

**➔ TODAY'S VERSE**

O taste and see that the  
LORD is good: blessed is the  
man that trusteth in him.



**➔ FACES OF HAMILTON COUNTY**

People who call our community their own.  
*What makes Dan Spehler smile?*  
"Hanging out with my family on a nice summer day," said the Noblesville resident, 44. He was found in summer 2019 "enjoying (the former) Food Truck Friday" at Federal Hill Commons in Noblesville, with his wife, Kristi, and daughter Kaydan (pictured with her dad), who was 6 and a first-grader at Noble Crossing Elementary at the time. Spehler had been a news anchor at Fox 59 since 2012. "He goes on TV," said his daughter, who was eating a bowl of ice cream. An Ohio native, the Bowling Green State University grad moved to Indiana in 2005 to take a job at Channel 6. "That's when I met my wife, who is from Indiana. And now Indiana is home. Noblesville is home." When they moved here, they were "looking for a nice community where the kids could grow up and go to school, and we have really enjoyed Noblesville .... We love all of the things we can do...." They also have a son, Declan. What else? "I like to play golf, Topgolf, I like music and concerts ... I like spending time with family and friends. Hidden talents? "I played the saxophone in high school." They also like to attend Noblesville Parks' free summer concerts at Federal Hill. The next free concert is tonight, featuring Crush, a Bon Jovi tribute band, at 7 p.m. And just before the concert, Noblesville Main Street's free Music & All That Jazz series, sponsored by Gordon Insurance, features live music, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., with Juan Douglas Trio on the Hamilton County Courthouse Square in downtown Noblesville.

**And Another Few Things...**

**1. State Road 32 Closure**

ACCESS TO BUSINESSES OPEN  
Signs went up today on both sides of State Road 32 letting everyone know that access to all businesses is open during the road closure and bridge construction. ABOUT THE PROJECT The Indiana Department of Transportation has closed a portion of State Road 32 in both directions between Willow Creek Way and Grassy Branch Road in Westfield. This stretch of road is expected to be closed until late August. The official detour for this project is U.S. 31 to State Road 38 to Little Chicago Road (see the detour map below). Read the official INDOT Press Release

**2. Public Meeting Change**

The Noblesville Redevelopment Commission meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 17, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. has been changed to a joint meeting between the Redevelopment Commission and Redevelopment Authority. The meeting will be held in the Council chamber at City Hall, 16 South 10th Street.

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## Boomer Bits

### Ask Rusty - Why Can't I Collect Survivor Benefits From My Deceased Wife?

**Dear Rusty:** I am a 62 year old widower that is still working full time. While my late spouse was in hospice, I was able to get her to apply for Social Security disability and she received one payment before she passed away two years ago. I was told that I could collect a survivor benefit, so I called my local Social Security office, but they told me that I could not collect any type of benefits from my wife and that all the money she paid into SS for all of those years was basically gone for good. Would you please advise what I can do and if this is true? I was also told that Social Security's agents will do everything they can to avoid paying out benefits. Signed: Frustrated Widower

**Dear Frustrated Widower:** I suspect that the reason Social Security said you were not eligible for benefits as a widower is because you are working full time. At age 62, you are subject to Social Security's "earnings test" which limits how much you can earn while collecting early Social Security benefits. The 2023 earnings limit is \$21,240 and, if that is exceeded, SS will take away \$1 in benefits for every \$2 you are over the limit. If your earnings are high enough, that could make you temporarily ineligible to collect benefits until 1) your earnings are less, or 2) you reach your full retirement age (FRA) when the earnings test no longer applies.



ASK Rusty  
Social Security Advisor

**Social Security Matters**

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Assuming you have not yet claimed your personal SS retirement benefit, you are still eligible to collect a survivor benefit from your wife when your earnings are less or after you reach your full retirement age. One strategy you may wish to consider, if you plan to keep working full time, is to wait and claim only your surviving spouse benefit at your FRA (67), thus allowing your personal SS retirement benefit to continue growing until you are 70 when your personal SS retirement benefit will be about 75% more than it would be now. Although your survivor benefit reaches maximum at your FRA, your personal benefit doesn't reach maximum until age 70, so it's possible to collect your smaller survivor benefit from your wife first and claim your higher personal benefit later.

You were apparently given some confusing information when you contacted Social Security. If you haven't already claimed your own SS retirement benefit, you are still eligible for a surviving spouse benefit from your wife but likely cannot collect a widower benefit at this

time because you're working full time. However, that doesn't mean you can never collect a survivor benefit; only that you can't collect it at this time because of the "earnings test." The earnings test goes away when you reach age 67, so you can claim only your survivor benefit at that time (or before if you no longer work full time) and allow your personal SS retirement benefit to continue to grow (to age 70 if you like).

From our experience with the Social Security Administration, the skill level of SSA representatives varies but we have never suspected their goal was trying to avoid paying benefits due. Nevertheless, depending on the agent you spoke with, the information provided may have been less clear about the best claiming strategy for you - which is why the AMAC Foundation's Social Security Advisory Service exists. Our advisors are all highly experienced and strive to provide you with complete and clear information which enables you to make an informed choice about how and when to claim the Social Security benefits you are entitled to. I hope we have succeeded.

### When Fast Is Not Fast Enough

By John Grimaldi

Experts predicted the failure of commercial supersonic air travel long before the first Concorde took off on January 21, 1976 ushering in a short-lived era of Super Sonic Travel [SST]. On that day a British Airways SST took off from London's Heathrow Airport headed for Bahrain in the Persian Gulf and an Air France SuperJet flew from Paris to Rio de Janeiro, both carrying plane loads of passengers. After all, the Concorde was a British-French joint venture.

However, try as they might, the Concorde was inefficient and very expensive to maintain. And at least one commercial aviation expert warned that despite the plane's cruising speed of about 1,500 miles per hour, it was too slow to make it worth the exorbitant cost of a seat. An average round trip New York-London ticket, according to the Smithsonian Magazine, set you back about \$12,000 in 1976. According to

the CPI Inflation Calculator, that's the equivalent of \$63,656 today. Alas, the last flight of the Concorde took place in 2003. But efforts are underway to build a better, more efficient SST airplane.

The website, Jalopnik, reports that supersonic travel is not a thing of the past, that there is a market of "wealthy airline passengers" who await "the return of faster-than-sound transit" and that there are several companies focused on delivering "the spiritual successor to the Concorde very soon. American Airlines and United have both put deposits down on one company's supersonic jet — the Boom Supersonic Overture — that promises to be in passenger service by 2029."

As fast as SSTs are, one of the reasons that the Concorde failed in the end was the fact that the three hours or so that it took that plane to travel from New York to London was not

### What Older Adults Should Know After A Doctor's Visit

(StatePoint) You know how important regular check-ups are and that consulting your healthcare provider when you have a concern is smart. But what happens after the visit is just as essential to maintaining good health.

Unfortunately, some people don't follow their provider's advice. Maybe they don't take their prescriptions as written or forego recommended preventive screenings and immunizations. This can be costly, both for individuals and the health care system. Case in point: More than 125,000 people die each year because of prescription medication non-adherence, according to the National Council for Patient Information and Education.

Following a doctor's recommended care plan can be challenging, according to Dr. J.B.

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**➔ HONEST HOOSIER**

The 4-H Fair is fast approaching!



**➔ TODAY'S QUOTE**

"There is more to life than increasing its speed."  
-Mohandas K. Gandhi

**➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP**

Seniors should get rid of throw rugs or at least tape them to the floor.

Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Times and online at www.thetimes24-7.com



**➔ TODAY'S JOKE**

Why do bees have such sticky hair?  
They use "honey" combs, silly!

**➔ OBITUARIES**

None

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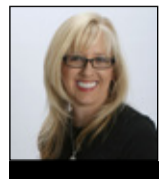


**WTHR 7 DAY FORECAST**

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# No Time To Work A Summer Job



**BETSY REASON**  
From The Editor's Desk

I remember when I was in high school, and I wanted a summer job.

I thought it would be fun to work.

One of my friends did corn de-tasseling. But she quickly told me how much hard work it was, as did my dad, who talked me out of it.

So I applied for a job at a local grocery store. They called and interviewed me for a job pushing out customers' carts. Remember when stores used to do that?

I applied for a job at a bank as a teller, but they wanted employees who would return after graduation and not a student heading to college.

I ended up going through a program for local students and got a job working over the summer in my own high school's front office, answering phones and making copies on the Ditto machine for the summer-school teachers. Remember the smell of the Ditto copies?

This spring, my daughter said she wanted an all-summer job (Last summer, she got her feet wet working five days at a local fireworks shop just before the July 4 holiday). This year, she went as far as going and picking up a job application at a local eatery and talking to the manager in person.

We tried to figure out her schedule to see what hours and days of the week she had open.

Busy people make good employees, right?

As the days went by, and we put all of her summer activities on the calendar, it seemed there was no time left for a summer job.

Being the summer after her junior year in high school, she quickly filled her schedule to the brim. She auditioned for The Belfry Theatre Apprentice Players' "Willy Wonka Jr." summer youth musical the first weekend of summer break. And rehearsals would immediately begin through the entire summer break.

Plus, she signed up for two summer school classes, a math class through NHS and an Economics class online, both for high school credit.

Being a Conner Prairie youth volunteer, in her sixth year, she was a camp helper for Conner Prairie camp the first week of summer break. That was seven hours a day, morning to mid-afternoon.

At Conner Prairie, she is also a spinning co-captain who will co-lead her Sheep to Shawl team that will compete with other Conner Prairie teams to spin, card, warp and weave a scarf in four hours on the last day of the Indiana State Fair, so there is spinning to do all summer and lots of prep working, plus helping to teach spinning trainees the art.

Also, at Conner Prairie, she applied for and was selected as a pottery apprentice, so she learns how to make pottery on a wheel in Prairietown under a trained potter there a few times a month.

She had a dozen graduation parties to attend the first few weeks of June.

Don't forget singing the National Anthem the first Saturday of each month at Legacy Keepers' String-Time on the Square, plus Legacy Keepers' July 1 all-day music festival, for which she coordinated a few of her musically talented NHS friends to perform during her Addie & Friends segment.

Plus, she was among about four dozen young cast and crew members who represented "Willy Wonka Jr." in the Noblesville Fourth of July Parade through downtown Noblesville.

A Hamilton County 4-H'er of nine years, and her club's president, she also has 4-H projects to finish before the 4-H Fair, July 20-25.

Right after that, "Willy Wonka Jr." musical takes the stage for five performances at The Ivy Tech Auditorium in Noblesville.

Just as soon as the musical closes on the last Sunday of July, school starts on the following Monday.

Surprisingly, we squeezed in a three-day weekend trip to Nashville, Ind., in Brown County. And she practiced driving enough to take and pass her driving-skills test at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles to get her driver's license.

*-Betsy Reason writes about people, places and things in Hamilton County. Contact The Times Editor Betsy Reason at [betsy@thetimes24-7.com](mailto:betsy@thetimes24-7.com).*

# Hamilton County Leadership Academy Announces Class Of 2024

The Hamilton County Leadership Academy (HCLA) has selected 36 individuals who reside or work in Hamilton County to take part in its 10-month community leadership program.

HCLA Executive Director, Diana Coyle, shared, "This cohort is composed of up-and-coming and established community leaders who will learn from one another, our dean, class speakers, and community partners. They will inspire one another to impact where they work and reside and empower each other to be change-makers and connectors in areas of passion and trends on the horizon in the county. Through their HCLA journey, they will weave themselves into the fabric of who Hamilton County is and will become."

HCLA is thrilled to officially announce the Class of 2024 and welcome them into the folds of HCLA's 30+ year legacy in Hamilton County:

- Katie Abernathy | Alpha Gamma Delta
- Billy Adams | Westfield Police Department
- Sandy Allen | Hamilton County Tourism
- Joshua Andrews | Westfield Washington Schools
- Chris Beaver | Beaver Gravel Corporation
- Aaron Collins | OfficeWorks
- Christina Collins | Ivy Tech Community College-Hamilton County
- Brittany Delph | Student Impact of Westfield
- Murry Dixon | Noblesville Fire Department
- Brien Donahue | Performance Contracting, Inc.
- Pete Dunbar | American Bank of Freedom
- Katie Ellis | Purdue University
- Patricia Ellis | Tegria
- Jenell Fairman | City of Carmel
- Derrick Ferguson | Meyer Najem
- Anthony Gary | Village Capital Corporation,

A Pedcor Company

- Samuel Gibson | Custom Concrete
- Heather Haas | AD-VISA

- Emily Hitchcock | Conner Prairie Museum
- Danielle Humphrey | Hamilton County Community Foundation
- Tonya Hyatt | Northern Hamilton County Chamber of Commerce
- Steve Latour | Westfield Chamber of Commerce & Downtown Westfield Association
- Stephanie Lay | Everwise Credit Union
- Julie Plake | United Way of Central Indiana
- Brian Price | Wessler Engineering
- Bailey Rayford | Kendal Logan Logistics, LLC
- Jennifer Roam | City of Fishers
- Elizabeth Roberson | Krieg DeVault LLP
- Jennifer Rozelle | Indiana Estate & Elder Law
- Hyacinth Rucker | The Children's Museum of Indianapolis
- Emily J. Schmale | Church Church Hittle + Antrim
- Alexis Sowder | KSM Location Advisors
- Peg Strass | Westfield Fire Department
- Jordan Willy | City of Fishers
- Ashley Woodward Fischer | Beck's
- Lindsay Zehren | Resounding Joy Indiana

Each year, HCLA selects participants through a highly competitive application process. Class members are selected based on their community engagement, desire to learn and grow through the HCLA program, and passion for making an impact through leading and serving in Hamilton County.

Earlier this year, HCLA announced that Patrick Propst would serve HCLA as the Class of 2024 Dean. HCLA will kick off its Class of 2024 cohort experience in mid-August with a two-day opening retreat.

# Carmel Author Publishes Spiritual Book

Keeping And Trusting Your Faith Can Help Things Turn Out For The Best.

The Story of Evan: A Christian Novelette, a new book by Robert Curtis and Steve Eggleston, has been released by Dorrance Publishing Co., Inc.

This book was written by Robert Curtis and Steve Eggleston with the goal in mind to highlight some dilemmas Christians go through in life. With keeping trust in God and doing what is right, things turn out for the better.

"Do you give the horse his strength, And endow his neck with splendor? Do you make the steed to quiver

While his thunderous snorting spreads Terror? He jubilantly paws the plain

And rushes in his might against the Weapons.

He laughs at fear and cannot be deterred;

He turns not back from the sword.

Around him rattles the quiver, Flashes the spear and the javelin.

Frenzied and trembling he devours the Ground; He holds not back at the sound of the Trumpet, But at each blast he cries, "Aha!"

Even from afar he scents the battle, The roar of the chiefs and the shouting."

**JOB 39:19-25**  
*The Story of Evan: A Christian Novelette is a 74-page paperback with a retail price of \$13.00 (eBook \$8.00). The ISBN is 979-8-88812-072-9. It was published by Dorrance Publishing Co., Inc of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. For members of the press, to request a review copy, visit our virtual pressroom at <https://dorrancepressroom.com/the-story-of-evan-a-christian-novelette/> or to buy the book visit our online bookstore at <https://bookstore.dorrancepublishing.com/the-story-of-evan-a-christian-novelette/>.*

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➔ Meeting Notes

## Board Of Public Works And Safety

8:45 AM - EXECUTIVE SESSION - PERSONNEL PURSUANT TO IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7)  
For discussion of records classified as confidential by state or federal statute  
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY  
TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2023 - 9:00 AM

CALL MEETING TO ORDER PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
PETITIONS OR COMMENTS BY CITIZENS WHO ARE PRESENT APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
CONSENT AGENDA FOR APPROVAL

#1 APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MEMORANDUM: JUNE 27, 2023

#2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES: JUNE 27, 2023

#3 BOARD TO CONSIDER THE WRITE-OFF OF UNPAID EMS DEBT (DIVISION CHIEF JAMES MACKY)

#4 BOARD TO CONSIDER TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF THE EAST ALLEY FOR A FLOWER MARKET (RENÉ GULLEY)

#5 BOARD TO CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF SECONDARY PLAT; ACCEPTANCE OF PERFORMANCE BOND COVERING COMMON SIDEWALK AND MONUMENTATION; AND ACCEPTANCE OF MAINTENANCE BONDS FOR SANITARY SEWER, STORM SEWER, STONE, HMA BASE, HMA INTERMEDIATE, HMA SURFACE, AND CURB FOR SILO RIDGE, SECTION 2 (ODISE ADAMS)

#6 BOARD TO CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF SECONDARY PLAT; ACCEPTANCE OF PERFORMANCE BOND COVERING COMMON SIDEWALK, HMA PATH, HMA

SURFACE, AND MONUMENTATION; AND ACCEPTANCE OF MAINTENANCE BONDS FOR SANITARY SEWER, STORM SEWER, STONE, HMA BASE, HMA INTERMEDIATE, AND CURB FOR BROOKS FARM, SECTION 4 (ODISE ADAMS)

NEW ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION  
#1 BOARD TO CONSIDER SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH WAGNER-MEINERT, LLC FOR REPLACEMENT OF HVAC SYSTEM AT FIRE STATION 77 TO ACCOMMODATE A NEW WATER TOWER (DEPUTY CHIEF MURRY DIXON)

#2 BOARD TO CONSIDER AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH MEDAWARE SOLUTIONS (DIVISION CHIEF JAMES MACKY)

#3 BOARD TO CONSIDER CONTRACT WITH WAGNER-MEINERT, LLC FOR CITY HALL ROOFTOP HVAC PROJECT (DAVID DALE)

#4 BOARD TO CONSIDER THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF LOGAN STREET BETWEEN STATE ROAD 19 AND 8TH STREET FOR BRIDGE OF FLOWERS/ MAIN STREET FUNDRAISING GALA (RENÉ GULLEY)

#5 BOARD TO CONSIDER TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF THREE PARKING SPACES AT 35 SOUTH 9TH STREET FOR THE ELKS CLUB BLOOD DONATION DRIVE (RENÉ GULLEY)

#6 BOARD TO CONSIDER SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MIDWEST PAVING, LLC FOR TRAIL PAVING (BRANDON BENNETT)

#7 BOARD TO CONSIDER CONTRACT WITH

RESOLUTION GROUP FOR THE LOGAN STREET DRAINAGE PROJECT (EN-371) (JONATHAN MIRGEAUX)

#8 BOARD TO CONSIDER REQUEST TO ORDER COMPACT TRUCKS FOR THE UTILITY (JONATHAN MIRGEAUX)

#9 BOARD TO CONSIDER PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR DOWNTOWN 4-WAY FLASHER PROJECT (ANDREW RODEWALD)

#10 BOARD TO CONSIDER CONTRACT AWARD FOR 2023 STREET REHABILITATION - CONTRACT II (EN-362-02) (ANDREW RODEWALD)

#11 BOARD TO CONSIDER CONTRACT AWARD FOR 2023 STREET REHABILITATION - CONTRACT III (EN-362-03) (ANDREW RODEWALD)

#12 BOARD TO CONSIDER AN ON-CALL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH BUTLER, FAIRMAN & SEUFERT FOR INSPECTION AND EVALUATION OF PEDESTRIAN STRUCTURES (DEON OCHOA)

#13 BOARD TO CONSIDER EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY 6TH STREET CLOSURE FOR EAST BANK PROJECT FAÇADE WORK (JAYME THOMPSON)

#14 BOARD TO CONSIDER EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY NIXON STREET CLOSURE FOR THE VILLAGE AT FEDERAL HILL (ODISE ADAMS)

#15 BOARD TO CONSIDER EXTENSION OF PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON MAPLE AVENUE FOR THE EAST BANK PROJECT (ODISE ADAMS)  
ADJOURNMENT

## Common Council Meeting

COMMON COUNCIL TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2023 - 7:00 PM

CALL MEETING TO ORDER PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MEMORANDUM: JUNE 27, 2023 APPROVAL OF MINUTES: JUNE 27, 2023

APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
PETITIONS OR COMMENTS BY CITIZENS WHO ARE PRESENT COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS  
APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED ORDINANCES  
#16-06-23 COUNCIL TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE #16-06-23, AN ORDINANCE

ANNEXING APPROXIMATELY 31 ACRES WEST OF CICERO ROAD AND NORTH OF FOREST PARK IN THE 1300 BLOCK OF CICERO ROAD, KNOWN AS COMSTOCK ESTATES IN NOBLESVILLE TOWNSHIP; AND RESOLUTION RC-28-23, ADOPTING A FISCAL PLAN (JOYCEANN YELTON)  
PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE #16-06-23  
MISCELLANEOUS  
#1 COUNCIL TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION RC-31-23, A RESOLUTION CONCERNING TAX ABATEMENT COMPLIANCE (AMY SMITH)

#2 COUNCIL TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION RC-34-23, A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING

APPROVAL OF A WAIVER OF NON-COMPLIANCE CONCERNING A REAL PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT FOR 14515 BERGEN BLVD., LLC (AMY SMITH)

PUBLIC HEARING FOR RESOLUTION RC-34-23

#3 COUNCIL TO RECEIVE A SUMMARY OF FISCALLY NEUTRAL SECOND QUARTER APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION RC-1-23 (IAN ZELGOWSKI)

#4 COUNCIL TO RECEIVE A SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATION OF SECOND QUARTER GRANT PROCEEDS PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION RC-2-23 (JEFFREY SPALDING)  
COUNCIL COMMENTS  
ADJOURNMENT



# 2023

## Fall Ball Season

**When:** August 12th/13th - September 23rd/24th, 2023  
7 game season to be played on weekends  

- NO GAMES played on Labor Day Weekend (Sept. 2nd/3rd)
- 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

**Who:** Everyone - 7th-8th Grade and 9th-12th Grade (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

**Cost:** \$80 per individual registration/ \$900 per full-roster team registration  
 \* **Note:** Credit card and processing fees apply and will be added at checkout

**How Do I Register?** [www.noblesvillebaberuthbaseball.com](http://www.noblesvillebaberuthbaseball.com)

**Registration Deadline: August 6th**

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# Indiana State Fair Unveils 2023 NEW Culinary Favorites

Today the Indiana State Fair unveiled NEW must-have items to try at this year's State Fair. Fairgoers wait annually for the announcement of new Fair Food Favorites and this year's items won't disappoint! In addition to these new tasty treats, fairgoers can also expect the classic must have selections across a wide variety of 140+ different food stands. The 2023 Indiana State Fair returns July 28 - August 20 (closed Mondays & Tuesdays).

**BBQ Pig Wings** (Offered by Indiana Pork)  
The BBQ bone-in pork wing comes from the bottom of the ham and consists of tender, dark meat that is full of delicious flavors! There is a single small bone running through the center with a small handle sticking out - it's pork without a fork!

**Bratchos** (Offered by Urick Concessions)  
Tortilla Chips topped with a sizzling Bratwurst, creamy hatch queso, zesty jalapeños, fire roasted salsa, and a dollop of Sour Cream. It's the ultimate fiesta on a plate that will leave you craving more with every crunchy bite.

**Buffalo Pork-n-Mac** (Offered by Nitro Hog BBQ)  
A bowl of homemade mac-n-cheese with pulled pork, buffalo sauce, and ranch dressing drizzled on top.

**Cherry Lemonade Twister** (Offered by Twisted Drinks and Food)  
A fresh squeezed lemonade with cherry

syrup and maraschino cherries added to make for the perfect summertime drink!

**Cherry ShakeUp** (Offered by Hi & Mighty)  
Eat, drink and be cherry! Keep it bright and Cardinal red with a citrus refresher made to shake it up for celebrations big & small. In partnership with Ball State University... Chirp Chirp Cherry!

**Chocolate Glazed Popcorn** (Offered by Olde Tyme Poppin Korn)  
Popped the old fashion way, but with a tasty chocolate glaze and a hint of salt.

**Cinnamon Crunch Corn** (Offered by Fairlivin Concessions)  
Shredded sweet corn on the cob in butter, topped with a cinnamon toast crunch and a cream cheese icing.

**Deep Fried Corn on a Stick** (Offered by Cantina Louies by Meatball Factory)  
A 6 inch ear of corn on a stick seasoned then dipped into a buttermilk and egg mixture and then rolled into a flour corn meal with spice, then placed in the fryer until it is a golden brown and topped off with mayonnaise and Parmesan cheese. A little Cholula hot sauce pack is handed out with each one to enhance the flavor and give it a good kick!

**Deep Fried Sandwich Cookie Ale** (Offered by Sun King Brewery & Spirits)  
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**Elote Street Corn Pizza** (Offered by DG Concession)  
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**Flaming Hot Cheeto Corn in a Cup** (Offered by Wilson Concessions)  
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**Pepperoni Pizza Pretzel** (Offered by Wilson Concessions)  
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**S'mores Funnel Cake** (Offered by LT Concessions LLC)  
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A base of curly fries cooked to a golden brown and topped with cheese,

Sirloin Tips, and of course A1 steak sauce.

**Smoked Bologna Burnt Ends** (Offered by Red Frazier Bison)  
Smoked bologna burnt ends served with pickles and mustard.

**Spicy Sweet Chili Walking Taco** (Offered by Georgia's Kitchen)  
Spicy Sweet Chili Doritos with seasoned ground beef, lettuce, shredded cheese, salsa and sour cream.

**Street Corn Pizza** (Offered by Swains Pizza on a Stick)  
Fresh dough made daily topped with a homemade white sauce, sprinkled with a blend of mozzarella and Parmesan cheeses, finished off with fire roasted corn, a generous dusting of chili lime seasoning and cilantro then baked to perfection.

**The Dirty Dog** (Offered by R&W Concessions)  
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**The Hoosier Slam Dunk Caramel Apple Surprise** (Offered by Jessop Candy Products)  
Cinnamon sugared apple slices with hot caramel sauce, nuts, sprinkles, optional mini chocolate chips or chocolate sauce, whipped cream, cherry and topped with cotton candy.

**The Indiana Grown Burger** (Offered by Red Frazier Bison)  
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Foods Burger Jam, Rising Creek Goat Cheese, Dillman Farm's Bread & Butter Pickles, and Cornerstone Bread Pretzel Bun.

**The Mac Daddy Empanada** (Offered by Gobble Gobble)  
The newest twist on our Original Mac Daddy! The cheesy mac and cheese and the pulled BBQ Turkey combo stuffed in the empanada, is one you don't want to miss this year!

**The Walking Burger** (Offered by Indiana Ribeye)  
Regular or BBQ chips with a hamburger cut into bite sized pieces and a scoop of our cowboy beans, made right at our stand! Add a fork and you are ready to explore the rest of the fair!

**Vanilla Dream Coffee Ice Cream Soda** (Offered by Hooks Drug Store Museum and Soda Fountain)  
Vanilla flavored iced coffee topped with a scoop of vanilla ice-cream and whipped topping.

**Wicked Chicken N Waffles** (Offered by Urick Concessions)  
An infinitely hot take on the classic chicken and waffles. The Wicked Chicken N Waffles features chicken tenders sandwiched between two waffles drenched in Mike's Hot Honey, and topped with crushed Flamin' Hot Cheetos.

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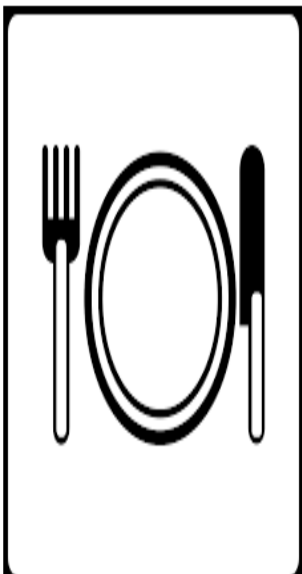
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Sobel, chief medical officer with Cigna Healthcare's Medicare business. There are multiple reasons why older patients can have difficulty following their provider's instructions – including managing multiple medications at different times of day – or trouble accessing or affording care.

Thankfully, there are some processes and resources that can help you faithfully follow your healthcare provider's advice.

Get organized. More than half of adults 65 and older take four or more prescription drugs, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation. With more medications, it can be difficult to know what to take, when to take it, and in what dosage. A low-cost pill organizer, available at drug stores and retail outlets, can help you stay organized. You may also want to automate your medication by taking it at the same time every day if directions allow that. The key is to find a system that works for you and stick with it.

Communicate with your provider or pharmacist. If your medication doesn't seem to be working or is causing undesirable side effects, talk to your doctor or pharmacist about adjusting your dosage or switching to an alternative. Likewise, discuss any concerns about screenings or tests with your provider.

Having a good rapport with your doctor helps. Take notes at your appointment or bring a loved one with you to help with questions. And don't be afraid to ask if there's anything you don't understand.

Connect your providers. Make sure your various doctors share information. For example, if you have an unexpected hospital visit, notify your primary care provider so they can review any new medications or diagnoses from the hospital and help you fit them into your current care plan. This can also help protect you from unnecessary or

duplicate procedures. Find alternative access to care. If you have difficulty getting around or live far from where care is rendered, there are programs to help. Your provider may offer virtual visits. You may be able to have prescriptions safely delivered to your home in a 90-day supply, perhaps at a lower cost, and with reminders for refills. If you have a Medicare Advantage plan, you may be eligible for rides to your provider or pharmacy at no extra cost. Learn more about Cigna Healthcare's Medicare Advantage plans at [www.cigna.com/medicare](http://www.cigna.com/medicare).

Seek help with costs. "Extra Help" is a federal program providing prescription drug cost support to those who qualify. Many pharmaceutical manufacturers help customers afford medications. You could also ask your healthcare provider about generic medications, which typically cost less but are equally effective.

Medicare and Medicare Advantage plans pay for many preventive procedures with no extra cost to you.

"If keeping up with your health care feels overwhelming, please don't get discouraged," said Dr. Sobel, who oversees a team of clinicians that contact Cigna Healthcare's Medicare Advantage customers whose prescriptions have lapsed or not been refilled. "Seek help from a doctor, a pharmacy or a loved one. They want to help you. Keep in mind that it's easier to maintain good health than it is to recapture your health following a preventable crisis."

The information contained in this article is not intended to be a substitute for professional medical advice, diagnosis or treatment. Always seek the advice of your physician or other qualified health care provider with any questions you may have regarding a medical condition or treatment and before undertaking a new health care regimen.

**Consumer Alert: Products Recalled In June**

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

"Summer is a time to relax and for your kids to have fun playing outdoors," Attorney General Rokita said. "You shouldn't have to worry if your children's toys are defective or could cause them any harm. If you purchased one of the recalled products, stop using it immediately and pursue resolution from the manufacturer immediately."

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

- Jetson Nova and Star 3-Wheel Kick Scooters from Jetson Electric Bikes
- Robo Alive Junior Baby Shark Sing & Swim Bath Toys (full-size) and Robo Alive Junior Mini Baby Shark Swimming Bath Toys (mini-size) from Zuru
- Hurtle Multi-Purpose Helmet from Sound Around
- EGO Power+ Model HT2410 Cordless Brushless Hedge Trimmers from Chervon North America
- PowerXL Self-Cleaning Juicers from Empower Brands
- Narskido Infant Bath Seats from TopGlore
- Kate and Laurel Astora and Valenti Mirrors from Uniek

- Arctic Cat 8000 Series Snowmobiles from Textron Specialized Vehicles
- Deux Par Deux Children's One-Piece and Two-Piece Pajama Sets from Deux Par Deux
- Little Cotton Clothes Pajamas and Nightdresses from Little Cotton
- Party Time Collection Loveseats, Sofas and Recliners from Ashley Furniture Industries
- Giro Merit Bicycle Helmets from Bell Sports
- Haining Degao Benches from TJX
- Armstrong Air and Air Ease single stage gas furnaces from Allied Air Enterprises
- John Deere™ XUV590E, XUV590M and XUV590M S4 Gator™ utility vehicles from John Deere
- Ferrous Sulfate (Iron) Enteric-Coated Tablets, 324 mg – 100 Tablet Bottles from Nationwide Pharmaceutical

- Boost The Mood Ceramic Mugs from Michael
- Giordano International Steam Humidifiers from Research Products
- Concord Dual Power Recliner Chairs from Haverty's
- Zooby Video Baby Monitors for Cars from Infanttech

If you believe you recently purchased a recalled product, stop using it, and check its recall notice. Then, follow the notice's instructions, including where to return the product or what steps must be taken to receive a replacement product.

**JOHN** From Page A1

fast enough to make its high cost worth it. High rollers are not willing to pay the premium to simply cut little more than three hours off their trip; they want to be able to fly to London in an hour or so, have a business lunch and get back to New York in time to have a late afternoon cocktail before dinner. Thus, the new focus is on the creation of hypersonic passenger aircraft.

Retired Air Force Brigadier General Blaine Holt recently told Newsmax that the next horizon as regards commercial airfare is decidedly hypersonic. As he put it, "People are turning away from folks who think our best days are behind us undaunted and going into science and tech. We are coming back to something that is in our bones as a nation. Hyper-

sonics, and the science that spins off of it, is so exciting."

The Newsmax report explains that while the SSTs of yore traveled at about Mach 2 or 1,535 miles per hour, a hypersonic flies at a speed of Mach 9 or more than 6,900 miles an hour, making it possible to fly from New York to Tokyo in about an hour-- a trip that today takes conventional airliners more than 14 hours. The report focuses on the work in progress of Venus Aerospace of Houston, TX. It's working on a hypersonic aircraft that can carry about a dozen passengers at Mach 9.

Hermeus in Atlanta, GA says it is planning to have a plane that could get passengers from New York to Paris in an hour and a half and that it will be ready by 2029.

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## In The Home

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## Dealing With Tree Surface Roots



**MELINDA MYERS**  
Columnist

Roots erupting through the soil surface that extend beyond the tree trunk are known as surface roots. This is a normal part of aging for shallow-rooted trees. The aging roots increase in circumference just like the tree's branches and trunk. As they thicken, the upper portion of the roots appear above the soil surface.

These irritate gardeners when trying to grow and mow the grass under the tree. It is important not to bury, cut, dig up, or shave off these important roots. Covering or damaging the roots creates entryways for insects and diseases to enter and damage or even kill your tree.

Mulch is a simple solution. Use a 2-to-3-inch layer on the soil surrounding the tree. Pull the mulch away from the tree trunk to avoid insect, disease, and rodent problems. Create a mulch ring as large as possible. This eliminates the need to hand trim grass near the tree and makes mowing easier. Mulch is also better for the tree than grass growing up to the trunk. The grass is a big competitor for water and



Photo courtesy of MelindaMyers.com

**Surface roots erupt through the soil surface and extend beyond the tree trunk.** Add a splash of color with a few potted annuals by setting them among the perennial groundcovers. This allows you to change the plantings as the seasons change. You can also permanently sink a few nursery pots in the ground. Then plant flowers in a slightly smaller container and set this pot in the one permanently buried in the ground. This method is less disruptive to the tree roots and easier on your back.

nutrients and can stunt the tree's growth. Reduce ongoing maintenance with the help of newspaper or cardboard. Start by edging the bed to disconnect the grass and weeds under the tree from the surrounding plants that can serve as their life support.

Now cut the grass and weeds as short as possible being careful not to harm the surface roots. Cover the area to be mulched with newspaper or cardboard. This creates a temporary but extra layer of mulch that helps kill the grass. The paper will eventually break down and improve the soil below. Cover this with a 2- to 3-inch layer of shredded bark or woodchips for years of weed control.

Consider shade-tolerant perennials and groundcovers if mulched beds do not fit your design style. These plants will eliminate the need to mow over surface roots,

add seasonal interest, and they do not compete with the trees like lawn grass. Barrenwort, Canadian ginger, hostas, Variegated Solomon seal, coral bells, foam flower, Bergenia, and Siberian bugloss are a few to consider. Make sure the plants you select are suited to your growing conditions and your garden design.

Use caution when planting under mature trees. Avoid deep tilling that can damage, not only the surface roots but also the fine feeder roots that absorb water and nutrients. Instead, dig relatively small holes between major roots and allow the plants to fill in the area.

Mulch the soil surface with leaves, evergreen needles, or other organic mulch to conserve moisture and improve the soil as they decompose. Water thoroughly once plants are in the ground and often enough to keep the roots slightly moist throughout the summer.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the recently released *Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition, and Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" instant video and DVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program*. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and her website is [www.MelindaMyers.com](http://www.MelindaMyers.com).

## Shoe Storage Solutions

(Family Features) Under the couch, near the entry of almost every door and randomly scattered throughout your home, shoes can be one of the most difficult wardrobe staples to keep organized.

After assessing your space and the number of shoes you own, consider these storage tips to make containing your favorite footwear a breeze.

**Chic shelving**  
An old bookshelf is a perfect shoe organizer for those who have homes with walk-in closets or enjoy displaying their favorite pairs out in the open. Bookshelves with varying depths make it easy to group by height of shoe type - tall boots on one level, short flats and low-top sneakers on the next and so on.

### Baby shoe solutions

A visit to your local hobby store can solve your baby and toddler shoe storage woes. The pegs on a simple, wooden thread rack make for easy, space-saving places to hang adorable little shoes. These wall-mounted racks are also easy to paint to match any toddler room's

decor.

**Rustic and repurposed**  
For those with an admiration for a rustic look, find a warehouse pallet. The large wooden frames have slots spaced for various types of footwear. Rest it against the wall for a simple worn-in organizer.

**Climbing shoes**  
A brightly painted ladder resting on the wall is a unique way to show off some of your prettiest pumps and peep-toes. Simply let the heels dangle off each rung of the ladder for a storage solution that doubles as artwork.

### Basic storage makeover

If you have a basic, two-tiered shoe rack, step out of the norm and turn that white or wooden rack into a colorful display that complements your decor. With just a brush and a can of your favorite paint hue, simple racks can be transformed into vibrant pieces of furniture.

For more organization tips to help avoid a heaping pile of sneakers at the bottom of the closet or a mismatched mess of shoes under the bed, visit [eLivingtoday.com](http://eLivingtoday.com).

## Making Your Home Safe For Baby

(Family Features) Your little one's on-the-go adventures mark a huge milestone for his or her development and your family. Before you allow your baby to trek freely from room to room, get your home ready for a child on the move with these safety steps and precautions:

### Prepare before the birth

First-time parents are likely to embark upon a new life filled with late nights, sleep deprivation and a world of stresses they've never experienced or considered. Prepare your home before the baby is born to avoid the panic of waiting until the last minute.

### Tour like your tot

The first step toward ensuring your home is ready for a mobile child is to see the world from the same level. Take a crawling tour around your home to see things that may be in the way or discover hazardous items that are within easy reach. Use all of your senses to assess any potential dangers.

### Latch it up

Protect your little one from sharp objects and heavy items by installing child protection latches on all cabinets and drawers. For an added layer of protection, keep any sharp

objects and harmful chemicals in high places only adults can reach.

### Evaluate leaning objects

Bookshelves, bedside tables and the items placed on them, such as television sets and other large appliances, can be a threat to the safety of a small child trying to pull him or herself up and balance on two feet. Ensure these items are properly secured or keep them put away unless in use to avoid them being pulled on top of your child.

### Other safety measures

To properly prepare your home for a mobile child, don't forget to take steps such as:

- \* Covering electrical outlets with safety plugs
  - \* Placing safety gates at the top and bottom of staircases
  - \* Installing fireplace screens
  - \* Adding foam padding to sharp furniture corners and edges
  - \* Placing a soft cover over the bathtub waterspout
  - \* Removing blinds with looped cords or installing safety tassels and cord stops
  - \* Stocking your first aid kit
  - \* Putting non-slip pads under rugs
- Find more tips to child-proof your home at [eLivingtoday.com](http://eLivingtoday.com).

## Demystifying Insurance To Ensure You Are Getting The Proper Coverage

(Family Features) Home and auto insurance are among the things many people buy but hope to never use. Proper coverage provides peace of mind that an accident, weather event, natural disaster or unexpected injury or illness won't cause financial ruin. However, many Americans are uninsured, underinsured or paying too much for coverage.

Data from the Insurance Research Council cited by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners shows 12.6% of U.S. motorists are uninsured - approximately 1 in 8 cars on the road. For uninsured drivers, plus those involved in accidents with them, fender benders or worse can result in out-of-pocket costs.

Homeowners need to be properly insured, as well. According to the National Centers for Environmental Information, the U.S. has experienced more than 350 weather events or natural disasters since 1980 that have caused more than \$1 billion in damage. Even small thunderstorms can send tree branches into homes, causing thousands of dollars in damage. For home and auto insurance, consumers should be sure their policies cover replacement and repair costs at today's

market rates in addition to liability coverage for personal injury and other damages.

Insurance helps bridge these gaps, but it's common for people to renew policies without checking them. Because insurance policies are often seen as complex and confusing, that may prevent people from purchasing proper coverage.

A 2022 survey from [realtor.com](http://realtor.com) found only 56% of homeowners knew what to look for in their homeowners insurance policy when they bought their homes, and 15% didn't have any idea what to check. In addition, Forbes Advisor reported 40% of drivers believe they had coverage that doesn't even exist.

Consider these challenges consumers face when shopping for and comparing insurance policies and providers:

1. Industry Jargon and Lingo - When you visit a website or talk to an insurance agent, you may feel like you're speaking a different language with terms like "deductible," "premium," "co-pay," "additional insured," "aggregate limit" and "co-insurance."

2. Bait and Switch - Insurance carriers sometimes advertise low rates, but your rate may be high-

er than expected when you apply, often with no explanation.

3. Fine Print - "Sorry, that's not covered." These can be chilling words to hear when you're hoping your insurance policy comes through for you in a time of need. An explanation may be deep within the policy, but you may need a magnifying glass to find it.

4. Transparency - Many decisions that affect rates and coverage may seem to be done behind a curtain, such as rates in comparison to neighbors, remodeling impacts on rates, rate changes based on age and more.

5. Apples to Oranges - With many moving parts within the average policy, it can be difficult to compare rates and coverage.

Improved technology is helping solve some of these issues and deliver an improved experience. A decade ago, the only way to compare insurance rates was to make phone calls, meet with agents and read brochures. Even with the internet, you still need to visit multiple websites and take notes, often entering the same personal information time and time again.

Today, insurance marketplaces, like the flagship platform from Guaranteed Rate Insurance, make it

easy to compare multiple carriers, all at once, with a single application. Customers enter basic information to receive quotes for home and auto insurance coverage from more than 50 top-rated carriers, allowing for a quick, side-by-side comparison of coverage options.

"The primary benefit insurance delivers is peace of mind," said Jeff Wingate, executive vice president and head of insurance for Guaranteed Rate. "If the relationship between an insurance provider and customer begins with stress, confusion and frustration, the provider isn't delivering the desired service. That's why we made it easy for consumers to make informed decisions about rates and coverage from trusted and reliable providers."

Life insurance, umbrella, jewelry, flood, pet, landlord and earthquake policies are among the other coverage options available for comparison. Coverage benefits are easy to read with clearly explained terminology and experienced agents standing by to answer questions or assist with purchasing a policy.

To find more information and explore the insurance marketplace, visit [rate.com/insurance](http://rate.com/insurance).

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## Indiana State Fair Unveils Full Court Press For 2023 BASKETBALL Theme Programming Plans

The Indiana State Fair announced earlier this week, 18 days full of basketball inspired entertainment plans in support of its 2023 theme of BASKETBALL, in partnership with Pacers Sports & Entertainment.

The 2023 theme was announced last winter on the basketball court at Governor Holcomb's residence along with representatives for the Indiana State Fair, Pacers Sports & Entertainment and more. At that time it was also revealed that the theme will be activated through multiple interactive experiences and exhibits paying homage to Indiana's rich basketball legacy.

The Indiana State Fair proudly unveiled plans for custom experiences guests can expect when they arrive at the 166th Indiana State Fair, including:

- HOOPFEST Outdoor Amusement Park
  - o Including full size regulation court with tournaments, kids camps, coaches chats, etc
- Pacers Sports & Entertainment Immersive Exhibit
- Land of Legends: Indiana's Basketball Legacy, in partnership with Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame
- Space Ham: An Aug-

mented Reality Experience

- 1951 Chevy, Gene Hackman's car from movie HOOSIERS on display
  - 18 Basketball Stories curated for 18 days of the Indiana State Fair
  - Celebrating the people, the places and the purpose of the Game!
  - The Evolution of the Game Exhibit
  - The 6th Man Exhibit: Agriculture & Basketball
  - Hoosier Hardwood Photo Project: A Journey to Indiana's Historical High School Gyms
    - From Trees to Tip-Off Attraction: Indiana Hardwoods & the Game
    - Chuck Taylor and Indiana Basketball Exhibit with the Indiana Historical Society
    - Cultural art installations celebrations basketball
    - Including sneaker & custom Backboard Art installation
    - and much more
- "Indiana is truly the state that grew the game, and we are excited to celebrate our unmatched basketball history with Hoosiers this summer at our beloved State Fair," said Rick Fuson, Pacers Sports & Entertainment Chief Executive Officer.
- The Indiana State Fair is rooted in celebrating all things Indiana Ag-

riculture, including the history of why the game of basketball grew here in Indiana. The game was affordable, and the playing season was based around the farmers' planting and harvest season in the late 1800s. After each harvest, farm kids could play basketball, and then when the season ended in March, they could go back to the fields for planting.

Basketball also has a rich history at the Fairgrounds where the iconic Indiana Farmers Coliseum has played host to high school championships, the ABA Pacers, All-Star Games and more. Currently, the Indiana Farmers Coliseum is home of the Horizon League Basketball Championships and IUPUI Men's Basketball.

The Indiana State Fairgrounds first opened in 1892 – the same year basketball was introduced in Indiana – two great Hoosier traditions that have stood the test of time.

To view all theme related Basketball experiences please visit:

<https://www.indianastatefair.com/p/state-fair/entertainment/celebrating-basketball>

About the Indiana State Fair  
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## Badlands Off Road Park

Badlands Offroad Park hosting the first-ever content creator event, Badlands Bash, taking place Saturday, July 1, 2023. Let the badassery begin! The potential social reach for this event is huge.

The goal of the event is for big-name social media influencers in the off-roading community (and beyond!) to create content to share with their millions of fans. Generating limitless value before, during, and after the event. The influencers, their fans, and the Badlands nation come together for a huge, one-day event featuring live entertainment, meet and greets, vendor booths, and much more. Dustin Jones, Can-Am Ambassador, will be giving the Dustin Jones Experience. He will be doing guided rides scheduled throughout the day, so please sign-up ASAP! There will also be a lucky winner who will win the VIP Experience on our SXS track with Dustin!!!

To add to this excitement, there will be Rock Crawl Events for all led by Rockstar Garage and WDTO, When in Doubt Throttle Out. Rockstar Garage will be leading the advanced truck and SUV Rock Crawl and a novice truck/SUV guided Rock Crawl as well. WDTO Offroad will be leading the advanced side by side Rock Crawl.

In addition, there will be a Long Jump Event with different trophy classes for the

top 3 furthest distance jumps. UTV Outlaws will be having a Dirt Drag competition for non turbo, Turbo, and Youth classes... trophies will be given for this as well. There will be the Beat Pete Serpentine Time Attack contest featuring Pete Hager! Trophy Classes for this will include Fastest Overall SXS and Fastest Overall ATV. There is also room for members of the public to meet and ride with the creators. All event goers are encouraged to take and share media helping the reach of an engagement grow even bigger.

Headlining on the mainstage, a truly iconic '90s Alt-Rock band, EVERCLEAR. Best know for hits like "Santa Monica" and "Father of Mine." Opening for EVERCLEAR is, Lit, whose mega-hit "My Own Worst Enemy" is one of the most broadcasted, covered, karaoke'd, recognizable rock hits of the last 20 years and won them a Billboard Music Award for Modern Rock Song of the Year.

Tickets for the event are on sale now and available at [www.badlandsbash.com](http://www.badlandsbash.com). Riding passes for Badlands Off Road Park and Parking Passes for the concert are also available.

Lodging options are available by contacting Off the Trail Vacation Rentals & Campground. For machine (ATV) rentals contact Adventure Rentals in Attica, Indiana.

## Planning A California Road Trip Adventure This Summer

(Family Features) With near-endless sunshine, world-class theme parks and abundant outdoor experiences, California is an ideal destination to embark on an unforgettable adventure.

To make it easy for travelers to plan their trips, the 2023 California Road Trips guide includes 13 action-packed itineraries that begin and end at one of the state's 27 commercial airports, highlighting how easy it is to fly into any region of the Golden State and hit the road.

"California's natural beauty, diverse topography and culturally rich communities are the perfect backdrop for an epic road trip experience," said Caroline Beteta, president and CEO of Visit California, a nonprofit organization that partners with the state's travel industry to develop and maintain marketing programs that keep California top-of-mind as a premier travel destination. "This year's guide showcases how the state's vast network of international and regional airports provide travelers



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with convenient access to every corner of the California Road Trip Republic."

The guide's cover star, Dwyane Wade, a three-time NBA champion, dad and owner of Napa Valley winery Wade Cellars, moved to Los Angeles after his retire-

ment in 2019. Wade said California granted him a soulful landscape and much-needed quiet time.

"I like to find moments where no one can expect anything of me and California allows me to have those moments," Wade said. "I'll drive to the beach and walk next

to the water. I'll drive all over to find those moments to connect with myself... I get my energy from that."

While California's world-renowned coastline provides a dramatic backdrop, adventures can be found in every region of the Golden State. Fea-

tured drives take travelers to both cities and classic small towns, family attractions and far-reaching, otherworldly landscapes. A few sample road trip itineraries include:

- \* "Animals, Desert and Offbeat Art" combines kid-friendly experiences like LEGOLAND Cali-

fornia and the San Diego Zoo Safari Park with the rich arts culture and stargazing opportunities in Borrego Springs.

\* "Cactus and Cocktails" explore both the cosmopolitan pleasures of Palm Springs and the rugged sceneries of Joshua Tree National Park and the Mojave National Preserve.

\* "National Park Adventures" is a 412-mile adventure that begins at Fresno Yosemite Airport and explores the wonders of Yosemite, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks.

\* "Road to Gold" is a four-day trek that begins in Sacramento, explores Lake Tahoe and meanders back through Gold Country with photo opportunities at every turn.

\* "Innovation and Agricultural Bounty" features a San Jose-based itinerary that showcases cutting-edge arts, charming seaside villages and bountiful farmlands on a 238-mile journey.

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