expects to begin hiring for key leadership positions in 2024 to facilitate recruitment of numerous associates throughout the operation including production, maintenance, electricians, human resources, accounting, IT, safety, and environmental. Each of these associates will be crucial to ENTEK's

growth and the organization's role in securing our domestic supply chain for electric vehicles.

"It has been an incredible honor to work with Larry Keith, Kim Medford and the ENTEK team on this extraordinary opportunity for our community", said Steve Witt, President of the Terre Haute Economic Development Corporation. "At the local level, we will do our utmost to help make ENTEK's fabulous new project a success."

ENTEK, established in 1984, is the only US-owned and US-based producer of 'wet-process' lithium-ion battery separator materials and is committed to the transformational expansion of its US lithium-ion battery separator footprint at a scale and a pace to meet the US DOE imperative for a sustainable and resilient domestic lithium battery supply chain. In addition to its energy storage division, which includes production of battery separators for lithium-ion and lead-acid batteries, ENTEK also manufactures equipment for the plastics industry and creates high-performance materials for a broad range of energy storage and functional membrane applications. The company is focused on moving the world forward through product and manufacturing innovation in vehicles, devices, homes, and new markets.

Pending approval from the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) board of directors, the IEDC, will commit an investment in ENTEK of up to \$8 million in the form of incentive-based tax credits and up to \$300,000 in training grants, based on the company's job creation plans. The IEDC also committed an investment of up to \$200,000 in innovation grants; up to \$200,000 in Manufacturing Readiness Grants, which help companies invest in smart manufacturing and new technologies; and up to \$5 million in conditional structured performance payments. These investments are performance-based, meaning the company is eligible to claim incentives once Hoosiers are hired. Vigo County is considering additional incentives to support the project; Duke Energy also offered additional incentives to offset a portion of the energy costs.

Young Reintroduces Bill To Help Ensure Hoosiers Have Access To Broadband

U.S. Senators Todd Young (R-Ind.), Roger Wicker (R-Miss.), Ben Ray Lujan (D-N.M.), and Mark Kelly (D-Ariz.) reintroduced the Funding Affordable Internet with Reliable (FAIR) Contributions Act. The legislation would direct the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to conduct a study into the feasibility of collecting Universal Service Fund (USF) contributions from internet edge providers.

Internet edge providers have long been able to utilize critical Internet infrastructure without being required to contribute to improving the capabilities of the infrastructure.

"It is vital that we close the digital divide and deploy broadband across all of Indiana, including our most rural counties, schools, and health care facilities," said Senator Young. "As internet edge providers continue to expand their reach and the Universal Service Fund's revenue streams become less sustainable, we must look at all options to ensure every Hoosier has access to broadband, both now and in the future."

"The Universal Service Fund helps support broadband access in communities across the country, but as internet-based services become more dominant, we need to make a plan for the future of this program," said Sena-

tor Wicker. "The FAIR Contributions Act would help Congress assess the feasibility of making Big Tech companies contribute to the USF. It is important to ensure the costs of expanding broadband are distributed equitably and that all companies are held accountable for their role in shaping our digital future."

"As Chair of the Subcommittee on Communications, Media, and Broadband, I'm fighting to move New Mexico closer toward 100% connectivity," said Senator Lujan. "The Universal Service Fund supports broadband access for rural communities across the country, ensuring families have access to economic opportunity, to school, and to health care. This report will examine how the largest tech companies can pay their fair share. The future is online and it's critical that essential broadband programs receive robust funding."

"Our bipartisan legislation looks at ways that tech companies can help us close the digital divide in Arizona. We'll continue working to find common-sense solutions that expand high-speed internet access for rural and tribal communities across the country," said Senator Kelly.

Among other provisions, the FAIR Contributions Act would:

Direct the FCC to issue a Notice of Inquiry seeking public comment on the feasibility of collecting USF contributions from internet edge providers, and issue a final report on the matter within 180 days.

Require the FCC to consider:

- Possible sources of Big Tech revenue, such as digital advertising and user fees;
- The fairness of the current system and a system under which contributions could be assessed on Big Tech firms;
- The feasibility of assessing contributions on such a broad category of firms that do not currently register with the FCC;
- The effects such a change would have on Tribal, low-income, and elderly consumers; and
- The changes to current law necessary to implement this system.

Through the USF, the FCC disburses approximately \$10 billion per year to fund broadband deployment to high-cost rural areas, schools and libraries, rural health care facilities, telehealth services, and broadband subsidies for low-income Americans. The USF collects money from telecommunications carriers, set at a percentage of their interstate and international revenues, which carriers usually pass onto consumers in their monthly bills.

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Classical guitarist Nolan Winters performs during a "sound check" for Legacy Keepers Music's new Classical Guitar Series in the Historic Courtroom in the Hamilton County Courthouse in downtown Noblesville. He will perform Nov. 4 during the series.



Photo courtesy of Brett Terrell

Brett Terrell, instructor of guitar at Butler University's School of Music and who has performed for many celebrities, will perform on May 6 during Legacy Keepers Music's new Classical Guitar Series in the Historic Courtroom in the Hamilton County Courthouse in downtown Noblesville.

The community already knows Gilray and Legacy Keepers Music, which brings us the annual free summer outdoor String-Time on the Square series.

"As a practicing guitarist, Baptista is expected to plead guilty to the charge of needing more opportunities to perform for John Q Public. Jones is anticipated to confess to neglecting many responsibilities over the years in favor of playing his exquisite classical guitar music, in particular compositions such as 'Recuerdos de la Alhambra.'"

The four-concert series is set to convene in the historic courtroom on April 1 as part of the Bicentennial Celebration. This opening "hearing" by Baptista and Jones will be followed on May 6 by a case put forth by Brett Terrell and Friends. Nolan Winter's "hearing" is slated for Nov. 4 with John Alvarado on Dec. 2.

Gilray became interested in playing music inside the Historic Courtroom after hearing its history.

"When I heard from our (Hamilton) County Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt that documents left by our town founders indicated that when (William) Conner donated property for the Town Square, he wanted citizens to enjoy the Courthouse grounds for social purposes," Gilray said. "Our Legacy Keepers advisory board felt by adding beautiful indoor classical guitar music to our long-established outdoor folk offerings, it would be a wonderful way to commemorate our bicentennial year."

Tickets are \$20 per show, with "season" tickets for the series for sale at \$60 for 4 shows, a savings of \$20 for the series. Sponsors include Noblesville Township Trustees Office, Mark Heirbrandt,

Jean Roberts, Ginger's Cafe, Renaissance Music Studios, Deco Indy Signs and Apparel and Hedgehog Roadshow.

Here's the skinny on the performers:

Baptista, also known as "Bap," has been playing guitar since age 7. He has performed at a variety of venues around the county, including the Hunt Club of Sheridan. He performs as a solo guitarist, as well as in a duo with his father, and as the lead player in his own group, Santiago Bap Trio. He plays electric and acoustic guitar, specializing in blues, jazz, rock, African and Latin music. He also teaches guitar lessons.

Joseph Jones, a 2020 graduate of Butler University Masters Guitar program, is a classical guitarist from Indianapolis who finds himself frequently playing in venues ranging from restaurants, such as Auberge in Zionsville, to concert halls, such as Red Skelton Performing Arts Center in Vincennes. He is Vincennes University's professor for classical guitar studies and previously taught in University of Indianapolis' pre-college program and a semester of classes at IUPUI.

Brett Terrell has been instructor of guitar at Butler University's School of Music since 1979 and owner and teacher at Renaissance Studios since 1976. He is vice president and a founding father of Indianapolis Society of the Classical Guitar, an artist-in-residence for Ben Taylor Guitars and a studio musician at Aire Born Studios in Zionsville. He studied guitar with Javier Calderon at Indiana University and continued his training in guitar at Roosevelt University in Chicago with Maestro Manuel Lopez-Ramos. He was awarded a



Photo courtesy of John Jones

Joseph Jones, a classical guitarist and a 2020 graduate of Butler University Masters Guitar program, will perform on April 1 for Legacy Keepers Music's new Classical Guitar Series in the Historic Courtroom in the Hamilton County Courthouse in downtown Noblesville.



Photo courtesy of John Alvarado

John Alvarado, who earned his Bachelor of Music from DePaul University, his Master of Music at Arizona State University and studied Flamenco at the Taller Flamenco School in Seville, Spain, will perform Dec. 2 during Legacy Keepers Music's new Classical Guitar Series in the Historic Courtroom in the Hamilton County Courthouse in downtown Noblesville.

Distinguished Performer certificate while playing in a master class series at Rice University with international recording artist Pepe Romero. Terrell was a featured artist for the City of Indianapolis during the Pan-American Games. He accompanied international vocalist Luciano Pavarotti when he performed in Indianapolis. In 1995, he was runner-up as Ambassador of Music for the United States of America. He has played on several movie tracks and worked on a project called Gems with the late Whitney Houston. He has performed for celebrities, including William Shatner, Robert Redford, Gene Hackman and Paul Newman.

Winters, an Indianapolis native, studied under Nemanja Ostojic at the University of Indianapolis, where he obtained his Bachelor of Music degree in Guitar Performance with a concentration in Composition. Since 2018, he has performed and taught in domestic and foreign settings, including the Guitar Art Festival in Belgrade, Serbia, and the Borguitar Festival in Borgo Val di Taro, Italy. He has been a guest artist at Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, Vincennes University, and with Pablo Sainz Villegas at Hilbert Circle Theatre. He currently teaches music at Saint Michael and Saint Rose of Lima Catholic schools.

Alvarado earned his Bachelor of Music from DePaul University and his Master of Music at Arizona State University. He studied Flamenco at the Taller Flamenco School in Seville, Spain. He has performed at an array of venues, including Indiana History Center, Indianapolis Art Center, Eiteljorg Museum, Indianapolis

Artsgarden, IUPUI and Butler University. He is a founding member and current president of Indianapolis Society of Classical Guitar. In 2008, he received the Innovative Artist award from Indiana University and in 2013 received the Creative Renewal Arts Fellowship by the Arts Council of Indianapolis. He is senior lecturer of guitar for the IUPUI Department of Music and Arts Technology.

Baptista and Winters performed a "Sound Check" earlier this month in the Historic Courtroom in the Courthouse, which was constructed 1877-1879. This Second Empire-style structure was built by A.G. Campfield company and designed by architect Edwin May, who was influenced by French Renaissance architecture. The courthouse was restored to its original appearance 1992-94. A clock tower holds the original clock that is still functional. Gilray gleaned this historical information from "Primitive History of Hamilton County" published in 1901, plaques inside the Courthouse and "Historic Noblesville" by Noblesville Main Street, Hamilton County Tourism and Noblesville Preservation Alliance.

According to Hamilton County Historian David Heighway, the Historic Courtroom had been divided up in the mid-20th century, including a floor dividing it into two stories. During the Courthouse restoration in 1992, they used photographs from the D.C. Stephenson trial. "You could say that it reflects the 1920s era. The style is all recreated."

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participant. Both lanes of City Center Drive, eastbound and westbound, will close just west of Veteran's Way at 8 p.m. Friday, April 7 and remain closed until 4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 8 for the start/finish area of the race. Traffic will be able to access Carmel City Center on Saturday starting at 8:25 a.m. from northbound Rangeline Road to Veterans Way Boulevard via Gradle Drive or Monon Green Boulevard.

Temporary single-lane delays will occur on Saturday, April 8 as follows:

- City Center Drive
- Between Rangeline Road and Third Avenue: 8 p.m. Friday until 2:30 p.m. Saturday
- Between Rangeline Road and Veterans Way: 8 p.m. Friday until 4:30 p.m. Saturday

- Between Veterans Way and Rangeline Road opens 2:30 p.m. Saturday
- Rangeline Road
- Full closure from Main Street to City Center Drive: 7:50 – 8:15 a.m.
- Southbound from Main Street to Elm Street: 7:50 – 8:20 a.m.
- Southbound only from Elm Street to City Center Drive: 7:50 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- Northbound from City Center Drive to Main Street: 7:50 – 8:15 a.m.
- Northbound from Executive Drive to Main Street: 7:50 – 8:20 a.m.
- Southbound from City Center Drive to 116th Street: 8:05 – 8:35 a.m.
- Full closure from 116th Street to 106th Street (at Westfield Boulevard): 8:05 – 8:44 a.m.
- Northbound from Smoky Row Road to Clay Terrace Boulevard: 8:10 – 8:45 a.m.
- 106th Street
- Eastbound only from Westfield Boulevard to Gray Road: 8:15 – 8:50 a.m.
- Westbound only from Gray Road to Hazel Dell Parkway: 8:25 – 9:35 a.m.
- Delays at the Monon Greenway crossing: 9:35 a.m. – 12:25 p.m.
- Hazel Dell Parkway
- Southbound curb lane ONLY closed from Dellfield Boulevard to 106th Street: 8:30 – 10:15 a.m.
- Center southbound lane and both northbound lanes remain open to traffic
- Dellfield Boulevard
- Eastbound from Bridgeton Lane to Hazel Dell Parkway: 8:45 – 10:20 a.m.
- Bridgeton Lane
- Westbound from Dellfield Boulevard to Gladecrest Drive: 8:45 – 10:20 a.m.
- Gladecrest Drive
- Northbound from Bridgeton Lane to Autumn Gate Way: 8:45 – 10:20 a.m.
- Autumn Gate Way
- Northbound from Gladecrest Drive to 126th Street: 8:45 – 10:25 a.m.
- 126th Street
- Westbound from Hazel Dell Parkway to Limberlost Drive: 8:45 – 10:30 a.m.

- Limberlost Drive
- Northbound from 126th Street to Harrison Drive: 8:50 – 10:40 a.m.
- Harrison Drive
- Northbound from Limberlost Drive to Main Street: 8:50 – 10:45 a.m.
- Main Street
- Full closure from Rangeline Road to the Monon Greenway: 7:55 – 8:15 a.m.
- Delays at the Monon Greenway crossing: 8 a.m. – 2:20 p.m.
- Westbound from Harrison Drive to Hawthorne Drive: 8:50 – 10:55 a.m.
- Hawthorne Drive
- Northbound from Main Street to Smokey Row Road: 8:50 – 11 a.m.
- Smokey Row Road
- Westbound from Carmel High School stadium to Rangeline Road: 8 – 8:35 a.m.
- Delays at the Monon Greenway crossing: 8:05 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.
- Westbound from Hawthorne Drive to Rosalind Place: 8:55 – 11:15 a.m.
- Clay Terrace Boulevard
- Runners crossing at the 146th Street stop light: 8:10 – 8:50 a.m.
- John Street
- From 146th Street to Thornberry Drive: 8:15 – 9:15 a.m.
- Thornberry Drive
- From John Street to Pearl Street: 8:15 – 9:20 a.m.

- Gradle Drive
- Delays at the Monon Greenway crossing: 9:20 – 11:45 a.m.
- 96th Street
- Westbound from Monon Greenway trailhead to College Avenue: 9:35 a.m. – 12:25 p.m.
- N. College Avenue
- Southbound from Pennsylvania Parkway to 96th Street: 9:40 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- Pennsylvania Parkway
- Southbound curb lane only from N. College Avenue to 111th Street: 9:40 a.m. – 1:10 p.m.
- 111th Street
- Delays at the Monon Greenway crossing: 9:30 – 11:55 a.m.
- Full closure from Pennsylvania Parkway to Illinois Street: 9:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.
- Illinois Street
- Northbound curb lane from 111th Street to 136th Street/Oak Ridge Road: 9:45 a.m. – 1:55 p.m.
- Center northbound and both southbound lanes will remain open to traffic
- Oak Ridge Road
- Northbound from 136th Street to Nevelle Lane: 10:05 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Nevelle Lane
- Eastbound from Oak Ridge Road to Rohrer Road: 10:10 a.m. – 2:05 p.m.
- Rohrer Road
- Northbound from Nevelle Lane to 146th Street: 10:10 a.m. – 2:10 p.m.
- 146th Street
- One eastbound lane restricted under the Monon Greenway crossing: 10:15 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.

- Additional information and course maps are available at CarmelMarathon.com.

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seen even larger enrollment growth, such as certified nursing (875%), welding (400%), and construction (356%).

In addition to the increasing demands for these programs, the high school needs general classroom, meeting, and lunch space. They are at full capacity with approximately 3,300 students and are projected to remain so for many years to come. Some teachers are currently challenged to share classrooms or rotate through the building working on moving carts, and some students are turned away from classes they would like to take due to limited space.

The expansion plan includes:

- Up to twenty-two new classrooms, including space for STEM and tradi-

tional academic courses

- Construction and welding labs
- Hands-on STEM mak-

erspace

- A second student café
- Renovated large

group instruction room to provide flexible meeting space

- Expanded jazz space
- New percussion and piano lab areas
- Expanded choir facilities, storage, and sound proofing

"The state of Indiana and our local employers are telling us the importance of career and technical education and we're listening," added Hile. "This project will allow us to significantly expand student options across a wide variety of college and career pathways and will also be more cost

effective, as we'll be able to provide these services in-house rather than paying other organizations to meet our students' career needs."

The projected cost of the project is \$39 million, which would be funded through a bond (loan) with no use of referendum or classroom dollars and no increase to the tax rate.

Hile shared that "we can afford to responsibly fund this project thanks to our strong fiscal health and competitive bond rating. There will not be an increased financial burden on taxpayers because of this project."

The school board has approved moving forward with consideration of the expansion and will formally vote this summer on whether to greenlight the project.

The proposed STEM/performing arts expansion would be in addition to an athletic expansion currently underway at NHS that will provide new courts, additional girls locker rooms, classroom space, athletic office space, and enhancements for wrestling, cheerleading and volleyball. That project came in under budget at \$17.4 million and is also funded through a bond with no use of referendum or classroom dollars and no increase to the tax rate.

The athletic expansion is expected to be completed in August of 2024 and, if approved, the proposed STEM/performing arts expansion would open in August of 2025.

Noblesville High School opened in its current building at 18111 Cumberland Road in 1996.

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2. How old is Franklin County?
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3. How many people in the county do not live in Brookville?
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4. How long ago was it that Brookville platted?
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Answers: 1. 59/sq mi 2. 208 Years 3. Around 20,491 People 4. 211 Years

Did You Know?

- Franklin County was founded in 1811 and named after Benjamin Franklin.
- Brookville, the county seat, contains 2, 596 residents and is 1.54 square feet.
- The county contains numerous historical landmarks.
- Brookville was platted in 1808 by Thomas Manwarring.
- The county is 391.05 square miles and has a population of 23, 087 residents.

Got Words?

Brookville contains 6 historical landmarks of differing origins, and there are more landmarks throughout the county. Why do you think it is important that cities preserve historical homes, buildings and other sites?

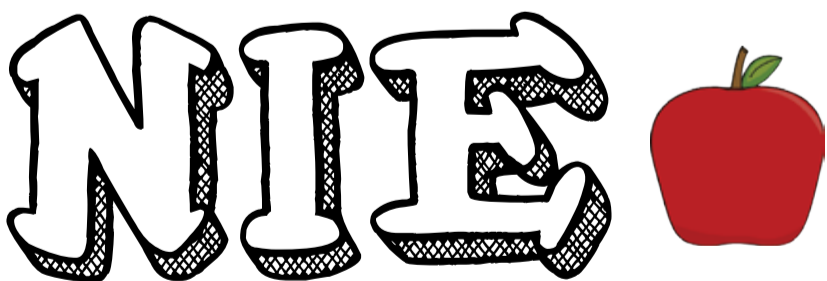
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'Talking' Concrete Could Help Prevent Traffic Jams And Cut Carbon Emissions

An increasing number of U.S. interstates are set to try out a Purdue University invention that could save millions of taxpayer dollars and significantly reduce traffic delays.

The invention, a sensor that allows concrete to "talk," decreases construction time and how often concrete pavement needs repairs while also improving the road's sustainability and cutting its carbon footprint.

Embedded directly into a concrete pour, the sensor sends engineers more precise and consistent data about the concrete's strength and need for repair than is possible with currently used tools and methods.

"Traffic jams caused by infrastructure repairs have wasted 4 billion hours and 3 billion gallons of gas on a yearly basis. This is primarily due to insufficient knowledge and understanding of concrete's strength levels," said Luna Lu, the Reilly Professor and acting head of Purdue's Lyles School of Civil Engineering, who has been leading development of the sensors since 2017. "For instance, we don't know when concrete will reach the right strength needed to accommodate traffic loads just after construction. The concrete may go through premature failure, leading to frequent repairing."

According to data from the Federal Highway Administration, concrete pavement makes up less than 2% of U.S. roads but approximately 20% of the U.S. interstate system. Lu's research has focused on improving the conditions of concrete pavement first because it is the most challenging road material to repair. Concrete interstate pavement also must reliably support a large proportion of the nation's traffic.

More than half of U.S. states with concrete interstate pavement have signed up to participate in a Federal Highway Administration pooled fund study to implement the sensors. The participating states are Indiana, Missouri, North Dakota, Kansas, California, Texas, Tennessee, Colorado and Utah.

Additional states are expected to join as the study kicks off in the coming months. Two states - Indiana and Texas - have already begun trying out the sensors in highway paving projects.

The technology also is on track to hit the market later this year as the REBEL Concrete Strength Sensing System, a product of WaveLogix. Lu founded WaveLogix in 2021 to manufacture the technology on a larger scale. The company licenses the technology from the Purdue Research Foundation Office of Technology Commercialization, which



Photo courtesy of Luna Lu, Purdue University

Sensors developed by Luna Lu and her team are installed into the formwork of Interstate 35 in Texas

has applied for patent protection on the intellectual property.

Fast Company magazine named this invention one of its Next Big Things in Tech for 2022, which recognizes projects already making an impact on a real-world problem while also showing promise to make a greater impact in the years to come. The American Society of Civil Engineers' 2021 Report Card for America's Infrastructure also selected the technology as one of its "Gamechangers" for the year. Other organizations, such as the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, have followed the technology's developments since its initial introduction in 2019.

Replacing century-old industry standards to make roads last longer

The Purdue invention is gradually rising as a better alternative to tests that have been the industry's standard since the early 1900s.

Lu and her lab started developing the technology in 2017, when the Indiana Department of Transportation requested help in eliminating premature failure of newly repaired concrete pavement by more accurately determining when the pavement is ready to be opened to traffic.

After embedding an early prototype of the sensor into sections of various Indiana highways, INDOT added the sensor technology to its Indiana Test Methods Index. This index lists tests for contractors and construction workers to use to ensure road pavement quality.

Methods that the industry has used for more than a century call for testing large samples of concrete at a lab or onsite facility. Using that data, engineers estimate the strength level that a particular concrete mix will reach after it's been poured and left to mature at a construction site. Even though these tests are well understood by the industry, discrepancies between lab and out-

door conditions can lead to inaccurate estimates of the concrete's strength due to the different cement compositions and temperatures of the surrounding area.

With the technology Lu and her team invented, engineers no longer have to rely on concrete samples to estimate when fresh concrete is mature enough. Instead, they can directly monitor the fresh concrete and accurately measure many of its properties at once.

The sensor communicates to engineers via a smartphone app exactly when the pavement is strong enough to handle heavy traffic. The stronger the pavement is before being used by vehicles, the less often it will need to be repaired. The ability to instantly receive information about the concrete's strength levels also allows roads to open to traffic on time or sooner following a fresh pour.

Construction workers can install the sensors simply by tossing them onto the ground of the concrete formwork and covering them with concrete. Next, they plug the sensor cable into a reusable handheld device that automatically starts logging data. Using the app, workers can receive information on real-time changes in the concrete strength for as long as the strength data is required.

Cutting carbon emissions by cutting down on traffic and cement

By decreasing road repairs and construction timelines, this technology could reduce carbon dioxide that vehicles would have emitted while waiting in traffic to get around a construction site. Lu's startup, WaveLogix, also is developing a way to curb carbon emissions by cutting the amount of cement needed in concrete mixes. The manufacturing of cement is responsible for 8% of the world's carbon footprint. WaveLogix has made progress on a solution that uses artificial intelligence to optimize

the design of concrete mixes based on data that the sensors would collect from highways across the country.

Construction codes call for a higher cement content in concrete mixes to ensure that concrete sample testing meets required strength thresholds. Excess cement can lead to premature cracks in pavement. Based on these code requirements and data from the Global Cement and Concrete Association, Lu estimates that concrete mix overdesign causes more than 1 billion tons of carbon emissions per year.

"The biggest problem with concrete mixes is that we use more cement to increase the concrete's strength. That won't help open the road to traffic any sooner," Lu said.

These codes are based on how concrete mixes were made in the early 1900s, which was before equipment that could grind cement into finer powder was developed in the 1950s. Since concrete mixes use that finer powder today, they should have different water-cement ratios than a hundred years ago. The codes also don't take into consideration how weather in different states impacts a concrete mix. A concrete pour in the middle of Indiana's winter, for example, requires different concrete mixes to reach the right strength level than if the concrete were poured during California's winter.

Lu believes that this new method using artificial intelligence could potentially reduce by 20% to 25% the amount of the cement used in concrete mixes - and simultaneously make pavement more durable and less expensive.

"I feel a strong sense of responsibility to make an impact on our infrastructure through developing new types of technology. In the field of civil engineering, if we don't make an impact on the world, there won't be a world to worry about," Lu said.

After 39 Years, Indiana Asbo Executive Director Denny Costerison To Retire

Following 39 years of service to the Indiana Association of School Business Officials, Executive Director Denny Costerison announced on March 10 that he will retire from the association effective June 30, 2023.

In June 1984, the IASBO Board entrusted Costerison to lead the association. During his tenure, Costerison has been devoted to the school business management profession, working to ensure school professionals had access to relevant and engaging professional development. He has not only been the architect of IASBO's robust slate of programming but has been a strong presence at the State House lobbying for Indiana's public schools since 1980.

Costerison's dedication to the field is evident in his many accomplishments, including the following awards:

- 2001 - ASBO International Eagle Award for Professional Service
- 2004 - Indiana ASBO Lamplighter Distinguished Service Award
- 2016 - ASBO International Fred Hill Distinguished Service Award
- 2019 - Indiana ASBO

Hall of Fame

- 2019 - Sagamore of the Wabash
- 2022 - Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents Point of Light Award

In recognition of his service, IASBO has named Costerison Executive Director Emeritus. Costerison will continue to consult with the organization and guide the new executive director (search currently underway).

About Indiana ASBO
The Indiana Association of School Business Officials is devoted to the school business management profession. IASBO strives for the promotion and advancement of those individuals involved in school business affairs such as finance, accounting, purchasing, maintenance and operations, human resources, facilities and grounds, food nutrition, technology, and transportation.

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