

TODAY'S VERSE Romans 12:1 "Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship." (NASB)



FACES OF HAMILTON COUNTY

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What makes Hailey Lamb smile? "I like working with Sue (Payne) and making stuff, making crafts and spinning," said the then 13-year-old, a then Westfield Middle School seventh-grader. She was dressed as a Fairy and found with her puppet that she made, Alfonzo (above), at the Hamilton County Artists' Gallery in Noblesville. She is the daughter of Matt and Heather Lamb and has a sister, Julia Lamb, who recently graduated. Hailey and Julia have both been Conner Prairie youth volunteers in the spinning program led by Payne. Today's feature is a look back at one of The Times' previous Faces of Hamilton County. She is in competitive cheer, school cheer and football cheer. The sisters and other Conner Prairie youth volunteers dressed as fairies and demonstrated spinning skills during Fairyville at the art gallery. The 11th annual Welcome to Fairyville is happening now through Saturday at the Nickel Plate Arts campus at Eighth and Maple, with other fairy activities at https://nickelplatearts.org/fairyville/.

And Another Thing...

1. Gov. Holcomb issues statement responding to the released revenue forecast

Projections, schmoections! State revenue forecasters woefully underestimated how much state revenue will be coming in . . . by about \$1.5 billion over the next three years - yes, billion with a B. However, Gov. Eric Holcomb was pleased anyway. "This latest strong revenue forecast confirms Indiana maintains momentum through its growth and provides us the opportunity to finish on-time and under budget. The level also puts us in position to deliver yet another year of historic investments in education and workforce programming, transform our public health delivery system and modernize our economic development tools. As we head down the final stretch, no state is better positioned than Indiana to capitalize on our successes and growth strategy in years to come. I'll continue working closely with Senator Bray, Speaker Huston, fiscal leaders and all members of the general assembly to finalize a budget that is fiscally responsible and helps improve the quality of life for all Hoosier citizens, taxpayers and their families."

2. Judiciary Committee Holds Second Field Hearing on Manhattan on Rising Crime

Earlier this week, Indiana Rep. Victoria Spartz of Noblesville participated in the House Judiciary Committee field hearing, "Victims of Violent Crime in Manhattan," to examine how Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg's activist policies have led to an increase in violent crime in New York City. "As someone who came from a communist country, it appalls me what's happening with our broken criminal justice system. Lawlessness and mob rule are very dangerous," Spartz said. "Our government is set up to protect people's rights to life, liberty, and property—and instead it's trying to take rights from law abiding citizens."

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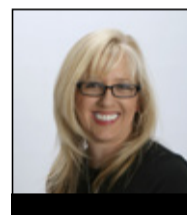
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Carmel Community Players' production of "True West" features cast members Matt Walls and Robert Webster, as two brothers, Lee and Austin, each dissatisfied with his life and desperate for change, and who see the other's life as better than his own, opening Friday at The Ivy Tech Auditorium in Noblesville.

CCP's 'True West' Explores "What If?"



BETSY REASON The Times Editor

Carmel Community Players' "True West" is an "entertaining piece of theater."

who is away on vacation in Alaska. Also, in the mix is Saul Kimmer, a Hollywood producer.

"I've always liked the story: two brothers, each dissatisfied with his life and desperate for change, and who see the other's life as better than his own," Bryant said.

"It's funny but in a very dark way. I think anyone who has a sibling will relate to the brothers, and anyone who has looked at his or her life and wondered what would have happened if they had made other choices, will find resonance with the story," he said.

Bryant has worked with CCP in the past as an actor and fight choreographer.

"I've always enjoyed the

atmosphere of working with the group," he said. "When I saw the posting for director submissions, I thought I would take the opportunity to increase my involvement."

For this production, Bryant submitted three scripts for consideration to CCP. "True West," being one of them.

Up until recently, the last time that Bryant directed a show was about 30 years ago.

"Ironically, the last thing I directed was another Sam Shephard play, 'The Tooth of Crime,' with a now-defunct group called The Indianapolis Theater Co." (Gary Curto, who plays the role of Saul in this "True West" production, was

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New Promise Road Principal Named

Noblesville Schools announced today that they have named Tonya Moody as the new principal of Promise Road Elementary. She joins Promise Road from Avon Schools where she is currently assistant principal of Hickory Elementary.

Moody brings over 18 years of experience in education including roles as assistant principal, instructional coach, literacy coach, and classroom teacher. She is nationally board certified and has been a presenter for several education conferences. In addition to Avon, Moody has served previously with Noblesville Schools and Westfield Washington Schools.

She holds a master's degree in reading and literacy from Walden University, a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Illinois State University, and an education administration license from Indiana University.

"We had a strong selection of candidates for this position and Tonya topped our list based on her deep coaching and instructional leadership background, her outstanding interpersonal



TONYA MOODY

skills, and her collaborative approach to leadership," said Dr. Heather

Hendrich, assistant superintendent of human resources and safety for Noblesville Schools. "She and assistant principal Billy Fama will make a powerful team in support of Promise Road students, staff and families."

Moody is a Noblesville resident and shared that she is "incredibly excited to lead Promise Road Elementary."

"I have a passion for creating spaces where every member of the school community feels valued, trusted, and heard," added Moody. "This is at the heart of my work."

Promise Road staff and families will be hearing from Moody soon and will have an opportunity to connect with her in person next month. Moody begins officially on July 1, 2023.

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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

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The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset RISE: 6:57 a.m. SET: 8:28 p.m.

High/Low Temperatures HIGH: 82 °F LOW: 59 °F

Today is....

- Chinese Language Day
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National High Five Day

What Happened On This Day

- 1999 15 die in the Columbine High School massacre.
1951 A human organ is surgically replaced for the first time.
1902 Pierre and Marie Curie discover the radioactive element radium.

Births On This Day

- 1889 Adolf Hitler Austrian/German politician, Chancellor of Germany
1808 Napoleon III French politician, 1st President of France

Deaths On This Day

- 1991 Don Siegel American film director
1521 Zhengde Emperor Of China

Breaking Ground On Headquarters Expansion In Noblesville

Ryan Fireprotection has broken ground and is constructing a new addition to add 49,000 square feet to its existing headquarters in the City of Noblesville. The current Noblesville headquarters was built in 2002 and is 50,000 square feet.

"Ryan Fireprotection's decision to expand its corporate headquarters in Noblesville continues our focused strategy to build economic relationships in our community, so when those successful companies need to grow, they choose to remain in Noblesville," Mayor Chris Jensen said. "We appreciate Ryan Fireprotection's confidence and continued investment in Noblesville and share in their excitement to more than double their footprint in Noblesville."

Ryan Fireprotection's expansion includes a \$4 million investment and will create 10 new fulltime jobs in Noblesville. The decision to expand on its current site of East 148th Street and Cumberland Road retains 80 fulltime positions in the city.

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TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Cut back on your exercise if you're running a fever. 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

"The purpose of a tax cut is to leave more money where it belongs, in the hands of the working men and working women who earned it in the first place."

-Bob Dole

HONEST HOOSIER

When did we go from a basketball state to a football one?



OBITUARIES

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## ⇒ OBITUARIES

### Levi Christopher Adkins

April 26, 1998, Saturday, April 15, 2023

Levi Christopher Adkins, 24, of Indianapolis (formerly of Carmel) passed away April 15, 2023. He was born April 26, 1998 to John and Karen (Winters) Adkins in Indianapolis.

Levi received his BA in Criminal Justice from Indiana University, Bloomington. He began his career with the Noblesville Police Department in November 2020, and he was a member of the Fraternal Order of Police.

Levi was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed time amidst nature. He especially enjoyed spending time with his dad in Freedom. Fitness was also important to Levi. Working on his jeep was a favorite never ending project.

Levi cherished spending time with the love of his life, Talia, whom he married on December 21, 2021, and he adored his son, Lincoln, playing together often.

Survivors include his wife, Talia (Hempel) Adkins; son, Lincoln Adkins; parents, John and Karen (Karrie) Adkins; sister, Lora Adkins; grandparents, Lora Hunt and David Schellberg; Ron and Judi Adkins; the Hempel family; and his brothers and sisters in blue.

Family and friends will gather Saturday, April 22, 2023 from 9:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at Mercy Road Church, 2381 Pointe Parkway, Carmel, IN 46032, where the Funeral Service will begin at 2:00 p.m.

A Committal Service will follow in Carmel Cemetery.

In memory of Levi, donations may be made to Lincoln's Future Fund (an account currently being established). Envelopes will be available at the service.

Bussell Family Funerals is privileged to care for Levi and assist the family in arrangements.



# Rousing Tribute To Queen Of Soul Is Finale To CSO '22-'23 Season

A rousing salute to the immortal Queen of Soul is the finale to Carmel Symphony Orchestra's 2022-23 season, as the CSO under Artistic Director Janna Hymes presents Respect - A Tribute to Aretha Franklin on Saturday, May 6.

Four veteran Broadway voices - Tamika Lawrence, Shaleah Adkisson, Melvin Tunstall III and John Boswell - will join the orchestra in an inspiring, exuberant performance of the songs made famous by the first woman inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.

Tickets for the 7:30 pm concert start at just \$25 and are available at the Palladium Fifth Third Bank Box Office, 317.843.3800 or online at thecenterpresents.org. The concert takes place at the Palladium at the Center

for the Performing Arts, 1 Carter Green, Carmel. Concert sponsor is Gagne Wealth Management; media partner is 106.7 WTLC - Indy's R&B Leader.

"It's been an incredible season, a full season finally, and it's flown by so quickly," said Hymes, who is concluding her sixth season with the CSO. "I am so proud of this orchestra. We've really tested our musicians with the variety of music we've presented this year, and the complexity of some of the programs, and they've answered the call each and every time."

"It's also been extremely gratifying to welcome our audiences back to the Palladium after how many years of COVID," she continued. "Those of us on stage feed off the energy and enthusi-

asm that emanates from the audience, and we've experienced that support throughout the season."

"Our finale is going to be a really fun one for the musicians as well as the audience," she stated. "First of all, who doesn't love Aretha, and her music, and her incredible legacy? Then we have our guest vocalists who quite simply have done it all - appearances on Broadway, off Broadway, in national touring companies, overseas. We have a two-time GRAMMY® winner with Tamika Lawrence. John Boswell has served as a music director for some of the biggest names in entertainment. I could go on and on."

"Just breathtaking talent coming in to perform with us, and I promise you that we will be raising the roof of the Palladium on

May 6 with this tribute to Aretha!" she said. "It's a fantastic wrap-up to the season!"

Carmel Symphony Orchestra is a resident company of the Palladium at the Center for the Performing Arts located in Carmel's City Center district. An abundance of free parking - in garages, lots and curbside - is available within easy walking distance of the Palladium. There also are numerous restaurants in the area for pre- or post-concert dining.

The 2022-23 Carmel Symphony Orchestra season is supported by the City of Carmel, the Center for the Performing Arts, the Palladium and Pedcor.

Information about the 2023-24 CSO season will be announced later this month.

## ⇒ OBITUARIES

### Laford "Corkey" Jones

May 19, 1950, Wednesday, April 19, 2023

Laford Lou "Corkey" Jones, age 72, passed away unexpectedly at her home in Noblesville, Indiana on Wednesday morning, April 12, 2023. Born May 19, 1950 in Lebanon, Indiana, she was the daughter of the late Arthur and Betty Lou (Rigdon) Turner.

She attended high school in Mesquite, Texas, and was a life member of the Ladies Auxiliary for the Ralph Lehr VFW Post 6246 in Noblesville, Indiana. In addition to her responsibilities with the Auxiliary, Corkey worked as a waitress with Pizza Hut in Noblesville for 25 years.

Corkey was a people person; she never met a stranger (two legged or four) and was always one of the first people to help someone in need. Her love for animals paved the way for the many furbabies she adopted throughout her lifetime. She loved her westerns, especially those featuring John Wayne, and was a huge country music fan. Although country music was her favorite, Corkey had a special place in her heart for Elvis... long live the King. There was nothing that Corkey loved more than her family. She had a gift for crocheting, and lovingly made blankets for all her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She loved her grandkids very much, quite possibly more than her own children... at least that is how the family joke goes. Her strong faith and devotion to family and friends leaves a wonderful legacy.

She is survived by her son, William "BJ" Jones of Noblesville; 3 daughters, Kim Staton of Noblesville, Kelley Prater (partner, Melissa Garcia) of Noblesville, and Kerry Peters (Richard) of Noblesville; 9 grandchildren, Heather Staton-Matthews (Phil), Adam Staton (Jamie Brown), Megan Basket (Will Pearson), Hannah Fugate, Matthew Prater (Alexis), Chase Jones (Haley), Kedrin Jones, Maxine Boles (Josh), and Grant Boles; 7 great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Arthur and Betty Lou (Rigdon) Turner; sister, Carol Turner; and by her husband, Billy Joe Jones on December 21, 2009. She and Billy Joe were married on September 1, 1972.

Services will be held at 7:00 pm on Friday, April 21, 2023, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th Street, Sheridan, Indiana, with visitation from 3:00 pm until the time of service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Kercheval Funeral Home, PO Box 42, Sheridan, Indiana 46069, to help defray the cost of funeral expenses.



"Be Our Guest" and step into the enchanted world of Disney's Beauty and the Beast when Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre presents the Broadway sensation starting May 18. The beloved musical is the featured Family Show of Beef & Boards' 50th Anniversary Season.

This classic story tells of Belle, a young woman in a provincial town, and the Beast, who is really a young prince trapped under the spell of an enchantress. If the Beast can learn to love and be loved, the curse will end, and he will be transformed into his former self. But time is running out. If the Beast does not learn his lesson soon, he and his household will be doomed for all eternity.

Jameelah Leandra,

previously seen at Beef & Boards in A Christmas Carol, Phantom, and Little Shop of Horrors, stars as Belle, with Logan Moore (It's A Wonderful Life, Kinky Boots, Phantom) as the Beast. The production also features Jonathan Studdard (Kinky Boots) as Lumiere, Bridgette Ludlow (Honky Tonk Angels, Kinky Boots) as Mrs. Potts, Joey Boos (Little Shop of Horrors, Newsies) as LeFou, while Jon McHatton, Ty Stover, and John Vessels reprise their roles of Gaston, Maurice, and Cogsworth, respectively.

Based on the Academy Award-winning animated feature, the stage version includes all of the wonderful songs written by Alan Menken and the late Howard Ashman, along

with new songs by Mr. Menken and Tim Rice. The original Broadway production ran for over 13 years and was nominated for nine Tony Awards, including Best Musical. Unforgettable songs include "Belle," "Be Our Guest," "Gaston," and the title song.

Beauty and the Beast is directed by Elizabeth Stark Payne, with choreography by Ron Morgan, and musical direction by Kristy Templet.

Beauty and the Beast is on stage for 62 performances through July 9 in the intimate space of Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre. Tickets range from \$52.50 to \$79.50 and include Chef Larry Stoops' family-friendly dinner buffet and select beverages. As the featured Family Show

of Beef & Boards' 2023 Season, this production offers a \$10 Family Show discount off tickets for kids ages 3-15 (children under age 3 not admitted).

To purchase tickets online, visit beefandboards.com. Tickets are also available by calling the Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre Box Office at 317.872.9664 anytime between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday (from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays). Discounts are available to groups of 20 or more; contact the Group Sales Department at 317.876.0503 for more details. For more information, including the complete show schedule, visit beefandboards.com.

Disney's Beauty and the Beast is sponsored in part by Indy's Child.

## ⇒ Letters

# Senator Endorses Fellow Marine, Entrepreneur And Republican Leader

Dear Editor,  
As Westfield looks to its future, I'm proud to endorse fellow Marine, entrepreneur and Republican leader Scott Willis for mayor.

The stakes are high in this election. Westfield's next mayor will lead the city through a time of exponential growth and opportunity. Scott Willis has the background, experience and vision to ensure Westfield thrives. As an entrepreneur and small business owner, Scott understands what it takes to start and grow a company. As mayor, he'll focus on bringing new jobs and investment to the city while keeping taxes low for businesses and residents. Scott will help diversify the local economy and ensure

that Westfield is attracting the industries, companies and jobs of the future.

Scott is also a fellow U.S. Marine Corps veteran who is committed to maintaining strong public safety. He'll support first responders and ensure the city's police and fire departments have the resources they need to keep the community and its residents safe.

Scott's vision for Westfield includes embracing economic growth, providing world-class services and building the kind of community that future generations will want to call home.

To the Republicans preparing to cast a critical vote for the future of Westfield, it's important to elect a mayor you can

trust to share your values. When I was first elected to the State Senate in 2020, mayoral candidate Jake Gilbert joined several ultra-liberal national organizations and local Democrat elected officials to endorse my liberal Democrat opponent to represent Westfield in the Indiana statehouse. Conversely, Scott Willis has always stood strong for Republican values and representation.

This election will impact the city for years to come. Scott Willis is the proven Republican leader that the city of Westfield needs as it begins its next chapter, and I hope you will join me in supporting him for mayor.

Sen. Scott Baldwin  
Noblesville

# Carmel's Jay Natarajan Earns Medical Residency At U South Florida Morsani COM-Tampa

Jay Natarajan was among the 141 Northeast Ohio Medical University College of Medicine students to learn their medical residency match during a celebration for National Residency Match Day, held March 17, 2023, in the NEW Center Ballroom.

Natarajan learned they will be serving a Vascular Surgery residency at U South Florida Morsani COM-Tampa in Tampa, FL.

Natarajan is currently a fourth-year medicine student at NEOMED,

and will move on to their residency following graduation this spring. A Commencement celebration will be held Saturday, May 6, 2023.

The residency match is a culmination of four years of hard work and dedication to train to become a physician and transformative leader in the field of medicine.

Overall, 141 fourth-year students matched with residencies throughout the U.S. - for a 100% match rate of all students who applied for a match.



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## Honoring The Bravery And Sacrifice Of U.S. Service Members

(StatePoint) Every year, the United Service Organizations (USO) honors junior enlisted service members who have exhibited a commitment to protecting and serving others both on and off duty.

Nominated by their command leadership, the seven 2022 USO Service Members of the Year come from every military branch, and government officials, military leaders and USO supporters recently celebrated their achievements at the USO's Annual Awards Dinner in Washington DC, hosted by Drew Carey.

"From defending an Air Base to rescuing civilians in accidents and fires, these honorees have performed inspiring acts of heroism, exemplifying the values of both the USO and the Armed Forces," said USO president and CEO, J.D. Crouch II.

Here's what to know about this year's honorees:

- **USO Soldier of the Year:** Sergeant Erick Ceja was responsible for enabling the first U.S. Patriot missile engagement in combat in

more than 19 years after incoming enemy ballistic missiles were identified as threats to the Al Dhafra Air Base. He analyzed the incoming threat, manned his battle station to ensure all launchers were operating properly and led his crew members through a perfect assumption drill. His actions ensured the safety of more than 3,500 service members and Department of Defense civilians.

- **USO Airman of the Year:** Without hesitation, Staff Sergeant Blake M. Metscher climbed through an overturned minivan to rescue a trapped family suffering from head trauma and lacerations in a multi-vehicle highway accident. His actions were key to the victims' survival and lauded by first responders.

- **USO Coast Guardsman of the Year:** Maritime Enforcement Specialist Second Class Jacob Flores saved three lives on an uncharted section of the Rio Grande River while operating a Response Boat early one morning. Upon spotting two women and an infant struggling with no life preservers, Flores dove in to pull them from the

unforgiving river despite imminent personal danger. His actions ensured the safety of all three victims who received emergency medical care after the rescue.

- **USO Marine of the Year:** Corporal Alec T. Cruz saved the life of a fellow Marine after responding to a 911 call requesting medical assistance for an unconscious service member. He quickly placed her in the recovery position, evaluated her condition, and initiated CPR when her breathing stopped and a pulse could no longer be located. Cruz revived the Marine after two cycles of CPR and provided lifesaving support while awaiting medical care.

- **USO Sailor of the Year:** While off duty near his home base in Virginia, Cryptologic Petty Officer Third Class Ty Knight responded to the sound of gunshots from a drive-by at a nearby intersection. He and another sailor took action, supported the survivor at the scene and remained with them until emergency officials arrived.

- **USO National Guardsman of the Year:**

Specialist Solomon Doss responded to a fire early one morning while on duty as a police officer in Alabama. He brought an elderly woman who had become incapacitated due to smoke inhalation to safety before the building was engulfed in flames. His composure and rapid response saved her life.

- **USO Guardian of the Year:** Sergeant Octavio Cesar Castruita was off duty when he witnessed a pregnant woman cry for help as a visibly distraught man attempted to seize her vehicle. He ran to the woman's aid, then detained the offender long enough for emergency responders to take him into police custody. Castruita's rapid response saved the woman and her unborn child from harm.

To learn more about the 2022 USO Service Members of the Year, visit <https://www.uso.org>, and join the conversation by following the USO on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram and using the #BetheForce hashtag.

"America's service members put their lives on the line to keep us safe. That is why it's so vital to honor their service and sacrifice," says Crouch.



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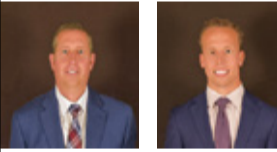
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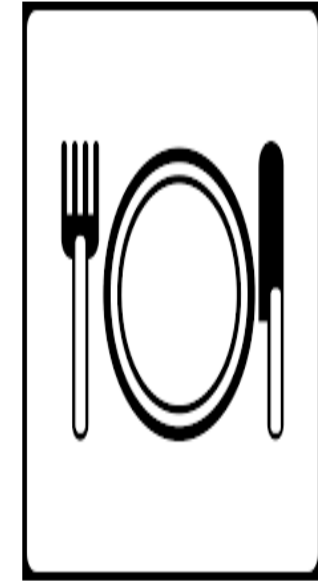
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## Sharing Little Modern Humor



**TIM TIMMONS**  
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For the eight or nine of you who regularly read these scribbles, you know I don't tend to pass on the modern version of the mimeographed office jokes we used to get back in the '70s. But sometimes I get one or three that seem worth passing along. I'm sorry I don't know the author, but at least you won't get that blue mimeograph dust on your hands with this one.

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as:

- Knowing when to come

in out of the rain

- Why the early bird gets the worm
- Life isn't always fair
- And maybe it was my fault

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you can earn) and reliable strategies (adults, not children, are in charge).

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a 6-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate, teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition. Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children.

Things got worse as churches became businesses and criminals received better treatment than their victims, and when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault.

Common Sense lost the will to live when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sun screen or an aspirin to a student but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion, or if a student talked about changing genders.

Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents, Truth and Trust; by his wife, Discretion; by his daughter, Responsibility; and by his son, Reason.

Survivors include six step-children: I Know My Rights; I Want It Now; Someone Else Is To Blame; I'm A Victim; Pay me for Doing Nothing; and It's My Body, My Choice.

Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone.

*-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.*

## Is Tesla Really Green As They Say?



*Dear EarthTalk: Is Tesla the world's greenest large company given its product line, use of renewable energy and innovations in manufacturing efficiency?*

While it's hard to say which large company is the world's "greenest," Tesla, known for its electric vehicles (EVs) and renewable energy solutions as well as for promoting sustainability and reducing environmental impact, certainly would be one of the contenders for such a title.

Tesla's product line, which includes electric cars and trucks, energy storage systems, solar panels and roof tiles, and now even green tiny homes, aims to reduce dependence on fossil fuels and lower greenhouse gas emissions associated with transportation and energy production. By promoting the adoption of EVs, Tesla seeks to contribute to reducing air pollution and addressing climate change.

In addition to its products, Tesla has also made efforts to use renewable energy in its operations. For example, the company has built large-scale solar energy installations and has invested in solar panel manufacturing. Furthermore, Tesla's Gigafactories, which are used for manufacturing batteries and other components

for EVs, are powered by renewable energy sources such as solar and wind.

Tesla has also been recognized for its innovations in manufacturing efficiency, such as its use of automated production processes and advanced technologies in its factories. These efforts are aimed at optimizing energy usage, reducing waste, and improving overall environmental sustainability.

However, it's important to note that sustainability and environmental impact are complex issues, and evaluating the "greenness" of a company requires considering various factors beyond just its product line, use of renewable energy, and manufacturing efficiency. Factors such as the entire supply chain, labor practices, waste management and social impact also play a role in determining a company's overall sustainability performance.

So where exactly does Tesla stack up? The non-profit As You Sow ranks the pioneering EV maker at #5 on Clean200, its global list of large companies ranked according to sustainability criteria. Apple tops the list at #1, with Alphabet (parent company of Google), Deutsche Telekom AG and Verizon filling in the other top spots in front of Tesla. As You Sow updates this list every year based on the most current data on each company's so-called "clean" revenue,

that is, income derived from green, non-polluting sources.

Whether Tesla can rise above #5 next year is anybody's guess, but it's rise on the Clean200 list may be worth betting on given its #9 listing in 2021 followed by #6 in 2022. And this past March, Tesla shocked the business world at its 2023 Investor Day by unveiling not a newer, more affordable Tesla-for-the-masses as expected but instead a master plan to use the company's evolving suite of products and marketing platform to help steer the world away from fossil fuels once and for all.

According to Tesla founder Elon Musk, switching over from fossil fuels to renewable energy globally would cost \$10 trillion, less than the world would spend on fossil fuels over the timeframe it will take to transition. "Earth can and will move to sustainable energy, and it will do so in your lifetime," Musk told investors.

CONTACTS: Tesla, tesla.com; Clean200, asyousow.org/report-page/2023-clean200-investing-in-a-clean-energy-future.

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## Preventing E-Waste And What Everyone Can Do To Help



*Dear EarthTalk: Is buying refurbished electronics better for the planet than buying brand new ones?*

According to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the world produces some 50 million tons of electronic waste each year, and the figure is increasing. Meanwhile, only 20 percent of this electronic waste is disposed of properly. The remaining 80 percent is either sent to landfills, incinerated or illegally traded, resulting in a host of environmental problems including groundwater pollution, reduced air quality and the depletion of virgin natural resources to replace discarded items. As a result, buying refurbished electronics is a step in the right direction.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) reports that buying refurbished electronics can significantly reduce the environmental impact of electronic waste. The EPA estimates that for every million smartphones that are refurbished and reused, approximately 35,000 pounds of copper, 772 pounds of silver, 75 pounds of gold and 33 pounds of palladium can be recovered. This is a considerable number of valuable resources that can be conserved by buying refurbished electronics.

Refurbishing electronics not only conserve resources but also helps reduce

greenhouse gas emissions by as much as 50 percent, according to the EPA.

This is because the production of new electronics requires a lot of energy, and greenhouse gas emissions are generated during the manufacturing process. "Most of the pollution that's made actually is in the manufacturing of the device, not the use," says Lucas Gutterman of the non-profit public interest group, U.S. PIRG. "So buying refurbished and using things for as long as we possibly can, really helps protect the environment."

Buying refurbished is also good for the pocketbook, given that they cost less. But is the savings worth it? Refurbished items sold by reputable retailers undergo tests and inspections to ensure that they meet the same quality standards as new items. According to the Consumer Technology Association (CTA), a trade association for the consumer electronics industry, buyers should look for refurbished electronics that come with a warranty that assures that the item has been thoroughly vetted and is of high quality.

"Some credit card companies will extend coverage on refurbished goods, too, as long as they come with a pre-existing warranty," notes Consumer Reports' Yael Grauer. Another smart consumer tip is to always check the return policy on a refurbished item before hitting the "buy" button.

"It might take you a little while to notice poor performance and defects in a refurbished product, so it helps to have at least one month to decide whether you want to keep it," adds Grauer.

Apple, Dell, Amazon, Walmart and BestBuy are among the large companies that sell many refurbished electronics with limited warranties and a return policy. Dozens of other smaller resellers (e.g., Refurb.io, Gazelle, TechForLess, RefurbMe, etc.) also specialize in refurbished products and typically offer similar if not better terms for consumers. "Buying refurbished products positively impacts the environment by boosting the circular economy, lowering the replacement cycle, reducing carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions, avoiding additional e-waste, and reducing energy and fuel consumption," says Simo Elalj of RefurbMe. "You do this by giving a new life to a pre-owned device."

CONTACTS: U.S. PIRG, [pirg.org](http://pirg.org); Consumer Technology Association, [cta.tech](http://cta.tech); Refurb.io, [ca-refurb.io](http://ca-refurb.io); Gazelle, [gazelle.com](http://gazelle.com); TechForLess, [techforless.com](http://techforless.com); RefurbMe, [refurb.me](http://refurb.me).

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## Supporting The Children Of U.S. Service Members

(StatePoint) Life in the U.S. Armed Forces can be challenging, particularly for the nearly 1.2 million children of active-duty service members.

During April, which is the Month of the Military Child, the United Service Organizations (USO) is raising awareness of both the constant change and uncertainty "military brats" are often faced with, and efforts being made to support these youngest members of the military community – who, like their parents, make huge sacrifices on behalf of our country.

"I grew up as a 'military brat' and my Dad served on active duty my entire childhood until I was commissioned in the Navy myself. The realities of military life can take a toll on children," says Alan J. Reyes, USO chief operations officer.

Here are five USO programs supporting military children:

1. Connection through reading. Sometimes there's nothing a child wants more after a long day at a new school than for their parent to read them a bedtime story. The USO Reading Program is helping deployed service members and military children connect through books. Service members can walk into a participating USO

location where they are deployed, record themselves reading their child's favorite story and have that recording emailed to their child -- and a copy of the book shipped home. In turn, military children can read a book on camera, add that book to their personal collection and send the recording to their deployed family member. The program also offers story-time events, where military children can spend time with other kids their own age who are also entrenched in military life.

2. Fun activities. Many of the more than 250 USO locations worldwide offer programs and events to military children and families, including arts and crafts, family game nights, virtual cooking classes and scavenger hunts. These fun events can offer a little distraction for kids and help bring military families closer together.

3. Baby showers. Being far from loved ones and support networks can be exceptionally difficult on families during pregnancy and in the first few years following birth. To support military parents and set military children up for success, USO Special Delivery hosts in-person and virtual baby showers, which include games, local guest speakers, raffle drawings for gifts, and a

touch of home during a challenging time.

4. Entertainment. Today, USO entertainment tours and virtual programs include family-friendly events with celebrities and experts across a variety of industries, such as a live Q&A with world-renowned conservationist Dr. Jane Goodall, a live cooking demo with Food Network's Valerie Bertinelli, and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) activities with Emily Calandrelli from "Emily's Wonder Lab".

5. A "Home Away from Home." When stationed far from everything familiar, especially in distant locations overseas, military kids can turn to their local USO center where they will be surrounded by a supportive community. Designed with comfort in mind, these centers are often outfitted with plushy furniture, a kitchen full of snacks, plenty of books, and programs and services that keep the military community connected and entertained.

To learn more, and discover ways you can help support military children, visit <https://www.uso.org>.

"Although they don't wear a uniform, military kids still serve in their own way, and they deserve our support," says Reyes.



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## BETSY From Page A1

one of the producers of “The Tooth of Crime.”) While Bryant showcased his “sillier side” when he was a fight choreographer for “The Fantasticks,” he was able to draw on those same fight skills to choreograph a couple of “scenes of violence” for “True West,” he said, “that are hopefully more realistic.” While Bryant hasn’t been involved with this

What are the greatest challenges in this play? “One of the biggest challenges of this play is that the two brothers are on-stage the entire time. They have 85 percent of the dialogue. This is not only a memorization challenge but also one of maintaining energy and focus,” he said. “Fortunately, I have two exceptional actors (in Walls and Webster). Bryant has worked with both of them before, separately, and he knows that they are not only talented, but they also both have exceptional work ethics. “They also bring a lot to the table in terms of ideas,” he said. “It’s a very funny play and a great vehicle for two actors,” he said. “There have been several times where I would ask them to do something, but they came up with a much better idea that was more in line with their understanding of their character.”

Sam Shepard dictates that the show’s set be realistic and reflective of a 1970s or 1980s Southern California bungalow. “The interesting thing about this is that the house the play takes place in actually belongs to the mother of the two brothers. She’s in Alaska on vacation. “This adds to the tension between the two brothers because “they are in someone else’s space, “which can impact behavior,” Bryant said. “And it brings up all sorts of sibling rivalry from the past.”

What else? “There are also a lot of toasters involved, as well as crickets, coyotes, plants and typewriters,” Bryant said. CCP has been a traveling community theater for the past several years, while raising money for a new home, this season staging plays at The Switch Theatre at Ji-Eun Lee Music Academy in Fishers, The Cat in Carmel and The Ivy Tech Auditorium in Noblesville. The last three shows of the 2022-23 season -- the most recent, “Musical Comedy Murders of 1940,” the current, “True West,” and the June “Godspell,” are on the Ivy Tech stage.

The show’s director has a theater background. Bryant, a Warren Central High School graduate, attended IUPUI for Foreign Language major but decided to take an acting class that he was too timid to do in high school. That’s where he met theater department teachers who encouraged him to try the-

ater. That’s where he met several lifelong friends, including Curto, who is in CCP’s “True West.” Bryant moved to New York in the mid-1980s and studied with the late Sandy Dennis (who received an Academy Award for “Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf?”), and Carol Rosenthal (known for “Starman,” “Clue” and “Halloween III. :) and also with Lanford Wilson (a playwright who won a Pulitzer Prize for Drama), among other well-knowns in theater and film.

### Meet the CAST

**Austin** -- Robert Webster Jr. of Indianapolis  
**Lee** -- Matthew Walls of Indianapolis  
**Saul Kimmer** -- Gary Curto of Speedway  
**Mom** -- Missy Rump of Noblesville

### Meet the CREW

**Director** -- Eric Bryant  
**Assistant director/stage manager** -- Missy Rump  
**Producer** -- Tanya Haas  
**Set Design** -- Ian Marshall-Fisher  
**Lighting Design** - Eric Matters  
**Sound Design** - Lori Raffel

“While in New York, I did a few way-the-heck-off-Broadway plays and a couple of national tours,” said Bryant, who took a hiatus from theater to focus on other priorities for the past 20 years but has kept his foot in the door with fight choreography.

He moved back to Indiana in 2004 with his Bronx-born wife. He has an older son with a previous relationship, and he and his wife adopted three siblings in 2017. They have five grandchildren, a variety of dogs and love spending their summers weekends on their boat or hiking or traveling.

Besides theater, he’s also a lover of music.

“A couple of years ago, I decided to relearn the guitar, which I’d set aside 30 years prior,” Bryant said. “It’s been interesting relearning everything. I have made progress though ... ‘I’ve gone from ‘really awful’ to ‘not so terrible.’”

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## FAIRY From Page A1

Fairyville’s First Annual Fairy Ball.

Date: Wednesday, April 19  
 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  
 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 from 6 p.m. to 9

p.m.; Saturday, April 22 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  
 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 from 12 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, April 22 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  
 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  
 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 at 7 p.m.; Saturday, April 22 at 2 p.m.

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

### Want TO GO?

**What:** Carmel Community Players presents “True West,” by Sam Shepard, directed by Eric Bryant.  
**When:** April 21-30, 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays (April 21, 22, 28, 29) and Thursday (April 27), 2:30 p.m. Sundays (April 23 and 30).  
**Where:** The Ivy Tech Auditorium, 300 N. 17th St., Noblesville.  
**How much:** \$18 for adults, \$16 for ages 62 and older, students and military.  
**Tickets:** <https://carmelplayers.org/> or 317-815-9387.

play before, he has also been involved with another Sam Shepard play, “Fool for Love,” which along with “True West” and “Buried Child,” is considered part of Shepard’s family trilogy.

How is the play reflected in the title?

“True West” is not just a nod to the setting but also to the changing nature of things,” Bryant said. “On one hand, we have Lee, who has a romanticized vision of the West as being the place where the cowboy archetype resides: a loner, self-sufficient, riding the trail on this trusty horse. On the other hand is Austin, who views the West as a man-made oasis in a desert, where everything is a facade and nothing is real. Which is the ‘True West?’ Or are they both?”

The show features a cast of four, Matt Walls of Indianapolis, as Lee; Robert Webster Jr. of Indianapolis, as Austin; Gary Curto of Speedway, as Saul Kimmer, a Hollywood producer; and Missy Rump of Noblesville, as the mom. Rump is also wearing two other hats, assistant director and stage manager. “She worked with me once before in that capacity, and I know that she is super-organized and has a great eye for detail,” Bryant said.

## GROUND From Page A1

Founded in 1989, Ryan Fireprotection has grown into one of the largest full-service fire protection companies in the Midwest providing a full range of high-quality, custom fire protection systems. In addition to its headquarters in Noblesville, Ryan Fireprotection has locations in Indianapolis, Valparaiso, Fort Wayne, South Bend, Bloomington, Cincinnati, Louisville, and Milwaukee.  
 Ryan Fireprotection

designs, fabricates, installs, inspects, tests, and maintains fire protection systems of all types in a variety of facilities including health-care, industrial, education, specialty, mixed-use and multi-family. The company also has included environmental benefits as part of the project. It will be upgrading its existing lighting to LED and will continue to power the building with more solar panels on the new addition.

“We and our employees enjoy calling Noblesville home and we are excited to double our headquarters space as we continue to grow. The expansion will give us much needed indoor storage and allow for future growth of our fabrication capacity,” Ryan Fireprotection President Dan Ryan said.

The company anticipates construction to be completed before the end of the year.

# Budget Moves To Conference Committee, Negotiations Will Continue

By Whitney Downard  
 Indiana Capital Chronicle

Senators voted to approve their proposed version of the budget on Tuesday but it is headed to conference committee for key lawmakers to continue negotiations. The measure advanced on a 40-10 vote with both parties splitting their votes.

The \$43.3 billion budget doesn’t include any expansion of vouchers, which House Speaker Todd Huston has personally pushed for, nor does it finalize funding for mental health and public health commitments.

It would end the biennium with \$3.2 billion in reserves — which is markedly higher than the House proposal at \$1.1 billion.

Senate differs from the House

Sen. Ryan Mishler, the chief budget architect for the Senate chamber, noted in his introduction that the Senate and House versions had several key differences, such as phasing out career and technical education (CTE) grants and charter school grants in favor of funding formula modifications for K12 schools.

In contrast to the House, senators also included a separate line item for textbooks and curricular fees. The House rolled that funding into the overall formula, to the dismay of

educators.

Additionally, as promised in negotiations last year to phase in income tax cuts favored by House Republicans, the Senate budget includes a \$1 billion payment toward the pre-1996 teacher retirement fund, the state’s largest outstanding debt obligation that is on track to be paid off by 2029.

Democrat concerns  
 But Sen. Eddie Melton, D-Gary, indicated that his caucus still had problems with this draft, though they preferred the Senate version over the House version. Melton said the expansion of school vouchers proposed by the House, which would subsidize families making up to \$220,000, “would have left us paying for wealthy kids to go to private schools.”

“We simply don’t go far enough to make critical investments to support the health and welfare of the citizens of our state,” he said. “I know we can go further and make bolder investments to support public health and public schools.”

Melton said his Monday amendment, which would have raised the cigarette tax by \$1.50, could fully fund both mental health and public health priorities. However, he chose to withdraw the amendment citing ongoing budget negotiations.

Additionally, Melton repeated his concerns about “unvetted” language to phase out charter school grants in favor of letting those schools get a portion of property tax growth.

All but one Senate Democrat – Sen. David Niezgodski, of South Bend – voted in favor of the budget.

One Republican, who no longer caucuses with his party, Indianapolis’ Sen. Mike Young, voted down the budget, leaving the final vote 40-10.

“I’m very aware of everybody’s concerns. I can’t even begin to tell you how many text messages I have right now,” Mishler said, promising negotiations would continue.

On Wednesday, lawmakers will receive the next two-year revenue forecast, detailing projected income for the coming biennium. This will inform the final draft of the budget, which is expected to come out next week.

Session must conclude by April 29.

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2. How old is Greene County?  $\leq$
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Answers: 1. 136 Years 2. 198 Years 3. Around 30,760 People 4. 60 / sq. mi.

## Did You Know?

- Greene County was founded in 1821 and named for Nathanael Greene.
- Bloomfield, the county seat, has a total population of 2,405 residents.
- The largest city in the county, Linton has the motto "You'll like Linton."
- Bloomfield has one of the best preserved covered bridges in the state, the Richland-Plummer Creek Covered Bridge, which was built in 1883.
- The county is 545.92 square miles and has a population of 33,165 residents.

## Got Words?

Bloomfield hosts the annual Bloomfield Apple Festival and Parade on the first full weekend of October. How do you think large, annual events impact communities socially?

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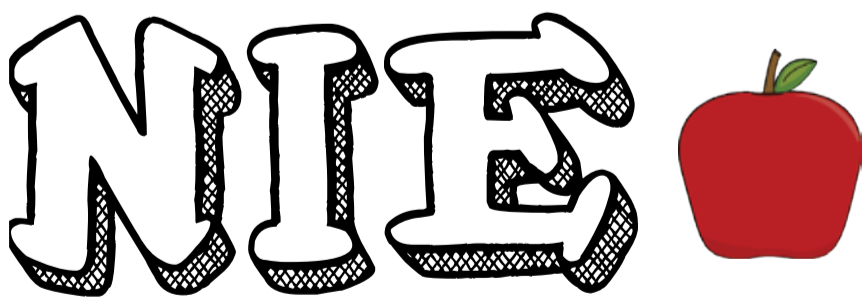
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## Mark Lewis Named Inaugural CEO Of Purdue Applied Research Institute



Purdue University announced last week the hire of Mark Lewis as the first chief executive officer of the Purdue Applied Research Institute (PARI), the nonprofit applied research arm of Purdue with a particular focus on national security, economic security and food security for the United States. A renowned researcher, professor and former deputy undersecretary of defense, Lewis brings a wealth of national security, scientific and academic experience to PARI.

"We couldn't be happier that Mark will lead PARI," said Karen Plaut, Purdue's executive vice president for research. "He brings strategic leadership and research experience from the public and private sectors that will be vital to our large and complex portfolio of applied and translational research programs."

Purdue established PARI in 2021 through its Next Moves initiative, a set of strategic investments designed to extend the reach and impact of Purdue's research strengths and top-ranked academic programs in engineering, agriculture, science and technology, especially in hypersonics, energetics, cybersecurity, secure microelectronics and other research areas essential to national

security.

"PARI is really cutting edge," Lewis said. "Its agile structure brings together Purdue's world-class research talent and state-of-the-art facilities in strategic collaborations with federal agencies and industry. This combination will advance the development of emerging technologies that are critical to the economic prosperity and security of the United States and the world. It also provides exciting opportunities for faculty and students to participate in applied research."

"Mark Lewis is one of the most prominent leaders in defense research in our country. He brings the perfect combination of academia excellence, industry experience and government leadership," said Purdue President Mung Chiang. "With this transformational hire today, PARI is ready to grow rapidly to become the most impactful emergent organization for national security and defense in the United States. Hundreds of researchers will be recruited in the coming years to win dozens of crucial projects, substantially elevating excellence at scale at Purdue."

Since its founding, PARI has launched:

- The Hypersonics Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center, equipped for secure communications. The center is focused on developing high-temperature materials and creating new manufacturing processes that will extend hypersonic vehicles' capabilities and apply to other industries.

- Infrastructure Research and Innovative Solutions, which focuses on advanced infrastructure and building systems

for defense, civil and energy applications.

- The Global Development and Innovation Division, which leverages applied research for meaningful improvements in youth workforce development, education, digital technology and cyber, entrepreneurship, regenerative tourism, food security and climate change.

- Technology acceleration through the Digital Innovation in Agri-Food Systems Laboratory, which applies innovation to addressing food issues such as safety, supply chain, sustainability and environmental impact.

Other efforts in PARI include building out a 64,600-square-foot facility to expand Purdue's hypersonics capability, set to open in June.

Lewis is one of the world's foremost experts on hypersonics. His research and teaching have shaped many of the concepts in the field today and spanned aerospace, from the analysis of conventional jet engines to entry into planetary atmospheres. Lewis taught at the University of Maryland for 25 years, where he conducted basic and applied research in hypersonic aerodynamics, advanced propulsion and space vehicle design and optimization.

Lewis' unique career has seen him with foot-holds in both academia and government. From 2004-08, Lewis was chief scientist of the Air Force, where he led efforts on hypersonics, low-cost space access, energy, sustainment, advanced propulsion, expansion of basic research and workforce development.

From 2012-19, Lewis directed the Science and Technology Policy Institute, a federally funded

research and development center (FFRDC) that supports the White House and executive branch agencies on national science and technology policy.

In 2019, Lewis became director of defense research and engineering for modernization in the Defense Department, in charge of developing the Pentagon's strategy for delivering emerging technologies to the military. In 2020, he became acting deputy undersecretary of defense for research and engineering, the Pentagon's senior-most scientist. He managed a \$17 billion budget that included the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, Missile Defense Agency, Defense Innovation Unit, Space Development Agency, FFRDCs and the Pentagon's basic and applied research portfolio.

In 2021, Lewis became the first executive director for the Emerging Technologies Institute, a nonpartisan think tank focused on technologies critical to national defense and part of the National Defense Industrial Association of Arlington, Virginia.

Lewis attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he received two Bachelor of Science degrees in aeronautics and astronautics, and Earth and planetary science; and a master's degree and doctorate in aeronautics and astronautics. He has served on various boards for NASA and the Defense Department, including two terms on the Air Force Scientific Advisory Board.

Lewis will assume his new role on May 8 and will be based in the new Purdue office in Washington, D.C.

## Lt. Gov. Crouch, IHEDA Launch Crowdfunding Campaign

Terre Haute will soon honor its past with a new sculpture celebrating the Lost Creek Settlement. If this crowdfunding campaign reaches its goal of raising \$30,000 by May 27, 2023, the sculpture will be fully funded. If successful, the project led by Art Spaces - Wabash Valley Outdoor Sculpture Collection, Inc. will receive a matching grant as part of the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority's (IHEDA) CreatiNG Places program.

"An understanding of and respect for the past is the centerpiece of any thriving community," said Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, Indiana's Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. "CreatiNG Places has allowed communities across the state to engage their residents through art, history and culture, and this proposed sculpture provides an important touchstone that everyone can enjoy."

Funds from this campaign will be used to create a piece of public art in Deming Park to highlight the Lost Creek Settlement. By working with descendants and other community members, the sculpture will tell the story of the fortitude, grit, and resil-

ience African American settlers demonstrated as they made the dangerous journey to Indiana and established a thriving farming community.

"Art Spaces is honored to be a part of bringing this sculpture to Terre Haute," said Ally Midgley, Art Spaces Executive Director. "The Lost Creek Settlement is such a vital part of Vigo County's shared history, and we are excited to see this sculpture celebrate, honor and bring awareness to the settlement."

Since the CreatiNG Places program began in 2016, projects have raised more than \$7.5 million in public funds and an additional \$6.3 million in matching IHEDA funds.

The program is available to projects located in Indiana communities. Non-profit entities (with 501c3 or 501c4 status) and local units of government are eligible to apply.

Eligible projects must have a minimum total development cost of \$10,000, where the recipient will receive \$5,000 in IHEDA matching funds should it successfully raise \$5,000 through Patronicity. IHEDA will provide matching grant funds up to \$50,000 per project.

## Purdue Global's Concord Law School Celebrates 25 Years Of Audacity

Even in an age of ubiquitous smartphones, Wi-Fi and broadband internet access, online learning was still new and unfamiliar for many when COVID-19 hit in March 2020, forcing millions of Americans to work and study from home.

So imagine how audacious it was to propose launching an online law school back in 1998 – a time when U.S. Census data shows that only a quarter of American households included someone who accessed the internet at home.

The nation's first fully online law school, Concord opened its virtual doors in October 1998

with 33 students and two professors. It has helped more than 2,600 students obtain Juris Doctor or Executive Juris Doctor degrees in the 25 years since, with alumni residing in all 50 states and more than two dozen foreign countries.

"The idea that someone was doing it for almost a quarter-century before the pandemic blows people's minds, as well it should," says Martin Pritikin, who since 2016 has served as dean and vice president of what is now known as Concord Law School at Purdue Global. "When the idea for Concord started back in 1998, most people, including

myself, still had a dial-up internet connection. The internet was not well developed at that point, and the idea of having a fully online law school was really audacious.

However, it makes sense on numerous fronts. For starters, Concord does not face the expensive burden of maintaining a physical campus, so it is able to provide a relevant legal education at one-third the cost of traditional law schools. In addition, Concord's online format makes it an attractive option for nontraditional students who might not otherwise be able to attend law school, including:

- Working adults who want to change careers or alter their current career trajectories.

- Active military who are unsure where they will be stationed or deployed from year to year.

- Those caring for dependents who can't manage a night-school schedule.
- Students who live too far from a law school campus and can't afford to commute.

- Those with physical disabilities for whom travel is difficult.

Concord Law School is part of Purdue Global, which is Purdue's online university for working adults.

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