

# TODAY'S VERSE

John 1:1-5 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God. and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.



### FACES OF **HAMILTON COUNTY**

People who call our community their own What makes Lexi Blackburn smile? "Playing outside on our playset in the backyard." What makes Jenna Blackburn smile? "Doing funny jokes." Lexi was 3 years old, and Jenna was 5 years old, and they were found in 2021 watching the Noblesville Fourth of July Parade on Logan Street with brother, Brooks, then 1, and parents, Adrienne and Skylar Blackburn. The sisters were both dressed in red, white and blue tulle skirts and Disney-themed tops. Favorite part about the parade? "I like when they throw out candy," Jenna said. Their favorite candies? "Tootsie Rolls." Favorite summer pastime? "Playing outside on our playground in our backyard," Lexi said. "I swim in my grandma's pool," Jenna said. Favorite songs? "Dance Monkey," Jenna said. "The Backwards ABCs," Lexi said. Favorite movies? "My Little Pony," Lexi said. "Bluey," Lexi said. Favorite Disney movie characters? "Elsa" (from "Frozen,") Jenna said. "Jasmine," Lexi said. Fun plans for last summer? "I'm doing swim lessons, and so is she (at Stony Creek Swim Center)," said Jenna, who was then also starting dance classes at Farber's Tumble, Dance & Cheer in Noblesville. During the 2021-22 school year, Jenna was a kindergartner at Hinkle Creek Elementary, where Lexi was in the Little Millers preschool program. The family attended the Noblesville Fireworks Festival at Forest Park that evening. This year, Noblesville Fireworks Festival and Parade are on Tuesday, with the parade at 4 p.m. through downtown Noblesville, and the Fireworks Festival 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Forest Park, where fireworks will be displayed at 10 p.m. Admission is free.



# **Boomer Bits Ask Rusty – About Income Tax On Social Security Benefits**

Dear Rusty: I just started receiving my Social Security in February of 2023. I am also working part time at a company 24 hours a week. My question is... I feel like I missed something when I signed up for Social Security because they are not taking any taxes out. What did I miss? How do I go about fixing it so I don't get hit at the end of the year? They are taking taxes out of my paycheck now, do they still take it out of my Social Security because I am working? Please help if I am not doing something right. Signed: **Conscientious Senior** 

Dear Conscientious: Unfortunately, when the Social Security Administration processes your application for benefits, they don't usually inform you that your Social Security benefits may become part of your taxable income. I expect that's because your benefits only "may" become taxable - they do not definitely become taxable, because Social Security benefits are taxed only if you exceed a certain income threshold.

The thresholds at which Social Security benefits become part of your taxable income are different depending on your income tax filing status - those who file as an individual have a different threshold from those who file as "married – filing jointly." And

### **Social Security Matters**

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to further complicate matters there is more than one threshold for both individuals and joint filers. Here's how it works:

ASK Rusty

•If you file your income tax as an individual and your "combined income" from all sources is more than \$25,000, then 50% of the Social Security benefits you received during the tax year becomes part of your overall taxable income at your particular IRS tax rate. But if your combined income as an individual tax filer is more than \$34,000 then up to 85% of the SS benefits you received during the tax becomes part of your overall taxable income.

•If your income tax filing status is "married - filing jointly" the thresholds are higher - if your combined income from all sources as a married couple exceeds \$32,000 then 50% of the Social Security benefits you received during the tax year becomes part of your taxable income. But if your combined income as a married couple exceeds \$44,000 then up to 85% of your SS benefits received during the tax year are taxable.

"Combined income" is also known as your "Modified Adjusted Gross Income" or "MAGI." Your MAGI is your Adjusted Gross Income on your tax return, plus 50% of the Social Security benefits you received during the tax year, plus any non-taxable interest or untaxed foreign income you had (note that withdrawals from a Roth IRA are not included). If your "MAGI" exceeds the above thresholds, some of your Social Security benefits are taxable; if you are under the first threshold for your IRS filing status they are not.

Social Security doesn't automatically withhold taxes from your monthly benefits, and the FICA tax being withheld from your earnings are not used for that purpose. Everyone who works and earns must pay SS tax on their earnings, which are mandatory contributions

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Sunrise/Sunset RISE: 6:20 a.m. SET: 9:22 p.m.

**High/Low** Temperatures **HIGH:** 88 °F LOW: 70 °F

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- Canada Day • International Chicken
- Wing Day

### **On This Day in History**

• 1991 The Warsaw Pact, a defense treaty between 8 communist countries, is formally disbanded in Prague.

• 1979 The Walkman makes its appearance in stores for the first time. • 1908 SOS is adopted as the International Distress Signal.

- **Births On This Day** • 1971 Missy Elliott American rapper, songwriter, producer, dancer,
- actress
- 1961 Diana, Princess of Wales
- **Deaths On This Day**
- 2004 Marlon Brando American actor
- **1964** Pierre Monteux French conductor

A Chat With The Navy Seal Find Adventure And Fun

### And Another Few Things... **1.Holiday Closures**

With the 4th of July falling on a Tuesday, it will mean some odd schedules. The Post Office will work on Monday, July 3, but be closed on Tuesday, July 4. Banks are scheduled to be closed on Tuesday as are government offices. The Noblesville Times will not publish on Tuesday, July 4. Our office will be closed that day as well. We will publish our Wednesday edition as normal. The Times is also looking for clerical, office help. To apply, e-mail a resume to jobs@ thetimes24-7.com.

# 2. Sheriff Pat Williamson Endorses **Suzanne Crouch for** Governor

Jasper County Sheriff, Pat Williamson, has pledged his endorsement to Suzanne Crouch for Governor. Of Suzanne, Williamson said, "I appreciate the effort Lt. Governor Crouch has made over the years with sheriffs and law enforcement. Suzanne is no stranger in our community and at Indiana Sheriff Association meetings, I also appreciate Lt. Governor Crouch's stance on mental illness and the efforts she is making in Indiana towards funding and treatment. As jails typically provide treatment for these individuals, this issue greatly affects the Office of Sheriff across our state. We are also extremely grateful in her efforts to better fund public safety, as well as listen to ideas for better officer retention." Pat Williamson is in his second term as Jasper County Sheriff.

# Who Shot Osama bin Laden in The Natural State

### By John Grimaldi

"We went up the stairs. My buddy jumped on the people he thought were wearing suicide vests. He went left, I went right. And that's when I saw Osama bin Laden standing up taller than I thought." That's how former U.S. Navy SEAL Team 6 member, senior chief petty officer Robert O'Neill recalled the moments before he put a bullet in bin Laden's head. In a recent interview with Rebecca Weber, CEO of the Association of Mature American Citizens, on AMAC's Better For America podcast, he went on to describe his encounter with the founder of the diabolical terrorist organization, al Qaeda, who was directly responsible for the deaths of hundreds upon hundreds of innocent civilians throughout the world. He upped the ante on September 11, 2001 when his henchmen launched a series of four airline bombings in the U.S., taking the lives of nearly 3,000 victims.

O'Neill continued: "He was

skinnier than I thought. He had his hands on his wife, Amal's shoulder, sort of almost pushing her toward me. And he was a matter of three feet away from me. I assumed he was a suicide bomber because he was a high threat. And so I treated him as such." O'Neill continued, noting that he had no other choice but to eliminate the threat. "So, I shot him twice in the head and once more on the ground. And then I moved his wife out of the way. I knew other Navy SEALs would be coming in and we, being the good guys, I didn't want her to get hurt and I didn't want his young son that was there to get hurt. Some other guvs were in there and I kind of froze. And one of my guys looked at me and said, 'Hey, are you okay?' and I said, 'I don't know'.

Rob served as a U.S. Navy Seal from 1996 to 2012 on SEAL Team two, SEAL Team Four and SEAL Team Six. During his career, he led more than 400 combat missions all

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# HONEST HOOSIER

Welcome to July, the month of liberty, justice and the American way - at least it used to stand for those things. Sure would be nice to get all of them back, huh?

# **TODAY'S HEALTH TIP**

Stretching and strengthening exercises go a long way in helping to prevent falls in the elderly. Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Times and online at www. thetimes24-7.com



(StatePoint) Love hiking in the great outdoors? Enjoy authentic, local cuisine? Get a thrill hurtling down mountain biking trails? Whatever sort of adventure you're craving, Arkansas, also known as "The Natural State," is a great destination to consider.

With wide-open landscapes, an abundance of natural resources, and friendly hospitality, an Arkansas trip is unlike any other," says Shealyn Sowers, chief of communications, Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism.

As Sowers points out, Arkansas is known as The Natural State for a reason. Hiking, floating, fishing, hunting and cycling are just a few of the many outdoor activity options available, along with golf, ATVing and even hang gliding. You can even take a backcountry aviation adventure and literally camp next door to your plane.

Arkansas is home to some of the best mountain biking trails on the planet, not to mention the first national river (Buffalo National River) and the first unit in the National Park System (Hot Springs National Park).

If your choice of adventure is more urban than outdoors. check out Bentonville, which is home to one of the finest American art museums in the nation, Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art. The capital city of Little Rock offers art and museums, along with unique dining and cultural experiences. New this year, the Arkansas Museum of Fine Arts recently reopened in Little Rock following an almost four-year renovation and reimagining. The museum's art collection spans the 1300s to present day, with 14,000 works.

What else does Arkansas offer?

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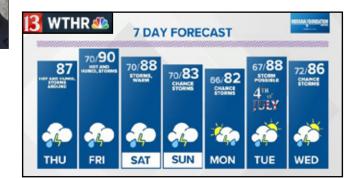
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# 🗢 TODAY'S QUOTE

"We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." -Thomas Jefferson

# 🗢 TODAY'S JOKE

What guacks, has webbed feet and is a traitor? **Bene-duck Arnold!** 



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The Times appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank **KERWIN & CHERYL KAUFMAN** for subscribing!

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The Times photo by Betsy Reason

Lights Over Morse Lake festival in Cicero this weekend offers all kinds of fun for those with golf carts, including a Poker Run, Scavenger Hunt and decorating contest, with golf carts also in the July 4 Parade (above).

# **Lights Over Morse Tops July 4 Events**



year, the July 4 holiday means an extra-long weekend. One of

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BETSY REASON From The Editor's Desk

day is at the Lights Over Morse Lake Festival. This year, the festival is a fiveday event that kicked off Friday afternoon and runs through Tuesday night fireworks over Morse Reservoir in Cicero.



# **HSHC President & CEO Is Pleading For Your Help**

One kennel in our entire building was open this morning. One. So what happens to the next Hamilton County stray or unwanted dog in need of sanctuary? We take them. It's what an open-admission facility does. The team will find an open office, set up a crate, dial for foster homes, and vigilantly promote our animals for adoption so that animal, and the next one, and the next one, will have a fighting chance.

Our medical department operates as a MASH unit most days with the record-setting number of animals being abandoned and arriving with life-threatening, hit-by-car injuries.

Then there's the disheartening number of senior animals being surrendered at the point in their lives when they need their people the most. Some come to us at 14 +years old, requiring so much more medical, and emotional, investment, to ensure this is not their last stop in life.

I'm sharing this so you can imagine, for a moment, what a day is like for the incredible staff and volunteers committed to our life-saving efforts.

They're giving it everything they've got. The level of compassion fatigue that comes with this career choice is nothing short of soul-crushing some days. Still, I see them return day after day, ready to do it all again-and I am honored to work alongside them.

Please show your support of these incredible efforts by helping us reach our 2023 Matching Campaign goal. There's just too much at stake to leave anything on the table.

With one day remaining, we are sitting right at \$90,114 of our \$106,000 campaign goal.

We cannot do what we do without the lights on, or without the supplies needed to keep this

beautiful building clean and healthy, or without these remarkable people who work tirelessly in the service of Indiana's unwanted, abused and most at-risk animals.

I have faith that we will hit our \$106,000 campaign goal before the clock strikes midnight tomorrow. I have faith in our mission, and I have faith in you.

With gratitude, Rebecca Stevens President and CEO

# Meeting Notes – **Town Of Cicero Town Council Meeting Agenda**

Wednesday, July 5, at 7 PM Call to Order: Present: Chad Blueher Absent: Jerry Cook Joseph Cox Eric Hayden

Session Memorandum, June 20, 2023, 6:00 PM Town Council Meeting Minutes, June 20, 2023, 7:00 PM

Town Council Special Meeting Minutes, June 26, 2023, 6:00 PM

Approval of Claims: Baker Tilly – Financial

There is an array of happenings that all ages can enjoy.

This morning's activities kick off with a Cicero Kiwanis Breakfast from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Red Bridge Park overlooking Morse Reservoir. Who can resist all-youcan-eat pancakes and sausage?

Next up is a 3-on-3 basketball tournament at 9 a.m. at the Community Park tennis courts. If you like watching basketball, this is also fun for spectators, who might bring their own lawn chairs. A pickle ball tournament, also at 9 a.m., takes place at Community Park, which is located on Pearl Street, just off of Stringtown Pike and Brinton Street.

Just for the kids, there is a Princess and Superheroes and face painting event from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Hamilton North Public Library Pavilion, which is within walking distance of Community Park, where a Barnyard Party Pals event, for kids, takes place 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Food and craft vendors open at 10 a.m. at Community Park for the day and remain open until 8 or 9 p.m.

A Golf Cart Poker Run, which is a lot of fun, begins at 10:30 a.m. at Red Bridge Park on West Jackson Street and ends at Cicero Christian Church on Stringtown Pike, which turns into Main Street in downtown Cicero. The Poker Run will take golf carts all over the town.

Music in the Park will be from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Community Park.

A carnival that opens at noon offers all kinds of rides until 11 p.m. behind the library at the ball fields. A \$25-day pass is available.

Antique car owners and those who love to see old cars should attend the annual car show, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the sound end of Community Park. Registration begins at 1 p.m.

Photo courtesy of Lights Over Morse Lake

Lights Over Morse Lake festival offers all kinds of food vendors for folks to enjoy at the five-day festival in Cicero.

When it's about time to eat supper, the United Family Wesleyan Church fish fry opens at 4 p.m. and runs through 8 p.m. at the church on Washington Street at Spring Street.

Cicero Friends of the Park Bingo is 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Community Park's shelter.

Then, tethered hotair balloon rides will be offered from 7:30 p.m. to sunset at Cicero Christian Church for \$15 per person.

The night ends with a free concert by The Bishops (Bryan Bishop is a 1986 Noblesville High School graduate, and his show is not one to miss) from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Hamilton North Public Library Pavilion. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets for this outdoor seating.

On Sunday, Lights Over Morse Reservoir opens at noon with food and craft vendors and Barnyard Party Pals in Community Park and the carnival behind the library. A corn hole tournament begins at noon at the south end of Community Park.

A kids talent show is 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Hamilton North Public Library Pavilion, and the Hamilton County Band will play from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Community Park shelter.

A Golf Cart Scavenger Hunt is 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, starting and ending at Cicero Christian Church shelter. Music in the Park is noon to 3 p.m. at Community Park. Tethered hot-air balloon rides are again at 7:30 p.m. to sunset at Cicero Christian Church. The evening ends with a concert featuring Mikey Goode at 6 p.m. and Krista & the Night Shift from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Hamilton North Public Library Pavilion. On Monday, food and

craft vendors are open 4 p.m. to 8 or 9 p.m. in Community Park, the carnival is open 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. behind the library, Barnyard Party Pals is happening 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Community Park, rain barrels' silent auction ends at 4 p.m. at the Cicero Parks Department, and a concert features Big 80's Band from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Hamilton North Public Library Pavilion.

On Tuesday, Selah's Grace 5K Run/Walk begins at 7:30 a.m., with registration at 7 a.m., at the Parks Department Office at Community Park.

A golf cart decorating contest is at 10 a.m. at the Hamilton North Public Library Pavilion. The July 4 Parade steps

off at 11 a.m. through downtown Cicero.

Food and craft vendors are open noon to 6 p.m. in Community Park, where Barnyard Party Pals are also happening noon to 6 p.m. The carnival is open from noon to 9:30 p.m. behind the library.

Music in the Park is noon to 6 p.m. in Community Park.

United Family Wesleyan Church Free Fair is open 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the church on Washington Street.

Also, here's a quick roundup of other July 4 weekend events.

-Conner Prairie's Star-Spangled Symphony on the Prairie is 8 p.m. today through Monday with tickets available at indianapolissymphony.org

-Legacy Keepers Music's free All-Day **Bicentennial Music** Festival noon to 8:15 p.m. Saturday featuring Prairietown, Addie & Friends (Noblesville High School students), Santiago Bap Trio, Limestone Nomad, Stampede String

Band, Brad McCord, John Gilmore and Barrel Scrapers, with a Slow Jam at 10a.m. on the Courthouse Square.

-Citizens of Prairietown today and Sunday and July 4 will celebrate 60 years of American independence with Glorious Fourth Celebrations at 2 p.m., enjoy a reenactment from historic White River Guard Militia, and celebrate Lenape culture and history at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.

-Forest Park Aquatic Center in Noblesville is open noon to 8 p.m. today, noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, noon to 7 p.m. Monday and noon to 3 p.m. Tuesday.

-The Noblesville Fourth of July Parade, themed "Past, Present & Future of Noblesville," featuring former Noblesville Mayors Mary Sue Rowland, Dennis Reddick and John Ditslear to serve as Parade Grand Marshals, steps off at 4 p.m. Tuesday from the Ivy Tech parking lot in Noblesville, traveling south on 17th Street, west on Logan Street, north on Ninth Street and east on Monument Street.

-Noblesville Fireworks Festival follows the July 4 parade, at 6 p.m., with food, fun and fireworks at 10 p.m. in Forest Park. Federal Hill Commons will also offer fireworks viewing with close parking nearby as an alternative to Forest Park. VIP table groups (\$160 per table) may bring in their own food and drink, participate in a table-decorating contest and get access to separate VIP restroom options.

-Betsy Reason writes about people, places and things in Hamilton County. Contact The Times editor Betsy Reason at betsy@thetimes24-7. com. The Times will not publish on Tuesday, July 4.

Declare a Quorum Present:

Christopher Lutz

Others Present: Rhonda Gary, Clerk Treasurer Jeff Rednour, Police Chief

Lance Overholser, Fire Chief

Frank Zawadzki, Cicero/Jackson Township Plan **Commission Director** Terry Cooper, Street &

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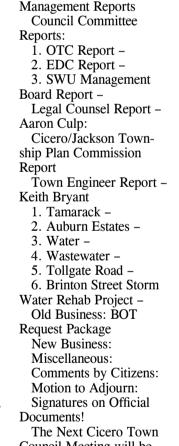
Coordinator Approval of Agenda:

Approval of Prior Minutes:

Town Council Special Meeting Minutes, June 13, 2023, 6:00 PM

Town Council Staff Meeting Minutes, June 15, 2023, 7:00 PM

Town Council Executive



Council Meeting will be on July 18, 2023, at 7:00 PM at Cicero Town Hall.



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Noblesville



# **Duke Energy Restores Power To** More Than 108,000 And Continues **To Respond To Severe Storm Damage**

Company is bringing in more than 1,000 additional resources to supplement statewide workforce.

Customers can stay informed by texting REG to 57801.

Duke Energy has restored power to more than 108,000 customers who were affected by the severe and damaging storms that ripped through Indiana Thursday. Winds as high as 90 miles an hour in some areas resulted in more than 202,000 power outages. Approximately 94,200 remain out of service as of about 7 a.m.

The storm caused outages in nearly all of the 28 districts Duke Energy serves in Indiana, particularly in the Western and South-Central parts of the state. Crews have been making repairs while assessment is still underway to determine the full scope of damage.

"We are bringing in a small army to supplement our statewide workforce and speed power restoration," said Duke Energy Indiana President Stan Pinegar. "Our priority is always to restore service as quickly and safely as possible, and we appreciate our customers' patience. We're also keeping an eye on the weather because there's the potential for more storms that could hamper restoration."

The company is

bringing in personnel from Duke Energy operations in Ohio and Kentucky as well as the Carolinas. Contractors who regularly assist the company in storms are also responding.

"We are seeing large numbers of broken poles, trees in power lines and spans of wire down," Pinegar said. "We also had damage on our electric transmission system, which includes power lines and structures that are our major carriers of power."

Duke Energy will provide power restoration time estimates once there is more information from damage assessment. Extended outages are possible, however, in the hardest hit areas.

### **Power restoration** process

During power restoration, the company's priority is to repair large power lines and other infrastructure that will return power to the greatest number of customers as safely, quickly and efficiently as possible. Crews then can work on repairs affecting individual neighborhoods and homes. Click here for information on how Duke Energy restores power. \*\*\*

### How to report power outages

Customers who experience a power outage can report using any of the following methods:

•Visit duke-energy.com on a desktop computer or mobile device.

•Use the Duke Energy mobile app (download the Duke Energy App on your smartphone via Apple Store or Google Play).

•Text OUT to 57801 (standard text and data charges may apply).

•Call Duke Energy's automated outage reporting system at 1.800.343.3525.

Customers can receive text, phone or email alerts with power outage updates. Learn how to sign up at outage alerts. Customers can stay informed by texting REG to 57801. \*\*\*

# **Important safety tips**

Duke Energy urges customers to avoid all downed power lines and assume they are energized. Downed lines should be reported to 1.800.343.3525.

If a power line falls across a vehicle that you're in, stay in the vehicle. If you MUST get out of the vehicle due to an immediate lifethreatening situation, do your best to jump clear of the vehicle and land on both feet. Be sure that no part of your body is touching the vehicle when your feet touch the ground.

More tips on what to do before, during and after a storm can be found at duke-energy.com/safetyand-preparedness/stormsafety.

# **Gov. Holcomb Selects Judge Paul Felix To Join Indiana Court Of Appeals**

Governor Eric J. Holcomb today announced he has selected Hamilton County Judge Paul Felix as the next member of the Indiana Court of Appeals. Judge Felix will replace retiring Judge Margret G. Robb.

"Judge Felix is passionate about ensuring all Hoosiers have access to the justice system," Gov. Holcomb said. "Through his work he has become an expert in administration of justice, a team player with his judiciary counterparts and a community leader in juvenile justice reform. He serves Hamilton County with one goal in mind improving court services for all."

Since 2014 Judge Felix has chaired the Hamilton County Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative, where he has worked to significantly reduce the number of juvenile detainees utilizing an assessment tool to determine appropriate sentencing that facilitates rehabilitation.

Felix helped develop the Hamilton County Youth Assistance Program (YAP) which prevents at-youth risk from entering the justice system. He assisted YAP leadership in working with the General Assembly to implement the program statewide. Judge Felix serves

as a board member for the Hamilton County **Community Corrections** and serves as an interviewer for the State Board of Law Examiners Committee on Character and Fitness. Previously he served on the Court Personnel Committee and proposed a rule change to reinforce the ethical responsibility of judges through ongoing staff trainings.

"I am immensely honored to have received the governor's appointment to the Indiana Court of Appeals," Judge Felix said. "It is quite humbling to follow Judge Robb's tradition of judicial leadership and compassion for the community. I look forward to serving the people of the State of Indiana in my work as an appellate court judge, in promoting the efficiency of the judiciary, and implementation of programming that benefits children and

families."

Felix was born and raised in Elkhart. He earned his bachelor's degree from Indiana University and a law degree from the Indiana University Maurer School of Law.

Following graduation, Felix joined the Johnson **County Prosecutor's** Officer where he was a deputy prosecuting attorney until 2006. He then served as a City Court Judge in Carmel. In 2008, he was elected to serve as the Hamilton Circuit Court Judge where he has served for 14 years.

Judge Felix continues to give back to the Hamilton County community. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of Noblesville, a member of the board of managers for the YMCA of Fishers and co-chair of the Alumni Network for the Boy Scouts of America.

Judge Felix lives in Carmel with his wife Nicki, a realtor, and their three children.

A date for Felix's robing ceremony will be determined by the Indiana Court of Appeals.



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- Weekday games may be scheduled based on interest or in the event of rainouts
- Single-elimination tournament played September 30th & October 1st

Where: Noblesville Babe Ruth Facility - Logan and Emmerson Fields Forest Park, Noblesville

- Everyone 7th-8th Grade and 9th-12th Grade Who: (based on 2023-2024 School Year Enrollment)
  - 7th 8th Grade League 9th - 12th Grade League
    - \* Note: Post HS players are not eligible for Fall Ball
  - 2 Divisions in each league: Travel and Rec
  - \* **Note:** Travel Division will be limited to 4-6 teams in each league on a first-come, first served basis
- \$80 per individual registration/ \$900 per full-roster team registration Cost: Note: Credit card and processing fees apply and will be added at checkout

How Do I Register? www.noblesvillebaberuthbaseball.com

# **Registration Deadline: August 6th**



# Learning To Lead At Future Presidents Of America Camp

By Marissa Meador Indiana Capital Chronicle

While many young Hoosiers are enjoying their summers at the pool or playing video games at a friends' house, a group of 18 teenagers are in a classroom planning for the future.

As they listen to a speech from Marion Superior Court Judge Ryan Gardner, students take notes, sip water or Dunkin iced coffee and fidget with highlighters. They're wearing suits, dresses and collared shirts, sometimes paired with sneakers or high heels.

The room buzzes with a mix of nerves and excitement, and hands seem spring-loaded to shoot up at the chance to ask a question. Between speakers, students crack jokes and chat about their grade point averages.

Ranging from 13 to 17, the students are part of the Future Presidents of America camp's ninth year of programming. The five-day experience is run by the Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site and involves speeches, classes on history and leadership skills and

several ceremonies. The idea of the camp centers around the special role of the American President. Unlike other offices, only 45 people have served in the role.

With the experience of the presidency so unique, site president Charles Hyde asks: what can we learn from them?

In addition to guest speakers, students have retraced Benjamin Harrison's steps through a walking tour of downtown Indianapolis and have taken classes on public speaking, the Constitution and the executive branch. Other highlights include a wreath laying ceremony at Harrison's tomb and a naturalization ceremony at the Federal Court.

The program reserves 11 spots for Marion County students who are nominated by their superintendent, although not all spots are filled. The remaining students apply, sometimes from other states, and are selected after an interview process. This year's cohort features a student from California, but the program has had students from Ohio and Texas in the past.

Meeting the students

The students are talented in multiple areas: they play sports, instruments and enjoy extracurriculars like history and geography Club. One enjoys modeling, another drives go-karts and one teen can identify any country from its flag.

Eden Ridout, a 17-yearold at Lawrence Central High School, enjoys speech and debate. Her specialty is persuasive speech, which she said requires the ability to communicate effectively and with respect.

Ridout said the presidential camp has taught her the importance of preparation, regardless of the career someone is in. Ridout hopes to be a high school English teacher and coach a speech and debate team of her own, she said.

Though Ridout is one of the oldest students at the camp, middle school students are wellrepresented at the camp. Luke Swartz, a 13-yearold at Franklin Central Junior High, said he thinks he wants to race sports cars when he grows

up. He recently attended the Indianapolis 500, he said.

Swartz said the camp has taught him how to respect others and listen. Another 13-year-old, Evan Tang, is an eighth grader at Sycamore School. He hopes to teach history one day.

During the program, Tang said he has learned how to better make an argument and refute points. In his pocket, Tang carries a Rubik's cube - he's not good enough to win competitions, he said, but the cube is a good way to calm down. \*\*\*

**Etiquette and more** In the lull between speakers, Roger Hardig, the site's vice president of education, led the group in a discussion over letters sent by kids to former presidents. In one letter, a group of girls beg then-President Dwight Eisenhower to spare Elvis Presley's hair from the G.I. buzzcut.

"We think it bad enough to send Elvis Presley in the army, but if you cut his sideburns off, we will just die!" they write.

The letter is signed with

a heart and the phrase "Elvis Presley Lovers."

"What would make it even better would be if they said 'P.S.: Adlai Stevenson never would have made him cut his hair," one 13-year-old quipped, referencing Eisenhower's Democratic opponent.

The final agenda item of the morning was a presentation on etiquette from Renee Weghorst: "Poise, Policy and Protocol for Young Adults."

Weghorst told the students etiquette is a code. She had them practice firm handshakes with eye contact, and warns of RBF -"Resting Brat Face." In conversation, she advised them to ask open-ended questions, stay away from gossip and master the art of listening.

"Words are like toothpaste," she said. "Once they go out, they can't go back in.'

the first and second parts of the etiquette lesson - where the students practiced their newfound skills with a plated lunch - some milled around outside.

hears.

In the break between

curiosity and an eagerness to affect change. Among current attendees are alumni of the program who have come back to work. Jayne Ndiaye, who has been involved with the

As smoke from the

upon the grounds of the

presidential site, students

Canadian Prime Minister

Justin Trudeau. Despite

having different interests

and career goals, they

all carried a sense of

Canadian wildfires

descended in a haze

began chatting about

camp for three summers, now works as an FPA Ambassador.

She said the program helped her realize that she had the potential to change the world, which is not something every student

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over the world. He has been awarded two Silver Stars, four Bronze Stars with Valor, a Joint Service Commendation Medal with Valor, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals with Valor, three presidential unit commendations and three combat action ribbons.

He concluded the interview with his SEAL Team secret for coping with adversity, noting that: "Navy SEAL training is the hardest military training in the world. Eightyfive percent [of volunteers] don't make it through the very difficult trials starting with a thousand pushups a day, a thousand sit-ups a day, a thousand flutter kicks [a lower abdominal exercise]. It's a mile to the chow hall from where you're working out. So, you run six miles a day just to eat on top of an additional 12 miles a day. It's very, very hard training. But I had an instructor who explained that it's [all about] mindset. You need to get your mind into it, because if your mind quits, your body is going to follow. If your mind stays in it, you can make your body do anything. But that instructor gave me advice for getting through the training, and it turned out to be great advice for getting through life. He said

the course is not impossible and I'm living proof of it. It will make you do something hard, followed by something very hard, followed by something harder, day after day after day. It sounds hard but don't think about it that way. Do it like this. Wake up in the morning. Make your bed the right way and then brush your teeth. You start the day with three wins. That's not bad. It gets you to your 4 a.m. workout on time. And as you're feeling the pain, don't think about it; concentrate on your next goal in life, which is making it to breakfast. After breakfast, your next goal in life is making it to lunch. And after lunch, your next goal in life is making it to dinner. After dinner, do everything you need to do to get back into that perfectly made bed. And because you took the time for yourself in the morning to make your bed the right way, regardless of how bad today was, and it was probably bad, tomorrow is a clean slate. Tomorrow is a fresh start. So, when you feel like quitting, which you will, do not quit right now, that's your emotion. Quit tomorrow. And if you can keep quitting tomorrow, you can do anything in life. That's how you get through.'

# **Centier Bank Welcomes Alison Flores As Branch Manager Of Fishers Crossing**

Michael E. Schrage, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Centier Bank, is pleased to welcome Alison Flores as branch manager of the bank's Fishers Crossing office, located atb11684 Allisonville Rd.

Flores joins Centier after spending the last 20 years at several banks, including national and regional banks, serving in a variety of positions. Her well-rounded skillset includes customer service, management, operations, lending, and community partnerships.

Flores, who resides in Greenfield, is originally from Schererville, Ind., a community where Centier Bank has been a presence for over 50 years.

"Centier Bank was my hometown bank growing up in Northwest Indiana. and I'm so glad I get to be a part of the Centier story in Fishers," Flores said. "I'm very happy to be part of an organization



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that is family-owned and treats their associates like family. I aim to bring that feeling to our clients and my team."

Flores has a Bachelor's Degree from Purdue University Northwest

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supporting the federal Social Security program. But that FICA payroll tax has nothing to do with income tax on your Social Security benefits. If you are working 24 hours per week and also collecting Social Security benefits, you will likely exceed the threshold for your tax filing status, which means that at least some of your 2023 benefits will become taxable. That could, as you suspect, result in a surprise "hit" when you file next year's income tax return. Nevertheless, fixing this is quite easy:

Download IRS form

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W-4V from the IRS website here: www.irs. gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw4v.pdf. You will be able to choose the percentage of your Social Security benefits you wish to have withheld for income tax purposes. Complete the form and mail it to your local Social Security office (get the mailing address here: www.ssa.gov/locator). Social Security will then start withholding income tax from your monthly Social Security benefit payment, which will mitigate any additional tax due when you file your 2023 tax return next year.



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Purse Museum in Little Rock.

And enjoy James Beard Award-winning cuisine at Jones Bar-B-Q Diner in Marianna and Lassis Inn in Little Rock.

Arkansas also celebrates its native sons Johnny Cash and Bill Clinton, and you can visit sites that recognize their contributions to American culture and history. In Dyess, tour the Johnny Cash Boyhood Home and in Little Rock, explore the William J. Clinton Presidential Library and Museum.

You'll also find plenty of inexpensive family activities, including in Arkansas State Parks, which are completely free of the founding of Arkansas State Parks, and you can find activities and events commemorating the occasion throughout the year. Pick up your free passport at an Arkansas State Park visitor center and begin recording your travels. All 52 state parks are free to enter and offer diverse experiences. Whether you're a history buff, love to hike, paddle, bike, wildlife watch, fish, kick back and relax, or all of the above, there is a state park for you. For more trip ideas and

inspiration, visit www. arkansas.com.

"There's no doubt you'll find plenty to do in The Natural State," says Sowers. "We can't wait to see you!"

to enter. This year marks the 100-year anniversary

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# **Tips For Avoiding Bug Bites This Summer**

(StatePoint) Bug bites are not just a nuisance, they can cause discomfort and even pose health risks for some.

"Mosquitoes that may carry Zika, Chikungunya, Dengue fever and West Nile virus are always out in full force during the summer months and new evidence suggests that tick populations are growing, expanding their geographic ranges and carrying additional pathogens," says Daniel Perry. entomologist at Zevo, a maker of pest control products that are made to bother bugs, not people.

From beach barbecues to walks in the woods, here's how to safeguard yourself against ticks and mosquitoes, so you can stay bug-free this summer for whatever takes you outside.

• Beat backyard bugs: Eliminate standing water to prevent mosquitoes from using your backyard as a breeding ground in areas where you entertain and dine. Keeping your lawn and weeds in check is a useful step for managing ticks.

• Take safer walks: Whether you're picnicking in the park, walking the dog, working in the garden or hiking in the woods, it's important to be mindful of ticks, which can transmit Lyme and other diseases. When possible, avoid contact with tall grass and brush, which is where ticks reside. Always be sure to launder your outdoor gear shortly after use. Take a shower soon after getting home, being sure to inspect your body (and your dog's!) for ticks. If you do spot a tick, follow proper protocol for removal, using clean tweezers and removing fully, without squeezing or twisting the tick.

• Protect your skin: "No matter what your outdoor plans entail, bug spray products applied beforehand are your best bet for complete protection against mosquitoes and ticks, and of course, the diseases they harbor and transmit," says Perry.

The new line-up of Zevo On-Body Mosquito + Tick Repellents are odorless and non-greasy, unlike traditional insect repellents, and provide complete, feel-good protection for the entire family for up to 8 hours. Whether you're at a

garden-style wedding or hiking a mountain trail, you can be comfortable and protected from bugs with this innovative formula. The active ingredient in these products is inspired from a naturally-occurring amino acid and doesn't leave your skin feeling sticky, which is a big bonus when you're spending all day outside or even just 30 minutes! It's available as an aerosol spray, a pump spray, and a lotion, which allows for easy, mess-free application before you go outside.

• Camp smart: Before departing for a camping trip, check your tent for small holes and repair or replace as needed. Select a campsite away from standing water, and zip up your tent whenever you're not actively entering or exiting it. These measures will help you feel comfortable and protected from bugs on your next trip.

Don't let the bugs bug you this summer. From sporting events to evenings on the patio, a few precautions can help ensure your comfort and protection from those pesky pests.

# How To Improve Safety And **Sustainability In The Home**

(StatePoint) You may not realize it, but building safety has a huge impact on our everyday lives.

According to Injury-Facts.NSC.org, about 16 out of 100 people were injured in a home or community venue in 2021. The leading causes that contribute to these injuries, such as drowning, fire smoke, and general home maintenance, can be prevented by acting ahead of time.

As the leading global source of model codes, standards and building safety solutions, the Code Council is passionate about educating homeowners on fire safety, home maintenance and sustainability practices. Here are some safety tips from the Code Council to help prevent accidents and keep your family and community safe:

**Fire Safety Tips:** 

• Put a smoke alarm on every level of your home, outside each sleeping area and inside every bedroom. Test each smoke alarm regularly and replace it every 10 years.

• Install home fire sprinklers. They are relatively affordable and can increase property value and lower insurance rates.

• Make an escape plan with a meeting place outside so everyone knows how to get out fast.

• Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from portable heaters.

(StatePoint) If you're

like many outdoor enthu-

siasts, the warm months

mean fun bonfire parties

with sing-a-longs, scary

in your backyard. But

having a wood-burning

firepit requires having a

dedicated place to store

"A firewood rack is

protects your fuel source

for less smoke and more

efficient burning. While it

from moisture, making

might seem like a com-

plicated build, it can be

weekend DIY project

your backyard experi-

director of marketing

at Exmark, a leading

equipment.

Tool List

• Gloves

• Miter saw

a simple, easy and quick

that will greatly improve

ence," says Jamie Briggs,

manufacturer of lawn care

That's the idea behind

this "Done-In-A-Weekend

• Eye and ear protection

Project" from Exmark:

not only important for

an organized yard, it

firewood.

stories and s'mores, right

can burn away from your home. Remember to clean leaves from your gutters and clear dead leaves and branches from shrubs and trees surrounding your home.

### **Home Maintenance Tips:**

• Never overload electrical cords or power strips

• Don't use appliances that have damaged cords. • For mold prevention, watch for leaky pipes, condensation and wet spots, and fix sources of moisture problems as soon as possible.

• Keep in mind that there are several materials and items that should never be flushed down the toilet, including medication, disposable wipes, coffee grounds and more.

• To prevent your pipes from freezing in the winter, drain water from the swimming pool and water sprinkler supply lines following the manufacturer's or installer's directions.

· Make sure all pedestrian gates in the barrier fence of your swimming pool are self-closing and self-latching.

According to the Center for Climate and Energy Solutions, the average U.S. family can spend \$2,000 a year on energy bills. This means that reducing your home energy use is the single most effective way to save money and reduce your home's contribution

Code Council recognizes that for many people, it's unclear where to start, and suggests the following tips to help communities forge a path forward.

**Energy and Sustain**ability Tips:

• Install water-saving shower heads and lowflow faucet aerators and use your water meter to check for hidden water leaks. These steps can improve water conservation.

• To prevent stormwater runoff pollution, never dump anything down storm drains.

• Change the filters in your home's heating and cooling system regularly to increase energy efficiency.

• Replace your light bulbs with LEDs, which use up to 90% less energy and last up to 25 times longer than traditional incandescent bulbs.

· Build green and design your home with materials that are easily recyclable, reusable, renewable, durable, affordable and low maintenance

• Build a rain garden to capture roof drainage and divert it to your garden or landscaping to recycle non-potable water. Be sure to check your local rules on rainwater harvesting prior to installation.

For more information, check out the Code Council's Safety Tool Kits and additional re-

# **Do You Want A More Organized Kitchen?**

(StatePoint) Better organization in the kitchen means spending less time searching for the right ingredient or tool so you can have more time for savoring meals with family and friends, and more time for personal pursuits. Whether you're throwing together weekday lunches for the kids or hosting an elegant dinner party, here are some tips to keep your kitchen -- and meal prep -- organized.

you need them.

**Upgrade Your Fridge** Trading in your refrigerator for a newer model can be a game changer.

other large items, making hosting a breeze. Additional features like a deli net, retractable shelf and dual icemaker represent

### Declutter

Do you feel like you're constantly battling clutter? Not only can clutter make you feel less comfortable, it can impact your efficiency. Take some time to sort through those areas of your kitchen that tend to collect unused food products, such as the pantry, the refrigerator door and the back of the fridge. You'll be surprised how long certain items have been sitting there. Toss anything that has expired. and donate anything unopened and in good condition that you can't or won't use to a food pantry. Transferring items such as grains, sugar and flour to labeled containers of the same size makes for more uniform storage that can help you maximize shelving. You might also consider alphabetizing spices so they are easier to find and grab when

and not just because modern appliances tend to be more energy efficient. Today's refrigerators can also be a world apart in functionality and organization, offering you more storage space, greater control and even the ability to multitask.

For example, a sleek French door refrigerator from Midea, the MRQ22D7AST, boasts a drawer with its own temperature control that can be adjusted via a smartphone app, so you can stay on top of meal planning while on the go, and ensure foods are stored at their ideal temperatures. For example, if you know you're coming home from the supermarket with meat or seafood, you can turn the temperature down to 30 degrees. Or, if you want to uncork a perfectly chilled bottle of wine that evening, you can turn the temperature up to 41 degrees. This particular fridge also features three cooling zones with multiple evaporators that manage humidity and air transition between the fridge and freezer, keeping food fresher longer and ice odor-free. Plus, a unique glideout tray, provides easy storage and access to party platters, cakes and

some of the best of what you can expect of today's refrigerators.

**Improve Go-To Tools** Coordinated, efficient meal prep relies on your go-to tools being in good working order. To that end, a knife sharpener can make a useful addition to your kitchen, whether you opt for a simple sharpening stone or an electric model with different settings. If you're low on counter space or would prefer having this task handled professionally, check your local hardware store. Many provide this service at an affordable cost. Other small items, such as can openers, zesters and peelers, are all prone to rust, which can make them difficult to wield over time. Likewise, plastic spatulas can become cracked and damage with use and wooden spoons can become splintered. Assess these items and replace them as needed with new tools that offer a better grip and smoother operation.

With a few small tweaks and updates, your kitchen and all the items within it big and small, can make your life easier, more organized and more convenient.

• Keep all items that

to greenhouse gasses. The sources at iccsafe.org.

# How To Build A Firewood Rack **For Your Backyard This Summer**

• Tape measure

- Level
- Pencil
- Cut List
- Large Rack

• (2) 10-foot 2x4s (pressure treated)

• (2) 8-foot landscape timbers (pressure treated) • (3) standard cinder blocks

Small Rack

• (2) 10-foot 2x4s (pressure treated)

• (2) standard cinder blocks

**Build Steps** 

1. Measure, mark, and cut your 2x4s into 5-foot pieces.

2. For the smaller rack, lay the two cinderblocks side by side, holes up. For the larger rack, place two of the cinderblocks at either end of the length of the landscape timber, holes up. Place the third cinderblock in the middle of the other two to work as support.

3. For the larger rack, lay the two lawn timber planks across the cinderblocks and then check to ensure they're level.

4. For the smaller rack, turn the 2x4s so the wide sides are facing inwards. For the larger rack, place the cut  $2 \times \tilde{4}$  pieces into the holes of the cinderblocks, small sides facing inwards.

5. To ensure the security of your build, resituate the two lawn timbers so they're as tightly placed against the  $2 \times 4$  planks as possible.

6. Load up your wood! To view the full video tutorial, visit Exmark's Backyard Life site at https://backyard.exmark. com, a multimedia destination that provides homeowners with everything from grilling tips and design projects to gardening and lawn care advice.

"Our firewood rack gives you plenty of storage so you can keep your bonfire blazing for an entire party. It's also one of the simplest builds we've ever done, and you'll be able to make quick work of it over your weekend downtime," says Briggs.







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# Third Wave Of Hoosier Lottery Free Stage Concerts Announced

Earlier this week, the Indiana State Fair unveiled an additional round of shows for its 2023 list of scheduled concerts as a part of the Hoosier Lottery Free Stage schedule, July 28 through August 20 (Fair is closed Mondays and Tuesdays). The Hoosier Lottery Free Stage has become a summertime staple for concert goers and music lovers. The line-up each year consists of some of music's most legendary and diverse acts and this year is no exception. All shows at the Hoosier Lottery Free Stage are free with paid fair admission and seating is first-come, first-served. All shows start at 7:30 p.m., unless noted otherwise.

\*NEW Shows just announcement today for 2023 Hoosier Lottery Free Stage at the Indiana State Fair schedule includes:

•nClint Black - Friday, July 28 (opening day)

• Samantha Fish ft. Jesse Dayton - Saturday, July 29\*

• Peppa Pig Live! Peppa Pig's Adventure -Sunday, July 30 (11am & 2pm)

• Home Free - Sunday, July 30 (7:30pm) • Keith Sweat -

Wednesday, August 2 • Retro Rewind 90's Night featuring DJ Kurt Streblow - Thursday, August 3

• STYX - Friday, August 4

• Quiet Riot - Saturday, August 5\*

• TobyMac - Sunday, August 6

• Three Dog Night -Wednesday, August 9\* the number of entries received.

There will be a limited amount of reserved viewing area tickets sold later this summer for these concerts. The 2023 Indiana State Fair is scheduled to open on Friday, July 28 and runs through August 20, when you can enjoy The Greatest 18 Days of Summer at this iconic Hoosier tradition. For more information, please visit www.indianastatefair.com or follow the Indiana State Fair on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. The Indiana State Fair will be highlighted by its 2023 theme The State That Grew The Game presented by Pacers Sports & Entertainment.

2023 Artist Bios: CLINT BLACK:

It has been three decades since the release of Clint Black's groundbreaking debut album, Killin' Time. The genre altering record cemented the Country music icon as one of the truest traditionalists in the game and his widespread influence can still be felt in the works of artists today. Now, the seemingly unstoppable legend is set to release his incredible 12th studio album, Out of Sane, dropping on June 19th. Having sold over 20 million records, earning 22 #1 career singles, nearly two dozen gold and platinum awards (U.S. and Canada), a Grammy Award, numerous CMA, ACM and American Music Awards, and being honored with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. Clint Black has had one of the most storied careers in modern music.

Production in Woodstock, a studio situated on a 17acre farm once home to The Band's Rick Danko. Over the course of 10 frenetic days, the two musicians joined forces with bassist Kendall Wind. keyboardist Mickey Finn, and drummer Aaron Johnston, cutting most of the album live and unleashing a bold collision of blues, soul, punk, funk, and fantastically greasy rock-and-roll. With Fish and Dayton sharing vocal and guitar duties, the sonic power of each track is exponentially magnified by Spencer's production work, endlessly tapping into the rule-breaking ingenuity that's made him a cult hero. For both Fish and Day-

ton, the making of "Death Wish Blues" helped fulfill their longtime mission of opening up the blues genre to entirely new audiences.

PEPPA PIG LIVE! PEPPA PIG'S ADVEN-TURE:

Come join Peppa on an exciting camping trip in the woods with George and her school friends, including Pedro Pony, Suzy Sheep and Gerald Giraffe. With lunch boxes packed and Daddy Pig driving the bus, Peppa and friends are excited about their outdoor adventure, full of singing, dancing, games and surprises. Little piggies everywhere will love this 60-minute live musical experience!

HOME FREE: This country a cappella group comprised of vocalists Austin Brown, Rob Lundquist, Adam Rupp, Tim Foust, and Adam Chance has been captivating audiences with their unique sound with live performances since 2007. As the winners of the fourth season of NBC's The Sing Off, they released their first major album Crazy Life in 2014 and has been releasing original music since, their most recent album, So Long Dixie, released in November 2022 KEITH SWEAT Keith Sweat is a Harlem-born R&B singer/ songwriter who released his debut album, 'Make It Last Forever', at the end of 1987. The album sold over three million copies, spawning the hits "I Want Her" (#1 R&B, #5 pop), "Something Just Ain't Right" (#3 R&B), "Make It Last Forever" (#2 R&B), and "Don't Stop Your Love" (#9 R&B). It was followed in June 1990 by 'I'll Give All My Love to You', another million-seller, that featured the hits "Make You Sweat" (#1 R&B, #14 pop), "Merry Go Round" (#2 R&B), "I'll Give All My Love to You" (#1 R&B, #7 pop), and "Your Love - Part 2" (#4 R&B). Sweat's third album was 'Keep It Comin", an R&B chart-topper at the end of 1991, whose title track was another #1 R&B hit. In 1994 he returned with 'Get Up on It'; a self-titled release followed in 1996, and two years later he issued 'Still in the Game' and 'Didn't See Me Coming' in fall 2000.

RETRO REWIND: 90s Night ft. DJ Kurt Streblow:

DJ Kurt Streblow always brings the party and is one of Indy's favorite DJs and is also the in-house DJ and Host for the Indiana Pacers and Indiana Fever.

STYX: This classic rock band from Chicago, Illinois continues to leave fans in awe with their upbeat tracks and power ballads, infused with familiar sounds of hard rock guitar mixed with elements of international music theatre. Known for classic rock staples like "Lady," "Come Sail Away," and "Renegade." Styx has remained active both in the studio and the road, releasing their latest album "Crash of the Crown" in 2021. QUIET RIOT:

Quiet Riot is a rock & roll quartet that became an overnight sensation after their 1983 smash metal album Mental Health. They are the first metal band to top the pop chart at #1 on Billboard's Top 200. Quiet Riot's music and name have been a goto in pop culture since the 80s, along with a critically acclaimed Quiet Riot documentary, "Well Now You're Here, There's No Way Back," that was recommended by Rolling Stone and spent 2 years in rotation on Showtime. TOBYMAC:

With more than 16 million units in career sales and a whopping seven GRAMMY® Awards, TobyMac's career continues on the fast track. His RIAA Certified Gold studio album, THIS IS NOT A TEST, garnered a GRAMMY® Award and Billboard Music Award nomination on top of debuting at No. 4 on the Billboard Top 200. Each of his six studio solo projects have achieved Gold certification, a first for any artist in the history of his label, Capitol Christian Music Group. Among those is his project EYE ON IT, which debuted atop the Billboard 200, only the third Christian album ever to do so. THE ELEMENTS, his latest GRAMMY® -nominated. a full collection of music, boasted "Everything," "Scars," "Edge of My Seat," "See The Light" and more alongside the chart-topper, RIAA Gold Certified "I just need U." His most recent singles, "21 Years," "Help Is On the Way (Maybe Midnight)," "Promised Land," "The Goodness (feat. Blessing Offor)," "Everything About You (feat. Marlee)" and "Show Up Choose Love (feat. Jon Reddick)," are available wherever you stream music, along with his seventh studio project, LIFE AFTER DEÂTH. THREE DOG NIGHT: This legendary poprock band dominated the charts between 1969 and 1974, with no other group having more top 10 hits. Three Dog Night has maintained and grown their audience, adapting to new music technology and continuing to tour

yearly, giving fans new and old the chance to experience their dynamic performances of their classic hits as well as several new songs. Marking nearly 50 years on the road, Three Dog Night continues to captivate audiences with boundary breaking sounds and nostalgic music from their beginning.

GIN BLOSSOMS: This rock band is a favorite for their jangle-pop sound with hits such as "Allison Road," "Found Out About You," and "Til I Hear It From You," dominating radio and MTV playlists throughout the 90s. They became one of the busiest touring bands in the world in the 2000s, playing close to 150 shows nearly every year. With the fusion of Pop, Melodic Rock, Folk, and Country sounds, Gin Blossoms have sold over 10 million records and remain a high-demand, fan favorite live band.

THE TAYLOR PAR-TY: TAYLOR SWIFT NIGHT:

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Surrounded by Swifties, you'll sing and dance through all her iconic eras. So grab your crown and your crew, and come party, for evermore! We know you polish up real... NICE. has consisted of several different bands and artists throughout the nearly 40 years it has been running, with the only constant band being The Turtles.

Latino Fest en la Feria del Estado de Indiana presented by Radio Latino 107.1FM ft. Noel Torres:

Noel Torres is a regional Mexican singer-songwriter and accordionist from Sinaloa. Torres has been singing professionally since he was 15 years old, and has made a name for himself with a mix of romantic ballads and powerful corridos. After the release of his third album in 2013, he began touring all over Mexico and Latin America, as well as making stops in the United States. Along with his own music career, Torres appeared as a judge on the talent competition show Gran Oportunidad in 2017.

BUDDY GUY: Damn Right Farewell:

At age 86, Buddy Guy is a Rock & Roll Hall of Fame inductee, a major influence on rock titans like Jimi Hendrix, Eric Clapton, and Stevie Ray Vaughan, a pioneer of Chicago's fabled West Side sound, and a living link to the city's halcyon days of electric blues. Buddy Guy has received 8 GRAMMY Awards, a 2015 Lifetime Achievement GRAMMY Award, 38 Blues Music Awards (the most any artist has received), the Billboard Magazine Century Award for distinguished artistic achievement, a Kennedy Center Honor, and the Presidential National Medal of Arts. Rolling

• Gin Blossoms - Friday, August 11

• THE TAYLOR PAR-TY: TAYLOR SWIFT NIGHT - Saturday, August 12

• Skillet - Sunday, August 13\*

• Happy Together Tour 2023 featuring The Turtles, Little Anthony, Gary Puckett & The Union Gap, The Vogues, The Classics IV, The Cowsills - Wednesday, August 16

• Latino Fest en la Feria del Estado de Indiana presented by Radio Latino 107.1FM con Noel Torres - Thursday, August 17\*

• Buddy Guy: Damn Right Farewell - Friday, August 18

• Breland - Saturday, August 19\*

• Gospel Music Festival featuring CeCe Winans, presented by WTLC AM & FM - Sunday, August 20

As title sponsor of the Free Stage, the Hoosier Lottery is inviting fairgoers 18 or older to enter the free myLOTTERY All-Inclusive Indiana State Fair Prize Package promotion. Six people will win State Fair tickets, parking, Free Stage premium seating, Hoosier Lottery Prize Pack, autographed Indiana Pacers jersey, and Indiana Fever tickets. Enter by signing up to become a myLOTTERY member or confirming your existing account at HoosierLottery.com/StateFair by July 9, 2023. Promotional odds are dependent upon

### SAMANTHA FISH FT. JESSE DAYTON:

"Death Wish Blues" is a body of work born from a shared passion for pushing the limits of blues music. As one of the most dynamic forces in the blues world today, Fish has made her name as a multi-award-winning festival headliner who captivates crowds with her explosive yet elegant guitar work, delivering an unbridled form of blues-rock that defies all genre boundaries. Dayton, meanwhile, boasts an extraordinary background that includes recording with the likes of Johnny Cash and Waylon Jennings, touring as a guitarist for seminal punk band X, working with Rob Zombie on the soundtracks for his iconic horror films, and releasing a series of acclaimed solo albums. Produced by the legendary Jon Spencer of Jon Spencer Blues Explosion, "Death Wish Blues" ultimately melds their eclectic sensibilities into a batch of songs both emotionally potent and wildly combustible.

The follow-up to Fish and Dayton's 2022 EP "Stardust Sessions" — a three-song effort featuring covers of classic tracks like Townes Van Zandt's "I'll Be Here In The Morning"— "Death Wish Blues" took shape at Applehead Recording &

### SKILLET:

Skillet is a christian rock band that became a sensation with the release of their 2006 album Comatose, and 2008 release of Comatose Comes Alive, a CD/DVD combo featuring live recordings and footage from the band's concert in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Soon after, their album was certified Gold, and shortly after Platinum. With 11 albums in total, Skillet had a relentless touring schedule, including tours in the U.S and Europe. They continue to captivate audiences with infusions of grunge influences and electronic elements that create a unique live experience.

ĤAPPY TOGETHER TOUR:

The Happy Together Tour 2023 consists of six acts: The Turtles, Little Anthony, Gary Puckett & The Union Gap, The Classics IV, The Vogues and The Cowsills. These artists had their biggest hits in the 60's and 70's and brought timeless sounds and songs like "Happy Together" by the Turtles, one of the most recognizable songs of that time period. These bands combined have multiple No. 1 hits with this tour starting in 1984. Since then the band has consistently knocked out 50 shows a year, making this tour an iconic homage to an era of music that has influenced many of today's artists. The tour

Stone Magazine ranked him #23 in its "100 Greatest Guitarists of All Time."

**BRELAND**:

Daniel Gerard Breland, known as Breland, is a singer, songwriter, and record producer who rose to prominence with his 2019 debut single, "My Truck." Fans are captivated by Breland's fusion of hip hop and country music, and quickly became a part of the niche country-trap genre. His music has continued to prove his ability to seamlessly blend country, hip hop, R&B, and pop sounds. Breland has worked closely with other country superstars such as Thomas Rhett, Keith Urban, and Sam Hunt. In the same year as his debut album, Breland was nominated for two CMT Music Awards, with three different songs.

CECE WINANS Gospel Music Festival:

Gospel superstar CeCe Winans performs as both a solo artist and a duo with her brother BeBe. As one of the most accomplished women in modern music, CeCe Winans is the most-awarded female gospel artist of all time, winning twelve GRAM-MY Awards, twenty Dove Awards, and seven Stellar Awards. She's sold more than 5 million albums in the US and topped Gospel, Pop, R&B, and Adult Contemporary charts.

