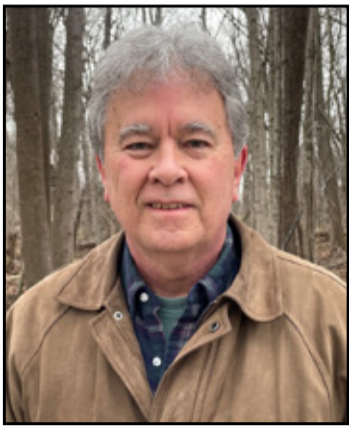


TODAY'S VERSE

Isaiah 59:19 So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him.



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What makes Phil Cartwright smile? "I enjoy the solitude when I come out and walk the trails (at Blatchley Nature Study Club). We live three miles away so I come here a lot in the evening after work ... It's amazing to think you're right in the middle of Noblesville and all of this suburban activity and can enjoy this nature. I like it when I can see the owls. We have a fox den on the property that sometimes we'll see the fox ... and sometimes will see kits but not this year so far. And I like the people, who have similar nature inclinations," said the 70-year-old Noblesville resident. He was found leading Blatchley's cleanup day in 2022 in preparation for the annual guided wildflower walks in April. He joined the club 17 years ago when he and his wife, Sherry, moved to the area. His wife, Sherry, is involved with the club also. She's also a member of North Harbor Garden Club and does bits of work with the Blatchley club. Both are outdoor people and do a lot of hiking. "We're really into butterflies. We have a 2,500-square-foot prairie in our backyard. We raise butterfly chrysalis." They belonged to a similar club when they lived in Mishawaka, Wis. So when they moved here, they looked for a nature club to join. "We happened to wander by the same day they were having their wildflower walk," Cartwright said. The upcoming wildflower walks are 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. April 15 and 29 at the Blatchley Nature Study Club grounds in Noblesville. Each year, he hopes to meet new folks who are just like them, looking for a new place to venture. Read more about the wildflower walks in the Betsy Reason column in today's edition of The Times.

And Another Thing...

1. Kroger and Red Cross Tornado Relief

Kroger shoppers donated more than \$8,000 to help victims of recent Indiana tornadoes. Indiana Kroger stores raised a total of \$8,270 in customer donations for the American Red Cross. Kroger provided an additional \$2,000, boosting the total contribution to \$10,270 to support Red Cross recovery operations in Johnson and Sullivan Counties. Kroger activated its donation relief fund upon seeing the extent of the tornado damage. Now, with other recovery efforts in place, the grocer will begin a previously scheduled Earth Month campaign to support the World Wildlife Fund.

2. New Chinook salmon stocking strategy implemented for Lake Michigan

The Indiana DNR is implementing a new stocking strategy for Chinook salmon in Lake Michigan this month, stocking 75,000 Chinook salmon in East Chicago, 100,000 in the Little Calumet River, and 100,000 in Trail Creek. More than 3,100 Lake Michigan trout and salmon anglers responded to a survey about potential management options for stocking Chinook salmon in Lake Michigan. The Indiana DNR considered the results of the survey as well as data it collected on angler use of stocking sites, angler catch rates, available access to fishing sites and Chinook salmon survival rates. More information about Lake Michigan fishing, including the summary report of the public survey process and results is at on.IN.gov/lake-michigan-fishing.

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Photo provided by Blatchley Nature Study Club

The Blatchley Nature Study Club sanctuary, at 125 Boulder Drive in Noblesville, promotes appreciation, preservation and respect of the environment through education and fellowship.

Spring Means Wildflower Walks



BETSY REASON From The Editor's Desk...

I know spring is here when Noblesville's Emma St. Dennis contacts me each year to encourage nature lovers to save the dates for Spring Wildflower

Walks at Blatchley Nature Study Club and Teter Organic Farm in Noblesville.

I've been to both grounds a handful of times, especially in the springtime when there is much nature to enjoy.

The Blatchley Clubhouse is located at 125 Boulder Drive, off of Edith Avenue, north of the historic Potter's Bridge off of Cumberland Road in Noblesville.

A hidden gem in our community, the 15-acre sanctuary offers nature trails that wind through the property with trails overlooking the White River as well as ravines along Fox Prairie Creek, which snakes through the grounds.

The sanctuary offers some of the most diverse collection

of wildflowers and plants in Indiana.

Plus, this year, one of Blatchley's main trails, which has been closed for the past 18 months, has been repaired -- using six tons of rock, stair units, 40 rebar stakes and a lot of sweat equity from volunteers -- and will be open for this month's Wildflower Walks.

Last year, Rick Towle, Noblesville Middle School science teacher and president of the Blatchley Nature Study Club in Noblesville, invited me out in 2022 during the club's centennial celebration and before that, during the cleanup day.

This year's Blatchley cleanup

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Photo courtesy of Sheridan Historical Society

Dan Conder and his Model-T

Sheridan Antique Auto Show

On Saturday, May 6, the Sheridan Historical Society in conjunction with the Hamilton County Bicentennial Celebration will be holding a free antique car show. The show will be at Veteran's Park, 99 South Main Street, in Sheridan.

Pre-1960 car owners are invited to display their cars at the park where the public will be able to view them and vote on their favorites. There is no charge for the show and cruise-

ins are welcome. We ask that the cars be 1960 and earlier and in mostly original condition.

Veterans Park is a lovely setting and has a gazebo. At 11:00 and 1:00, the local Model T Car Club will be putting on a demonstration of how to assemble a Model T in record time. Taking place beneath the gazebo, this should be interesting to folks who enjoy a mechanical

See SHERIDAN Page A5

Fishers Invites Youth To Engage With Local Government Through Citizen Academies

City programs include new Fishers Health Department Academy, Police Academy & Mayor's Youth Academy.

Fishers youth are invited to explore the inner workings of local government through the City's annual Mayor's Youth Academy, the Fishers Police Department Teen Academy, and the new Fishers Health Department Teen Academy. Registration is currently open for all programs and participation is free.

"These programs help to foster the next generation of community leaders," said Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness. "Not only are they getting a behind-the-scenes look at City operations and an opportunity to engage with civic leaders, but we also receive great insights from the teens participating in this program, and their ideas and suggestions have helped to shape our policies and initiatives at the City."

Mayor's Youth Academy The free Mayor's Youth Academy program invites local high school students to work

alongside Mayor Fadness and other City leaders to address important issues facing the local community. Students will go behind the scenes of city government, address thought-provoking policy questions, and explore career opportunities within the public sector.

Classes meet on Wednesdays once per month from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at various locations around Fishers. Mayor's Youth Academy participants will conclude the program by presenting to Fishers City Council in spring 2024.

Registration for the 2023-2024 Mayor's Youth Academy is open through Friday, June 2. Applicants must be a Fishers resident and a junior or senior in high school with a minimum GPA of 3.0. Students with a passion for public service are encouraged to apply. Register at fishers.in.us/MayorsYouthAcademy.

Fishers Health Department Teen Public Health Academy The new, one-week health

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TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Stretching and strengthening exercises go a long way in helping to prevent falls in the elderly. 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 atthetimes24-7.com



TODAY'S QUOTE

"Racial prejudice, anti-Semitism, or hatred of anyone with different beliefs has no place in the human mind or heart." -Billy Graham

HONEST HOOSIER

Whew! Barely dodged another Friday the 13th!



TODAY'S JOKE

What do you call a bunch of rabbits hopping backward? A receding hare line!

OBITUARIES

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The Times appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank STEPHEN HADLEY for subscribing!



HHHS March Coffee Bean Award Recipients Named



Photo courtesy of Hamilton County Schools

Hamilton Heights High School March Coffee Bean Award recipients (l-r): Alayna King, Jessa Steffen, Maren Sandholz, Kennedy Cherry, and Isaiah Heuer. Not pictured: Madison Edens and Zerik Prater. These students were nominated by a student or staff member for positive words and actions that are having a transformative impact on others and lifting the overall school culture.

Hamilton Heights High School would like to recognize the following students who were named as Coffee Bean Award recipients for the month of March. These students were among 33 who were nominated for their showing extra kindness, compassion, have overcome adversity, and/or who have been a positive light to those around them during the month of March.

The name and award was inspired by The Coffee Bean, a book, written by Jon Gordon and Damon West that delivers a simple, yet powerful message on positive change. All students nominated receive a certificate of recognition. At the end of the month, the names of the students who were nominated during the month are included in a drawing where the first five to seven names drawn are called down to the office to enjoy a hot chocolate or coffee and a donut.

The monthly award objective is to encourage more acts of kindness, positivity, school spirit, and help foster a closer sense of community at the high school. Students and staff can nominate students. Nomination forms can be downloaded at <https://www.hhschuskiies.org/domain/82>.

HHMS Spring Trash Bag Sale



Photo courtesy of Hamilton County Schools

HHMS athletic department's most popular fundraisers is underway now through Friday, April 24. Elliot Speckman and Illiana Bowyer think these bags are the best! Proceeds from the trash bag sales help support the Hamilton Heights Middle School athletics department.

It's that time of the year to stock up on your favorite trash bag while supporting Hamilton Heights Middle School athletics!! Hamilton Heights Middle School's Annual Spring Trash Bag fundraiser is underway now through Monday, April 24. These popular, heavy-duty trash bags come in five sizes: 13 gallon (red), 18 gallon (white), 30 gallon (black), 39 gallon (yellow), and 55 gallon (green).

The cost per roll is \$14. Please make checks payable to: Hamilton Heights Middle School. Proceeds benefit the school's athletics department. Pick up is set for Thursday, May 11 from 2:30 to 6:00 p.m. at Hamilton Heights Middle School, 25150 SR 19, Arcadia.

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Oscar's impressive background includes serving as the Senior Director of Facility Strategy and Financing for The

Mind Trust and Adjunct Associate Faculty at Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis, School of Public and Environmental Affairs. He has also held key financial positions in local government, including being the City of Fishers' first Controller where he oversaw its Town-to-City financial transition and earned Fishers the unique distinction of operating as the only Indiana city with a 'AAA' credit rating from Standard and Poor's. He also served

as the Controller for the City of Lawrence, where he increased cash reserves by 200 percent and helped upgrade the City's credit rating.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn from Oscar Gutierrez's extensive experience in public finance. Join The Chamber for an informative luncheon where you can gain valuable insights and network with fellow business professionals. Register now to secure your spot at this must-attend event!

Dani Mendez From Noblesville Receives Presidential Scholarship

Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE) is pleased to announce Dani Mendez, from Noblesville, was awarded a Presidential Scholarship for four years of full tuition. To qualify to apply for MSOE's most prestigious scholarship, students must have a cumulative unweighted grade point average of 3.8 or higher on a 4.0 scale, be admitted to MSOE by Feb. 1, and complete an essay. Finalists were also interviewed by MSOE

representatives. Milwaukee School of Engineering (www.msOE.edu) is the university of choice for those seeking an inclusive community of experiential learners driven to solve the complex challenges of today and tomorrow. The independent, non-profit university has about 2,700 students and was founded in 1903. MSOE offers bachelor's and master's degrees in engineering, business and nursing. Faculty are

student-focused experts who bring real-world experience into the classroom. This approach to learning makes students ready now as well as prepared for the future. Longstanding partnerships with business and industry leaders enable students to learn alongside professional mentors, and challenge them to go beyond what's possible. MSOE graduates are leaders of character, responsible professionals, passionate learners and value creators.

Nickel Plate Arts Celebrating 11th Annual Welcome To Fairyville Event

The 11th annual Welcome to Fairyville event, presented by Duke Energy, alights on the Nickel Plate Arts campus April 19-22, with crafts and activities for all ages and most events free.

Welcome to Fairyville Events

Nickel Plate Arts, along with its partners and other local businesses, will host various events and activities for Welcome to Fairyville. These events are open to the public.

QUEEN TITANIA'S FAIRY BALL: Her most serene highness, Titania, Queen of Fairyville, Empress Regina of the Fae of Hamilton County, hereby cordially invites you to join her royal court for Fairyville's First Annual Fairy Ball. Click here to purchase tickets to the Fairy Ball (\$100 per ticket, must be 21+ years of age to attend).

Date: Wednesday, April 19, 2023

Time: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Location: The Lacy Arts Building

FAIRY HOME SHOW: The full collection of Fairy Houses made by local artists of all ages will be on display and open for voting on the Nickel Plate Arts campus on Wednesday, April 19 and Thursday, April 20 from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. and will move to the Fairyville Trail for Fairy Friday and Sprite Saturday. Visitors are encouraged to get a map on campus before beginning their tour of the Fairy Home Show

(free).

Date: Wednesday, April 19 through Saturday, April 22, 2023

Kids and adults can submit a fairy house (applications due April 15) to be featured in the Fairy Home Show and along the Fairyville Trail during Fairy Friday and Sprite Saturday.

FAIRY VENDORS:

Fairy-inspired wares will be sold on the Noblesville Courthouse Square (individual booth costs).

Date/Time: Friday, April 21, 2023 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, April 22, 2023 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

FAIRYVILLE AFTER DARK:

Join Nickel Plate Arts at various locations around downtown Noblesville for an adult-oriented experience presented by Martin & Martin Insurance that will include face and body effects painting, acrobatics and fire performing, Celtic music and dancing, and more. Adult-oriented activities are classified by the Fairyville After Dark crescent moon symbol on event listings (free).

Date: Friday, April 21, 2023

Time: 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

FAIRYVILLE TRAIL:

Visit the Fairyville Trail to see the Fairy Home Show, meet the citizens of Fairyville, and take part in various magic shows, live musical performances, and Earth Day activities (free).

Date/Time: Friday, April

21, 2023 from 12 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, April 22, 2023 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

FAIRY CABOOSE

RIDES: The Nickel Plate Express Fairy Caboose will be picking up passengers every 30 minutes and taking them along the Fairyville Trail to find fairy homes, meet citizens of Fairyville, and more (\$17 per person).

Date: Saturday, April 22, 2023

Time: 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

FAMILY TEA PARTIES:

Join Sleeping Beauty and her fairy friends for a tea party full of tea, treats, art, and proper fairy tea etiquette. Click here to purchase tickets (\$15 per person; children under 13 must be accompanied by a paying adult).

Date: Saturday, April 22, 2023

Time: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Location: HCAA Birdie Gallery

FAIRYVILLE PARADE:

The Fairyville Parade, presented by the Noblesville Trustee's Office, will follow the Fairyville Trail from Nickel Plate Arts to the Noblesville Courthouse Square and will include Fairyville's most prominent citizens (free).

Date/Time: Friday, April 21, 2023 at 7 p.m.; Saturday, April 22, 2023 at 2 p.m.

The Fairyville Trail is free to attend; some special events have costs and requirements.

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Spark!Fishers Returns With Weeklong Celebration This Summer

Applications now open for festival volunteers, vendors, entertainers, and parade participants

The annual Spark!Fishers festival returns to Fishers' Nickel Plate Cultural District this summer. Kicking off on Tuesday, June 20, and running through Saturday, June 24, the weeklong festival will offer different ways for the community to celebrate each day.

"We are looking forward to welcoming Fishers residents to our spectacular annual tradition of local art, food, music and community. With a variety of activities over five days, Spark!Fishers provides an opportunity for all residents to engage in the experience," said Fishers Parks Director, Marissa Deckert.

"We are especially excited this year to be the first in Central Indiana to feature a customized drone show before our fireworks finale on Saturday night." The celebration will be packed full of family favorites and Independence Day traditions while showcasing what it means to be uniquely Fishers. All events, with the exception of the 5K Run/Walk, are

free to attend, and no registration is required.

New this year, participants will enjoy an exciting, redesigned parade route, as well as an aerial drone show to cap off the festivities on Saturday night. The new, state-of-the-art drone show will feature over 300 drones in the sky and will replace the primary firework show this year, but residents can view Independence Day fireworks throughout the community on July 4 at the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater (6 Municipal Drive), Cyntheanne Park (12383 Cyntheanne Road) and over Geist Reservoir. Learn more about the 4th of July fireworks shows.

The 2023 lineup includes:

- Tuesday, June 20 / 7-9 p.m. Free Tuesday Night Concert featuring Jukebox Luke at the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater.
- Wednesday, June 21 / 7 p.m. 5K Run/Walk presented by IU Health Fishers around downtown Fishers and 5K After Party at the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater with music, food, and games.

Registration now open.

Thursday, June 22 / 6-9 p.m.

Car & Art Show powered by Jiffy Lube of Indiana around the Municipal Complex. Applications now open for car show participants and artist vendors.

Friday, June 23 / 8 p.m.

Friday Night Concert featuring a yet-to-be-announced act at the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater.

Saturday, June 24 / 3-10 p.m.

Street Fair around the Municipal Complex, with a community parade at 6 p.m. and an aerial show at 10 p.m.

Ahead of the event, Fishers Parks is partnering with Fishers Arts Council to create Fishers Sesquicentennial banners honoring the city's 150th birthday to be displayed on the fence around the development site of the new Arts & Municipal Complex beginning in June. The banners will showcase artwork by local artists in the Hamilton County region. The artwork will celebrate life in Fishers, from yesterday and today. The deadline to enter is Monday, May 1 at noon p.m. Learn more at

sparkfishers.com.

Applications are now open for festival vendors and entertainers through May 12. Parade participant applications are due May 22. Applications can be found at sparkfishers.com.

Several volunteer opportunities are available for all ages and abilities to get involved in this year's celebration. Learn more and register to volunteer at volunteerfishers.com.

Special thanks to the 2023 Spark!Fishers sponsors:

- NPD AMP Main Stage and Kids Zone Sponsor: Ed Martin Toyota & Nissan, DMC Insurance
- 5K Platinum Sponsor: IU Health Fishers
- Car & Art Show Sponsor: Jiffy Lube of Indiana
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Additional thanks to MashCraft Brewing, Best Way Disposal, MacAllister Machinery, Towne Post and Hightower Graphics. To get involved with this year's event, visit sparkfishers.com.

Visit sparkfishers.com and follow Fishers Parks on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram for festival news and updates.

Spring Sip & Shop At Carmel City Center

Carmel City Center is kicking off the 2023 Sip & Shop series on Saturday, April 29th from 12 to 3 p.m. Visitors are invited to join the Shops at Carmel City Center for a spring Sip & Shop with special sales and promotions and complimentary libations at four of the businesses.

Complimentary white wine tastings and blueberry basil lemonade cocktails will be available at Andrew Porter Fine Clothiers, Endeavor Boutique, HerMD and Lily & Sparrow Boutique. The following participating Shops will have special promotions during the event:

- 317Home: Enjoy a free gift with a purchase of \$50 or more during the event.
- Bath Junkie: Customers will receive a free lotion sample with any purchase while supplies last.
- Lily & Sparrow Boutique: Enjoy 15% off purchase of \$100+ during the event.
- Linden Tree Gifts: All Happy Everything will be 20% off and customers receive a free limited-edition attachment with the purchase of a base.
- Kits & Kaboodle Classic Toys: Take 20% off any outdoor toy during the event.

•Endeavor Boutique: Enjoy 20% of regular price items and an extra 10% on sales items.

•Uplift Intimate Apparel: Enter to win a \$50 gift card and receive a gift with purchase during the event. Select in-stock items will be 50% off.

In addition, visitors can enter to win a \$75 gift certificate at Beauty+Grace, Hey Little Diddle and The Imperial Spa when they visit those shops during the Spring Sip & Shop event.

Carmel City Center will host future Sip & Shop events on Saturday, June 3rd from 12 to 3 p.m. and again on Saturday, August 5th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Holiday Sip & Shop events are planned later in the year on Saturday, November 4th from 2 to 6 p.m. and again on Saturday, December 2nd from 12 to 3 p.m.

Carmel City Center is located at the southwest corner of City Center Drive and Rangeline Road. Parking is available along the street and surface parking is available on plaza level (accessible from City Center Drive) and in the underground garage (accessible from Range Line Road as well as City Center Drive) and in the Veterans Way garage.

University Of Kentucky College Of Arts & Sciences Announces Fall 2020 Dean's List

More than 1,825 undergraduate students qualified for the Fall 2022 University of Kentucky College of Arts & Sciences Dean's List. Students on the Dean's List earned 12 or more credit hours as letter grades with a minimum 3.60 GPA for the semester. The complete UK list can be found here. Among the

recipients are:

- Grace Bieghler of Westfield, IN (46074).
- Madison Moon of Carmel, IN (46074).
- Rae Cascio of Fishers, IN (46038).
- Emily Spoerner of Fishers, IN (46038).
- Eloise Hampton of Westfield, IN (46074).
- Kaitlyn Miller of Westfield, IN (46074).
- Tatyana West

of Indianapolis, IN (46240).

The mission of the College of Arts & Sciences is to cultivate elevated student learning and experiences, advance innovative research and scholarship, and positively impact the lives of people in the Commonwealth, nation and world.

Note: Students who qualified for the Dean's List but have restricted access to their information under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) guidelines are not included on this public listing. Students may adjust these requirements by visiting the Registrar's Office.



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TIM TIMMONS
Two Cents

Scattershooting while wondering what a jam session with John Lee Hooker, Muddy Waters, T-Bone Walker and Big Bill Broonzy might sound like . . .

THE ANNUAL Lincoln Day dinner was held earlier this week for the Hamilton County Republicans. The Grand Old Party has ruled the roost here for a long time, but if you ask the Democrats, there are signs that perhaps a few cracks are showing in the foundation.

Hard to say, but a lot of things that the Republican Party has stood for – conservative government and conservative spending – aren't viewed by some as, well, conservative as they used to be.

Besides being the big dog in the county, a lot of state leaders are from right here, too. If things are indeed changing here, the ripples could be felt from Lake Michigan down to the Ohio River.

ALONG THOSE same lines, some of the current social trends don't exactly line up with traditional Republican standards. From education to sexual orientation, there seems to be a bit of a split in the party as to what those things mean. If you ask some local Republicans, they will quietly say they aren't very happy with some of the new directions. Will

those conversations go from "quiet" to "noisy?" Stay tuned.

BEFORE WE get off politics, anyone heard what Micah Beckwith is doing politically? The pastor and former Congressional candidate has a buzz following him. It'll be interesting to see if what his next political endeavor is.

THIS ISN'T political, but I still don't get how people think they get to choose what gender they are. However, once someone hits age 18, they can do whatever they want. But could we at least agree that kids should be off limits? How in the world can a parent, any parent, think it's not just OK, but healthy, to make growing up harder than it already is?

I heard a great thing on the radio not too long ago from Tony Kinnett on WIBC. He said that when he was little he wanted to be a pirate – and thank God he did not have parents who allowed him to surgically remove a leg and an eye so he could have a wooden peg and an eye patch. How many different things does a kid want to be before they reach adulthood? Two? Ten? A thousand?

And shame on the media who continue to report laws being passed as pro or con toward choices that are not actually choices.

DID YOU HEAR that some automakers have stopped putting radios that get AM stations in their cars. A news clip I read said that AM radio is going the way of 8-tracks, cassettes and CDs in automobiles.

SORRY TO dip into the sports world, but count me as definitely not one of

the fans of the pitch clock in baseball. For those who aren't into baseball, the pros have decided that games take too long and have instituted a clock to force pitcher and batter to speed things up. I get the idea that younger generations don't have much patience, but the "timeless" aspect is part of what makes baseball, well, baseball. After family and faith, there are few things better than sitting in the warm sun under a gorgeous blue sky, watching a baseball game.

SPEAKING OF sports, did you hear about the kid from the University of Indianapolis who pitched a no-hitter and hit for the cycle in the same game? Yup, Brady Ware – a graduate student from Poway, Calif., did it last week in a game against Drury University. Kinda neat, but here's the thing. It's never been done in the history of the game in either college or the pros. For a sport that's been around since at least the 1800s, THAT'S pretty amazing!

SOME FOLKS asked where I came up with "scattershooting" that occasionally leads these rambles. Well, I didn't. The late great Robert Joseph Collins used that in some of his columns in the Indianapolis Star – the Star back when it was a great newspaper and part of the Pulliam family. I use the phrase today in tribute to one of Hoosierland's all-time great sports editors.

-Two cents, which is about how much Timmons said his columns are worth, appears periodically on Wednesdays in The Paper. Timmons is the publisher of The Paper and can be contacted at ttimmons@thepaper24-7.com

HHS Fights Back on Reproductive Health Care

The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services announced a change in policy in reaction to the overturning of Roe v. Wade.

Through its Office for Civil Rights, HHS is strengthening privacy protections by prohibiting the use or disclosure of protected health information to investigate, or prosecute patients, providers, and others involved in the provision of legal reproductive health care, including abortion care.

"When the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, nearly half a century of precedent changed overnight," said HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra. "The Biden-Harris Administration is committed to protecting women's lawful access to reproductive health care, including abortion care. President Biden signed not one but two executive orders calling on HHS to take action to meet this moment and we have wasted no time in doing so. Today's action is yet another important step HHS is taking to protect patients accessing critical care."

HHS said it has heard from patients, providers, and organizations representing thousands of individuals that the change is needed to protect patient-provider confidentiality and prevent private medical records from being used against people for merely seeking, obtaining, providing, or facilitating lawful reproductive health care.

Since the Supreme Court decision overturning Roe v. Wade, protecting patient health information and privacy has taken on critical importance. Following

the decision, President Biden signed Executive Order 14076, directing HHS to consider ways to strengthen the protection of sensitive information related to reproductive health care services and bolster patient-provider confidentiality. Today's announcement is consistent with that Executive Order and coincides with the third convening of President Biden's Task Force on Reproductive Healthcare Access – a task force aimed at protecting women's access to reproductive health care.

"I have met with doctors across the country who have shared their stories," said OCR Director Melanie Fontes Rainer. "These providers have expressed fear, anger, and sadness that they or their patients may end up in jail for providing or obtaining evidence-based and medically appropriate care. Trust is critical in the patient-doctor relationship and medical mistrust can damage and chill patients' relationship with their providers, imperiling patient health. Today's proposed rule is about safeguarding this trust in the patient-provider relationship, and ensuring that when you go to the doctor, your private medical records will not be disclosed and used against you for seeking lawful care. This is a real problem we are hearing and seeing, and we developed today's proposed rule to help address this gap and provide clarity to our health care providers and patients."

OCR, which administers and enforces the Privacy Rule, sets requirements for the use, disclosure, and protection of PHI by

health care providers, health insurance companies and other entities that are regulated by HIPAA (collectively, "HIPAA regulated entities"). The HIPAA Privacy Rule supports access to health care by giving individuals confidence that their PHI, including information relating to reproductive health care, will be kept private.

This move proposes to extend additional privacy protections for providers, insurers, patients and others to safeguard PHI when that information otherwise would be disclosed or used to identify, investigate, sue, or prosecute someone for seeking, obtaining, providing, or facilitating lawful reproductive health care. Reproductive health care would be defined to include, but not be limited to, prenatal care, abortion, miscarriage management, infertility treatment, contraception use, and treatment for reproductive-related conditions such as ovarian cancer.

While the Department is undertaking this rulemaking, the current Privacy Rule remains in effect. As explained in OCR guidance, the existing Privacy Rule permits, but does not require, certain disclosures to law enforcement and others, subject to specific conditions.

OCR is committed to enforcing the HIPAA Rules that protect the privacy and security of peoples' health information. If you believe that your or another person's health information privacy or civil rights have been violated, you can file a complaint with OCR at: <https://www.hhs.gov/ocr/complaints/index.html>.

Sheridan Public Library Food Pack For I.D.E.S.



Photos courtesy of Sheridan Public Library

The Sheridan Public Library staff and Board of Trustees were joined by various community members along with representatives of several local organizations including East Union Christian Church, Girl Scout Troup 731, Phi Beta Psi Sorority, Sheridan 1st Christian Church, and Sheridan United Methodist Church to pack meals for I.D.E.S. (International Disaster Emergency Service). The 63 volunteers packed 15,552 meals in just under two hours. Library Executive Director, Kim Riley, organized this event as a way for the Sheridan Library and the community to help those in need worldwide. "It was great to see our small community come together, work and have fun in order to help those in need". For more information about I.D.E.S. go to www.ides.org. To see other events the Sheridan Library is hosting, please visit www.sheridan.lib.in.us or find us on Facebook.

Advancing Noblesville Chamber Foundation Expands Scholarship Program

With financial support from more than 75 local businesses and Mayor Jensen's Noblesville Community Foundation, the Board of Directors of the Advancing Noblesville Chamber Foundation (ANCF) has met one of their early goals, the expansion of the Chamber's long-standing scholarship

program. Beginning this spring, scholarships will be awarded to students pursuing both a traditional 2- or 4-year college degree and to students directly entering the workforce. Under the category of Workforce Ready Scholarships, students heading directly to work are eligible for schol-

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Global Warming Scientific Fact Or Theory?

EARTHTALK

Dear EarthTalk: Have scientists been able to definitively prove links between global warming and more extreme weather phenomena in recent years, or is this still just a theory?

The question of whether science has been able to prove, let alone prove definitively, the connection between climate change and extreme weather is a very tricky one. This is because science is always reluctant to deal in certainty. “You can never have 100 percent proof of anything. There will always be doubt,” reports Jack Fraser, an Oxford-trained astrophysics Ph.D. at the Wellcome Sanger Institute. “Proof can only exist when there is no doubt, and there is always doubt. You could be a brain in a vat, living in a crazy simulation. You could be hallucinating everything. You cannot prove anything.”

Despite this embedded doubt in all things scientific, researchers have

opened up a new branch of science called ‘Extreme Event Attribution’ in an attempt to work out the extent of man-made climate change’s culpability. To discern this, scientists begin by setting criteria for what made the event extreme. They then turn to historical climate records and make comparisons with other similar events, checking them against the same criteria. They are looking for a change in the intensity or frequency of a certain extreme event.

If they find a change, they then work out what caused it. To do this, they use models. There are many different types of models; one example is creating two virtual worlds with exactly the same conditions, except one is pumped full of greenhouse gasses. These simulations then create thousands of weather scenarios allowing a direct comparison between the polluted world and the non-polluted world. The difference between the two suggests man-made climate change’s culpability in certain weather events.

Although new, this form of science has already gone as far as science permits into proving the role of climate change in certain extreme weather events. “The vast majority of extreme weather events reviewed by researchers since 2011 – 70 percent – were shown to be more likely to occur, or were made more severe, because of global warming,” Eric Roston and Brian Sullivan report in The Washington Post.

Take the floods in Pakistan in 2020, for instance. The World Weather Attribution scientists say that their “evidence suggests that climate change played an important role in the event, although our analysis doesn’t allow us to quantify how big the role was.” And Frederike Otto, a climatologist from Imperial College London, said that “the fingerprints of global warming [were] evident” in the disaster.

Extreme Event Attribution is a particular science that works on a case-by-case basis, but the trend is clear. Seventy percent of extreme weather events

were made more likely or more damaging by man-made issues. Definitive proof will never be offered by science, but most studies point in the same direction: towards global warming.

CONTACTS: NASA Vital Signs: sea-level.climate.nasa.gov/vital-signs/sea-level/; “There’s No Such Thing As Proof In The Scientific World - There’s Only Evidence,” forbes.com/sites/quora/2017/12/14/theres-no-such-thing-as-proof-in-the-scientific-world-theres-only-evidence/; “How Science Links Global Warming To Extreme Weather,” washingtonpost.com/business/energy/how-science-links-global-warming-to-extreme-weather/2022/07/18/80b19e1a-06ca-11ed-80b6-43f2bfcc6662_story.html.

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Want TO GO?

What: Spring Wildflower Walks.
When: 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays, April 15 and 29.
Where: Blatchley Nature Study Club, 125 Boulder Drive, Noblesville.
How much: Free.
Info: Blatchley Nature Study Club on Facebook.

day was last Saturday morning. This year’s Spring Wildflower guided walks, to see some of the most diverse varieties of wildflowers in Indiana, are open to the community free of charge from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on two Saturdays, April 15 and 29. (The first tour will showcase early bloomers, and the second tour late bloomers. So make plans to attend both if you love nature.) Early bloomers already visible are Dutchman’s Breeches, Mayapples, Trout Lily, Bloodroot and more, according to the Blatchley Nature Study Club.

Teter Organic Farm’s Spring Wildflower Walk is 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. April 23 at the farm at 10980 E. 221st St., with guided walks at 2 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 3 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

In 2022, the Blatchley Nature Study Club celebrated the 100th year of the nature study club, which was founded on April 8, 1922, by Dr. Earl Brooks. The club, which is made up of individuals who share a love of nature, changed its name to The W.S. Blatchley Club to honor Indiana’s greatest naturalist, Dr. Willis Stanley Blatchley (1859-1940). The Blatchley Nature Study Club was incorporated as a nonprofit on Nov. 12, 1941. Then Brooks deeded 15 acres of land to the club for use as a sanctuary and on which to build a clubhouse on March 8, 1963. The Clubhouse (built with a generous monetary gift from Eli Lilly family) and

Want TO GO?

What: Teter Wildflower Walk
When: 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 23, with guided walks at 2 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 3 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.
Where: Teter Organic Farm, 10980 E. 221st St., Noblesville.
How much: Free.
Info: Emma St. Dennis, threelismom@hotmail.com

the sanctuary was dedicated on July 18, 1965.

Blatchley Nature Study Club’s monthly meetings offer special programs that teach club members about all aspects through interesting presentations. Here are upcoming topics for the remainder of 2023: April 27, “Establishing and Maintaining a Wildlife Garden” by Nancy Tatum; May 25, “Salamanders of Indiana” by Rod Williams; June 22, “Native Herbs” by Sue Arnold; and July 27, “Indiana’s Wetland Plants” by Landon Vine. All of these programs begin at 7 p.m. at the clubhouse, with social time beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Members are encouraged to propose new members for the club with a written application, which can be requested at blatchley22@gmail.com.

Memberships range from \$5 for ages 18 and younger to a \$500 individual life membership.

At Teter Retreat, guests may wander the woods on their own anytime between 1:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. on April 23, with guided tours, every half hour at the listed times. Although the walking path is easy, it is not wheelchair accessible, said St. Dennis, who is coordinator of the walk. In the event of lightning or downpours, the Teter event will be canceled.

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“Red Tide” Causes And What We Can Do To Help

EARTHTALK

Dear EarthTalk: What is “red tide” and is it caused by pollution or human activity?

Red tide is a phenomenon that occurs when algae in the ocean reproduce rapidly and create a large concentration of red pigments in the water, giving it a reddish-brown hue. These algae, also known as harmful algal blooms (HABs), can produce toxins that are harmful to marine life, including fish, shellfish, and mammals like dolphins and whales. Red tides can also pose a threat to human health if people consume contaminated seafood or come into contact with the water.

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), red tides are a natural occurrence that happens in coastal waters all over the world. They can be caused by a variety of factors, including changes in water temperature, salinity and nutrient

levels. However, some human activities, such as pollution and nutrient runoff from fertilizers, can exacerbate the growth of harmful algae and contribute to the frequency and severity of red tide events.

One of the primary nutrients that can contribute to red tide is nitrogen, which is commonly found in fertilizers and sewage. As Dr. David Anderson, a researcher at the University of Wisconsin-Madison who studies harmful algal blooms, explains, “when excess nutrients, especially nitrogen, are added to coastal waters from sources like sewage treatment plants and agricultural runoff, they can trigger explosive growth of certain algae species that produce toxins.”

In addition to nutrient pollution, other human activities can contribute to the spread of harmful algal blooms. For example, boats and ships can carry invasive species of algae and other marine organisms from one area to another, which can

disrupt the balance of the local ecosystem and create conditions that are favorable for red tides to occur. According to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, human activities that can increase the likelihood and severity of red tide include nutrient pollution, shoreline development that alters water flow, and the release of exotic species.

While red tide is a natural phenomenon, it is clear that human activities can contribute to its frequency and severity. To mitigate the impact of harmful algal blooms on marine life and human health, it is important to reduce nutrient pollution and other forms of environmental degradation that can contribute to the growth of harmful algae. As Dr. Anderson notes, “reducing nutrient pollution is key to mitigating the impact of harmful algal blooms, and we need to do more to address this problem.”

If you come into contact with red tide contaminated water, you could develop

skin irritation on affected body parts and/or a cough/congestion due to breathing in contaminated fumes. Experts recommend washing off with soap and warm water and heading inside to an air-conditioned space. And if you eat shellfish affected by red tide’s “brevetoxins” you could come down with Neurotoxic Shellfish Poisoning which can lead to gastrointestinal problems and a reversal of hot and cold sensitivity—if you are worried about something you ate and encounter any of these symptoms, seek medical help ASAP.

CONTACTS: What Is a Red Tide? <https://ocean-service.noaa.gov/facts/redtide.html>; About Red Tides In Florida, <https://myfwc.com/research/red-tide/general/about/>.

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Repeat Sex Offender Sentenced To Ten Years In Federal Prison Following Third Conviction For Possession Of Child Sexual Abuse Images

Jasmine Marshall, 41, of Indianapolis, Indiana, formerly known as Wesley Marshall, was sentenced to 10 years in federal prison after pleading guilty to possession of child sexual abuse material.

According to court documents, in 2011, Marshall was convicted of possession of child sexual abuse material in Hamilton County and was sentenced to 3 years in the Indiana Department of Corrections. In 2014, Marshall was again convicted of possession of child sexual abuse material and sentenced to 10 years in federal prison, followed by a lifetime of supervised release. Marshall has been a registered sex offender since December of 2011.

On, October 29, 2021, Marshall was released from federal prison to lifetime supervision. On August 25, 2022, Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department Task Force Officers assisted Marion County Probation officers, State Parole Agents, and

Federal Probation Agents in a search of apartments of sex offenders living in Indianapolis. At the time of the search, Marshall was living in a halfway house.

During a search of Marshall’s apartment, agents located a Motorola cell phone hidden inside a bag on the floor of a closet. At the time of this search, Marshall was prohibited from owning a computer or internet-enabled device that did not comply with the U.S. Parole & Probation Office’s Computer Restriction and Monitoring Program.

When questioned by agents, Marshall admitted using the cell phone to view and download child sexual abuse material. Specifically, Marshall described a hidden folder on the phone that was only accessible by her fingerprint. The folder contained pictures of the sexual abuse of children as young as nine-years-old.

Zachary A. Myers, United States Attorney

for the Southern District of Indiana, Herbert J. Stapleton, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI’s Indianapolis Field Office, and Randall Taylor, Chief of Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department made the announcement.

“Undeterred by two prior prison sentences, this defendant persisted in seeking out these vile images of child sexual abuse,” said U.S. Attorney Myers. “Pedophiles traffic in child sexual abuse materials online because gratifying their sexual interest in children is more important to them than the safety or dignity of survivors. Circulation of abuse images exacerbates the trauma already inflicted on child victims and is deserving of significant punishment. The sentence imposed today demonstrates the commitment of our Office, the FBI, and IMPD, to make our children safer by ensuring that these dangerous offenders are in prison where they belong.”

The Federal Bureau of

Investigation and IMPD investigated this case. The sentence was imposed by U.S. District Court Judge James R. Sweeney. Judge Sweeney also ordered that Marshall be supervised by the U.S. Probation Office for life following her release from federal prison.

U.S. Attorney Myers thanked Assistant U.S. Attorney Adam Eakman, who prosecuted this case.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse. Led by U.S. Attorneys’ Offices and the Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state, and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.justice.gov/psc

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challenge.

The public is invited and there is no charge for admission to this event. Eats and drinks will be available from a local vendor or bring a picnic basket and lawn chairs and enjoy the day. For more information, contact Ron

Stone at 317-758-5170 or email him at rmstone@ndwave.com. Or if you are in town, visit the Adams Township/Hamilton County Bicentennial Headquarters, located in the Sheridan Historical Society Museum, 315 South Main Street.

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academy provides an interactive experience for high school students to explore a variety of public health disciplines and how the Fishers Health Department works to protect and promote the health and well-being of residents.

Students will engage with department leadership, public health nurses, environmental health inspectors, communicable disease investigators, public health clinical staff, City of Fishers officials, and community partners to learn the science of public health and engage in interactive public health protection activities including retail food inspections, water sampling, vector [pest] control, and more.

Registration for the 2023-2024 Fishers Health Department Teen Academy is open through Sunday, April 30. Applicants must be Fishers residents and incoming freshmen through seniors in high school. Register here.

Fishers Police Department Teen Academy
The Fishers Police

Department Teen Academy provides law enforcement-type training for teens to better understand how law enforcement works and strengthen the relationship between Fishers Police Department officers and the community.

The program provides an overview of the roles and responsibilities of officers, as well as insight into specialized units and skills, including the K-9 Unit, the Fishers Dive Team, Crime Scene Investigation and Patrol.

The four-day program will take place Monday, June 5 through Thursday, June 8 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Riverside Intermediate School. Applications are open through Monday, April 24 to incoming 8th graders through seniors attending Fishers schools. Students must also pass a background check. Register here.

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1. How many people in the county do not live in Marion? \geq
2. How old is Grant County? \leq
3. What percentage of the county land is taken up by Marion? \geq
4. What is the population density of the county? \leq

Answers: 1. About 40,113 People 2. 188 Years 3. Around 168 / sq mi 4. 3.8% \div

Did You Know?

- Grant County was founded in 1831 and named after Samuel and Moses Grant.
- Marion, the county seat, has a population of 29,948 residents and is 15.66 square miles.
- The Mississinewa River flows through parts of the county.
- Marion is home to Indiana Wesleyan University, the largest evangelical Christian University in the Midwest.
- The county is 414.9 square miles and has a population of 70,061 residents.

Got Words?

Indiana Wesleyan University plays a critical role in the county and attracts people from all over the world. How do you think colleges, specifically those with a religious affiliation, impact the community they reside in?

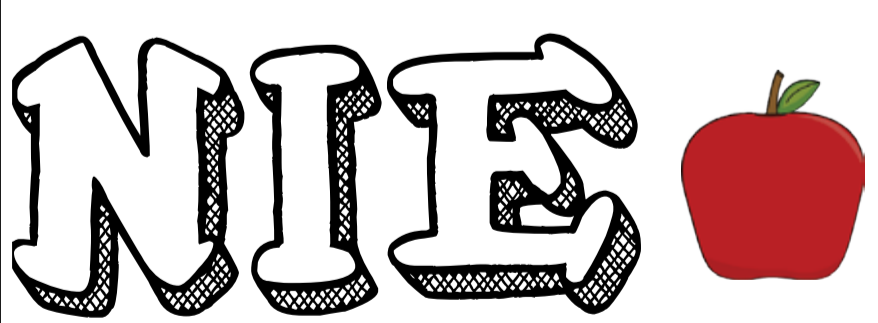
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'This Is My Comeback': Purdue Global Launches New Brand Platform And Marketing Campaign

Jacque Yates has a message for working adults everywhere: You've got a comeback in you.

Yates, originally from Gary, Indiana, and now living in Texas, speaks from experience. She returned to school 10 years after completing her bachelor's degree in a traditional college setting.

"With the help of Purdue Global, I was able to come back greater, and for me, greater looks like becoming Dr. Jacque Yates," said Yates, who earned her Master of Public Health degree in 2021 and delivered the August 2022 Purdue Global commencement address. "That wouldn't have been a possibility if it wasn't for my journey here at Purdue Global or the various staff and faculty that embodied the values of seeing me as a whole person. I hope that you are able to be a part of somebody's comeback story because they're worth it."

Backed by the power of Purdue

Purdue University, Indiana's land-grant university, has operated Purdue Global since 2018, following Purdue's purchase of Kaplan University. Purdue Global opened access to online education for thousands of working adults who have life experience and some college credits across Indiana, the U.S. and around the world.

Purdue Global officially launched a new brand campaign, "This Is My Comeback," Monday (April 3), marking the first refreshment of the brand since the university's formation. The brand campaign is an outward expression of the university's strengths of being an online university, built for working adults and part of, and backed by, Purdue University. The campaign includes a new visual identity and narrative that will guide Purdue Global's storytelling, marketing and communication efforts.

The new branding and marketing strategy is the culmination of a yearlong effort following discussions and collaborations between Purdue Global

Chancellor Frank Doolley; R. Ethan Braden, executive vice president and chief marketing and communications officer for Purdue University and Purdue Global; and Kati Pratt, executive director of brand and marketing strategy for Purdue Marketing and Communications. This group and various stakeholders reviewed the basic question of what it means to be Purdue Global in a crowded online education field.

"Today is a pivotal day in Purdue Global's history," Dooley said. "Over the past five years, we have brought more resources, expertise and staff from Purdue West Lafayette to the work we do at Purdue Global. We have emulated what Purdue West Lafayette has done because it was good for both of us, but more importantly, the students we serve."

Dooley said the re-branding builds on Purdue Global's strengths and commitment to help working adults by benefiting from the faculty's practical, real-world experience, which focuses on skills and career outcomes for students.

"It goes back to our name. That first word is Purdue. Both Purdue and Purdue Global offer something to the world," Dooley said.

Almost 40 million Americans have earned college credit but have not completed a college degree. Dooley said it's time to transform not just Purdue Global but also online higher education and help those with college credits come back and cross the stage to earn their degrees.

The "comeback" stories are the cornerstones of the Purdue Global campaign, showing the real lives and challenges that working adults face as they look to improve their career trajectory, economic standing and quality of life through an accessible degree from a respected, rigorous and trustworthy online school. Supportive networks built by Purdue Global's faculty and staff can help determined adults not only attain

their goals but, in many instances, provide hope and serve as role models for their children as they go back to school to attain their degree.

Ultimately, according to Braden, it means getting into character and looking for ways to engage and encourage those nearly 40 million adults to come back and earn their degree.

"For 154 years, Purdue, as a land-grant university, has been on a mission to make education accessible for more and more people. That's a big idea that people can get behind and want to associate with," Braden said. "It's in our DNA. Purdue Global is the next frontier of Purdue's land-grant mission. With it, we can take a trusted education and transcend boundaries – otherwise physical boundaries – using technology to bring a Purdue Global education to anybody who wants it and is willing to earn it."

Braden also sees a major opportunity to expand the Purdue mission to serve the world through a Purdue-backed online curriculum that is built and designed for working adults.

"We have an incredible master brand, an incredible story, and most importantly, we have incredible faculty and staff who care deeply about changing the world by changing the lives of these students," Braden said. "Our students say that working on their Purdue Global degree is hard and a lot of work, but it's worth it. Purdue Global is challenging. It's true, relevant and legitimate. In a sentence, Purdue Global is about real opportunity for more students."

As part of the Purdue system, Purdue Global graduates also are eligible for membership in Purdue Alumni Association and other groups associated with Purdue and managed by Purdue for Life Foundation.

Built for working adults Much has changed during the past five years in online education – including a global pandemic that made online education not only accepted

but also a requirement in many instances, with more brick-and-mortar higher education institutions offering online classes and degree programs.

Purdue Global leaders have been working with Fortune 500 companies either directly or through partners like Guild to become one of the leading options for employee education benefits, providing access to education programs that foster employee recruitment, training, development, promotion and retention within these companies. Purdue Global also has a deep partnership with Ivy Tech Community College and OneTen.org to address workforce development nationally and across Indiana.

The current student snapshot at Purdue Global includes:

- 60% of students are 30 years of age or older.
- 42% of students are underrepresented minorities.
- 51% of students have a child or other dependents.
- Nearly one-third are either in the military or veterans.
- 50% are first-generation college students.

Purdue Marketing and Communications did extensive research with Purdue Global students, prospective students, student advisors, faculty, alumni and business partners. Three themes emerged from the research: 1) students want a university that will help them prepare for what's next in their lives and careers, 2) as working adults, they want to feel valued and get credit for what they know and have already done, and 3) they want a degree that they can trust and be proud of – one that is backed by Purdue.

"Purdue Global will prepare students for what's next," Pratt said. "Purdue Global is for working adults who bring life experience to the classroom. They are often working adults who have some college credits who want to earn a degree that they can be proud of and that employers will respect."

2023 Chevrolet Camaro SS Convertibles Presented as 500 Festival Event Cars

Fifty identical 2023 Chevrolet Camaro SS convertibles were staged on the main straightaway April 3 at Indianapolis Motor Speedway in a sign the return of the Month of May soon approaches.

A longtime tradition, the "Festival Event Cars" have reminded Indianapolis-area residents of the upcoming Indianapolis 500 since the 1960s. As the unique fleet of Camaros is driven around Central Indiana, they once again will turn heads and remind everyone "This is May."

Presenting the cars were J. Douglas Boles, IMS president; Pat Merna, 500 Festival vice president strategic partnerships; Sarah Fisher, 500 Festival board chair and Mike Quinn, Chevrolet Indianapolis district sales manager.

The Festival Event Cars are a unique option code based off the 2023 Chevrolet Camaro SS convertible and are powered by a 6.2-liter small block V-8, which offers 455 horsepower and 455 pound-feet of torque.

The exterior of the car features Sharkskin Metallic exterior paint with special graphics from Chevrolet's Performance Design Studio representing the 107th Running of the Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge. The car

also features an Ash Gray leather interior, a power-folding convertible top that can be lowered while driving at speeds up to 30 mph, Brembo front and rear performance brakes and 20-inch aluminum wheels.

"These Camaro convertibles are a symbol of the shared passion Chevrolet, INDYCAR and the 500 Festival board have for the Indianapolis 500," Quinn said. "Living and working in Central Indiana, seeing these Camaros on the road always reminds me we're one step closer to May."

The 107th Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge is scheduled for Sunday, May 28, 2023. Visit IMS.com for tickets and more information on all Month of May events and activities at IMS.

Founded in 1911 in Detroit, Chevrolet is now one of the world's largest car brands, available in 80 countries with more than 3.2 million cars and trucks sold in 2020. Chevrolet models include electric and fuel-efficient vehicles that feature engaging performance, design that makes the heart beat, passive and active safety features and easy-to-use technology, all at a value. More information on Chevrolet models can be found at www.chevrolet.com.

AgrAbility Expo To Provide Hands-On Training In Assistive Technology

The use of assistive technology by farmers with disabilities may be familiar to those in the agricultural sector, but not everyone has experience with the technology.

Indiana AgrAbility, in cooperation with its nonprofit partner Easterseals Crossroads, seeks to change this. Offering a full-day technology expo on April 13, the Department of Agriculture-sponsored organization will provide experiential learning opportunities with assistive technology, farm visits, demonstrations and training on assistive technology available for agricultural professionals.

The expo will be held at Purdue University's Beck Agricultural Center, where participants will be able to climb into the cabs of various farm machines and experience some of the physical challenges involved in operating them.

Paul Jones, education and resource specialist for Indiana AgrAbility, describes the intended impact: "AgrAbility works with many professionals, such as vocational rehabilitation counselors and county Extension educators, to serve Indiana farmers with disabilities.

"While our professional colleagues understand AgrAbility's main mission, this event will help them better grasp the issues our farmers are facing and understand the technologies available to help them."

Individuals will also be able to attend breakout sessions covering topics such as information on worksite assessments, The Toolbox Assistive Technology Database, the new AgrAbility AT (Assistive Technology) Loan Library and working with underserved populations, like migrant and seasonal farmworkers and veterans. Other sessions include a tour of Purdue agricultural facilities, like dairy, grain handling and sheep facilities.

While all agricultural professionals are invited to attend, the event is especially recommended for vocational rehabilitation counselors and their area supervisors, occupational therapists, physical therapists, Extension professionals and AgrAbility staff members in other states.

Registration starts at 8:30 a.m.; the expo ends at 4 p.m. Additional event details and registration information can be found at the Indiana AgrAbility event webpage.



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