

➔ TODAY'S VERSE

Psalm 119:9-11 "How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word. I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you." (NIV)



➔ FACES OF HAMILTON COUNTY

People who call our community their own. What makes Aidan Board smile? "Playing music," said the 20-year-old, a 2020 Noblesville High School graduate. He has been found previous summers performing at the Noblesville Farmers Market, which opens today, 8 a.m. to noon, for the season. Board has played drums with a band called Cabbage "like the vegetable," with NHS juniors Drew Matthews on guitar and Jay Thornbury on bass. He likes watching people enjoy his band. "We're making people happy, and they're making us happy." Board has played in the trio of CHF and with Evans Street Quartet, which have also played at the Farmers Market. At NHS, he performed with the jazz bands, Black and Gold Band (at basketball games), stage band for school musicals, stage band The Main Event for show choir (and has played with the band since graduating, also), and he got "called on every now and then to play drums for the orchestra." He is the son of musician Steven Board and Julie Board and during summers he worked part time at Culver's to earn college money. "Just saving up until I move out," said the then college freshman, who in 2020 was studying online English Education at Ivy Tech but was to transfer his credits to Ball State University. Today's feature is a look back at one of The Times' previous Faces of Hamilton County. Board's mom and grandma like to go watch him perform. "I've been playing drums since I was in third grade," said Aidan, who also plays guitar. Favorite genre? "I really love playing jazz music." He draws inspiration from NHS jazz director Bethany Robinson. "She's done a great job of really nurturing our love of jazz and love of playing music."

And Another Few Things...

1. Statement By Chairman Kyle Hupfer On Democrat Jennifer McCormick Entering The 2024 Gubernatorial Race

Former Republican Jennifer McCormick has thrown her hat in the ring for the 2024 gubernatorial race - as a Democrat. Her decision sparked some outrage from Indiana Republican Party Chairman Kyle Hupfer. "We would like to officially welcome Democrat Jennifer McCormick to the 2024 gubernatorial race and presume that she is seeking the Democrat nomination. With her campaign launch today, Democrat Jennifer McCormick has decided to continue her well-known streak of misleading Hoosiers. But they have come to know that's just who she is - someone who will say or do anything to get elected. But Hoosiers also know this - Democrat Jennifer McCormick believes that teachers and administrators know what's best for our children and that parents should have no say in what happens in our schools. Hoosiers have rejected that position, and they will reject her too."

2. Golf 4 Kids Outing At The Fort On May 10 To Help Send Kids To The Salvation Army's Summer Camp

The Golf 4 Kids charity golf scramble, sponsored by title sponsor Jiffy Lube of Indiana, benefits The Salvation Army's summer camp programs at Hidden Falls Camp in southern Indiana. Wednesday, May 10. Shotgun start is at 11 a.m. and the awards ceremony is at 4:30 p.m. The Fort Golf Course, located next to Fort Harrison State Park at 6002 N. Post Road in Indianapolis. The program and awards ceremony will take place at The Garrison.

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## Boomer Bits Ask Rusty - About "Survivor" Benefits Vs. "Spousal" Benefits

Dear Rusty: I will be 70 in August and will file my application for benefits in May. I know I'll get my maximum possible amount at age 70, but I need you to clarify things I have read. Per an award-winning TV host, author, and host of a money podcast "if the higher-earning spouse delays until age 70 to claim Social Security, that guarantees the survivor the biggest possible benefit." But then I read in a different article that if a person delays beyond their full retirement age to obtain a higher personal benefit (like I have), my spouse's benefit would still be based on my FRA benefit amount. I am confused about which statement is the correct version. Signed: Confused About My Spouse's Benefit

Dear Confused: I'm not surprised that you are confused about these seemingly contradictory statements. It is, indeed, quite logical (and common) for a widow or widower to think they must apply for a "spousal benefit" from their deceased spouse. And while that's technically true, those of us who live in this often confusing world of Social Security jargon would say the widow or widower is applying for a survivor benefit, not a spousal benefit. What's the difference?



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Well, when you're speaking with a Social Security representative or an advisor, the term "spousal benefit" means something entirely different than the term "survivor benefit."

The two articles you mention are, I believe, referring to two different types of Social Security benefit. The term "survivor benefit" is typically used to describe benefits available to a surviving spouse when the higher earner dies, but the term "spousal benefit" is typically used to denote benefits available to a lower earning spouse when both partners are still living. I agree this is confusing, and that distinction was apparently not clear in the articles you read. Therefore, to clear your confusion:

•If the higher earning spouse dies and has delayed claiming until age 70, that does, indeed, "guarantee the surviving spouse the biggest possible benefit." The survivor's benefit is based on the full amount the deceased

was receiving at death.

•If both spouses are living and the higher-earning spouse delayed until age 70 to claim, their living spouse's benefit, when the higher-earning spouse claims, will be a maximum of 50% of the higher-earning spouse's full retirement age (FRA) amount. A living spouse's benefit is based on their partner's FRA amount, regardless of when their partner actually claimed.

So, in your case, your wife's spousal benefit from you while you are both living will be based on your FRA entitlement, even though you waited longer to claim. But if you die first, your wife's survivor benefit as your widow will be based on 100% of the amount you were receiving at your death. In effect, both statements you referred to in your question are true considering that they refer to two different benefit types. It is a terminology distinction which frequently causes misunderstanding.

## This AMAC Supported Bill Offers Healthcare Providers A Tax Deduction For Pro-Bono Health Services

By AMAC Action

On April 27, Congressman Daniel Webster (R-FL-11) introduced the Helping Everyone Access Long Term Healthcare (HEALTH) Act (H.R. 2986). This bill offers a new solution to provide healthcare services to low-income families and has the potential to help Medicaid and CHIP programs save on costs. Medicaid-insured patients often struggle to find primary care doctors able to accept them as new patients. In many cases, this leaves emergency care as the only option for patients to receive care for non-acute reasons such as strep throat. The HEALTH Act would allow doctors and other healthcare professionals to provide pro-bono healthcare services to low-income individuals, including children in the CHIP program, and receive a simple charitable tax deduction instead of billing these programs. Participating physicians and medical personnel would receive a tax deduction for the value of the service performed, which would significantly reduce the amount of burden-

some paperwork for smaller practices. This bill would create more time in physicians' busy schedules to see new Medicaid patients, allowing patients to receive proper preventative care from non-emergency healthcare facilities.

Bob Carlstrom, President of AMAC Action, applauded the bill's introduction, "The healthcare system is struggling right now. Nobody wants to admit it, but Medicaid in particular is not a perfect system. It is confusing and complex, oftentimes not working in the patient's favor as well as it could. Both doctors and patients need more options when it comes to long-term care, and this bill provides exactly that. I believe this bill is a solution that utilizes the natural talents and generosity of doctors across the country. AMAC encourages legislators to co-sponsor this important legislation."

Despite the Affordable Care Act's efforts, a significant number of citizens are without a primary care physician. At the same time, the ballooning costs

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## Have A Bump On Your Foot? Don't Ignore It

(StatePoint) Have a lump or bump on your foot? Whether it's painful or not, it could potentially signal a serious condition. Foot and ankle surgeons warn it's important to have it checked out, no matter its size or location on your foot.

"Whether your bump or lump is pea-sized or golf ball-sized, it should not go ignored. A proper diagnosis is key to proper treatment," says Michael Coyer, DPM, FACFAS, a board-certified foot and ankle surgeon and a Fellow Member of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons (ACFAS).

According to ACFAS, here's what to know about some of the more common types of lumps found in the foot:

Ganglionic Cysts

This soft, fluid-filled sac is a non-cancerous bump that experts believe may arise from single or repetitive trauma. A ganglionic cyst can be caused by a leaking of jelly-like fluid from the "capsule" surrounding a joint or tendon and may be located on the top of the foot, near an ankle joint or even on

the side of the foot. While the lump itself is often the only symptom experienced, you may feel tingling or burning if it's touching a nerve, or a dull ache if it's pressing against a tendon or joint. Often, ganglionic cysts cause irritation, making it difficult to wear shoes. Such cysts generally will not go away on their own and may return, even after being drained. Surgical removal by a foot and ankle surgeon can help prevent recurrence. However, if the cyst is not causing pain and doesn't interfere with walking, your surgeon may simply monitor it over time.

Plantar Fibromas

Plantar fibromas are benign, fibrous, hard nodules found within the ligament of the foot and are especially common in the arch area on the bottom of the foot. These bumps tend to be less than an inch in diameter but can get larger over time. They can cause pain when shoes push against them or when you're walking or standing barefoot. Steroid injections,

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➔ HONEST HOOSIER

This from a reader: Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray the Lord my soul to keep. If Biden is gone before I wake, I pray to God the news ain't fake!



➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

If you must have a trampoline, only ONE person at a time! Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Times and online at www.thetimes24-7.com



➔ TODAY'S QUOTE

"They may forget what you said - but they will never forget how you made them feel." -Carl W. Buehner

➔ TODAY'S JOKE

Someone asked the boss what his hobbies are and he said he likes to race cars. They asked him if he ever won and without skipping a beat he said, "no, those cars are much faster than me."

➔ OBITUARIES

Bonnie Drayer

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## OBITUARIES

### Bonnie Drayer

May 2, 1943, Saturday, April 29, 2023

Bonnie Louise Drayer, age 79, of Sheridan, Indiana, passed away on Saturday afternoon, April 29, 2023, at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis.

Born May 2, 1943, in Terre Haute, Indiana, she was the daughter of the late Wayne and Jennie (Hodson) Anstead. She was a 1961 graduate of Southwestern High School in Lafayette. She worked as an Underwriter's Assistant for State Auto Insurance and retired after 20 years with the company.

Bonnie was theatrical from a young age; she took both vocal and piano lessons and developed a love for performing in plays and musicals during her younger years. As an adult, she continued playing the organ for her own enjoyment. She was a woman of strong faith and a member of the Sheridan First Christian Church, where she was active in Morning Glories. She was also a member of the North Adams Extension Homemakers, as well as the Sheridan Young Farmers Club (back in the day). Bonnie's love for horses and enjoyment of riding also led her to become very active in the Lafayette Saddle Club. There was nothing more important to Bonnie than her family. She shared her love of crafting and quilting with friends and family and was very proud to be able to make quilts for all of her grandchildren.

Bonnie is survived by her 2 sons, Jeffery A. "Jeff" Drayer (Keri) of Sheridan, and Russell W. "Rusty" Drayer (Kimberly) of Greenfield; daughter, Lori L. Tindall (Rob) of Sheridan; 8 grandchildren, Samantha Easton (Ian), Kerstin Stewart, Kayla Stewart, Joseph Hillman, Travis Drayer, Jacob Drayer, Owen Drayer, and Molly Drayer; 3 great grandchildren, Lydia Mae Jones, Luna Armstrong, and Lyla Armstrong; sister, Barbara Hubler (Randy) of Phoenix, AZ; and by her feline BFF, Crackers.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Wayne and Jennie (Hodson) Anstead; and by her grandson, Benjamin Drayer.

Services will be held at 2:00 pm on Saturday, May 6, 2023, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th Street, Sheridan, Indiana, with Visitation from 11 am until the time of service. Burial will follow at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan, Indiana. Elder Sharon Wilson will be officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be presented to the Ben Drayer Memorial Fund. Donations can be made online at <https://www.cicf.org/drayer-memorial-fund/>

## O'Malia's Living Buys Longtime Carmel Showroom With SBA 504 Loan From People's State Bank And Indiana Statewide CDC

O'Malia's Living now owns the spacious showroom in Carmel it has leased since 2002 and is moving ahead with expanded marketing to increase sales.

O'Malia's Living is Indiana's largest source for products relating to fireplace, grills and patio furniture.

O'Malia's Living bought its showroom building on Carmel's Medical Drive when its landlord decided to sell. O'Malia's Living owner, Scott Horvath, secured a loan from the U.S. Small Business Administration 504 program to buy the building. People's State Bank and Indiana Statewide Certified Development Corporation provided the SBA 504 loan.

Indiana Statewide CDC works with local Indiana lenders to issue SBA 504 loans to help small business owners buy real estate, buildings and equipment. SBA 504 loans can give small business owners long-term, fixed-rate financing similar to commercial loan terms available for large companies. SBA 504 loans generally allow borrowers to pay a below-market down payment and repay the loan with a low long-term

fixed interest rate.

Horvath says, "We realized this is a one-time opportunity to own our building. We sought to preserve cash flow and the SBA 504 allowed us to invest only ten percent for the down payment. This was a key piece of the 504 that we liked. The purchase of the building has been a stretch for us, but we are confident that we made the right decision and chose the right loan program."

Jeff Wyatt of People's State Bank says, "O'Malia's Living is an established business serving a loyal clientele. It was important to keep it where it is now, and the SBA 504 terms really helped."

Horvath says O'Malia's Living has added sales personnel, increasing its payroll to 15 people and is investing in showroom improvements in the next one-three years. "We are highly optimistic for the future," he says.

The family name, "O'Malia's" is a prominent retail brand in Central Indiana. It began in the 1940s with a local grocery store chain. O'Malia's Fireplace Shop, now known as O'Malia's Living, opened in 1966.



## Good Samaritan Network for Hamilton County Presents 16th Annual Charity Golf Outing Sunday, June 25

The community event engages individuals, businesses, and organizations for a worthwhile cause in serving the under-served families in Hamilton County. Proceeds from this event are used for client assistance benefiting underserved Hamilton County families with shelter, holiday, and food assistance.

Good Samaritan Network (GSN) is pleased to announce our 17th Annual Charity Golf event, TOPGOLF CHARITY OUTING, held at TopGolf in Fishers, IN. This community fundraising event is presented and coordinated by Good Samaritan Network, along with its current sponsors.

Please join us Sunday, June 25, 2023, 3-6pm, (check-in 2:30 pm and buffet 3:30 pm) for this year's TOPGOLF CHARITY OUTING which benefits Hamilton County residents served by the Good Samaritan Network of Hamilton County, Inc.

Proceeds from this event will be used for client assistance benefiting underserved Hamilton County families with shelter, holiday, and food assistance.

The ticket includes three hours of play Topgolf at one of the predetermined bays, an All American luncheon/buffet in the Signature Room and the opportunity to participate in an on-site "Chance to Win!"

Individual registrations (adult and youth) are available, including discounts for 17 years and under.

A Family Event! Topgolf is the premier golf entertainment complex where the competition of sport meets your favorite local hangout. You can challenge your friends and family to addictive point-scoring golf games that anyone from the hopeful pro golfer to your neighbor's 7-year-old kid

can play year-round. Just picture a 240-yard out-field with dartboard-like targets in the ground. The closer to the center or "bulls-eye" you get and the farther out you hit your microchipped balls, the more points you receive. It's not golf - it's Topgolf. Give it a shot!

Register now and remember to invite your friends to play. Individuals, groups, and organizations looking for more information or to register for this year's 17th Charity Golf Outing visit: [gsnlive.org/golffouting](http://gsnlive.org/golffouting). Sponsorships Available!

Four levels of sponsorships are available for this year's Top Golf Charity Outing! Not only is this a great opportunity to assist the underserved in Hamilton County, but it is an opportunity to provide name recognition within our community showing our sponsor's concern and support. Sponsorship levels include "Gold Sponsor", "Silver Sponsor", "Bay Sponsor" and "Friend Sponsor."

Sponsorships include three hours of play, All American Buffet, limited player registrations, name recognition, promotion materials display, Chance to Win Tickets, etc. Thank you to our current sponsorship with Breathe Easy Hamilton County, Silver Sponsor.

Visit: [gsnlive.org/golffouting](http://gsnlive.org/golffouting), for sponsorship details and to register as a sponsor!

Event In-Kind Donations Good Samaritan Network is also accepting event donations (vouchers, gift items, gift certificates, gift cards, etc.) to be used in our "Chance to Win!" featured during the event. Donation receipts will be provided to donors. Contact the office for more In-Kind donation information, or email: [info@gsnlive.org](mailto:info@gsnlive.org).

## Spring Weather Means Garage Sales Are Open



### BETSY REASON

From The Editor's Desk...

Which means it's time to clean out the closets, the basement and the garage.

Speaking of garages, it's garage sale time.

I've seen neighborhood garage sale signs popping up throughout Noblesville.

Those who've recently driven Indiana 38 east through Pendleton might have noticed a large sign banner hanging across the highway in downtown Pendleton, promoting the annual Highway 38 Sale, from Noblesville to New Castle, on Friday and Saturday. Garage sales are usually found all along the more than 30 miles of highway from Noblesville to New Castle the first Friday and Saturday in May.

When I first moved to Old Town Noblesville in 1995, I started organizing a neighborhood sale the same two days as the Highway 38 sale, hoping that my neighborhood sale would catch on.

Before I began having my own garage sale, I enjoyed attending all of the sales in

the neighborhoods, attending in South Harbour, North Harbour, Wellington North, Wellington Northeast and other neighborhoods. South Harbour sales were where I bought my first LawnBoy lawn mower. A few years later, I upgraded to another LawnBoy mower at one of the garage sales.

Residents in Wellington Northeast are having their annual neighborhood spring garage sale all day Saturday. The neighborhood is accessible from Greenfield Avenue and Allisonville Road in Noblesville.

There is also a neighborhood sale today at Conner Creek in Fishers, just off of Ind. 131st Street.

North Harbour's Neighborhood Spring Sale is also today.

Some of the other neighborhoods having garage sales today are Havenwood in Noblesville; Merrimac, Springmill Villages and Derby Ridge in Westfield; Brooks Landing, Brooks Manor, Lantern Ridge and Tremont in Fishers; and Waterstone in Carmel.

Signs are going up for several other neighborhoods having sales this weekend, also.

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## Westfield Student Named To Order Of The Engineer

Seventy-seven in Trine University's Allen School of Engineering and Computing were inducted into the Order of the Engineer during a recent ceremony.

Alexander Mullet of Westfield, majoring in Civil Engineering, was among the students honored during the April 26 ring ceremony in Best Hall.

The ring ceremony is the public induction of candidates into the Order of the Engineer, a fellowship of engineers who are trained in science and technology and dedicated to the practice, teaching or administration of their profession.

During the ceremony, engineering students

are invited to accept the Obligation of the Engineer and a stainless steel ring is placed on the smallest finger of the working hand. The obligation is a formal statement of an engineer's responsibilities to the public and to the profession. Both the order and the obligation serve to stimulate public recognition by engineers of two basic principles: that the primary purpose of the engineering profession is the protection of the public health, safety and welfare; and that all members of the engineering profession share a common bond.

Trine University conducted its first ring ceremony in November 1978.

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## Consumer Alert: Products recalled in April

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is alerting Hoosiers of important consumer protection concerns for products recalled in April. This is the time to take advantage of opportunities available for those who purchased the recalled items.

"The weather is heating up, and that means more time for fun outdoor activities," Rokita said. "Make sure your kids' toys are working correctly and safely. Hoosier parents shouldn't have to deal with faulty items. If you have one of the recalled products, stop using it immediately and pursue resolution from the manufacturer."

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the following consumer products were recalled in

- April:
- Basket with Balls Toys from Monti Kids
  - Lelinta Multi-Purpose Kids Helmets from Lucky Global
  - Youth In-Line Skates from Rollerblade USA
  - BLAVINGAD Fishing Games from IKEA
  - Children's Fishing Rods from Lil Anglers
  - Children's Robes from Goumi
  - Children's Nightgowns from Arshiner
  - Children's Bathrobes from FunnyPaja
  - Children's Robes from Bagno Milano
  - NewCosplay Children's Sleepwear from Taizhou Jiawang Trading
  - NewCosplay Children's Sleepwear from Changshu Lingshang Trading
  - Alugator Ride 3.0

Hoe and Alugator Ride SE Avalanche Shovels from Mammut Sports Group

- Cordless Multi-Surface Wet Dry Vacuums from BISSELL
- Audiovisual Carts from Luxor Workspaces
- Flo Battery Back-Ups for Flo Smart Water Monitors from Moen
- DynaDrive Fresh Water Well Pumps from Davey Water Products
- DeWALT, Stanley and Craftsman Fiberglass Sledgehammers from Stanley Black & Decker

If you believe you recently purchased a recalled product, stop using it, and check its recall notice.

Then, follow the notice's instructions, including where to return the product or what steps must be taken to receive a replacement product.

# The Indiana Destination Development Corporation Kicks Off In Indiana Week

Indiana Destination Development Corporation (IDDC) is celebrating "IN Indiana Week" in conjunction with National Travel and Tourism Week (NTTW) from May 7 to 13, 2023.

Established in 1983, NTTW is an annual tradition to celebrate the U.S. travel and tourism industry and its essential role in stimulating economic growth, cultivating vibrant communities, creating quality job opportunities, inspiring new businesses and elevating the quality of life for Americans every day. Indiana's tourism industry has a significant impact on the state's economy. According to a Rockport Analytics study, out of each dollar spent within the tourism industry, \$0.65 stays in Indiana. Indiana tourism generates approximately \$1.4 billion in state and local taxes, saving Hoosier households an average of \$526 in taxes. Indiana's tourism industry also supports nearly 180,000 full-time jobs.

Throughout IN Indiana Week, the IDDC is partnering with several organizations, including the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, to do outreach in key markets and encourage tourism in the Hoosier state.

"National Travel and Tourism Week is a wonderful time for us to celebrate Hoosier tourism, show our visitors how great Indiana is and what we have to offer when they get here," said Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, Indiana's Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. "Through the efforts of our tourism industry workers across the state, Indiana has been consistently improving its reputation when it comes to being a destination for travel and tourism."

IN Indiana Week Agenda:

- Sunday, May 7: The Department of Natural Resources is offering free admission to all Indiana State Parks. It is also a free fishing day.
- Monday, May 8: IDDC staff visits Chicago, Illinois at Grant Park Congress Plaza with Indy 500 pace car, "Life is Sweeter IN Indiana" ice cream and promotional items for Indiana tourism.
- Tuesday, May 9: Check in to any location on the Indiana Culinary Trails Passport during IN Indiana week to be entered to win a gift card to Triple XXX Family Restaurant in West Lafayette.
- Wednesday, May 10: IDDC staff visits St. Louis, Missouri at Old Post Office Plaza with Indy 500 pace car, "Life

is Sweeter IN Indiana" ice cream and promotional items for Indiana tourism.

- Thursday, May 11: Check in to any location on the Indiana Arts and Culture Passport during IN Indiana Week to be entered to win a VIP 4 Pack Free Entry and Drink Token to the Lincoln Amphitheatre in Lincoln City.
- Friday, May 12: IDDC staff visits Louisville, Kentucky at Fourth Street Live! with Indy 500 pace car, "Life is Sweeter IN Indiana" ice cream and promotional items for Indiana tourism.
- Saturday, May 13: Check in to any location on the Indiana State Nature Passport during IN Indiana Week to be entered to win an Indiana State Parks Inns gift card. "IN Indiana Week is a great opportunity for us to extend our efforts in promoting and telling Indiana's authentic story further than we have before," said IDDC Secretary and CEO Elaine Bedel. "We hope to invite as many people as possible to visit and experience all of the great things Indiana is home to. From our rich culture and beautiful parks, to our delicious food and unique things to do, Indiana is excited to welcome our visitors with our iconic Midwest Hoosier hospitality."

## ACLU Of Indiana Issues Statement On HEA 1608

HB 1608, a bill that would ban conversation about LGBTQ families in schools and out transgender students, today was signed into law by Governor Holcomb.

HB 1608 bans conversation about "human sexuality," an undefined term and would broadly censor discussions about sexual orientation and gender identity in pre-K through third grade. HB 1608 would also force teachers to out students who request to be referred to by a different name or pronoun, by sending a note home to parents. Studies show that youth who are transgender face a real risk of rejection

by the adults who are supposed to care for them when they disclose their gender identity.

ACLU of Indiana advocacy and public policy director, Katie Blair, issued this statement:

"The Indiana legislators behind HB 1608, and the Slate of Hate, have had one goal all along, to use our laws to control what youth can and cannot read, what they can and cannot learn, and—most troublingly— who they can and cannot be.

"Not every child can be their true selves at home without risking their physical or emotional well-being. For trans youth, especially those

who cannot be safe at home, school may be one of the few places to be themselves. Trans youth thrive when they are affirmed in their gender identity, which includes being called by a name and pronouns that reflect who they are.

"LGBTQ students exist at all ages and in all grade levels and their stories belong in Indiana schools. Our schools should protect all students—including LGBTQ students—so they can learn and thrive in a safe environment. ACLU of Indiana attorneys are assessing this law and will do everything in our power to protect the rights of LGBTQ students."

## McCormick Officially Enters Governor's Race

**By Casey Smith**  
Indiana Capital Chronicle

After teasing a run for months, Democrat Jennifer McCormick announced Thursday she is entering the race for governor in 2024.

"Everywhere I visit, no matter where I go, one thing is clear — Hoosiers do not recognize the out-of-touch divisiveness coming out of the statehouse. They expect a leader who believes in using common sense and bipartisanship to solve problems. They believe in someone who's going to make Indiana the best state that she can be," McCormick said from the Two Lions restaurant and wine bar in downtown New Castle.

"I love Indiana. I love our potential and I love our successes," she continued. "I love our common sense and our sense of civility. We need the promise that those values will be reflected and upheld. That is why I'm ready to serve our people of Indiana again."

She is hosting press conferences across the state today and Friday and also released a campaign video.

Back in her hometown McCormick's official announcement in New Castle was small, however. No supporters were present in the locally-owned bar. She was joined by the local mayor, her father, her husband and a handful of campaign staff.

The city 44 miles northeast of Indianapolis is McCormick's hometown. She noted Thursday that she's a fourth generation Hoosier and grew up on her family's nearby farm.

Over the next year, McCormick said she plans to visit all 92 counties to meet with Hoosiers from across the political spectrum.

"I'm running because it's time Hoosiers are put first, protecting our rights and our freedoms. It's time Hoosiers have a voice, and a leader who

believes in empowering them to make their own decisions," she said, also emphasizing Indiana's need for "a champion for a high quality education system."

That means increased access to childcare, universal pre-K, better K-12 funding and "beyond high school training and education." She also vowed to expand "accessible and affordable health care," and to focus on "safe streets" and "safe neighborhoods."

In her official announcement video, McCormick additionally spoke about how she pushed back against GOP state leaders when she was superintendent of public instruction from 2017-2021. She was a Republican then, but officially joined the Indiana Democratic Party in June 2021.

"Too many of our statehouse politicians were focused on their own agendas. They were putting politics before our people. They pushed their extreme ideas ... I spoke up then and I am speaking up now," McCormick said. "I won't play politics with our kids, our rights or our freedoms."

She joins three Republicans and one Libertarian already in the race. On the GOP side, U.S. Sen. Mike Braun, Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch and Fort Wayne businessman Eric Doden are seeking the nomination. Libertarian Donald Rainwater is also back for a second run.

McCormick said Thursday that — unlike her high-profile GOP competitors — she expects her campaign will be largely supported by small donations.

"I am a working person. I'm not a self-made millionaire. I know the cost of gas and the cost of eggs and why that's concerning. I also know it's going to take a lot of work to get the resources and support secured to

run a great competitive campaign," she said. "Part of that is making sure that we are getting out and people understand what our platform is going to be — they get to know us, and they get to believe in us ... I am committed to making sure that we can secure those resources that are going to be needed."

Indiana Republican Party Chairman Kyle Hupfer was quick to take a swing at McCormick following her gubernatorial race announcement.

"We would like to officially welcome Democrat Jennifer McCormick to the 2024 gubernatorial race and presume that she is seeking the Democrat nomination," he said in a statement Thursday morning.

"With her campaign launch today, Democrat Jennifer McCormick has decided to continue her well-known streak of misleading Hoosiers. But they have come to know that's just who she is — someone who will say or do anything to get elected," he continued. "But Hoosiers also know this — Democrat Jennifer McCormick believes that teachers and administrators know what's best for our children and that parents should have no say in what happens in our schools. Hoosiers have rejected that position, and they will reject her too."

Her history McCormick began her career as a special education teacher before working as a school principal and later superintendent of Yorktown Community Schools. The former educator was chosen by the Indiana Republican Party as the nominee for the superintendent of public instruction position in 2016. Her platform emphasized a need for Indiana to reject national Common Core learning standards and "reckless" standardized testing.

She went on to defeat incumbent Glenda Ritz that November.

Her tenure ended after Gov. Eric Holcomb signed a bill in 2019 to eliminate the elected position and create an appointed secretary of education position instead. Holcomb appointed Katie Jenner to the office, where she still currently serves.

McCormick's party switch was foreshadowed by an earlier agreement in 2020 — while still in state office — to stay on at the Department of Education if Woody Myers, a Democrat, was elected governor and won the right to appoint the first Indiana secretary of education.

McCormick said she's "not hearing people getting hung up by the situation of parties."

"What I'm hearing from Hoosiers is they are ready for change. They're ready for common sense and bipartisanship," she said.

Last year, McCormick toured the state alongside other Democrat former elected officials, including Joe Donnelly and John Gregg, touting the benefits of the American Rescue Plan for Hoosiers.

McCormick then established an exploratory committee for governor. Much of McCormick's public commentary since then has come from her social media presence, especially on Twitter, where she's often critical of GOP policies concerning Indiana education. Recent posts from her personal account also hint at a 2024 gubernatorial run.

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# After Passing Gas Tax Increase, Lawmakers To Tackle Long-Term Road Funding

Indiana's gas tax will continue to rise with inflation — up to one penny a year — while key figures gather for a long-term look at how the state funds its roads: inflation, electric vehicles, local road woes and all.

The three-year extension of the annual tax hike, inserted into the state budget, comes alongside the new task force.

"We know for sure that things are going to change in the transportation world in all kinds of ways, and it's unwise to wait until they occur," said Rep. Jeff Thompson, R-Lizton, who chairs the House's powerful budget-writing committee. He'll be a member of the task force.

"It doesn't have to be solved today, but it's unwise to wait until it's right in front of you," he added.

It's the first such task force since 2017. That resulted in legislation raising the gas tax by 10 cents, indexing the tax to inflation with a cap of one penny, and directing revenue from a separate gas sales tax to a dedicated road improvement account rather than the state's general fund.

"I think we just dive in and put our nose to the grindstone, and let's see what we can come up with," Rep. Jim Pressel, R-Rolling Prairie, told the Indiana Capital Chronicle. He leads the House's Roads and Transportation Committee, and will also be a member of the study committee.

Officially dubbed the "Funding Indiana's Roads for a Stronger, Safer Tomorrow Task Force," the body is charged with creating plans for both state and local road and bridge needs. A report is due to the legislature by Jan. 1, 2024.

Adapting to increases in inflation, electric vehicles

Pressel said the task force, authorized in the latest two-year budget, will likely plan for at least

20 years into the future. That means worrying about how economic trends like inflation and buying trends like electric vehicle adoption will impact the state's ability to fund its roads and bridges.

The transportation infrastructure industry saw commodity prices surge by 50% over the last two years, said Brian Gould, executive director of the Build Indiana Council. The industry group has a seat on the task force.

Gould said his group remained supportive of the gas tax adjustment, but still identified inflation as a primary funding worry.

"The first couple of years that we had the index in place, it did exactly what it was supposed to do. We saw inflation of 3-4%," Gould said. "A penny increase really kept our industry right on pace with where cost increases were going for materials. Obviously, the last two years, a 50% increase in inflation, a penny's not going to do it. It was not able to keep up."

Electric vehicles are another cause for funding concerns.

About 10,400 all-electric vehicles were registered in Indiana in 2021, according to the U.S. Department of Energy, along with 7,500 plug-in hybrid electric and 88,200 hybrid electric vehicle and other fuel types. Gas-only and diesel vehicles still account for 89% of the state's registered vehicles, but that's changing.

Vehicles that use alternative fuels pay less — or not at all — in gas taxes, which fund transportation infrastructure improvements. Instead, owners pay higher registration fees, but the price is based on assumptions of how many miles those vehicles will drive and how efficiently they'll do it.

"I think [the task force] is just the next step of evolution in looking at [long-term financing] with

the onset and growing popularity of electric vehicles," Office of Management and Budget Director Cris Johnston said at a news conference last week. "We still have to find a way to take care of the investments that have been made in our roadways."

Under current law, the annual inflation adjustment to the gas tax, which maxes out at a penny, was set to end in 2024. Lawmakers in the budget agreed to an extension, pushing the expiration date out to 2027. The three-year add will cost drivers about \$90 million.

Pressel said the change originated with his Senate colleagues, but added, "I have to believe that's part of helping us get through this or maintain until we can get the larger conversation about what [the future] looks like."

Indiana brought in \$1.7 billion through gas and other fuel taxes in fiscal year 2022, according to the most recent state revenue and spending handbook.

State plan must:

- Include cost estimates, including what can be financed with existing revenue and what needs new streams

- Find money for maintenance, with an emphasis on "stable and predictable" sources

- Review the state's debt, fuel tax, and its fee system
- Consider if sales tax could be redirected toward infrastructure funding

- Consider if collective purchasing agreements between state and local government could lower costs
- Ensure value for taxpayers

- Communities face stark differences in infrastructure condition

The state's contention with long-term revenue factors will occur amid a long-simmering fight over how the state redistributes money to local units of government.

About 71% of Indiana's

roads and 95% of its bridges are at least in "fair" condition, according to a Purdue University transportation asset management portal. But huge disparities exist between locally funded assets statewide.

Harrison County, for example, recorded 98% of its roads in fair or better condition, with several other counties also above 90%. More were in the 70-80% range.

But that number crashes down for other localities, small and large alike.

Tipton County, with a population of 15,000, recorded just 15% of its roads in fair or better condition. Several other counties languished in the 20% range.

Marion County, an economic engine with a population nearing 1 million, recorded 48% of its roads in fair or better condition. The city of Indianapolis found in a study last year that it needs to spend hundreds of millions more dollars a year to maintain its existing infrastructure, let alone embark on new additions.

"I feel that we have enough of the revenue stream. It's: how you divvy it up?" Pressel asked. "I think there's plenty of dollars there to do what really needs to be done ... to do maintenance."

Pressel said he understood both the benefits of funding initiatives like Community Crossings — which allows communities with smaller populations and tax bases to access more money — and the outcry from larger localities.

He floated the idea of splitting the program into two tiers, with slightly lower grants for lower populations and slightly higher grants for higher populations.

Infrastructure for the future

As the task force considers how to pay for Indiana's existing roads

and bridges, as well as new ones, its members will likely consider several unused or new financing mechanisms.

Pressel and others emphasized a desire to get non-Hoosiers who drive on the state's roads — and contribute to both traffic and wear-and-tear — to also pay taxes.

"It's pretty easy to get across Indiana and not even stop, right? It's like 160 miles across the state, and you could you could do that in one fell swoop," he said, without filling up on gas and paying gas taxes.

To that end, lawmakers are expected to update a tolling study completed in 2017. Lawmakers that year authorized the governor to toll without General Assembly involvement, though Gov. Eric Holcomb hasn't taken them up on the offer.

Holcomb said in 2018 that he would not add new tolls while in office. But he's term-limited, and will cycle out of office in January 2025. Several Republicans, a Democrat and a Libertarian are vying to replace him.

Pressel suggested the idea of new toll lanes to fund lane additions to highways. The state is working on additions to Interstate 65 and Interstate 70, but is adding just a couple miles per year.

Charging taxes by vehicle miles traveled could also be on the table.

So could more strategies for local communities that need additional funding, Pressel said, like regional fuel taxes where revenue stays in the area rather than going to the general fund. But he encouraged local units of government to use existing "tools" like maxing out wheel taxes.

"I think giving them the tools is probably more doable than saying we're going to commit to changing the road funding formula just for Indianapolis, because that's truly not fair to the other parts of the state,"

Pressel said. He and other key lawmakers have said shifting the formula from road miles to lane miles is a non-starter.

The task force will also likely consider new strategies for taxing alternative fuels. Lawmakers took a stab at that this year in House Bill 1050, which lays out tax collections for interstate motor carriers that run on other fuels.

The language establishing the task force is nearly identical to the previous iteration. What's different from years ago, however, is the data.

"I think one of the biggest advantages that we will have this summer and fall when we start this process is we have been collecting data for the last seven years since the last task force met," said Gould, who was involved in the last task force as part of Accelerating Indiana Municipalities. He added that the numbers could show where the state has seen the greatest improvements and where the greatest need remains.

Pressel said he was looking forward to the collaboration — but hoped it wouldn't become a multi-year endeavor.

"I'd like to update the data, ... update the studies, take testimony, bring the locals in ... and let's have an overall conversation about what their thoughts are, what maybe some of their ideas are, and then see how we can put it all together again," Pressel said. "That's what I hope to get out of this task force."

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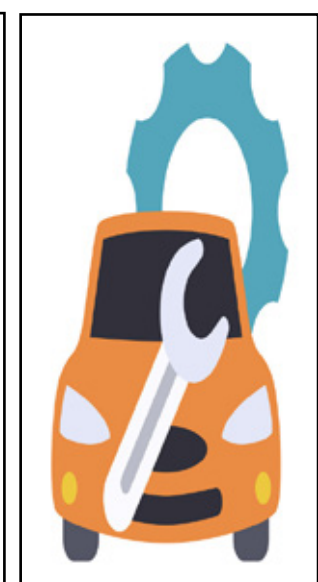
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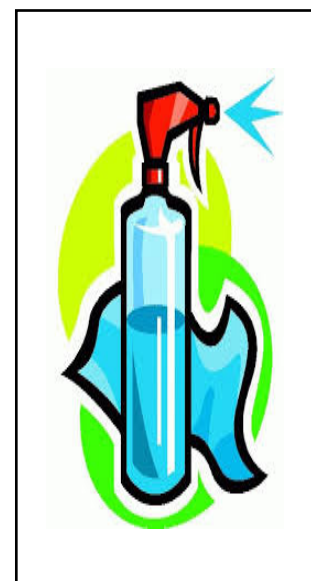
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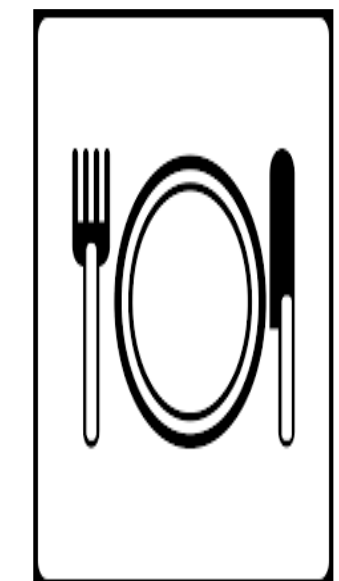
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physical therapy or orthotic devices may help relieve associated discomfort but will not make the fibroma disappear. While surgical removal is an option if pain persists following nonsurgical approaches, it's important to know that recurrence can occur post-surgery, as can complications, such as a flattening of the arch or the development of hammertoes.

Haglund's Deformity Haglund's deformity, sometimes called a "pump bump," is a bony enlargement on the back of the heel. When it rubs against shoes -- from high-heeled pumps to running shoes -- the soft tissue near the Achilles tendon can become irritated. This often leads to painful bursitis, an inflammation of the fluid-filled sac between the tendon and bone. While certain foot structures are more prone to Haglund's deformity, you can treat the con-

dition and help prevent recurrence with appropriate footwear, arch supports, orthotic devices and stretching exercises. Physical therapy, icing and NSAIDs can also reduce inflammation.

Sometimes, Dr. Coyer notes, a bump is suspected of being cancerous. In this case, your foot and ankle surgeon will perform a biopsy and if it is indeed cancer, will perform surgery to remove the mass, working in tandem with an oncologist for cancer treatment.

For more information on foot bumps or to find a foot and ankle surgeon near you, visit FootHealthFacts.org, the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeon's patient education website.

"Remember, the sooner we're able to properly evaluate your bump, the sooner you can have peace of mind and move forward with treatment," says Dr. Coyer.

## Indiana's My Healthy Baby Program Now Available Statewide

Leaders from the Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) and Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) today celebrated the completion of the roll-out of My Healthy Baby, the state's obstetrical navigator program that is designed to improve health outcomes for both mother and baby. The program is an initiative of Governor Eric J. Holcomb.

"We remain committed to ensuring that every mother and every baby has the opportunity to achieve their best health outcome, and I'm so proud of the work our teams have done to bring this to every county across the state," Gov. Holcomb said. "Thanks to our partners in every corner of the state, we are meeting Hoosiers where they are and helping our youngest residents celebrate the first of many birthdays."

Launched in January 2020, My Healthy Baby is a partnership between IDOH, FSSA and the Indiana Department of Child Services that connects pregnant women who

are enrolled in Medicaid with free home visiting services and support in their communities during their pregnancy and throughout their baby's first year of life. Since its inception, the program has referred more than 12,000 women to local support through programs such as Nurse-Family Partnership and Healthy Families.

"Improving the health of women and children takes a village, and My Healthy Baby allows us to leverage partnerships at the state and local levels to achieve those goals," said State Health Commissioner Kris Box, M.D., FACOG.

"Bringing this program to our 92nd county is a proud moment for Indiana because it means we are meeting pregnant women where they live, with the resources they need to have healthier pregnancies and support them through that critical first year of their baby's life. I am incredibly grateful to our legislators for funding this program and to all the home visiting providers across the state who make a difference for the wom-

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of Medicaid are exacerbating state and federal budgets. Over 7 million potential patients will be able to benefit from the HEALTH Act. The concept for the HEALTH Act was originally conceived by AMAC founder Dan Weber. AMAC Action is committed to promoting the HEALTH Act, which will help in-need patients seek better options for care while honoring Dan Weber's legacy.

If enacted, Congressman Webster's proposal would help millions of individuals receive long-term quality healthcare while saving the government billions of dollars.

# Indiana Leads Nation On Strategic Site Identification Spurring Economic Opportunity

SSI program along with sponsorship of LEAP Innovation and Research District addresses global demand for speed to market for future-focused and high-growth industries.

Under the leadership of Indiana Secretary of Commerce Brad Chambers, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) reached a significant milestone in the Strategic Sites Inventory (SSI) program this spring, identifying over 300 new, nationally competitive greenfield site opportunities across more than half of Indiana's 92 counties.

Fueled by Secretary Chambers' 5E strategic vision, the SSI program is accelerating economic development opportunity across the state by identifying and vetting the readiness of new development sites. An increase in competitive, ready-to-build sites positions Indiana for more opportunities to attract global innovators and corporations in high-tech, future-focused industries like electric vehicles, semiconductors, life sciences, energy production and storage, and industry 4.0.

"As we work to create an economy of the future in Indiana, having a robust database of nationally competitive, ready-to-build sites is crucial to competing for new investment and career opportunities for Hoosiers," said Sec. Chambers. "Indiana is committed to winning in a competitive global economy, and we're taking a strategic and proactive approach. We are focused on

getting the economy that is good for Hoosiers. The SSI program is yet another tool that will quickly help us win new opportunities in key sectors, transforming our communities and creating job opportunities for generations to come."

Since launching the program in 2017, the IEDC has partnered with local communities to vet new sites in 47 counties, achieving a faster volume of local site reviews faster than any other state participating in the SSI program. Through the program, the state initially identified 230,000 acres across 1,798 sites, including 69 potential tech megaparks, to review for potential economic development opportunities. So far, Indiana, in partnership with local communities, has strategically reviewed 938 sites, identifying 328 sites that would be top contenders for nationally competitive projects.

"Of all the states engaging in a formal site readiness initiative, Indiana is leading the nation in the volume of new greenfield site identification" said Victor Leotta, principal of Leotta Location and Design and the creator of the SSI program. "Leotta Location and Design has implemented the SSI program in 20 states across the U.S. since 2016. Indiana far and away has been the most aggressive in identifying every remaining acre of competitive land for good job-producing projects."

These 328 greenfield sites were identified for a variety of economic

development land uses, including heavy industrial, light industrial, agribusiness, distribution centers, business and tech/medical parks, and utility-scale solar. Ranging from approximately 30-3,000 acres each, the Indiana sites can quickly accommodate significant new investment and expansions and enable companies to move quickly as the sites have already been vetted for readiness by evaluating key criteria such as land use, zoning and utility access. Additionally, sites allow for industries to have easy access to Indiana's growing workforce.

"As the global economy continues to evolve and transition, we're seeing unprecedented demand for greenfield sites from leaders in advanced manufacturing and innovation and technology sectors," said Ann Lathrop, chief strategy officer at the IEDC. "Indiana is successfully marketing itself to global leaders in these future-focused sectors, with recent wins in areas like electric vehicles and energy, semiconductors and advanced manufacturing. The SSI program ensures that we stay competitive nationally -- even as more and more sites are taken off the market with new investments -- and land the transformative projects we continue to attract."

Indiana will continue to work in partnership with the remaining 45 counties to vet additional greenfield sites, accelerating new economic development opportunities across the state.

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## 5 TIPS TO CREATE A COMFORTABLE FOREVER HOME

### FAMILY FEATURES

For most homebuyers, their dream homes are not something they're likely to find already on the market. With a unique vision of your dream home's look, location and features, building a custom home is generally the easiest way to make that dream a reality.

To keep things moving as smoothly as possible amid what can be a complicated process, consider these tips as you embark on the journey.

#### Set a Realistic Budget

You'll need to start by determining how much you can spend on your house. Typically, the cost of building a home is around \$100-\$200 per square foot, according to research from HomeAdvisor. You'll also need to account for the lot price as well as design fees, taxes, permits, materials and labor. Materials and labor should make up about 75% of the total amount spent, but it's wise to build in a buffer for price changes and overages. While building your budget, consider what items and features are "must-haves" and things that should only be included if your budget allows.



Matt Blashaw

#### Identify the Perfect Location

Think about where you'd like to live and research comparable lots and properties in those areas, which can give you a better idea of costs. Because the features of many dream homes require a wider footprint, you may need to build outside of city limits, which can make natural gas more difficult to access. Consider propane instead, which can do everything natural gas can and go where natural gas cannot or where it is cost prohibitive to run a natural gas line. Propane also reduces dependence on the electrical grid, and a propane standby generator can safeguard your family if there is a power outage.

"As a real estate agent and builder, I have the pleasure of helping families select their dream homes," said Matt Blashaw, residential contractor, licensed real estate agent and host of HGTV's "Build it Forward." "The homes we design and build are frequently in propane country, or off the natural gas grid. Propane makes it possible to build an affordable and comfortable, high-performing indoor living spaces and dynamic outdoor entertaining areas."

#### Keep Universal Design Principles in Mind

Many homebuyers want to ensure their space is accessible to family members and guests both now and for decades to come. As the housing market slows and mortgage rates rise, buyers may look to incorporate features that allow them to age in place. Incorporating principles of universal design – the ability of a space to be understood, accessed and used by people regardless of their age or ability – can make it possible to still enjoy your home even if mobility, vision or other challenges arise as you age.

For example, the entryway could have a ramp or sloped concrete walkway leading to a front door wide enough to accommodate a wheelchair with a barrier-free threshold. Inside, wider hallways and doorways, strategic lighting and appliances installed at lower heights are mainstays of universal design. Counters of varying heights, drop-down cabinet racks and roll-under sinks in kitchens and zero-entry showers, slip-resistant flooring and grab bars in bathrooms offer enhanced accessibility.

#### Consider Alternative Energy Sources

With today's electric grid, more than two-thirds of the energy is wasted; it never reaches homes. Unlike electricity, propane is stored in a large tank either above or below ground on the property. A 500-gallon tank can hold enough propane to meet the annual energy needs of an average single-family home – enough to power major systems in a home.

Propane pairs well with other energy sources, including grid electricity and on-site solar, which makes it a viable option for dual-energy homes. Like natural gas, propane can power major appliances such as your furnace, water heater, clothes dryer, fireplace, range and standby generator. Often, propane works more efficiently with fewer greenhouse gas emissions than electricity, meaning your home is cleaner for the environment.

Propane can even power a whole-home standby generator, which is often a big selling point. When a homeowner purchases a standby generator, a licensed electrician installs the unit outside the home and wires it to the home's circuit breaker. When a power outage occurs, the generator automatically senses the disruption of service and starts the generator's engine, which then delivers power to the home. From the warm, comfortable heat of a propane furnace to the peace of mind offered by a propane standby generator, many homeowners trust propane to provide a safe, efficient, whole-home energy solution.

#### Build a Team of Experts

Hiring the right people can make the process of turning your dream into reality go much smoother. Start by researching reputable builders, paying special attention to the types of homes they build to find a style that matches what you're looking for as well as price ranges for past homes they've built. Consider how long the builders have been in business and if they're licensed and insured.

Depending on your builder's capabilities, you may also need to hire an architect or designer. In addition to your real estate agent to assist with purchasing the lot and selling your previous home, you may need assistance from other professionals, such as a real estate attorney, landscape architect and propane supplier. A local propane supplier can work with the builder to install a properly sized propane storage tank either above or below ground and connect appliances.

Find more ideas for building your dream home at Propane.com.



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### Propane-Powered Appliances

You may be surprised to learn propane can power major appliances, which can increase the value of a home because of their high performance, efficiency and reduced dependence on the electrical grid.

#### Furnace

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#### Standby Generator

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#### Clothes Dryer

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