

➔ TODAY'S VERSE

Micah 6:8 He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?



➔ FACES OF HAMILTON COUNTY
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What makes Amelia Cripe smile? "The ever-changing seasons of life," said the 25-year-old, a Noblesville resident. She is found every summer selling honey and pollen at the Noblesville Farmers Market on Saturday mornings at Federal Hill Commons. "We may not know what each day brings but in the honey bees, we know that if we work hard and tend to our bees and understand their language, we're able to keep our bees and harvest the beautiful liquid gold nature has to offer us which aligns perfectly with our systems." She said, "I've been beekeeping since I was 11 years old, and I do it with my father, just him and I." Their business, Eagle Creek Apiary, based in Sheridan, packages the honey "seasonally to help with allergies. We'll always have a spring, summer and fall, that way people who are suffering can get honey from that time period ... Because it's all raw we don't heat or filter." She said, "I'm blessed to continue to keep bees with my father and grow our family business while pursuing my other passions of health and coaching and medicinal herbalism as well ... If we understand the value of that which nature has to offer us, we can heal." Eagle Creek Apiary is at Noblesville Farmers Market 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays and also sells honey at Westfield and Carmel markets and also Broad Ripple and Whitestown. She said, "Eagle Creek Apiary is here to provide our local communities with truly local, seasonal and raw honey to aid in allergies and feed your system what it needs." Amelia always wears her beekeeping veil around her bees. "I don't want to get stung in the face." What else? "I love to travel. Nature is my thing. I grew up on the farm. So doing this with my father was really bonding for us. It's turned into a lifelong passion. It's really branched me off into so many other avenues that I credit to this business and the bees."

And Another Thing...

1. Dan Riley Named Chief Financial Officer For The National FFA Organization And The National FFA Foundation

The National FFA Organization and the National FFA Foundation has selected Dan Riley as the chief financial officer. He served as senior vice president and chief financial officer for Goodwill of Central and Southern Indiana Inc. after starting his career with Arthur Andersen and Company, progressing from staff auditor to senior auditor in the audit and business advisory division. He then served as lead internal auditor for PSI Energy Inc and as Senior Financial Analyst at Cinergy Corporation (currently Duke Energy). Riley earned his bachelor's degree in accounting from Indiana State University, was a Class of 2013 Hoosier Fellow, and was an Indianapolis Business Journal top honoree for the CFO of the Year Award in the not-for-profit category. He is married with two adult children and enjoys running, cycling, outdoor activities and reading.

2. Young, Colleagues Demand Border Wall Transparency Ahead of Title 42 Expiration

In advance of the expiration of Title 42 authorities late Thursday evening, U.S. Senator Todd Young (R-Ind.) joined a group of colleagues in sending a letter to Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas criticizing the Administration's failure to secure the border despite receiving congressionally-appropriated funds to continue construction of the border wall.

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The Daily Almanac

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High/Low Temperatures
High: 84 °F
Low: 52 °F

Wacky Holiday Today
• Hostess Cupcake Day
• Make-A-Book Day

What Happened On This Day
• 1998 India executes a series of nuclear weapons tests
• 868 The earliest surviving dated printed book is produced in China.

Births On This Day
• 1861 Frederick Russell Burnham American soldier, adventurer
• 1904 Salvador Dalí Spanish painter

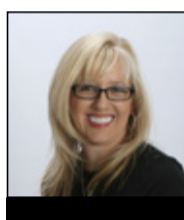
Deaths On This Day
• 1988 Kim Philby British spy, Soviet double agent
• 2001 Douglas Adams English/American author, playwright



Photo courtesy of En Pointe Indiana Ballet

Come see the colorful and crazy costumes and talents of ages 3-19 at En Pointe Indiana Ballet's production of "The Adventures of Alice in Wonderland" at 7 p.m. Friday and 2 p.m. Saturday.

En Pointe 's 'Alice in Wonderland' Ballet Will Bring Nonsense to Life



BETSY REASON
From The Editor's Desk...

I have been hearing good things about En Pointe Indiana Ballet's newest production, "The Adventures of Alice in Wonderland," since before rehearsals began.

Every time that I watch a production by the Noblesville-based dance school -- from "En Pointe

Christmas" and "Don Quixote" in the Noblesville High School Auditorium to "Curiosity" on the big screen at the historic Diana Theatre in Tipton -- I am amazed at the creativity, high level of talent and hours of dedicated practice.

There are about 100 dancers in each of these productions, which never disappoint.

This week, En Pointe takes its new full-length ballet on the road, to neighboring Madison County, to Reardon Auditorium

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Photo of Tina Henderson

Pictured left to right: Keith Bryant, Project Engineer, Terry Cooper, Utility Superintendent, Bruce Freeman, Stormwater Board President, Ted Lenze, Stormwater Board Member, Doug Mehlan, Stormwater Board Member, Jerry Cook, Town Council Member, Joe Cox, Town Council Member, Rhonda Gary, Clerk Treasurer, Nick Rosner, Insituform Contracting, Tina Henderson, Grant Administrator.

Groundbreaking News

The Cicero Stormwater Board, along with the Cicero Town Council members and Utility Office and staff, held a Groundbreaking Ceremony and residential information meeting on May 8, 2023, for the Brinton Street Stormwater Project.

Cicero Councilman, Joe Cox, opened the informational meeting by thanking the stormwater board, clerk treasurer, council members, utility staff and engineer for their hard work to obtain the necessary funding for the Brinton Street Stormwater project.

Bruce Freeman, Stormwater Board President, announced the construction of a stormwa-

ter improvement project that will focus on improving 1,380 lineal feet of stormwater pipe in the Brinton Street area. The following streets will be impacted: Brinton Street, Peru Street, Washington Street, Pearl Street, Main Street and Shore Lane. The estimated project cost is \$600,000.00 and is funded in part by a Community Development Block Grant from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs in the amount of \$455,440.00, obtained by Mendenhall and Associates, a grant administration firm from Arcadia, Indiana. The remainder

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Want TO GO?

What: En Pointe Indiana Ballet presents "The Adventures of Alice in Wonderland."
When: 7 p.m. Friday and 2 p.m. Saturday.
Where: Anderson University's Reardon Auditorium, 1100 E. 5th St., Anderson.
How much: \$10-\$25, reserve seating.
Where to buy: <https://enpointe.yapsody.com/> and at the door, if still available.
Good to know: Alice's Tea Party Luncheon before the Saturday matinee is sold out.
Info: <https://enpointeindiana.com/> or call 317-645-1448.

Next Level Trails Celebrates Hamilton County Trail Project

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Hamilton County today opened the recently completed Steven Nation Community Pathway outside the town of Cicero.

The 2.45-mile asphalt multi-use trail was constructed by the county with help from a \$1,047,670 Next Level Trails (NLT) grant. The award was announced by Gov. Eric J. Holcomb in March 2021 as part of the second grant round of NLT. The project included a partnership with Hamilton County Tourism.

"Through Gov. Holcomb's Next Level Trails initiative, Indiana is a national leader in supporting communities as they build networks of new connections through trails," said Dan Bortner, DNR director. "Across the state, trails bring communities together, and the new Steven Nation Community Pathway in Hamilton County continues that vital connection."

The completed project follows Jackson Street from Cicero to White River Campground and

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Wrapping Up Reader's Choice

Readers' Choice is wrapped up for another year, and once again, The Times' annual promotion to recognize your favorites in a multitude of categories was a huge success.

Back when our company was founded, the staff at The Times brought Hamilton County this fun and good-natured promotion that features local businesses, people, products and more and gives you, our readers, the opportunity to vote for your favorites. We often joke that this is like Chicago politics and encourage you to vote early and

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Want MORE?

The results for winners, runner ups and honorable mentions of the following categories;

- Accountant**
- Animal Shelter**
- Antique Store**
- Apartment Complex**
- Appraiser**
- Architect**
- Armed Services**
- Artsy Places**
- Assisted Living / Nursing Home**
- Attorney**
- Auctioneer**
- Audiologist**
- AND MORE**

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➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Take family walks - it's good exercise and good for conversation. Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Times and online at thetimes24-7.com



➔ TODAY'S QUOTE

"Old age is like a plane flying through a storm. Once you are aboard, there is nothing you can do about it."
-Golda Meir

➔ HONEST HOOSIER

So let me get this straight, the hired hands in the legislature voted themselves a big raise AFTER hiking the gas tax and ignoring property tax angst. Can someone remind me, who do these people work for again?



The Times appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank **WILLIAM LYNCH** for subscribing!

➔ TODAY'S JOKE

What do dinosaurs get when they crash in a race? T-Wrecks!

➔ OBITUARIES

Aaron Douglas Rawlings



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⇒ OBITUARIES

Aaron Douglas Rawlings
June 23, 1943, Monday, May 1, 2023

Aaron Douglas Rawlings of Drasco, Arkansas, formerly of Sheridan, Indiana, passed peacefully on Monday, May 1 in the home of his ex-wife, Carolyn Rawlings. Aaron was born June 23, 1943.

Aaron grew up working on the family farm. He enjoyed FFA, hunting, fishing, 4-H, animals, and sports. He was a record holding power lifter and had a gym in his barn.

He worked various jobs besides farming, including Sinclair Gas Station, Firestone, and as a security guard at Deer Creek. More recently, he worked for Sheridan Water Supply Corporation and finally he worked 25 years for Tumbling Shoals Water System in Arkansas.

Aaron never wanted to retire. He achieved this goal, as his official retirement date was April 30th and he passed May 1st. In the 25 years he lived in Arkansas, he developed many close friendships and spent time with family. He took care of cattle, many cats and even a pot belly pig at his office.

Aaron was preceded in death by his parents, George and Beulah (Biddle) Rawlings, his infant son David Aaron, his son Gary Aaron Rawlings, and his grandson Aaron Dean Rawlings.

He is survived by his ex-wife and friend Carolyn Rawlings, his sister Marthena (Rawlings) Wilder, his daughter Jody (Rawlings) Fields, son-in-law Don Fields, grandchildren Megan (Michael) Meek, Emily (Ben) Houser, Jacob (Mandy) Fields, Curt Fields, and Treyton Fields. Also surviving are 6 great-grandchildren, a niece, a nephew, and their children.

The family would like to thank Guardian Angel Hospice for their care.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Humane Society of Heber Springs, 49 Shelter Ln, Heber Springs, AR 72543



3 Indiana Students Named 2023 U.S. Presidential Scholars

U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona today announced the 59th class of U.S. Presidential Scholars, recognizing 161 high school seniors for their accomplishments in academics, the arts, and career and technical education fields.

The Indiana scholars include (hometown, scholar, school, location):

- Carmel – Archit Kalra, Carmel High School, Carmel, Indiana.

- Carmel – Amogha Medha Paleru, Carmel High School, Carmel, Indiana.

- Fort Wayne – Bayan Yunis, Carroll High School, Ft. Wayne, Indiana. (*U.S. Presidential Scholar in Arts)

“U.S. Presidential Scholars have always represented the future of our country and the bright promise it holds. I want each of these remarkable students to know: your passion and intellect, pursuit of excellence, and spirit of service are exactly what our country needs,” said U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona. “On behalf of President

Biden, I am delighted to join your family, friends, and communities in celebrating your accomplishments. Aim high, share your talents, and continue embracing opportunities to lead as your exciting future unfolds.”

The White House Commission on Presidential Scholars selects scholars annually based on their academic success, artistic and technical excellence, essays, school evaluations and transcripts, as well as a demonstrated commitment to community service and leadership.

Of the 3.7 million students expected to graduate from high school this year, more than 5,000 candidates qualified for the 2023 awards determined by outstanding performance on the College Board SAT or ACT exams or through nominations made by chief state school officers, other partner recognition organizations and YoungArts, the National Foundation for the Advancement of Artists.

As directed by Presidential Executive Order,

the 2023 U.S. Presidential Scholars are comprised of one young man and one young woman from each state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, and U.S. families living abroad, as well as 15 chosen-at-large, 20 scholars in the arts and 20 scholars in career and technical education.

Created in 1964, the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program has honored over 8,000 of the nation's top-performing students. The program was expanded in 1979 to recognize students who demonstrate exceptional talent in the visual, literary and performing arts. In 2015, the program was again extended to recognize students who demonstrate ability and accomplishment in career and technical education fields.

The Presidential Scholars Class of 2023 will be recognized for their outstanding achievement this summer with an online recognition program.

A complete list of 2023 U.S. Presidential Scholars is available at <http://www.ed.gov/psp>.

CCPR To Hold Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held on Saturday, May 20 at 11 a.m. at Central Dog Park, 1427 E 116th St., in honor of the Amy Edenburn Furry Memorial Dog Trail.

In fall of 2022, Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation (CCPR) opened the Amy Edenburn Furry Memorial Dog Trail at Central Dog Park. This one-acre expansion is wooded with soft-surface trails. It was made possible by a generous donation from family and friends of Amy Edenburn Furry.

The ceremony will include brief remarks from a member of the Furry family, in honor of the late Amy Edenburn Furry; Kurtis Baumgartner, CCPR Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation; and Rich Taylor, Carmel/Clay Board of Parks and Recreation President.



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What Are “Forever Chemicals” And What Makes Them So Bad?

EARTHTALK

Dear EarthTalk: Why are “forever chemicals” so bad, and how can I avoid them?

“Forever chemicals” are types of highly persistent and toxic synthetic chemicals widely used in many industries, including firefighting foam, non-stick cookware, food packaging and water-resistant clothing. These chemicals are called “forever” because they do not break down easily in the environment and can persist for decades or even centuries, accumulating in soil, water and air.

The most common types of forever chemicals are per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), which include compounds such as perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS). PFAS have been linked to a range of health problems, including cancer, immune system damage, hormone disruption and developmental delays. The problem with forever chemicals is that they can accumulate in our bodies over time, as well as in the bodies of animals and plants, leading to long-term health and environmental consequences. Because these chemicals do not break down easily in the environment, they can also contaminate soil, water and air, potentially impacting entire ecosystems.

To avoid exposure to

forever chemicals, there are several steps you can take. First, avoid using non-stick cookware and other products that contain PFAS. Instead, opt for stainless steel, cast iron or ceramic cookware. Secondly, avoid using products that are labeled water-resistant, stain-resistant or grease-resistant, as they may contain PFAS. Thirdly, use natural, organic and biodegradable cleaning products instead of conventional cleaning products that may contain PFAS. When shopping for food, choose products that are packaged in glass, metal or paper containers instead of plastic containers, as plastic can contain PFAS. Finally, if you live in an area where PFAS contamination is a concern, consider installing a water filtration system that is designed to remove these chemicals.

According to the non-profit Environmental Working Group, a watchdog organization that tracks contaminants and chemicals in food, health and beauty products, nearly all Americans, including newborn babies, have forever chemicals in their bloodstreams, while 200 million of us may well be drinking tap water contaminated with these toxins. And we’re not the only ones at risk. Researchers have found traces of forever chemicals in wildlife all over the world, including some endangered species. Who would’ve thought that such a risk would threaten polar bears in the Arctic

let alone tigers, monkeys and pandas in milder locales and even dolphins and fish across the world’s oceans?

Forever chemicals have been ubiquitous in our ecosystems and bloodstreams for decades, but it wasn’t until March 2023 that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) started to address the issue by setting Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) goals for PFAS and related persistent chemicals in drinking water supplies. While this might be too little too late for those of us exposed to these toxins year after year, at least it’s a step in the right direction. “Decades of unchecked use and releases of PFAS chemicals have devastated the planet by contaminating people, drinking water, and food, including fish and wildlife across the globe,” says Tasha Stoiber, a senior scientist at EWG. “The proposed nationwide standards to limit exposure to PFAS in drinking water are a welcome development to address the harms these toxic chemicals have already inflicted upon individuals and communities.”

-CONTACT: Environmental Working Group, www.ewg.org.

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Does Elon Musk Really Understand?

EARTHTALK

Dear EarthTalk: Why is Elon Musk so blasé about the world running out of water, especially after decades-long droughts and rising temperatures?

The billionaire entrepreneur and CEO of SpaceX, Tesla and Twitter recently commented on Bill Maher’s show Real Time that “desalination is absurdly cheap,” going on to say that since the surface of the planet is 70 percent water, he isn’t worried about running out anytime soon. But Musk’s optimism on this topic is countered by environmental leaders who believe that water scarcity is a pressing global issue.

Desalination is the process of removing salt and other minerals from seawater or brackish water to produce fresh water. The most common method is reverse osmosis, which involves forcing seawater through a membrane that filters out the salt and other impurities. While its cost has decreased in recent years, it is still more expensive than other sources of fresh water such as collecting rainwater and pumping water from underground aquifers. Desalination costs also vary depending on factors such as location, energy costs and the size of the plant. In some cases, desalination can be prohibitively expensive.

However, it is true that the world has plenty of water in its oceans and other water bodies. According to the United Nations, 97 percent of the world’s water is in the oceans (and as such, salty), while just three percent is freshwater. And of that three percent, two-thirds is frozen in glaciers and polar ice caps, leaving only a small fraction of the world’s water available for human use.

Water scarcity is a pressing global issue, particularly in regions that experience drought or have limited access to fresh water sources. According to the World Health Organization, around 2.2 billion people lack access to safe drinking water, and this number is expected to increase as a result of climate change and population growth. Desalination can be a viable solution to water scarcity in some regions, particularly those with access to seawater or brackish water sources. However, it is not a panacea, and there are several challenges and limitations associated with it.

One of the biggest challenges of desalination is its energy consumption. Desalination plants require a significant amount of energy to operate, typically electricity. This can be a significant barrier in regions with limited access to affordable energy sources or that rely on fossil fuels for energy

production.

Another challenge of desalination is its environmental impact. Desalination can have negative impacts on marine ecosystems and generate greenhouse gases. The intake of seawater can harm marine life, and the discharge of brine back into the ocean can create high-salinity plumes that can harm marine ecosystems.

Musk’s optimism most likely stems from bullishness on transitioning to renewable energy. Once we can deploy large scale solar collection facilities at the site of desalination plants, the greenhouse gas and energy cost downsides of desalination mostly disappear. While such a scenario has only been a dream in recent decades, recent advances in technologies may bring about large scale desalination facilities all over the world in the next few decades.

CONTACTS: Musk/Maher, rollingstone.com/culture/culture-news/elon-musk-bill-maher-interview-woke-mind-virus-1234725788/; New research looks to lower the high cost of desalination, engineering.stanford.edu/magazine/article/new-research-looks-lower-high-cost-desalination.

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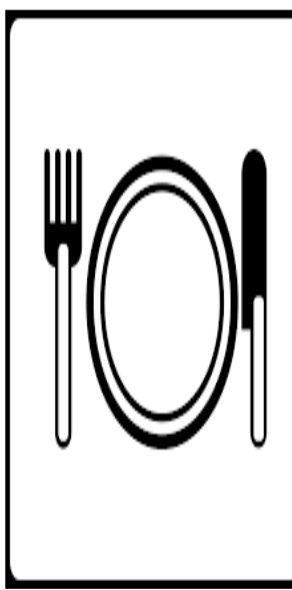
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Slate Of Hate Has It All Wrong



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How do you argue with . . . silly . . . illogical . . . nuts? Our world is upside down and I don't know anyone who knows how to get it back.

Case in point: A library allows sexually explicit books of – at best – questionable value and gets ripped for not putting them in the children's section.

In. The. Children's. Section.

I couldn't make this crap up if I wanted to – and I sure don't want to.

Things that used to be common sense are now up for debate. For example.

The governor just signed a new law that – are you ready for this – tells teachers that they may not teach kids in kindergarten through third grade anything about gender roles and sexual orientation.

Kindergarten through third grade!

Kindergarten! Through! Third! Grade!

Isn't it sad we had to have a law to tell us that?

But wait, that's not all.

Another law was passed that stops medical folks from knowingly providing gender transition procedures to a teen-ager less than 18 years of age; and aiding or abetting another physician or practitioner in the provision of gender transition procedures to a minor.

And folks lost their minds.

The American Civil Liberties Union filed suit. Fans of the LGBTQ movement called the bill – and others – the slate of hate.

Hang on.

If you are a parent, do you think you should have some say about, oh, I don't know . . . EVERYTHING your child does until they reach 18 years of age? If that's what you believe, then according to some folks, that makes you a bad parent.

Really?

I thought if you didn't have control over your kid until they reach 18 that you were indeed a bad parent . . . and legally irresponsible. Does this mean you should just ignore your 17-year-old during what might be the toughest time of their life?

Does this mean you should hand over your kid to a doctor, a school, a friend or whoever just because they have questions / issues / curiosities about sex.

Really? At 17, who among us didn't have trepidations about sex?

Yet a whole lot of us – from the mainstream media to some in the schools to well-meaning but clearly misguided people – are screaming from the rooftops that we're discriminating against the alternative lifestyle community.

Books are being banned! Lines are being drawn!

Liars and fakers and fears, oh my!

You can't go to the Internet without seeing some story decrying the fact that Indiana will lose untold amounts of money because of our – what did they call it, oh yeah, our slate of hate.

Poppycock. If a librarian allowed sexually explicit books in the children's section, you would read here that the librarian ought to be fired. Immediately.

This is about protecting children – yet the upside down world we live in would have you believe this is about persecution of the LGBTQ community. I will tell you this – most responsible people in that community aren't advocating for sex ed of any kind being taught to small children. It's only the lunatics who have the common sense of a garden hose who are trying to flip the world on its ear.

Not too long ago I wrote a piece on this and said we must stand up and protect the children. I got a lot of hate mail and got called a bunch of not-so-friendly names. That's OK, goes with the territory. What doesn't go is this insanity. Thank you to librarians, teachers, legislators and everyone who are finally standing up and saying enough is enough.

-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.



Photo by Jen Kauffman

Hamilton Heights' senior Anna Jozsa has signed a letter of intent to join the Manchester University Spartans' track and field team in North Manchester, Indiana this fall. Jozsa (seated) is looking forward to competing at the collegiate level. She is pictured with her family (l-r): Chance (brother), Ed (father) Morgan Weibers (friend), and Amy (mother).

Jozsa Signs With The Manchester University Spartans

Anna Jozsa, Hamilton Heights' senior, has signed a letter of intent to run track and throw discus for Manchester University in North Manchester, Indiana this fall. Manchester University is a member of the Heartland Conference and a NCAA Division III athletic institution. She is the daughter of Amy and Edward Jozsa.

Jozsa chose Manchester because it had a very warm and welcoming feeling. "I love the smaller classroom size which will allow a more personal learning environment," said Anna Jozsa who plans to study sports management with the ultimate goal of a career in event management. "Manchester University Assistant Cross Country and Track & Field – Throws Coach Sam Katon and the track and field team were especially friendly and kind. I already feel a part of the Spartan's track and field team."

A multi-sport student athlete (track & field, swimming, soccer), Jozsa earned four varsity letters in track & field and swimming along with several awards and recognitions for her accomplishments and contributions. She earned the coveted 7 Letter Varsity Blanket Award, Most Improved Athlete Award in track and the Perseverance

Award in swimming. She also served as captain for the girls' swim team. In addition, Jozsa is a member of the National Honor Society, Student Government, Senior Class Treasurer, and a 10-year 4-H member.

Her passion for running started in the sixth grade. She played a sport each season to stay in shape, keep motivated, set personal goals, and maintain focus and determination through middle and high school. It paid off with the opportunity to compete at the collegiate level.

Jozsa credits her family, coaches, teammates, and friends as being major influences in her life. "They have all encouraged and supported me along the way," she said. "I give a special credit to Coach Brown for encouraging me and helping me to reach my potential as a discus thrower."

"Anna is one of those rare high school athletes who participated in three sports," said Athletic Director, Kurt Ogden. "On top of that, she has been a leader in the classroom which proves that her priorities are well-aligned. She will bring Manchester's track & field program a lot of success. We are very happy for Anna and proud that she gets to continue her track & field career at the next level."

Indiana Department Of Education Plan To Rethink The High School Experience

At today's Indiana State Board of Education (SBOE) meeting, the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) presented a first look at the state's ongoing work to rethink the high school experience. This included an overview of the recently completed Indiana Graduation Landscape Analysis, as well as future, collaborative work that will take place as part of this process.

"As the knowledge and skills necessary to meet future economic demands continue to grow, K-12 schools across the country are faced with the same question: how do we ensure that when students graduate, they have a clear, seamless transition to employment, enrollment, or enlistment leading to service," said Dr. Katie Jenner, Indiana Secretary of Education. "In addressing these shared challenges, we have an opportunity in Indiana to lead...driving a multi-faceted approach to rethinking the high school experience, and ultimately, lifting all our citizens to better lives through education."

The Graduation Landscape Analysis presented today marks the first step in what will be a collaborative and comprehensive, yet expeditious, process of rethinking high school in Indiana. The analysis includes an in-depth look at how Indiana's graduation pathways and diploma requirements have evolved over time, as well as examples of graduation/diploma practices in other states.

The analysis also includes stakeholder engagement to begin identifying opportunities to ensure every student has access to rigorous coursework that is individualized and purposeful for their unique path.

Moving forward, this work will focus on three key areas:

- Diploma requirements - Making high school diploma requirements more flexible and relevant to students, employers, and communities
- High-quality work-based learning - Improving access to high-quality work-based learning opportunities
- Credentials of Value - Increasing access to high-value postsecondary credentials before high school graduation, as well as the number of students earning these credentials

With the Graduation Landscape Analysis completed, the department will begin the process of refining the courses and course sequences currently required for high school graduation, as well as developing – in coordination with the Commission for Higher Education, Department of Workforce Development, and Governor's Workforce Cabinet – shared definitions of credentials of value and high-quality work-based learning. Stakeholder engagement will continue to be a crucial part of this work. IDOE will share a progress update, including an overview of stakeholder feedback, with SBOE in fall 2023.

HCCB Prepares For Summer Concert Series

By Brian Wuerch

Summer is almost here, ushering in car shows, community festivals, outdoor recreation and...band concerts in the park! The Hamilton County Community Band will kick off its summer concert season on Saturday, June 10 at Beulah Park in Alexandria, Indiana as a part of the Alexandria Band Festival. The day long festival, hosted by the Alexandria Community Band, will showcase multiple volunteer bands from surrounding areas including our own HCCB which will perform at 11:00 am.

On Sunday, June 11, the band will be hosted by Cicero Friends of the Park for an evening concert in Red Bridge Park at 6:00 pm. This concert is always a favorite among local residents which combines the beautiful views of Morse Lake with the familiar sounds of pop and patriotic concert band music.

The Hamilton County Community Band (HCCB), with 80-plus volunteer members, was formed on February 25, 2018, with a meeting between current director, Brian Swart, Noblesville Schools Band Director Eric Thornbury, and director of the Fishers Community Chorus, Marc Feeney. These three men saw a need for a true community

concert band in Hamilton County. "Our mission is to have a "FUN" atmosphere that is inviting to all musicians," says Swart. HCCB performs multiple concerts in and around the Hamilton County area. Rehearsals are held weekly on Sunday evenings at Noblesville High School.

Mark your calendars for additional summer concerts:

- July 2 – Lights Over Morse Lake 3-4:30 pm Community Park – Cicero
- August 13 – HCCB Band Festival 12 – 8 pm Federal Hill – Noblesville
- August 19 – West Indy Winds Band Festival All Day Info on West Indy Winds Website
- August 26 – Greenwood Band Festival 12 – 8 pm Greenwood Park Amphitheater

Please consider supporting your Hamilton County Community Band this summer. Bring the whole family, bring a picnic, and soak up the summer sun at our community parks. Concerts are always free. A free will offering will be collected to help with the purchase of new music and equipment. HCCB also welcomes corporate sponsors. Information can be found at www.hamiltoncountycommunityband.com or reach out to Brian Wuerch at outreach@hamiltoncountycommunityband.com.

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 •Harvey's Collision Center

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at Anderson University. It's well worth the easy 30-minute drive from Noblesville to attend a production at the gorgeous, nearly 40-year-old, auditorium, where the stage is easily visible from every seat in the 2,200-seat auditorium. Show times are 7 p.m. Friday and 2 p.m. Saturday. As an added bonus, the auditorium's grand foyer is being used for "Alice's Tea Party Luncheon," a sold-out En Pointe event just before Saturday's matinee. (The luncheon will include a character meet-and-greet as well as elaborately decorated themed tables for the attendees who will play a game of "Alice Bingo" and receive a treat bag for the show.)

"The Adventures in Alice in Wonderland" ballet tells the story of Alice, a young girl, who falls through a rabbit hole into a fantasy world that doesn't make sense.

"The production is a perfect addition to our repertoire because it's fun for the students and audiences alike. They know the story. From our perspective, we also have creative license on our interpretation of the choreography and costuming. It's colorful and entertaining," said Anne Moore, who co-owns the ballet school with husband, Chris Moore, who operate the business side, while Chris' brother, Robert Moore and wife Pollyana Ribeiro, are artistic directors and professional ballet dancers who teach En Pointe classes and create the productions. Both couples live in Noblesville.

The costumes are fabulous for this show. But making costumes adds a layer of difficulty when created for dancers. "We start with an inspiration picture and begin sourcing materials. We had some fails, but we just regroup and try again. I think the hedgehogs will steal the show this year," Anne Moore said.

The dancers began rehearsing at the end of March. "It is not easy to build a full production from scratch, but this final week of rehearsals we enjoyed seeing everything come together," she said.

This year, En Pointe is trying something new with a short-throw projector to project large images on backdrops. "This will allow us to change the scenes quickly and add more dynamics to the performance," Anne Moore said.

Robert Moore and Pollyana Ribeiro use the elegance of ballet to translate this imaginary world into "a beautiful quizzical work of art."

Rob Moore grew up here studying ballet but at age 14 left home and moved to Florida to train as a dancer. After graduating from Harid Ballet Conservatory in Boca Raton, Fla., he auditioned and accepted a position dancing professionally for Boston Ballet and later Pittsburgh Ballet Theater, making a name for himself in the ballet world. Pollyana

Ribeiro, a native of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, was born into her aunt's famous ballet studio and took her career seriously from a young age. She won three gold medals in ballet and accepted a position dancing at Boston Ballet at age 16. By age 18, she was promoted to principal dancer, an achievement that some dancers never reach. She has danced in more than 40 countries.

The couple teach ballet, direct their shows together and perform in their shows every year.

The ballet school has grown in size as much as the shows have grown in popularity.

"We are growing and welcoming students every day. If you want to learn classical ballet and love to perform, then En Pointe is the place for you," Anne Moore said.

The "Alice" cast ranges in ages from 3 years to the school's pre-professional division up to 19 years of age.

"The audience is always blown away with the talent at all ages," Anne Moore has said.

En Pointe has been busy not only rehearsing for this show but also competing. In March, En Pointe dancers participated in the annual Youth America Grand Prix (YAGP) Competition, the world's largest student ballet scholarship competition, with nine competing. Chris and Anne's son, Joey Moore, earned first place Men's Classical Solo. Abby Burnette of Noblesville won Top 24 Senior Classical Solo. Bella Gomillion of Noblesville was a Top 12 junior classical solo finisher as well as a Top 24 junior contemporary soloist. John Paul Pack of Carmel was a Top 12 junior classical solo. Lily Belle McKamie of Noblesville won the Top 12 pre-competitive classical solo.

What's upcoming with En Pointe in summer 2023? Summer Intensive and Discovery Dance Camp is offered June 6-30, with the pre-professional division performing June 10 at the Palladium in Carmel. There is still time to sign up for summer classes. Deadline for August classes is July 1, however, new students are accepted year-round.

But before summer, there is also Music in Motion, featuring modern pieces and high-energy choreography by Robert Moore at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. May 20 at Fishers High School Auditorium with tickets available online, with total proceeds to benefit the Fishers Marching Tiger Band's 2023 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade trip.

Robert Moore has said, "The best way to support a local business like ours is to come to the show. Experience the performing arts with us. You will love it."

-Betsy Reason writes about people, places and things in Hamilton County. To contact Times Editor Betsy Reason, email betsy@thetimes24-7.com.

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of the project is funded by local funds generated by the stormwater fees.

Utility Superintendent, Terry Cooper, shared that this project has been in the process for 10 years and the utility staff looks forward to moving it into construction. It will be a fast-moving project with minimal above ground disturbance, as this is a slip lining process that will adhere to the existing pipe located underground.

Keith Bryant with United Consulting is the dedicated engineer for the project and stated that there will be a few manholes rehabilitated and traffic may be impacted during the course of construction. The general contractor, Insituform, was also present and stated that there will be two locations along Brinton Street and one location on Shore Lane that will be closed during the course of construction for approximately two days, and they will be detouring traffic around the construction activity. The construction is estimated to start on or about May 15, 2023, and is expected to end on or shortly after July 1, 2023. Schedules are dependent upon material deliveries and weather conditions.

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Strawtown Koteewi Park. Inside the park, the new trail connects to the pedestrian bridge over the White River to link with Strawtown Koteewi's trail network.

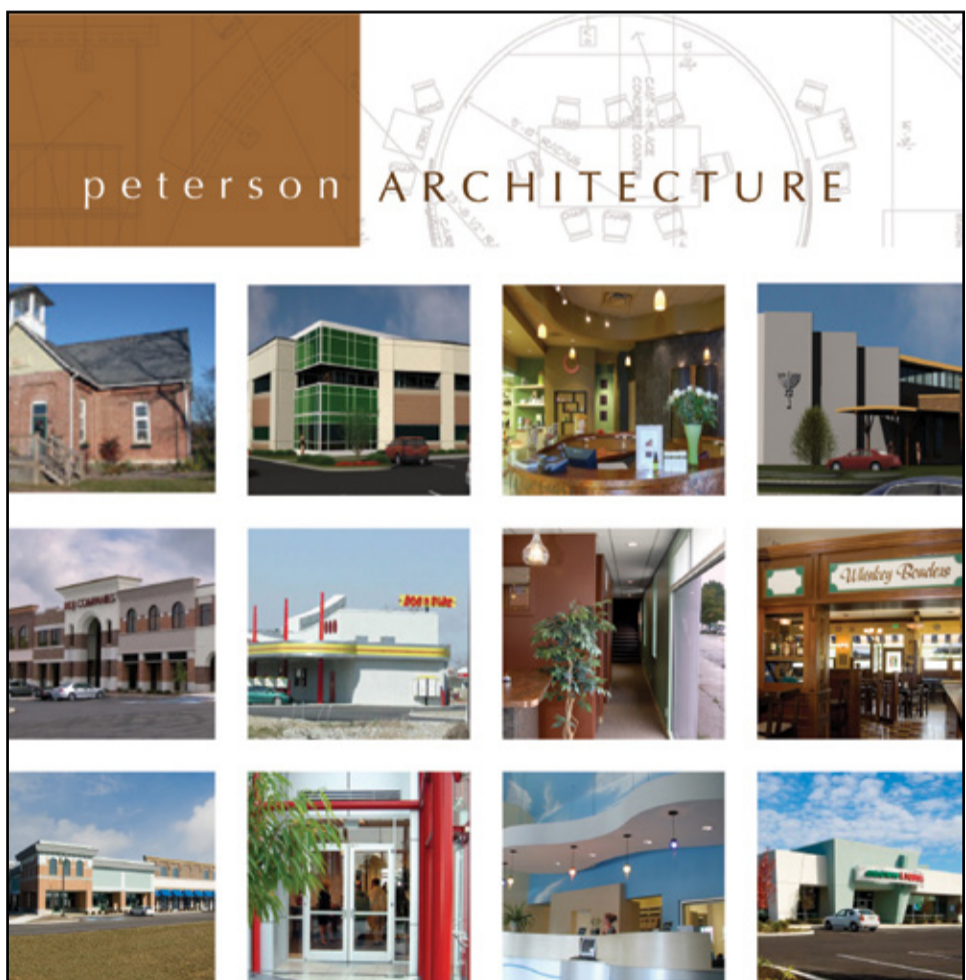
The trail is named for Nation, a Hamilton County councilor, retired Superior Court judge and former Hamilton County prosecutor who founded the Hamilton County Youth Assistance Program for at-risk students.

"Naming this trail after Steve just made good sense," said Mark Heirbrandt of the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners. "He has dedicated his life to connecting people and bringing them together as a community, just like this trail will connect and build community between our northern towns in Hamilton County."

As part of Gov. Holcomb's Next Level Connections initiative, NLT is the largest infusion of trails funding in state history. The \$150 million program is administered by the DNR and facilitates critical trail connections within and between Hoosier communities.

Including the Steven Nation Community Pathway, 16 of the 75 NLT projects are complete, totaling 52.45 miles of trail built since the program's inception. An additional 54 miles is under construction, and 140 more miles are in the pre-construction phase of development under the grant program.

More information about the NLT is at on.IN.gov/NextLevelTrails.



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vote often. You see, this has never been about the rigidity of the process. Instead, it is designed to be an absolutely fun and very positive way for our readers to cast a good light on their favorites. And oh, how you have responded!

We annually see ballots that number in the hundreds of thousands – so many in fact that we had to find a way to automatic the counting process.

This year, rather than unveil all the winners at one time like we have in the past, we are revealing

several categories a day. Today's categories can be found inside and a quick list is also provided here.

When the final winners, runner-ups and honorable mentions are revealed, we will compile all of them into one keepsake edition that will stay posted on our website for the entire year.

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1. What two lakes are located in Hamilton County?



2. How old is Hamilton County?



3. What city was named the best place to live in 2017?



4. Who was Hamilton County named after?



%

Answers: 1. Geist and Morse 2. 196 Years 3. Fishers 4. Alexander Hamilton



Did You Know?

- Hamilton County was founded in 1823 and was named after Alexander Hamilton, the first secretary of Treasury.
- Noblesville, the county seat, has a total population of 61,882.
- The city of Fishers was named the best place to live by Forbes in 2017.
- Hamilton County is one of the fastest-growing counties in the United States.
- The county boasts two man-made lakes, Geist and Morse, that make it a popular spot for boating, fishing, and waterfront living.

Got Words?

Hamilton County was once known for agriculture but now has three of the state's largest cities. How do you think this rise in population affects the community?

Word

Scrambler

Unscramble the words below!

1. AMOHTLNI

2. SEHIFRS

3. IEELOSBNLLV

4. TNRARFTEWO

5. RYTAEECSR

Answers: 1. Hamilton 2. Fishers 3. Noblesville 4. Waterfront 5. Secretary

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Farmer Sentiment Improves; Less Pessimism Over Interest Rates

Farmer sentiment improved modestly in April as the Purdue University/CME Group Ag Economy Barometer rose 6 points to a reading of 123. Both of the barometer's sub-indices were also higher in April, the Current Conditions Index was up 3 points to 129 and the Future Expectations Index was up 7 points to 120. The Ag Economy Barometer is calculated each month from 400 U.S. agricultural producers' responses to a telephone survey. This month's survey was conducted between April 10-14.

"Producers held a more optimistic view of the agricultural economy in April," said James Mintert, the barometer's principal investigator and director of Purdue University's Center for Commercial Agriculture. "A shift in farmers' expectations regarding the Fed's future interest rate policy could be a key reason."

The Farm Financial Performance Index also improved this month, up 7 points to a reading of 93. The prime interest rate charged by U.S. commercial banks increased from 7.75% in January to 8% in late March, and since the February barometer survey, there has been a noticeable shift in farmers' interest rate expectations. In April, 34% of respondents said they expect the U.S. prime interest rate to remain unchanged or decline over the next year, compared to 25% of producers who felt that way in February. At the same time, two-thirds (66%) of producers expect interest rates to keep rising, compared to 75% of respondents who felt that way in February. However, the biggest shift was a decline in the percentage of respondents who expect rates to rise between 1% to 2% in the next year, down 6 points since February to 37%.

The Farm Capital Investment Index increased one point to a reading of 43 in April; yet more than 70% of respondents continue to feel now is a bad time for large investments. This month, 39% of respondents cited "rising equipment and construction costs" while 33% cited "rising interest rates" as the top reason for now being a bad time for such investments.

Producers' expectations for short-term farmland values increased in April following five-straight months of decline. The Short-Term Farmland Value Expectations Index rose 10 points in April to a reading of 123, while the long-term farmland index

held steady at a reading of 142. Even with this month's rise, the short-term index remains 21 points lower than a year earlier and 36 points lower than two years ago.

Farm bill discussions are heating up, and this month's survey included questions to learn more about producers' perspectives on the legislation. When asked about the likelihood that a new farm bill will be passed this year, 12% of respondents think it's very likely, 28% said somewhat likely, 16% said somewhat unlikely, and 13% said very unlikely. The survey also questioned corn and soybean producers on what they consider to be the most important aspect of a new farm bill. Of those respondents, 40% chose crop insurance, 31% chose commodity programs, 13% chose conservation, 8% chose agricultural research and extension, and 8% chose renewable energy as a top priority to them.

Leasing farmland for solar energy production continues to be a hot topic. In this month's survey, 15% of respondents said that they had actively engaged in discussions with companies about leasing farmland for solar energy production in the past six months. Of those producers, nearly half indicated that lease rates of \$1,000 or more per acre were discussed. Twenty-five percent of respondents said that, following the development and construction period, they were offered a lease rate of \$1,250 or more per acre, while 22% of respondents said they were offered between \$1,000 and \$1,250 per acre. On the other end of the spectrum, 32% of respondents said they were offered lease rates of less than \$500 per acre.

Each month, the Purdue Center for Commercial Agriculture provides a short video analysis of the barometer results. For more information, check out the Purdue Commercial AgCast podcast, which includes a detailed breakdown of each month's barometer and a discussion of recent agricultural news that affects farmers.

The Ag Economy Barometer, Index of Current Conditions and Index of Future Expectations are available on the Bloomberg Terminal under the following ticker symbols: AGECCURC and AGECCURC.

About the Purdue University Center for Commercial Agriculture

The Center for Commercial Agriculture was founded in 2011 to provide

professional development and educational programs for farmers. Housed within Purdue University's Department of Agricultural Economics, the center's faculty and staff develop and execute research and educational programs that address the different needs of managing in today's business environment.

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Small Steps To Giant Leaps: Purdue Class Of 2023 To Celebrate Spring Commencement During Nine Ceremonies May 12-14

Purdue University students will commemorate their success and be recognized for their persistent pursuit at 2023 Spring Commencement ceremonies May 12-14. There will be nine ceremonies, all in Elliott Hall of Music on Purdue's campus.

Mung Chiang, who in January became Purdue's 13th president, will address undergraduates for the first time at this year's spring ceremonies.

Kathleen Howell, Purdue's Hsu Lo Distinguished Professor of Aeronautics and Astronautics, will provide the keynote for the graduate student ceremony at 7 p.m. Sunday, May 14. Howell has received national and international acclaim for her work in orbit mechanics, spacecraft dynamics and trajectory optimization. She has contributed to the success of multiple NASA missions, including Genesis, Artemis and Cassini, and was recognized with the Morrill Award in 2019, Purdue's highest faculty honor.

Purdue's 2023 spring class has 9,710 candidates eligible for graduation.

Commencement Division Dates and Times

- Division I – Friday, May 12, 9:30 a.m. College of Agriculture and College of Engineering (Agricultural and Biological Engineering)

- Division II – Friday, May 12, 2:30 p.m. College of Engineering (Aeronautics and Astronautics, Biomedical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Construction Engineering, Environmental and Ecological Engineering, Interdisciplinary Engineering, Nuclear Engineering)

- Division III – Friday, May 12, 7 p.m. College of Engineering (Electrical and Computer Engineering, Industrial Engineering, Materials Engineering)

- Division IV – Saturday, May 13, 9:30 a.m. College of Health and Human Sciences (undergraduate and professional)

- Division V – Saturday, May 13, 2:30 p.m. College of Science

- Division VI – Saturday, May 13, 7 p.m. Purdue Polytechnic Institute (undergraduate and professional)

- Division VII – Sunday, May 14, 9:30 a.m. College of Veterinary Medicine (undergraduate and professional), College of Pharmacy (undergraduate and professional) and College of Liberal Arts

- Division VIII – Sunday, May 14, 2:30 p.m. School of Management and College of Education

- Division IX – Sunday, May 14, 7 p.m. Master's and Doctor of Philosophy (all colleges/schools)

Tickets are required for entry into commencement ceremonies, and Elliott Hall of Music doors will open 90 minutes before each ceremony. Only clear bags or small clutch bags are permissible in Elliott Hall of Music, and all bags will be checked. More

information can be found at Spring 2023 Commencement FAQs. Each graduation candidate may request up to four tickets. The ceremonies will be livestreamed from the Purdue News YouTube channel and linked on the Purdue commencement website before each ceremony begins.

Honorary doctorates Thomas Shelby, executive vice president of Peter Kiewit and Sons' Inc. and president of Kiewit Energy Group, will receive an honorary doctorate from Purdue Polytechnic Institute during the Division VI ceremony.

During Shelby's tenure as president and board member of Kiewit Energy, the company has expanded its engineering and energy business from less than \$100 million in 1991 to over \$6 billion today. He led initiatives to open Kiewit Energy offices in Canada and Mexico and form engineering hubs in North America, growing the company's engineering capabilities from 100 employees in 2000 to almost 3,000 employees. Kiewit is the third largest engineering and construction company in North America, designing and building \$13 billion of work annually and employing more than 40,000 people.

Shelby is a member of the National Academy of Construction, an honorary group of engineering and construction industry leaders. He is a member of the Purdue Polytechnic Advisory Council and a past Purdue Distinguished Alumni. Shelby earned a bachelor's degree in construction management from Purdue in 1981 and his Master of Science and MBA from Arizona State University in 1989.

Student responders at each ceremony

Each undergraduate division will feature a student responder:

- Courtney Rodkey of Frankfort, Indiana, who is to receive a Bachelor of Science degree from the College of Agriculture, will be the student responder in the Friday morning (Division I) ceremony.

- Shreya Misra of Dubai, United Arab Emirates, who is to receive a Bachelor of Science degree from the School of Aeronautics and Astronautics, will be the student responder in the Friday afternoon (Division II) ceremony.

- Sihun Kim of Springfield, Virginia, who is to receive a Bachelor of Science degree from the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering, will be the student responder in the Friday evening (Division III) ceremony.

- Allison Ellis of Fishers, Indiana, who is to receive a Bachelor of Science degree from the College of Health and Human Sciences, will be the student responder in the Saturday morning (Division IV) ceremony.
- Frances Ann Fu O'Leary of Claremont, California, who is to receive a Bachelor of Science degree from the College of

Science, will be the student responder in the Saturday afternoon (Division V) ceremony.

- Chase Triplett of Michigan City, Indiana, who is to receive a Bachelor of Science degree from the Purdue Polytechnic Institute, will be the student responder in the Saturday evening (Division VI) ceremony.

- Kathleen Massa of Darien, Illinois, who is to receive a Bachelor of Science degree from the College of Pharmacy, will be the student responder in the Sunday morning (Division VII) ceremony.

- Anyssa Mujica of McAllen, Texas, who is to receive a Bachelor of Science degree from the School of Management, will be the student responder in the Sunday afternoon (Division VIII) ceremony.

Top student awards
Purdue's Flora Roberts and G.A. Ross awards are the university's most prestigious honors for two outstanding seniors.

Lara B. Chuppe of South Bend, Indiana, is the winner of the 2023 G.A. Ross Award. Chuppe will graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree in computer science from the College of Science. She has had several leadership roles in Global House, a learning community in the John Martinson Honors College and has been recognized with Pillar Awards for community and global engagement in 2021 and 2022. Chuppe has been involved in College Mentors for Kids, Global Science Partners, English Language Learners In-Home Program and several volunteer tutoring programs. Chuppe also completed a summer internship with Advocates for Human Rights, where she worked directly on U.S. immigration policies for Afghan evacuees.

Frances Ann Fu O'Leary of Claremont, California, is the winner of the 2023 Flora Roberts Award. O'Leary will graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree in science and math from the College of Science. She has been a part of a U.S. Army-sponsored research group to build a self-correcting 3D printer and served as information technology lead on the Purdue Space Program High Altitude subteam. O'Leary has held internships with SpaceX and Microsoft and served as an officer in several organizations, including the Purdue 3D Printing Club, Computer Science Women's Network and Purdue Space Program. O'Leary has also served as a teaching assistant and has completed training to be a licensed pilot.

These awards are made possible through bequests from Flora Roberts, Purdue Class of 1887, and G.A. Ross, Purdue Class of 1916. Each recipient receives a \$2,000 award and medallion and has their name permanently inscribed on the award marker on the Purdue Engineering Mall.

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