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Psalms 89:1 I will sing of the mercies of the LORD for ever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations.



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What makes Dave Marsh smile? "The seasons of the year, when the song birds come," said the 85-year-old Noblesville resident. The Noblesville Lion was found volunteering at the Lions' annual Pork Chop Dinner in 2021. "I helped them set up, helped with food preparations and cleaned tables." He has been a member of the Lions for 11 years and is involved with the Noblesville High School Leos. He was born and raised in Portland, Ind., and taught three years of school in Huntington. He spent a year stationed in France in the U.S. Air Force in 1961. He and a couple of GIs set up their own touring service and bought a car and sold seats and went all over Europe. He came to Noblesville to coach athletics in 1964, coaching football and track. He started out under Bill Nevitt, then assisted Jim Belden in football and assisted Dale Snelling in track until he left, then became head track coach. Marsh taught industrial arts, teaching electronics, drafting and woodworking and retired in 1995 when the new high school opened. For the Lions, he has been event coordinator for the former Dodgeball tournament. He loves people and travel, so he worked in the travel business and still does. He has three children, eight grandkids and eight great-grandkids. Also making him smile is when he built music boxes for his great-granddaughters, and used the "Let It Go" song from Disney's "Frozen." This Sunday, the Noblesville Lions will serve pork on a stick, hot dogs and more during Central Indiana Vintage Vehicles' 31st annual Father's Day Car Show, which runs from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Forest Park in Noblesville.

And Another Thing...

1. Mental Health First Aid

The Noblesville Chamber, in partnership with Invest Hamilton County, OneZone and Westfield Chambers hosts quarterly Mental Health First Aid trainings focused on employers throughout Hamilton County. Typically, this training costs at least \$250-\$400 per person, but thanks to support from the Hamilton County Council and Commissioners via the ARPA Committee, this training only costs \$5 per person. Trainings are conducted by Mental Health America of Indiana... Register Now

2. Coffee and Connect

Join the Noblesville Chamber's WIN Network in our 2023 Coffee & Connect Series! Network with us on the 2nd Wednesday each month from 8 am to 9:30 am. Stop in for a few minutes or stay for the entire event. There is no cost to attend for members

3. State of the County Luncheon

We continue our 'State of Series with our annual State of the County Luncheon. This year's theme "The Way We Were" will complement our celebration of Hamilton County's Bicentennial. There is a lot happening around Hamilton County and you will not want to miss this chance to be fully updated and in awe of the progress in our county! Join us for this valuable update and information

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Noblesville Fire Chief Entertains Noblesville Lions Club



Photo courtesy of Noblesville Lions

On June 14th Noblesville Fire Chief, Matt Mitchell, spoke to the Lions Club regarding challenges the Fire Dept. faces today. Matt's experience is varied, and he has a total of 32 years as a Firefighter. 70% of the FD runs are EMS vs 30% Fire/Rescue response. The FD works with other local agencies, including the NPD, in the Noble Act program that helps with mental health and social issues. Staffing is a current challenge for the FD, as firefighter positions far outweigh applications. In the photograph, Matt Mitchell receiving Certificate of Appreciation from Lion Vp Walt Scheid.



Photo provided by St. Michael's Episcopal Church

Head to the Hamilton County Courthouse Square for St. Michael's Episcopal Church's annual Strawberry Festival from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday with tickets \$8 each.

Strawberries, Live Theater, Hatchfest, More, This Weekend



BETSY REASON
From The Editor's Desk...

Hatch Fest maker faire, St. Michael's Strawberry Festival, Juneteenth Celebration and SERVE Noblesville's Fun Fest, plus Carmel Community Players and Basile Westfield Playhouse

theater productions, are among The Times' list of 25 things to do this weekend and beyond.

1. Experience live theater during Carmel Community Players' Rising Star youth production of "Godspell" mu-

sical, directed by Tanya Haas, through June 25, with performances at 7:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays, Thursday, and 2:30 p.m. Sundays, with tickets at carmelplayers.org

2. Enjoy a tragicomedy in Main Street Productions' "August: Osage County," a play by Tracy Letts and directed by Brent Wooldridge, now through Sunday, with performances at 7:30 p.m. today and Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Basile Westfield Playhouse with tickets at westfieldplayhouse.org

3. Check out the comedians at The Brick Room Comedy Club, featuring Karinne Turnbow and Shawn Braley tonight and

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HighGround and Rebar Development Reimagine South Street in Downtown Fishers, Annex Group Selects New District South for HQ

New developments increase small business retail footprint on south side of 116th Street.

The City of Fishers announced today, a new vision coming to Downtown Fishers' South Street. HighGround, a subsidiary of Carmel-based Hageman focused on age-restricted, active lifestyle developments, and Rebar Development, a Fishers-based development firm, will present proposed projects for parcels along South Street.

"I'm excited to see the dynamic facets of these developments breathe new life into this area of the Nickel Plate District," said Fishers Mayor Scott Faddness. "The transformation of this area will be incredible with high-end architecture, and new spots for small businesses to call home, all bringing a variety of people together from the corporate headquarters location to the 55+ community to visitors enjoying the amenities."

CityView
CityView will be a mixed-use building located along 116th Street at Lantern Rd, bringing \$90 million of investment to the City of Fishers that will anchor the eastern gateway to the downtown district. The six-story building will include 184 luxury apartments specifically designed for the 55+ active adult community with incredible amenities, 16,000 sq. ft. of commercial space on the first floor, potential for outdoor restaurant seating, and a 280-space parking structure with electric vehicle charging stations. CityView will break ground February 2024 and is slated for completion spring 2026.

"Our age-qualified communities are purpose-built and designed around the lifestyle of active 55+ residents," said Tom Dickey, President of HighGround. "CityView living promotes an authentic, connected experience uniquely suited for building relationships, health and wellness, entertainment, and convenience."

District South
Rebar's District South will redevelop the south side of South Street between Lantern Rd. and the Nickel Plate Trail, transforming six vacant, blighted properties into a \$32.5 million mixed-use urban village. Anchored by a four-story mixed-use building, the development will feature the new headquarters location for Annex Group, seven small business retail units,

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The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 6:16 a.m.
SET: 9:20 p.m.

High/Low
Temperatures
High: 78 °F
Low: 54 °F

Today is...
• Fresh Veggies Day
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What Happened On This Day
• 2010 The world's first country-wide total tobacco ban goes into effect.
• 1963 Valentina Tereshkova becomes the first woman in space.
• 1960 Alfred Hitchcock's film Psycho is premiered.

Births On This Day
• 1971 Tupac Shakur American rapper, producer, actor
• 1723 Adam Smith Scottish philosopher, economist

Deaths On This Day
• 1977 Wernher von Braun German physicist, engineer
• 1722 John Churchill, 1st Duke of Marlborough English general, politician

Local Music Livestream Series On Sale Now

Artists announced for fourth season of Live at the Center. The best in local and regional original music will continue onstage and online as the Center for the Performing Arts begins the fourth season of its Live at the Center concert and livestream series, with nine events booked from July through May 2024.

Launched in 2020 to help support local musicians during the pandemic lockdown, Live at the Center delivers a front-row perspective on each performance, with rich stereo sound and multi-camera HD video viewable worldwide on YouTube, Facebook and the Center's website. The registration cost is pay-what-you-can with no minimum price.

Tickets to watch the performances on site at the Center are pay-what-you-can with a \$10 minimum. Seats are on sale now

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➔ HONEST HOOSIER

Happy 55th Carmel's Steve Inskeep who has made quite the career for himself at NPR.



➔ TODAY'S QUOTE

"Love recognizes no barriers."
-Maya Angelou

➔ TODAY'S JOKE

How did the telephone propose to his girlfriend?
He gave her a ring!

➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Keep meat tenderizer in your first aid kit - apply it to stings to destroy the venom. 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.



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When It Comes To Summer Fire Safety, It's All About Location, Location, Location

SERVPRO cleanup and restoration specialists in the Noblesville area offer tips to homeowners for a safe summer season.

With the summer season in full swing, fire and water damage cleanup specialists with SERVPRO in the Noblesville area remind homeowners that popular summer activities - like grilling, setting off fireworks, and relaxing around a fire pit or campfire - can quickly turn from fun to flames, resulting in damage to property and structures, and even personal injury.

"Where you place your grill and fire pit matters," says Rick Isaacson, CEO of Servpro Industries, LLC. "If you don't pay close attention to the location and environment, it could cause much more serious problems than just property damage. Even if the location of your grill or fire pit hasn't changed from past years, the setting may have changed and created a more dangerous situation with the addition of fallen branches, leaves

or more combustible, aging decking materials."

To help avoid a potential fire disaster, you need to control the three factors that allow a fire to start and grow: fuel, heat, and air. 1 When you do build an intentional fire, for cooking, warmth, or simple enjoyment, a key element to control is fuel. The U.S. Fire Administration, a division of FEMA, offers these guidelines² to help keep your summer fire activities under control.

Grills. Place your grill well away from siding and deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches. Do not store or use a grill on a porch or balcony. Use propane, charcoal and wood pellet barbecue grills outdoors only to avoid the risk of fire or carbon monoxide poisoning.

Chimineas, outdoor fireplaces, and fire pits. Use these items outdoors only and position them at least 10 feet away from your home or anything that can burn. Build campfires

at least 25 feet away from homes, tents, shrubs and anything that can burn. Flying embers can start fires that are not in direct contact with flames.

Fireworks. If you want to see fireworks, consider going to a public show put on by experts. Even the simplest fireworks like "sparklers" can reach 1,200 degrees Fahrenheit and cause third-degree burns.

"A small spark can start a major fire," says Isaacson. "Leave the fireworks to the professionals and put some time and thought into where you set up your grill, chiminea and fire pit, including clearing away any combustible materials. Then spend your summer enjoying good times and great food, not dealing with the destruction and heartbreak of a house fire."

SERVPRO is an industry leader and provider of fire and water cleanup and restoration services. For more fire prevention and fire safety tips and information about fire and

water damage restoration services, please visit <https://www.servpro.com>. For more information about SERVPRO, please visit www.servpro.com/. For more information on SERVPRO in the Noblesville area, please contact please contact one of the local business owners below.

* For SERVPRO of Anderson, please contact Andrew Johnson who can be reached at (765) 643-6265 or ajohnson@logical123.net.

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Tipton/Hamilton County Farm Service Agency Committee (COC) Election

June 15 through August 1, is the period for nominating farmers as candidates for the local COC election. This year the LAA (Local Administrative Area) holding the election in Tipton County is LAA 2, which includes Cicero and Liberty Townships, and Hamilton County is LAA 4, which includes Adams, Clay, Jackson, and Washington Townships. FSA encourages all eligible producers to nominate themselves, or another eligible producer, to run for office. Nomination forms (FSA-669A's) are available:

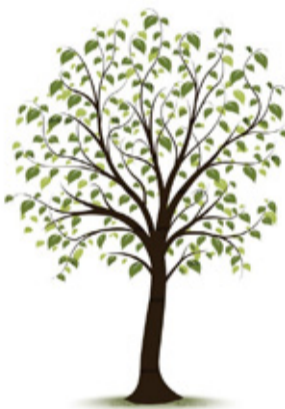
· at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/elections>, and scroll down to the links under "Election Materials" and click "2023 Nomination Form"

· by picking up FSA-669A at your local FSA office at 243 Ash Street, Suite A, Tipton, IN 46072-1752

· by calling your local office at 765-675-2316 and requesting FSA-669A be sent to you.

Further information about the County Committee structure and eligibility can be found at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/elections>, or by contacting the Tipton/Hamilton County FSA Office at 765-675-2316.

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Interesting Days Ahead For College Football



KENNY THOMPSON
Columnist

Flex Protect Plus sounds like a Medicare supplemental insurance commercial you might see on MeTV.

It's a different kind of insurance, though. One that should ensure the Big Ten Conference will be well represented in the upcoming 12-team College Football Playoff.

It's also an opportunity for Purdue to perhaps build some momentum under Ryan Walters.

The Big Ten unveiled its Flex Protect Plus scheduling for the 2024 and 2025 seasons, when the league grows to 16 teams with the addition of USC and UCLA. Flex Protect Plus is a combination of protected opponents and rotating opponents that will guarantee every school will play every other conference foe at least twice (home and away) in a four-year period.

Flex Protect Plus also spells the end of division play. The top two teams will meet in the Big Ten championship game.

Purdue fans who like to grumble and complain should have nothing to say after the Boilermakers' traditional games with Indiana and Illinois were among the 11 protected rivalries announced this week. Even better, the first of the rotating "two-play" opponents for Purdue is Northwestern.

The only thing better than that is if the Wildcats were made a protected rivalry alongside the Hoosiers and Fighting Illini.

Indiana has no protected rival outside of Purdue but the Hoosiers did OK with the "two-play" assignments of Michigan State and Maryland for 2024-25.

Iowa is the only school with three protected rivalries and all three make sense: Minnesota for Floyd of Rosedale, Nebraska for the Heroes Trophy and Wisconsin for the Heartland Trophy.

Penn State was the only school with no protected rival. The other protected rivalries are Michigan-Ohio State, Michigan-Michigan State, Illinois-Northwestern, Minnesota-Wisconsin, USC-UCLA and Rutgers-Maryland.

New Big Ten commissioner Tony Petitti said much of the scheduling decisions had already been made before he replaced Kevin Warren in May. That said, he believes Flex Protect Plus will endure well beyond 2025.

"The first thing is preserving the matchups that are important to Big Ten fans," Petitti said on Big Ten Network. "The second important thing is being able to see more opponents more frequently. I'm happy where this ended up.

"We wanted to have more competitive balance. You want to respect history and tradition in the conference even as you are expanding. You also want to connect fans. All those

things were done with this format."

Purdue's 2024 conference schedule features five away games (Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan State and Wisconsin). Nebraska, Northwestern, Penn State and USC will come to Ross-Ade Stadium. The Trojans have not played in West Lafayette since defeating the Boilermakers 31-13 in 1976, led by Heisman Trophy winner Ricky Bell's 177 yards rushing.

The non-conference schedule features Notre Dame's first appearance in Ross-Ade since a 31-24 Irish victory in 2013, plus a home game with Indiana State. Purdue also travels to Oregon State.

The Boilermakers get five conference home games in 2025: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota and Ohio State. A trip to UCLA heads the four away games that include Michigan, Northwestern and Rutgers. The Bruins faced Purdue in 1980, coming away with a 23-14 victory over Mark Herrmann and Co. at Ross-Ade Stadium. Purdue has never beaten UCLA (0-3-2).

Home games with Ball State and Connecticut, plus a trip to Notre Dame, comprises the 2025 non-conference schedule.

Indiana's home Big Ten slate in 2024 should sell a few tickets with Penn State, UCLA and Purdue coming to Bloomington along with Maryland and Minnesota. Michigan State, Nebraska, Northwestern and Wisconsin comprise the

away games.

A trip to Louisville is sandwiched between home non-conference games with Florida International and Charlotte.

Visits to Ohio State and USC highlight the 2025 Big Ten schedule for the Hoosiers, who also will travel to Illinois, Maryland and Purdue. Michigan comes to Bloomington as part of a home schedule that will also feature Iowa, Michigan State and Rutgers.

All three of IU's non-conference games will be in Memorial Stadium: Old Dominion, Louisville and Indiana State.

No cupcakes served

Monday's announcement by the Indiana Sports Corporation that Purdue will play Arizona in the second annual Indy Classic at Gainbridge Fieldhouse adds another quality opponent to the Boilermakers' 2023-24 schedule.

Purdue, expected to be a preseason Top 5 selection following the return of National Player of the Year Zach Edey, has already announced it will play Xavier as part of the Gavitt Games on Nov. 13 in Mackey Arena.

The Boilermakers also will be a part of a heavy-hitting Maui Invitational field of Kansas, Tennessee, Gonzaga, Marquette, UCLA and Syracuse from Nov. 20-22. Matchups have yet to be announced.

The Indy Classic, which also features Indiana State vs. Ball State, will take

place Dec. 16.

Arizona is the reigning Pac-12 Tournament champions on its way to a 28-7 record. Purdue is 7-5 against the Wildcats, including an 89-64 victory over No. 2 Arizona in the 2017 Battle 4 Atlantis.

Big Ten confidential As part of its 2023 college football season preview, Athlon Sports granted an unspecified number of Big Ten coaches anonymity in exchange for candid views about league opponents.

Here's what they said about first-year Purdue coach Ryan Walters:

"Jeff (Brohm) never really wanted to be at Purdue long term, so this could be a rare example of where both parties benefit from a coaching change. Defensively, they're going to be better than most people think. The head coach is a darn good DC and the staff he brought in is really sharp. They can run complex stuff without sacrificing aggression."

Not surprisingly, after a 2-7 Big Ten finish a year ago, there's a thought around the league that Tom Allen is in trouble at Indiana.

"Probably the most uncertain team in the league going into the season.

They have to win some big games to keep Tom around, and that doesn't look likely with the roster they've got. ... Culturally, this is a hard place to win at, stay winning and make the 'football' changes needed to keep it going. Plus, Tom is

a 'bullhorn' kind of coach, lot of hollering and that as a trend seems to have waned a lot in recent years."

Hall of Fame hopefuls

A pair of All-Americans from Purdue and Indiana are among 78 players from the Football Bowl Subdivision on the 2024 College Football Hall of Fame ballot.

Record-setting wide receiver Taylor Stubblefield and fellow receiver Larry Burton are back on the ballot. Stubblefield left Purdue after setting the NCAA record for career receptions with 316. He also set a Sun Bowl mark with 196 receiving yards in 2001. Burton earned first-team All-American and Outstanding College Athlete of America in 1974

Indiana's hopes are represented by running back Vaughn Dunbar and quarterback Antwaan Randle-El. Dunbar led the nation in rushing with 1,805 yards in 1991. Randle-El was the first player in FBS history to pass for 6,000 yards and rush for 3,000 in a career.

Also on the ballot are Purdue offensive coordinator Graham Harrell for his feats as a quarterback at Texas Tech, as well as Indianapolis Colts greats Dallas Clark and Marvin Harrison.

- Kenny Thompson is the former sports editor for the Lafayette Journal & Courier and an award-winning journalist. He has covered Purdue athletics for many years.

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DICK WOLFSIE
Funny Bone

What was I thinking? I've been so happy lately, retired and enjoying my free time, pleased with the fun I've had over the years in the media. And then I went and did the dumbest thing. I experimented with an Artificial Intelligence app on my phone. I began with a few pressing questions in my life like how do I get rid of the raccoon that is destroying our deck? And will the trash people take my old lawnmower? Can Donald Trump be president while in the slammer?

name. Sounds like a cross between a detective and a werewolf. For 30 years he has been telling stories about quirky people he met, but all the stories were boring. His jokes fell flat and he never tackled anything serious. He never challenges himself, his viewers or his readers. He plays it safe and boring. Everything is a cliché and totally predictable. He did bring his dog Barney on TV for many years. That's what saved his career. People watched Dick on TV because of the dog. His writing often depends on horrible puns and weak punchlines. Where is the sarcasm and irony that good writing demands? Wolfsie just sticks to the same old formula.

the essay.
"Dick this is outrageous; it's full of inaccuracies. You didn't bore people for thirty years on TV"
"Thank you, Mary Ellen."
"Wasn't it closer to 40? And they said you end every column with a dreadful pun."
"But I don't, do I?"
"Of course not, you sprinkle them endlessly throughout the column. Along with the clichés."
"But I do tackle serious topics."
"Without question. Who could forget your story about the guy who collects manhole covers; your column about Miracle Whip versus mayonnaise and my favorite: Why men who drink beer attract mosquitoes."
Now, I was totally depressed. But I had an idea. My original request set me up for witty insults and criticism. This time, I'd phrase it more positively: WRITE AN ESSAY ON WHY DICK WOLFSIE IS A COMEDY GENIUS!

Here's where it all went horribly wrong. I had been told that AI could create a story if you simply prompt the app with an idea or question. Just for fun, here is what I requested. WRITE AN ESSAY ON WHY DICK WOLFSIE IS NOT FUNNY. What you are about to read is exactly what I received. I am not making this up. It began to scroll on my phone within 10 seconds...

In conclusion, Dick Wolfsie never makes people think. He just makes them yawn, turn off the TV or go to the next page of the newspaper."

The original request only required 10 seconds to get a response. It's been two days now and so far I've seen nothing on my smart phone. AI must be still working on it.

"Dick Wolfsie is a TV personality and writer who has been in the media for many years. He claims to have a unique brand of wit, but we beg to differ. Here are some reasons Dick is not funny. First, he has a weird

Yes, that's what Artificial Intelligence wrote about me. For this column, I deleted anything that made me look bad. Apparently, AI scans the web and incorporates all the information they can find to create the story. My first reaction was they must have confused me with a different Dick Wolfsie. You know, another guy who was on the news with his dog and now writes a humor column. I asked my wife to read

- Dick Wolfsie spent his career sharing his humor, stories and video essays on television, radio and in newspapers. His columns appear weekly in The Paper of Montgomery County. E-mail Dick at Wolfsie@aol.com.

IEDC Board To Hold Regional Economic Development Committee Meeting

The regional economic development committee of the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) board of directors will hold a meeting via phone at 11 a.m. ET on Monday, June 19. Members of the public may call in at 1-317-552-1674 and enter the following access code: 612 867 021#.

Prior to the public meeting, the committee will hold an executive session at 10 a.m. ET for consideration of confidential pending investment requests made to the state of Indiana by industrial or commercial prospects (confidential proposals in progress), discussion of records classified as confidential by state

or federal statute, and confidential application information as provided in Indiana Code §§ 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(4) and (7) and Indiana Code § 5-14-3-4(a)(10). The meeting will be held electronically in accordance with Indiana Code § 5-14-1.5-3.6 and the IEDC's Electronic Meeting Policy.

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Andrew Rudick on June 23-24. All shows at 8 p.m., with \$10 admission tickets at thebrickroom.cc.

4. Forest Park Aquatic Center in Noblesville is open for the season, noon to 8 p.m. Saturdays, noon to 6 p.m. Sundays and noon to 7 p.m. weekdays, admission \$8 per person, concessions available. Morse Beach also open for the summer through Sept. 4. Pool membership includes movie nights (below), Tiny Tots Swim and Morse Beach admission.

5. Shop at Sheridan Farmers & Artisan Market from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays, June 17, July 1, 15 and 29, Aug. 12 and 26, at Biddle Park in Sheridan.

6. Head to the Hamilton County Courthouse Square for St. Michael's Episcopal Church's annual Strawberry Festival from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday with tickets \$8 each.

7. Find artisans, makers and craftspeople from Noblesville and surrounding areas at Hatchfest, formerly known as Maker Faire, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday with Noblesville Cultural Arts District Juneteenth Celebration, SERVE Noblesville FunFest and Team Bloodsport's robot battles, giveaways and interactive activities, on the Hamilton County Courthouse Square in downtown Noblesville, in conjunction with St. Michael's Strawberry Festival. (Hatchfest stands for Hamilton County Arts Technology Craft and Heritage.)

8. Head to the 1836 Prairietown as the outdoor areas are open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, during the 2023 season at Conner Prairie in Fishers.

9. Enjoy live music featuring Sam King tonight, Hill & Oaks on Saturday, Andy Schomburg on June 24 at Primeval Brewing in downtown Noblesville.

10. Noblesville Farmers Market is open 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays at Federal Hill Commons in Noblesville.

11. Visit the Fishers Farmers Market from 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays through the summer at Nickel Plate District Amphitheater in Fishers.

12. Enjoy live music at Grindstone Public House in Noblesville, featuring Disagreeable on Saturday, Kelli Yates on June 22, Jeff Brown on June 24 at the downtown Noblesville restaurant.

13. Go out to the countryside for live music with The Pope & Guitarios Show, 6:30 p.m. Saturday at Spencer Farm Winery in Noblesville. Visit spencerfarmwinery.com

14. Dads and their families can enjoy Central Indiana Vintage Vehicles' 31st annual Father's Day Car Show from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday at Forest Park in Noblesville, with spectators admitted free, \$10 per car entry, music, awards, Noblesville Lions Club members selling pork on a stick, watermelon, hot dogs and more.

15. Visit Westfield Farmers Market from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursdays through the summer at Grand Junction Plaza in Westfield.

16. Come out for live music during Fishers Parks Department's Free Tuesdays at 8 p.m. in June and July at Nickel Plate District Amphitheater, featuring Jukebox Luke, June 20; My Yellow Rickshaw, June 27; Karma, with fireworks to follow, July 4; Street Pennies, July 11; Groovesmash, July 18; and Hank Ruff, July 25. Lawn chairs and blankets welcome. Visit <http://www.npdamp.com/>

17. Cool Creek Park and Nature Center free Wednesday Campfires start at 7 p.m. on the north side of Cool Creek Park in Westfield, with Nocturnal Animals from Indiana Wild on June 21, Indiana Jim Reptile Experience on June 28, All-American Animals on July 5, Hoosier Owls on July 12, Baby! It's Wild Outside on July 17 and Really Dangerous Animals on July 26. Lawn chairs and blankets, extra marshmallows and bug spray encouraged.

18. Grab a float and

watch a flick during Movie Nights at Forest Park Aquatic Center's 2023 Flix and Floats nine evening on the giant LED video board, 7:15 p.m. June 21, "Bedtime Stories," Rated PG; 8:15 p.m. June 30, "Hook," Rated PG; 7:15 p.m. July 3, "Top Gun: Maverick," Rated PG-13; 8:15 p.m. July 14, "Field of Dreams," Rated PG; 8:15 p.m. Aug. 5, "Madagascar," Rated PG; 8:15 p.m. Aug. 12, "Cars," Rated G; 8:15 p.m. Aug. 19, "Remember the Titans," Rated PG; 7:15 p.m. Sept. 4, "Back to the Future," Rated PG, admission charged, but free to members, visit forestparkaquaticcenter.com

19. Noblesville Parks and Recreation presents the free 2023 Summer Concert Series 7 to 9 p.m. Thursdays in June and July: Jai Baker 3, June 22; Not Your Average Boy Band, June 29; Groove Smash, July 6; The Toons, July 13; Hairbangers Ball, July 20, at Dillon Park in Noblesville. Lawn chairs and blankets invited. Concessions available.

20. Burning Red, a tribute to Taylor Swift, will take the stage for an 8 p.m. free concert on June 23 during Spark! Fishers June 20-24.

21. Aviation enthusiasts can enjoy pancakes and airplanes -- including home-built, restored and military aircraft -- during a Noblesville Chapter of Experimental Aircraft Association's Fly-In and Breakfast 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. June 24 at Noblesville Airport, with free admission. Breakfast is ticketed. See dozens of airplanes. EAA Chapter 67 uses proceeds to benefit Young Eagles going to Experimental Aircraft Association Academy in Oshkosh, Wis. Visit www.eaa67.org

22. Check out Jess Pearson's new book, "Imagining the Darkness," a memoir, based on the abuse she experienced as a child as well as her journey to healing, during an autograph signing event 2-4 p.m. June 24 at Gal's Guide Library, 107 S. 8th St., Noblesville, second floor of Nickel Plate Arts Campus. A small percentage of sales at the library will go to Gal's Guide Library & Nickel Plate Arts.

23. "Dave Dugan presents Comedy at the Cat," a new series kicks off at 7:30 p.m. June 24 at The Cat in Carmel, with \$15 in advance online, \$20 at the door (rescheduled from June 3 due to Dugan having the flu), featuring experienced headliner Troy Davis and his daughter, CoLee Reyes, who will open the show.

24. Noblesville Parks and Recreation Department's free Concerts at the Commons will feature eight tribute bands 7-10 p.m. Saturdays: Shoot to Thrill (AC/DC tribute), June 24; Crush (Bon Jovi tribute), July 8; No Fences (Garth Brooks tribute), July 15; Chicago Rewired (Chicago tribute), Aug. 12; Earth to Mars (Bruno Mars tribute), Aug. 26; American English (Beatles tribute) Sept. 9; Trippin Billies (Dave Matthews Band tribute), Sept. 23; all at Federal Hill Commons in downtown Noblesville.

25. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets for Legacy Keepers Music's free StringTime Music on the Square monthly series at the Hamilton County Courthouse Square: All-Day Musicfest noon to 8:15 p.m. July 1 featuring Prairietown, Addie & Friends, Santiago Bap Trio, Limestone Nomad, Stampede String Band, Brad McCord, John Gilmore and Barrel Scrapers; Stones Crossing, 6:30-8:15 p.m. Aug. 5; Cornfields & Crossroads, 6:30-8:15 p.m. Sept. 2.

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38 exclusive loft residences, a fitness center, café lounge, shared conference room, and civic plaza and courtyard. Additionally, the village will include 44 multi-family units with modern finishes. Rebar will break ground on District South in the fall of 2023 and will welcome residents and businesses beginning early 2025.

"District South will be a thriving urban village with an inspired mix of office, small businesses, high-end residential, and an outdoor plaza, all anchored by an industry-leading company in Annex Group," said Shelby Bowen, President of Rebar Development. "With direct connections to both the Cheeny Creek Trail and Nickel Plate Trail, District South offers a walkable, bike-friendly, pet-friendly neighborhood for our residents, tenants, and visitors."

Annex Group The Annex Group, a multi-family housing developer, general contractor, and owner, will relocate to Fishers to support their business growth. The Annex Group anticipates adding an additional 40 full-time employees by

2028.

"With ample amenities that are a great match for both our team and company culture, Fishers is the ideal location for our new headquarters," said Kyle Bach, CEO of The Annex Group. "Our team has grown substantially over the past few years, with more than two dozen hires in 2022 and more expected this year. A larger office space will allow us plenty of room to collaborate with our existing team and grow in the future. We can't wait to move forward in Fishers!"

The redevelopment of the Nickel Plate District was identified as a priority in the Fishers 2040 plan, developed by a resident-led committee in 2015. Since 2015, more than \$500 million in new development has occurred with more than 30 retail units, 11 new businesses, and several new public gathering spaces have been built.

The Fishers City Council will vote on economic development agreements for CityView and District South at June's City Council meeting on Monday, June 19 at 7 p.m.

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at TheCenterPresents.org or (317) 843-3800. More information on tickets and viewing options is available at TheCenterPresents.org/LATC.

"We're very proud of this series and the boost it provides for local artists, not to mention their fans," said Jeffrey C. McDermott, President and CEO of the Center for the Performing Arts. "We take great care in curating this series, but there is no shortage of talented songwriters and performers in Indiana who deserve wider exposure."

Performances will take place at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays throughout the 2023-2024 season:
 The Palace - rock/soul
 July 26 at the Palladium
 Sean Imboden Trio -

jazz
 Aug. 30 at the Tarkington
 Okara Imani & The Call - neo soul
 Oct 18 at the Palladium
 John Boyle - blues rock
 Nov 29 at the Studio Theater
 Clare Longendyke - classical piano
 Jan. 31 at the Palladium
 Peyton Womock Band - R&B/hip hop/jazz
 Feb. 28 at the Palladium
 Bullet Points - indie rock
 March 27 at the Palladium
 Mike Wells - folk rock/country rock
 April 24 at the Palladium
 Nate Wolfe - singer-songwriter
 May 29 at the Studio Theater

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Bloomington Small Business Owner Testifies Before U.S. Senate



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On the right, Senator Todd Young and on the left, Mike Norris

Last week, Bloomington resident Mike Norris, President/CEO of Warrant Technologies, testified during a joint roundtable hosted by the U.S. Senate Committees on Finance and Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

Senator Todd Young (R-Ind.), a member of both committees, co-led the roundtable and invited Norris to participate. Entitled "Tackling Tax Complexity: The Small Business Perspective," the roundtable focused on how tax policy affects small businesses across the country.

During the event, Norris

discussed the importance of Congress restoring a recently expired tax deduction for research and development (R&D) expenses. Last year, Congress failed to extend a provision in the tax code allowing American employers to immediately deduct R&D expenses. For the first time in 70 years, businesses now must amortize these investments over the course of five years, rather than 100% annually.

Norris contrasted the investment and growth his company experienced prior to the expiration of full and immediate R&D expensing with the

burden his company faces now that he has to amortize those expenses.

"If these tax changes persist, the impact on small businesses, like Warrant Technologies, could be devastating," said Norris. "Fixing the tax burdens that start this year is in the interest of every small business, our nation's economic growth, and the ability of our small business to continue thrive and pursue research and development efforts. Adoption of the American Innovation and Jobs Act (S.866) repeals this change and incentivizes small business growth and participation in R&D."

Senators Young and Maggie Hassan (D-N.H.) have introduced the bipartisan American Innovation and Jobs Act to address this issue. The bill would both allow businesses to once again fully deduct R&D expenses each year and expand eligibility for the refundable R&D tax credit so that more startups and new businesses can use it. The legislation is broadly supported by job creators and industry trade associations in Indiana and across the country.

"Maintaining and encouraging R&D activities here in the United States is critical to spurring economic growth, providing high-quality jobs for Americans, and ensuring our country remains competitive with our international rivals, most notably China. Congress needs to support small businesses like Warrant Technologies by passing my American Innovation and Jobs Act," said Senator Young.

Ivy Tech Community College Sets Tuition And Fees For Two Years



IVY TECH
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Earlier this week, the Ivy Tech Community College (College) State Board of Trustees passed the College's tuition and fees for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 academic years. The end result will be lower tuition and fees for about two-thirds of the College's students, and Ivy Tech remains the lowest tuition in the State of Indiana with the lowest overall cost of attendance.

"The College takes its commitment to student affordability seriously, and we look for ways to reduce overall college costs for students in a transparent and equitable way," President Sue Ellspermann said. "Our Ivy+ Tuition and Textbooks model saves students money by providing summer flex scholarships and leveraging our purchasing power to reduce textbook costs."

Ivy Tech uses a banded tuition structure, which means students enrolling in 12 or more credit hours pay the

same tuition regardless of the number of credits in which they enroll. This structure encourages students to graduate faster, improve their academic performance, and reduce the overall cost of their education.

Banded tuition and mandatory fees for 2023-2024 will go from \$2,318.25 per semester to \$2,455.76 for 2023-2024 and \$2,577.11 for 2024-2025.

Ivy Tech is changing the structure of two fees to be incorporated into the tuition rate for 2023-24; those include a \$75 per semester mandatory technology fee and a \$20 per credit hour distance education fee for select modalities including classes taught through IvyOnline. Students will no longer be charged separate fees for these.

This fee structure will improve transparency in costs and provide equity in how tuition and fees are applied across student populations. This will create savings for many students as this fee had historically been charged to all students rather than being proportional to the number of credits in which a student was enrolled. The \$20 per credit hour distance education fee for select modalities including classes taught through IvyOnline is also eliminated. This fee was charged to 75 percent of students in the past academic year.

Ivy Tech has found many innovative ways to save students on the overall cost of college; some examples include frozen tuition and free textbooks for the past two academic years. For the 2023-2024 academic year, students will pay \$17 per-credit hour for all textbooks and that cost will be reduced to \$16.50 in the following year. This model will save Ivy Tech students more than \$17 million dollars annually in textbook costs.

Additionally, federal and state financial aid has been increasing, so students with the most financial need will still have free community college in Indiana. The federal Pell Grant provides students with up to \$3,698 per semester (\$7,395 per year), which is more than the proposed Ivy Tech tuition and fees. Additionally, the State of Indiana has generous financial aid programs for students, including the Frank O'Bannon award, which provides students at Ivy Tech with up to \$2,350 per semester (\$4,700 per year), the 21st Century Scholars Award, which covers full tuition and fees, the Adult Student Grant, and the Workforce Ready Grant. These programs combined with Ivy Tech's commitment to affordability help four out of every five Ivy Tech students complete with no debt.



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CREDIT UNION

Teachers Credit Union Announces Name Change To Everwise Credit Union

Teachers Credit Union (TCU), the largest credit union in Indiana, is changing its name to Everwise Credit Union to better reflect its mission to empower and serve all people and grow beyond its original educator roots. The Everwise brand, including a new logo, tagline, and visual identity, will launch June 26. The change in brand does not reflect a change in ownership and TCU will remain 100 percent member owned and headquartered in South Bend.

"Though we will always support local educators, it is simply time our name reflected all the members we serve today and the growth ahead," said Jason M. Osterhage, President and Chief Executive Officer of TCU. "We have always championed financial confidence and well-being for all of our members and all of our communities. This is the next step in our evolution, as a simple

yet meaningful way to connect with people aspiring to feel more confident and in control of their money and their future."

With more than 300,000 members and over 50 branches throughout Indiana and southwest Michigan, TCU has always made its mission to support people as they grow into their financial dreams. The new Everwise name builds on that people-first foundation and sets the credit union up for continued growth and opportunities.

"We are so proud to unveil the Everwise name," said Angie Dvorak, Chief Marketing + Growth Officer at TCU. "As a financial institution founded to support teachers in our local community, we have education at our core. The Everwise name shows that when people are given the right resources and support, they can achieve their financial dreams."

Small Business Tips To Launch And Thrive

(StatePoint) Running a small business is one of the most challenging journeys you can embark on, according to those in the know.

"Being a small business owner within an ever-changing landscape can feel intimidating without support," says Michelle Van Slyke, senior vice president of sales and marketing at The UPS Store, Inc. "Fortunately, a variety of resources exist to help business launch and thrive."

With more than 5,100 locations across North America, The UPS Store network comprises the nation's largest franchise system of retail shipping, postal, print and business service centers, and is leveraging its expertise to offer new and seasoned entrepreneurs these tips to help their small business thrive:

1. Find a one-stop shop. One of the first steps in creating a business is sending out paperwork for the business formation and acquiring the licenses or permits needed. Save time and effort by using a one-stop small business services shop to have documents notarized, faxed, copied, scanned and securely shredded.

2. Simplify correspondence. Consider using a private mailbox rental, so you can give your small business a real street address, as well as establish a central location to pick up mail and packages. Consider a mailbox service that offers package acceptance from all carriers, receipt confirmation, mail forwarding and holding, and easy delivery updates.

3. Get out the word. Be sure to regularly let your customers and prospective customers know when you've added new products and services to your portfolio with both print and digital marketing. Update the company website, blog and social media channels regularly and be sure to use tried-and-true methods of promotion as well, like direct mail services. The UPS Store,

which can help you design, print and mail postcards, flyers and other marketing materials, offers two direct mail options, one that provides total market coverage, and another, more targeted option to reach a specific list of customers.

4. Don't pay full price for business services. Some vendors may have discounts for qualifying businesses, so be sure to inquire about that. You can also access deals and promotions on packing, shipping, logistics management, printing, marketing consultation, secure mailboxes and more by joining The UPS Store email program.

5. Get inspired by the work of other small business owners. The UPS Store and Inc. Magazine are teaming up to host the 2023 Small Biz Challenge, which offers an opportunity for entrepreneurs to win up to \$25,000, one-on-one mentoring with a business expert, an editorial feature in an upcoming issue of Inc. Magazine and Inc.com, and a trip to the final event in New York City. Recognizing the inspiring business skills and expertise of entrepreneurs since 2019, this year's competition required entrepreneurs to demonstrate their unique problem-solving skills and innovative thinking.

"Every day we see entrepreneurs overcome obstacles on their path to success. Our goal was to find the most unstoppable business owners across the country," says Van Slyke.

To learn more about this year's contest, visit <https://www.theupsstore.com/smallbizchallenge>.

For more tips and resources, visit The UPS Store small business blog at: <https://www.theupsstore.com/small-business-services/small-business-blog>.

Running a small business presents new challenges every day. However, finding the right resources can help you focus on the big picture, so you can grow your business and see your vision through.

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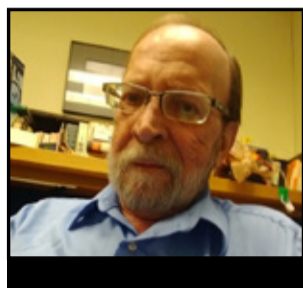
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A Journalist Finally Discovers Politics



LEO MORRIS
 Guest Columnist

Nikki Kelly, in a column for the news organization Indiana Capital Chronicle, expresses a forlorn disappointment in Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch.

It seems that Crouch, in all the time Kelly has been covering her as a journalist, “has never really been about politics” but has worked instead on “moving the state forward,” unabashedly using words “like cooperation and collaboration.” She has focused on “practical changes to government that would help Hoosiers.”

But now that she’s run-

ning for governor on the Republican ticket, Crouch has turned into – wait for it – a politician. Knowing she has to get through the primary to stand in the general election, she is out there talking to Republican crowds and saying Republican things that Republican voters want to hear.

How distasteful of her. Kelly didn’t exactly put it the way I paraphrased her. She wrote that Crouch had “taken a hard-right turn.” It’s almost like “someone has a check-list somewhere of conservative, hot-button topics she must weigh in on.”

Now I might quibble with – in fact, I do – some of Kelly’s choices for topics out of the mainstream mindset.

The U.S.-Mexican border. The national security implications of an open border are a “right wing” issue?

Voucher expansion. Giving parents a greater say in the education of

their children is a “conservative” issue?

Possible elimination of the state income tax. Only Republicans care about a lower tax burden?

All Kelly has done with her list of topics is reveal her political inclinations, as, I suspect, I have revealed mine with my reaction to them. So it goes.

But I take her point that our election system is a haphazard, unsatisfying way to choose who will lead us. Candidates are forced to appeal to base voters in the primary, which means taking firm stands on deeply held principles. Then, in the general election, they have to pivot into a softer stance, to show they care about all citizens, not just the ones of their ideological bent.

Kelly does acknowledge that Crouch is “far from the first” to use this “primary strategy.” In fact, I’d venture to say it’s used all the time, in almost every election we’ve ever had.

And what do we know about the candidates that make it through both the primary and general?

Only that they are the best politicians – the ones most able to tell the most voters the most things they want to hear. Unless they’ve already held the office they are seeking, we know nothing about the way they would actually govern. Separating politics from governance has always been the greatest challenge of our system, the one we have never quite mastered.

Who on the Republican ballot, for example would be the best next governor of Indiana?

Suzanne Couch is the ultimate insider, having been a county commissioner, a state representative and state auditor on her way to the lieutenant governorship. She has an intimate knowledge of government, both the way it should work and the way it actually does.

Mike Braun has set foot

in both worlds, first as a successful businessman, then as a first-term U.S. senator. He has glimpsed government both from the outside and the inside.

Eric Doden is the ultimate outsider. As a successful businessman and, especially, as an “economic development” advocate, he knows how to work the system, though he’s never held elective office.

Their experiences give us some glimmer of how they might govern. But we can’t really know, since none of them has ever been governor. It’s a crap shoot.

All we can do as voters is to listen to them as they campaign, both in the primary and general elections, and weigh their words. Are they sincere? Are they trustworthy? Do they have good character? Are they the type of people who would rise to the occasion in a crisis? Is there such a gulf between their primary and general

campaigning that they could never put good governance above politics?

It’s not perfect, but it’s the system we have.

As I write this, Jennifer McCormick, former state schools superintendent and ex-Republican, has no serious contender on the Democratic ballot for governor. Unless she gets one, she will not have to be out there speaking to Democratic crowds, saying a lot of Democratic things that Democrats want to hear.

At least she won’t disappoint anybody. On the other hand, we might not learn much about her ability to govern.

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If Grandpa Could Only See Us Now . . .



TIM TIMMONS
 Two Cents

I was standing in the checkout line at the grocery store. There was an older man and little boy in front of me, and the little boy was chatting a mile a minute. The older man was smiling, nodding his head and not talking much.

It made me think back to riding in the front seat of my Grandpa’s old pickup on the way to the grain elevator in Jefferson, Ind. He had a cigarette in his right hand that rested on top the huge steering wheel.

His left arm was cocked at the elbow and on the door frame with the window rolled down. His hand was curled around the open triangular vent that he always had open, at least a little, no matter what the weather was. With his shirt blowing in the breeze, I could see how dark and red his skin was below the sleeve, and how starkly white it was above.

Being the inquisitive kid I was, I talked all the way there and all the way back (and knew not to talk when Grandpa and the other farmers talked crops, weather and how the St. Louis Cardinals were doing – what was the expression we all lived by back then, children were to be seen, not heard). I never really thought about it, but now I’m wondering if he didn’t let me ride in the truck bed once in a while just to have some peace and quiet in the cab?

The memory made me smile. How long ago was that, 60 years? At least.

Then I looked down in my cart at

- A case of bottled water
- Frozen dinners
- Pre-packaged salads
- Frozen breakfasts
- Chicken salad
- And canned goods from Del Monte

That made me think about paying a ridiculous price for a bottle of water, a cup of coffee or iced tea. It brought to mind the hours and hours we spend on social media and electronic games.

I looked at my cart again. Pre-packaged frozen meals and salads? Even buying green beans and corn? Chicken salad? Heck, I remember Grandma telling my Mom that chicken and ham salads were ways to make sure nothing went to waste. Pick the meat off the bones, put it in the grinder and add some chopped up

veggies and eggs and such and voila! My grandparents grew and made most everything they consumed. They stored dozens and dozens of Mason jars with canned corn and beans and such in the root cellar. Paying a dollar for a plastic bottle of water – or more? Paying several bucks for a cup of coffee? Heck, on the rare occasions they did go out to eat, their entire meal probably didn’t total \$5.

What would they think if they could see our society now?

After getting out of the Army, Grandpa worked two jobs for a while – and later three. I was told that he slept where and when he could. By the time I came along in the 1950s, he was back down to two jobs, farming and working as a mechanic. I remember one Christmas when I was home from college. I got a hand-held electronic football game. You remember

those? The screen was only a couple of inches in size and small electronic dots and dashes represented the players.

My Dad and I took turns while my grandpa looked on.

Later that day, as he was pulling on a heavy coat to head out to tend to something in the barn I was still playing. I remember he shook his head and said something about wasting time.

Obviously, he didn’t get it, I thought. This game was the future (if only I knew just how much) and Grandpa was old and stuck in his ways.

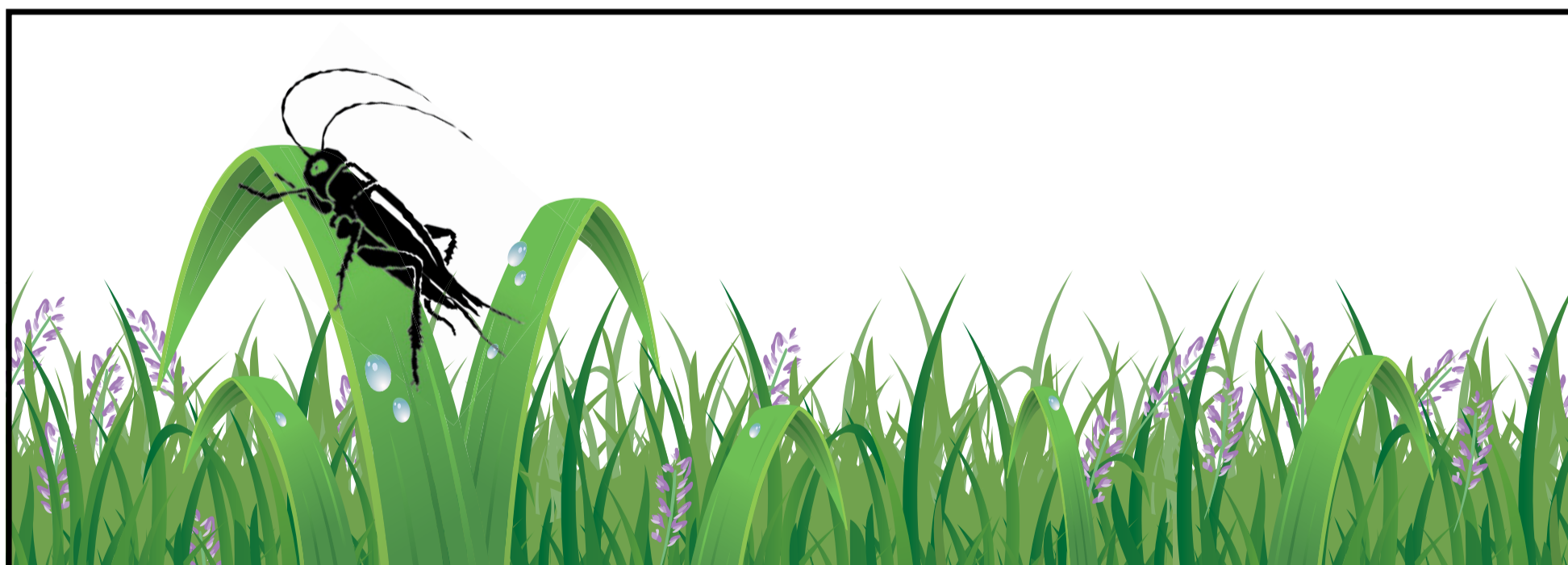
Today, we spend far more time on electronic devices. There are actually recognized disorders for the panic people feel when they lose or can’t use their phones. From games to TikTok to FaceBook, InstaGram and a gazillion other social platforms – we

spend a huge amount of time . . . and have what exactly to show for it? What do we accomplish during that time? Hey, cute kitten videos have value, but they’re not putting food on the table or a roof over our heads.

My Grandpa has been long gone . . . but he spent his extra time driving a truck, repairing the tractor, working as a mechanic at Dorner’s Garage. Idle time for him did not mean “liking” the most recent post from one of the Kardashians.

What would my Grandpa – or yours – think if they could see us today? I’ll bet we have an idea.

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