

**➔ TODAY'S VERSE**  
Jeremiah 32:27 "Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh; is anything too difficult for Me?" (NASB)



**➔ FACES OF HAMILTON COUNTY**  
People who call our community their own.

What makes Gideon Brewer smile? "I like catching fish," said the 12-year-old Noblesville resident and seventh-grader. He started custom painting fishing lures (pictured) about three years ago just for himself. Then he sold his lures at the 2022 Kids Day at the Noblesville Farmers Market, and returned to the 2023 Kids Day on Aug. 12 at the Farmers Market, where he was found. "They all come clear, and I airbrush them with different paint schemes and colors, and I put eyes on them and then I clearcoat them and let dry for 36 hours and put split rings and hooks, and they're ready to go." He sells the custom-painted lures for \$10 each. He's been fishing since he can remember, mostly on White River. He also likes to fish on Morse Reservoir. How's business? He said most of his customers at the Farmers Market have been for birthday gifts and those who like to fish. He also sells the lures to his grandpa and parents' friends. He started painting lures for himself and last year he sold some. He was found talking about his fishing hobby as he showed his custom painted fishing lures at the Farmers Market. Just a few yards away, in a nearby booth, was his 11-year-old sister, Charlotte, Brewer, selling sweet Charlotte's Mississippi Mustard and Very Berry Vinaigrette. They are the children of Megan Brewer and Matt Brewer. Gideon plays basketball at White River Elementary and just finished playing football with the NEFL Noblesville Grinders, and next school year he hopes to play football at Noblesville West Middle School. Other interests? "I really like archery." The next Kids Day at the Noblesville Farmers Market is Sept. 16. For information or to sign up, visit [www.noblesvillemain-street.org](http://www.noblesvillemain-street.org)

**And Another Thing...**

**1. Make Plans To Join The Chamber On September 14!**

We all know business gets done on the golf course! Birdies & Brews has been a catalyst for local businesses for 8 years. Building relationships, conducting business, and connecting with partners is best done with a 7 iron in one hand and a cold beverage in the other. Birdies & Brews features businesses at every tee box with fun activities and giveaways. Every 3rd hole has the addition of breweries & distilleries offering tastings and samples! Between the on course games, give away items, and friendly faces.

**2. August 28 Regular Session Of The Carmel Clay Board Of School Trustees**

Doors open at 5:15 p.m. - all attendees will need to sign in Public comment is on the agenda and those wishing to speak during public comment must register by 5:45 p.m. The updated Public Comment Policy is available for review. Attendees are expected to follow and respect the decorum of the meeting (Civility and Decorum Policy). All participants are subject to metal detection and may be subject to pat down based upon metal detector activation. To help expedite entry to the meeting, please do not carry bags/backpacks/purses as this will cause delays. No firearms or weapons are permitted on school grounds, regardless of an individual's permit.

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**John "Wayne" Jones, 83, Noblesville, poses with his 1951 Ford two-door sedan at the Last Blast Open Car Show on Sunday at the Indiana State Fair. His next show where he'll take the car is the 13th annual Lucky Teter Rebel Run Car and Vintage Motorcycle Show on Sept. 2 at Forest Park in Noblesville.**

**83-Year-Old Still Shows His First Car**



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

One of the reasons that I love to attend the Indiana State Fair on the last day is to see the Last Blast Open Car Show.

This year, I happened upon 83-year-old Noblesville resident John "Wayne" Jones, who was showing his 1951 Ford two-door sedan.

"I bought it in 1956 when I was 16 years old. This was my first car," he said, smiling of his 67-year relationship with his car.

"I started working on it in

high school. And I got out of high school in '58, I put the engine in it, which is a 1951 Chrysler Hemi. And I've been working on it ever since."

Jones said, "I've been driving it 67 years."

He bought the 6-cylinder car for \$500. "It was a stock two-door sedan," he said.

He started the work in 1957 and customized it by 1960.

"I had gotten married (to wife Pat), so the car sat for the next 13 years. I had two girls. I kept it in the garage."

Jones said, "In 1974, I got it out and started working on it, and painted it. I drove it that way until 1980. And I decided to crop the top down 4-1/2

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Photo courtesy of HHHS

**Hamilton Heights' Leslie Jaramillo-Acosta, Adrianna Kauffman and Jonah Garcia earned academic honors from the College Board National Recognition Programs. They were chosen among 72,000 students from across the country for their strong academic performance.**

**3 HHHS Awarded With Academic Honors From College Board National Recognition Programs**

Three students from Hamilton Heights High School earned academic honors from the College Board National Recognition Programs. These programs celebrate students' hard work in high school and showcase their strong academic performance. The academic honors for rural area, Black, Indigenous, and/or Latino students are an opportunity for students to share their strong academic achievements

with colleges and scholarship programs that are seeking to recruit diverse talent.

Leslie Jaramillo-Acosta (National Hispanic Recognition Award (NHRA)), Adrianna Kauffman (National Rural and Small-Town Award (NRSTA)), and Jonah Garcia: (National Indigenous Award (NIA)) were chosen among 72,000 students

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**Westfield Mayor-Elect Scott Willis Announces Transition Team**

Scott Willis, mayor-elect of Westfield, has announced his transition team who will work closely with him as he prepares to take office as mayor January 1, 2024.

The team members possess robust and differing backgrounds of municipal expertise.

"As I make preparations, hold meetings, and plan the details of my administration, I know I need key experts to be successful. Our goal is to lay the foundation of creating a world-class city and to make my transition as seamless as possible," said Willis.

Danielle Carey Tolan will chair the transition as Willis prepares to become mayor. Tolan currently serves as the Westfield Washington Township Trustee.

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**Other members of the transition team include:**

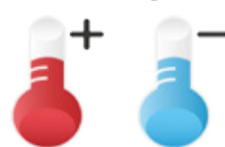
- Paul Okeson - President of Garmon Construction and former Chief of Staff to past Indianapolis Mayor Greg Ballard.
  - Katie Culp - CEO, KSM Locations Advisors and Partner, Katz, Sapper & Miller.
  - Ryan Vaughn - President of Sondhi Solutions and former Chief of Staff to past Indianapolis Mayor Greg Ballard.
  - Peter Emigh - Sr. Partner at Agros Financial Group and Past Hamilton County Republican Party Chairman.
  - April Gregory - Political Director of Coverdale Consulting.
  - Dan Stevens - Former Hamilton County Director of Administration and former County Sheriff.
  - Sean Sutton - Division Chief of Training and Safety for City of Carmel Fire Department.
  - Mike Reuter - Local government financial consultant.
  - Dr. Mark Keen - Retired Westfield Washington Schools Superintendent.
- The transition team encompasses experts in public safety, city government, economic development, Westfield Washington Schools, as well as Westfield residents. The team will focus on the key areas of economic development, managing growth, infrastructure, public safety, and support of our schools.

As the team prepares ideas and builds a foundation from which to springboard, Willis will seek public input to finalize plans surrounding what the future of Westfield looks like.

"Our team has been hard at work coming up with a visionary plan with a well-thought-out strategy that reflects careful consideration of our residents and our future. I am excited to finish building out my plans with this team so I can bring them to the residents of Westfield. And it is my hope that everyone in our city will be a collaborative voice in Westfield's future," said Willis.

**The Daily Almanac**

Sunrise/Sunset  
RISE: 7:06 a.m.  
SET: 8:33 p.m.



**High/Low Temperatures**  
High: 98 °F  
Low: 76 °F



**Today is...**

- Can Opener Day
- National Knife Day
- Pluto Demoted Day



**What Happened On This Day**

- **2006** Pluto is Declassified as a Planet. The International Astronomical Union (IAU) declassified Pluto as a planet and classified it as a dwarf planet. According to the IAU definition, a dwarf planet is neither a planet or a natural satellite. It is "a celestial object orbiting a star that is massive enough to be rounded by its own gravity but has not cleared its orbit of space debris".
- **1949** NATO is Established. The North Atlantic Treaty, which established the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), an intergovernmental military alliance, came into effect on this day. The Treaty, which was signed on April 4, 1949 in Washington DC, created a collective defense system, where an attack on one member is considered an attack on all the other signatories.
- **1814** The British Burn Down Washington. British troops under the leadership of Major General Robert Ross occupied Washington D.C. and burnt down the city, including the Presidential Mansion and the Capitol building.



**Births On This Day**

- **1957** Stephen Fry English comedian, actor, journalist, author
- **1899** Jorge Luis Borges Argentine writer

**Deaths On This Day**

- **1983** Scott Nearing American writer, educator
- **1946** James Clark McReynolds American lawyer, judge

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**➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP**

Do the exercise that you enjoy the most. Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Times and online at [thetimes24-7.com](http://thetimes24-7.com)



**➔ HONEST HOOSIER**

Happy 38th birthday to Hamilton Southeastern alum and retired NFL star Joe Reitz! Here's a tip of the Hoosier seed corn cap your way, Joe!



**➔ TODAY'S QUOTE**

"Once you agree upon the price you and your family must pay for success, it enables you to ignore the minor hurts, the opponent's pressure and the temporary failures."  
-Vince Lombardi

**➔ TODAY'S JOKE**

The boss tried to get a job at a sunscreen factory, but was turned down. No worries, though. He reapplied.

**➔ OBITUARIES**

None



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



**13 WTHR 7 DAY FORECAST**

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Photo courtesy of HSHC

**Samosa was brought to HSHC after her owner passed away. This cat knows what heartbreak feels like and we hope she never has to experience it again. Samosa deserves to find the love of a devoted companion.**



Photo courtesy of HSHC

**Rosie has been waiting 318 days for her forever home. At just five years-old, she is deteriorating. She has given up on finding her perfect family. She needs someone like you to give her hope and a purpose.**

## Clear The Shelters

Starting on Friday, August 25 through Sunday, August 27 12-5pm.

With nearly 600 animals in our care, the capacity situation has turned dire at the Humane Society for Hamilton County. Every inch of the facility has been used to house sick, injured or abandoned pets. These homeless animals rely on us as a safe haven, not to mention the hundreds of dogs all over the state who are literally dying for a spot in our facility.

Part of our mission is to rescue animals at-risk for euthanasia from surrounding shelters, but due to our situation we are having to turn away animals in need outside of Hamilton County. The disheartening fact is, we don't know what

will happen to the animals we turn away. Unless they are within these four walls, we can't do anything for them. But you can. When you adopt from HSHC you save two lives - the one you bring home opens valuable kennel space for the one we could not take into our care.

This weekend we will be hosting an adoption event, Clear the Shelters.

We need you to step up by adopting or fostering an animal to help combat this ongoing animal welfare crisis. In place of the traditional adoption fees, HSHC will ask adopters to make a donation - of any amount - at the time of adoption.

Animals like Samosa and Rosie are counting on you.

## More Patients Are Turning To Forté Sports Medicine And Orthopedics For Specialized Walk-In Care

Forté Fast Orthopedic Care's patient volume is up 52% in the first half of 2023.

More patients are turning to Forté Sports Medicine and Orthopedics, a Carmel-based, physician-owned practice recognized as one of the region's most respected orthopedic and sports medicine groups, for specialized walk-in orthopedic urgent care. In the first half of 2023, Forté Fast Orthopedic Care clinics saw 52% more walk-in patients compared to the first six months of 2022.

With three clinics in Carmel, Greenwood and Noblesville, Forté Fast addresses the injuries that occur while performing daily activities and prevent people from going

about their regular schedule. When unexpected injuries happen, getting a diagnosis and starting an immediate treatment plan are crucial first steps for a better, faster recovery.

Forté Fast provides walk-in access for acute issues, such as broken bones, sprains, fractures and dislocations. Patients receive same-day services based on their individual needs, including a musculoskeletal evaluation from a fellowship-trained physician, rehab, imaging, bracing, medical supplies and more.

"Receiving expert-level care at Forté Fast helps the overall recovery process by giving patients the opportunity to start healing faster," said Dr. Matthew Negaard, an emergency medicine and

fellowship-trained sports medicine physician who serves as medical director of Forté Fast. "Whether you need X-rays, bracing or physical therapy, we have all the services you need under one roof."

Since January 2022, Forté Fast has seen a steady rise in patient volume. In the first six months of 2023, 1,912 patients utilized the practice's same-day services across all clinics, up from 1,255 patients in the first six months of 2022. This trend puts Forté Fast on track to increase patient visits by more than 50% year over year.

One patient, Barbara, who chose to be identified only by her first name, sought Forté Fast care when she tripped and landed on her knees.

The fall generated such excruciating pain that she couldn't walk without crutches.

"I hobbled my way into the Forté Fast walk-in clinic and was seen right away," said Barbara. "They did X-rays, found a hairline crack in the kneecap and started physical therapy immediately. In just six weeks, I was pain-free and a proud PT graduate, thanks to the orthopedic walk-in care at Forté."

While walk-ins are welcome, in some cases, it's best to make an appointment directly with a Forté Sports Medicine and Orthopedics physician who specializes in a patient's specific needs. For more information, visit [forteortho.com](http://forteortho.com) or call 317.817.1200.



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# Doomsday Book Wraps Up Series



**TIM TIMMONS**  
Two Cents

A dozen or so years ago, my wife and I read a fascinating book – One Second After. It was a riveting story about a small town in the mountains of North Carolina and the people who live there. One spring afternoon, the power goes out. Phone lines are dead, cars won't start . . . the U.S. has been hit with an EMP – electromagnetic pulse – attack.

Over the new few hundred pages, the reader follows the story of a family and their community trying to survive in a world drastically different than the one they woke up in on that May day.

It's not just well written – it's scary realistic as the writer describes how quickly society dissolves into chaos. Lawlessness reigns, but that's only part of the problem. Medicines that require refrigeration are gone. A local nursing home suffers multiple fatalities. Minor mishaps turn into life-threatening emergencies.

This isn't a process that takes months or years, but days and weeks.

It's a stark and arguably realistic look at exactly how fragile our world really is just below the surface.

The writer is William R. Forstchen, a prodigious author with dozens of books to his credit. He is a professor emeritus of history and creative writing at Montreat College in

western North Carolina. One Second After was not his first book, but it did end up being the first in a series that includes One Year After and The Final Day. This week sees the release of a fourth and what Forstchen said is likely the last book in the series – Five Years After: A John Matherson Novel.

Forstchen was born in New Jersey and now teaches in North Carolina. But he has a strong Indiana connection. He got his doctorate at Purdue.

Forstchen took a little time recently to talk about Five Years After – a book he said he really hadn't planned on writing.

"Remember the line from The Godfather," he laughed. "Just when I thought I was out, they pull me back in . . . When I wrote Final Day, I chose the word final for a reason, it wraps up the series."

But the 70-year-old said his publisher kept prodding.

"I really do think this is the last one," he chuckled.

Of course the publisher had good reason. One Second After was a huge hit.

"It caught me totally off guard," Forstchen said. "I figured it was going to sell five or six thousand and that's it. My agent called and said 'you better sit down. You're on the New York Times best seller list.'"

Where did the idea that launched the series come from?

"At Purdue when I was in grad school," he explained. "I was aware of the issue of EMP. When the ice storm in

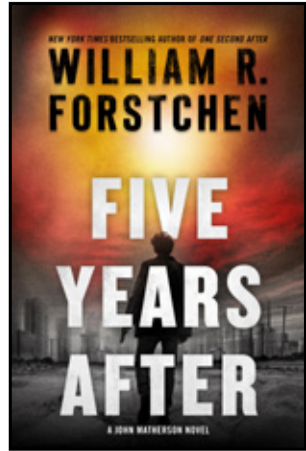


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**Cover of the latest book in the John Matherson Series.**

'90 or '91 hit, after four or five days of no power people were getting really squirrely. There were stories about people screaming at power crews. Things got ugly. That was the genesis."

Former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich has written about the series, and in fact, the two have become friends and co-authors. They've paired up on the books 1945, Pearl Harbor, Gettysburg, Days of Infamy and others.

They met before Gingrich became Speaker of the House. Of course Gingrich taught history at West Georgia College before getting into politics. The pair found they had a lot in common.

"Here's the kind of guy (Gingrich) is," Forstchen said. "I gave him a framed portrait of Ulysses S. Grant with the famous quote 'I propose to fight it out on this line if it takes all summer.' He beamed, and then said, 'I can't accept this.'"

Turns out that because of congressional rules, gifts over a specific dollar

value were not allowed. So Forstchen told Gingrich to keep it on loan.

Years later, the pair were together and Gingrich brought the painting out to give back.

"That's the kind of guy he is," Forstchen said. "Hell, I had forgotten about it."

Of course he told Gingrich to keep it.

Although the storyline follows the main character, the overriding theme is the fragility of our nation's power grid.

"America's electrical infrastructure is antiquated," he explained. "It's 40, 50 years old. We have to restructure. We're spending a trillion on green energy when we have to restructure."

"If you don't have a month's worth of supplies in your house now, you're crazy. I've talked to some who said they had enough to get by until FEMA comes. Well, what if FEMA doesn't come?"

Five Years After is available at all major booksellers online as well as Barnes & Noble in Noblesville.

*-Two cents, which is about how much Timmons said his columns are worth, appears periodically in The Times. Timmons is the chief executive officer of Sagamore News Media, the company that owns The Noblesville Times. He is also a proud Noblesville High School graduate and can be contacted at ttimmons@thetimes24-7.com*

# New Director Joins Development Team

Experienced nonprofit professional will build philanthropic support.

The Center for the Performing Arts has selected a veteran of central Indiana's nonprofit arts community to be its new Director of Individual Development.

Kathy Pataluch began work this month as a key member of the development team for both the Center and the affiliated Great American Songbook Foundation. Her responsibilities include managing the Annual Fund, planned giving, major gifts and capital campaigns; developing fundraising campaigns focused on individual donors; and building the donor base locally and nationwide.

Pataluch had served since 2019 as Advancement Director for the Phoenix Theatre Cultural Center, where she oversaw the restructuring and expansion of the development program. She previously worked as Vice President of Development for ArtMix and served in management roles with Indiana Youth Institute,

Indy Hunger Network, Herron School of Art and Design, Conner Prairie and Indianapolis Art Center.

"We're extremely fortunate to find a candidate with such vast experience and strong community connections to undertake this vital role in our organization," said Kendra Latta, the Center's Vice President of Development. "Kathy is the ideal person to lift our individual giving operation to the next level."

A lifelong Indiana resident, Pataluch holds a Master of Public Affairs from the IUPUI School of Public and Environmental Affairs, a certificate in Nonprofit Management from IUPUI, and a Bachelor of Science in Telecommunications with a Theatre minor from Ball State University. She also has been an active volunteer for organizations including Second Helpings, Arts for Lawrence, Girls Inc. and IndyHumane.



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## Carbon Offsets: Just Another Greenwashing Tool?

### EARTHTALK

**Dear EarthTalk: Are carbon offsets an effective way to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, or are they just corporate greenwashing with little if any environmental impact?**

If you want to get environmental advocates agitated, bring up carbon offsetting. It is among the most hotly debated climate solution efforts, with opinions fanned out on the spectrum from wholeheartedly for, entirely against, and everywhere in between. But what actually is it?

Offsetting is the act of counterbalancing harmful emissions one might be responsible for by funding a project that removes the same amount of emissions from the atmosphere, i.e. planting trees to compensate for an airplane flight. Offsets are hooked up to a broader financial system called a "carbon market," where investors can buy "carbon credits" to compensate for their emissions. One credit equals one ton of CO2.

There are two types of carbon markets, one "voluntary" and one called "compliance." Compliance markets are controlled by official policy, and a cap-and-trade system, whereby a government will set a "cap" (a limit) how much CO2 an industry may release, and then divide it into permits, which are ei-

ther given or sold to companies within that industry. If a company doesn't use all of its allowance, it can sell the extra to bigger emitters for a profit. Each year, the cap is supposed to get lower and lower, driving the price of polluting up and, in theory, sending companies careening towards renewables and clean energy.

The voluntary system is similar, but it functions outside of government regulation. Companies purchase credits from carbon offsetting projects in order to prove their environmental standards. On paper, this sounds great. But activists do have valid concerns. An investigation into Verra, the world's leading voluntary carbon credit certifier, found that over 90 percent of its credits were phantom ones with no environmental benefit. So, it is easy to see why some think it is a massive scam.

"Stop greenwashing!" shouted young climate activist Greta Thunberg at an assembly of experts at the 2021 United Nations Climate Conference (COP26) in Glasgow. The topic? Carbon offsetting. Greenpeace is very vocal on the matter too, seeing it as merely "[t]ree planting window dressing aimed at distracting [us] from ecosystem destruction." But solid belief in the potential in the market is also valid. Johan Rockström from the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research says that offsetting generates

much-needed investments even if it does lack proper regulation. In fact, investments in green spaces and local communities are a major upside to offsetting. By selling credits that maintain natural landscapes, often in developing countries, the carbon markets funnel money into wildlife, and could even eventually reverse the depressing maxim: "Our forests are worth more dead than alive."

And what about the carbon that is already in the atmosphere? Naveen Shivalingam, co-founder of Peak 365, a carbon market solutions company, notes that "the negatives [of the carbon markets] are pretty far reaching. But the fact remains that we have 60 billion tons [of CO2] too many in the atmosphere. Even if the world magically switched to renewables tomorrow, we would still be in a climate disaster in 50 years." Offsetting projects provide a viable escape route.

*-CONTACTS: Peak 365, peak365.co.uk; Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research, www.pik-potsdam.de/en/home; Is Carbon Offsetting Greenwashing? The Big Picture, impactful.ninja/is-carbon-offsetting-greenwashing/.*

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## Treasurer Of State Daniel Elliott Emphasizes Quality Education For Children With Disabilities



**DANIEL ELLIOTT**  
Guest Column

Indiana is fast approaching a critical deadline that affects Hoosier children with intellectual disabilities. More than 180,000 Hoosier students have learning needs that require greater care to meet their abilities, and nothing is more important than ensuring the education of a child. As a proud school-choice parent, my wife and I were lucky to have options available for all of our children that met each of their learning needs.

But finding the correct educational choices can be intimidating, and parents can feel lost getting their children the services and support they need to receive a well-rounded learning experience.

The Indiana Education Scholarship Account is intended to help parents readily access the educational environment that best meets their student's learning needs.

But the deadline to apply for these funds is Sept. 1, 2023 – just days away.

INESA allows parents to customize education for their children with disabilities who are receiving non-public education – such as private education, at-home learning, and other hybrid educational settings.

Parents can receive up to \$19,000 in scholarship funding for their child.

Parents of eligible students, or emancipated eligible students, can spend this scholarship money on pre-approved educational programs, therapies, services, and other expenses related to their child's education.

There are more than 300 providers throughout the state where INESA funds can be applied, including private-school tuition, educational services such as tutoring, camps, social/life skill programs, Applied Behavior Analysis therapy and speech/language, to name a few.

To qualify, students must be five years of age or older, in a K-12 grade level, and be less than 22

years of age by Oct. 1 of the school year they're currently participating in -- and the student must have a disability requiring special education services and at or below the income qualification. For a family of four, that income qualification limit is \$222,000.

Time is running out to apply for the 2023/2024 school year with the Sept. 1 application deadline.

To date, \$3.86 million has been allocated to 333 students. There are still available funds for parents needing this support to ensure a quality education for their child.

Applying takes less than 10 minutes, and most applications are reviewed the same day. To learn more about the INESA and how to apply, parents should visit in.gov/tos/inesa.

\$10 million of funding and support are available – and we want to see every Hoosier student with disabilities in Indiana receive a quality education.

*-Daniel M. Elliott is the Treasurer for the state of Indiana.*

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## BETSY From Page A1

inches. So I cut the top off, lowered the top down. So if you can imagine taking an ice-cream cone and cutting the middle of it out, and you got to make this top and bottom fit.”

He did it all himself. That summer, in 1980, he painted the car. Jones did all of the custom paint work himself. A friend helping him painted the red on the car, and Jones did the rest.

The car is painted Candy Brandywine with Candy Blue Flames.

How’s the car ride? “It rides stiff and rough.” But he doesn’t mind.

His car has only been on a trailer once, the Finals in Detroit for Show World Magazine. The car was “fortunate to win the ISCA National Class Championship for Post War Radical Custom.”

While his kids never drove the car in high school, his oldest daughter was in a photo shoot for a magazine and about four years later his youngest daughter was in a photo shoot on the cover of a magazine, both with the car. “They both love it. They rode in it with me. It’s hard to drive, very difficult,” he said.

Jones put a five-speed with a clutch. There’s no power steering. “And it’s loose, not like rack-and-pinion ... You’ve got to be ready for the road.”

He said someday, the car would go to his oldest grandson.

What’s fun about driving this car? The Arsenal Tech High School grad said, “It’s memories. It brings back high school days for me.”

The Ford is the only antique car that he owns.

He’s shown the car all over the Midwest. “I started in the late ‘70s, and by the mid ‘80s, I’d gone to everywhere in the Midwest, including Kansas twice, driving.”

He loves to take his car to shows. His next car show is the 13th annual Lucky Teter Rebel Run Car and Vintage Motorcycle Show on Sept. 2 at Forest Park in Noblesville.

Here is a list of car shows and cruise-ins coming up in Hamilton County not to miss:

1. Central Indiana Vintage Vehicles car club invites car buffs to show off their vintage vehicles on the Courthouse Square during the weekly Saturday night Cruise-in, every Saturday starting at about 4:30 p.m. Lawn chairs and old-car conversations are invited. This cruise-in is more than 35 years running.

2. The Cruise Indy Car Show and Car Cruise is 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at 13325 N. Meridian St., Carmel, and offers food, music, silent auction, Indy BiPlane flyover. Registration 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., car cruise 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. beginning at Cars & Coffee at 11611 N. Meridian St., with the car show 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., with deejay, raffle, Cruise Indy swag, face painting, scavenger hunt, 50/50 drawing, with judging 10:30 a.m. to noon. Lunch served 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., with \$7 lunch tickets and \$1 beverage tickets. Program by Folds of Honor 10:45 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Car awards, raffle winner and drawing winners and scavenger hunt winners announced at 12:45 p.m. Entry is \$20 prior to midnight today (Aug. 24) and \$25 on the day of the event, including

swag. Register if want vehicle judged at cruiseindy.com, otherwise just show up and park in the “show only” zone. Fundraiser for Folds of Honor, a nonprofit that provides educational scholarships to spouses and children of military members who have fallen or been disabled while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.

3. Antique car owners and aficionados are invited to Noblesville Jim Dandy Restaurant’s First Friday Cruise-in from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sept. 1 at the eatery, featuring DJ Bumper playing classics.

4. The Lucky 13th annual Lucky Teter Rebel Run Car and Vintage Motorcycle Show is 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 2 at Forest Park in Noblesville. This open show is for all cars and vintage motorcycles. This show is on the grass with lots of shade and is in honor of the late Noblesville resident Earl “Lucky” Teter, who with his Hell Drivers were nationally known daredevils from the 1930s and early 1940s. Registration begins at 9 a.m. with awards at 3 p.m., a \$10 entry fee with dash plaques to the first 200 entries. DJ Rocket Jockys will rock with classic oldies and rockabilly music. Food available. Sponsored by Noblesville Masonic Lodge with proceeds to benefit the Noblesville Masonic Angel Fund. Lucky 13th annual Lucky Teter Rebel Run black T-shirts available.

5. The 2023 Murphy’s Pubhouse Labor Day Pubweek Car Show is 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sept. 3 at Murphy’s Pubhouse in Fishers.

6. The 32nd annual Red Bridge Park (Labor Day) Car Show is 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 4 at Red Bridge Park in Cicero, an event by Cicero Friends of the Park. This open show is for all makes and years, including motorcycles and rat rods. Top 30 awards as picked by judges and sponsors. A \$15 registration day of show, with proceeds to benefit Cicero Parks. Plenty of parking. Dash plaques to the first 150 entries. Craft show. Food onsite features breakfast of donuts, coffee and biscuits and gravy, lunch of pork chops, hot dogs, brats and more.

7. Kruzin 4 Kids car show is 10:30 a.m. Sept. 9 at Noblesville American Legion Post No. 45. Besides cars, there are raffle items, 50/50, food and live entertainment.

8. Artmobilia is 11 a.m. Sept. 9, in downtown Carmel and features a distinct gathering of recognized artists, 500 collector cars and automotive enthusiasts showcased on the streets of the Carmel Arts & Design District. The show boasts one of the most eclectic gatherings of original, period-correct cars, including Supercar, exotic, sports car, classic, racers, historically preserved and more. Register or join mailing list at artmobilia.org.

9. Annual Cushman Scooter, Vintage Car & Tractor Show will take place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 21 during the Arcadia Market on Main in Arcadia, with music, food, boutiques, hand-made goods and activities for kids.

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## HHHS From Page A1

from across the country and earned this academic honor because of their GPA of 3.5 or higher and outstanding performance on the PSAT/NMSQT®, PSAT™ 10, and/or AP® Exams.

We’re thrilled to celebrate our students and recognize them for the great work they’ve been doing. There’s so much that makes our students unique, and receiving this honor reinforces this as an asset for their future.

“It’s becoming increasingly hard for students to be ‘seen’ during the college recruitment process. We’re exceptionally proud of the National Recognition Programs for celebrating students who are at times overlooked but have

shown their outstanding academic abilities,” said Tarlin Ray, senior vice president of BigFuture® at College Board. “This is a benefit not only for students but also for colleges and universities committed to recruiting diverse and talented students.”

Eligible students are invited to apply on BigFuture during their sophomore or junior year and are awarded at the start of the next school year in time to share their achievements in high school as they plan for the future. At the same time, colleges and organizations using College Board’s Student Search Service™ can connect directly with awardees during the recruitment process.

## Gov. Holcomb, INDOT Announce Bi-State Federal Grant Application To Advance I-69 Ohio River Crossing In Evansville

INDOT seeks more than \$945.5 million through discretionary grant program.

Gov. Eric J. Holcomb and the Indiana Department of Transportation today announced a bi-state effort between Indiana and Kentucky to apply for \$632.3 million in federal grant funding for the I-69 Ohio River Crossing project between Evansville, Ind. and Henderson, Ky.

“Construction of this crossing will extend I-69 from border-to-border in the State of Indiana, providing another gateway to and from Kentucky and points beyond,” said Gov. Eric Holcomb. “This project will have regional, national and international impacts related to connectivity, safety, and economic opportunity on the corridor.”

INDOT and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet submitted an application through the Multimodal Discretionary Grant Program, which is part of the 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Both states propose \$513.7 million from other funding sources if the grant is approved. The states have committed \$265 million to complete environmental studies and construction of the Kentucky approach in Henderson.

Federal Grant Funding “INDOT is seeking out and acting on every op-

portunity to compete for discretionary grant funding that will supplement our current program.”

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INDOT also put forward applications for:

- FlexRoad along I-80/I-94 in Lake County, which aims to improve traffic flow and safety on the state’s busiest interstate corridor,

- Improve 64 in Floyd County, with the goal of reducing congestion and improving safety and mobility on I-64 in southeast Indiana, and

- TheLloyd4U project in Vanderburgh County, which aims to provide safer, more efficient travel for motorists on the Lloyd Expressway.

The four applications total more than \$945.5 million in potential federal funding. Awards are expected to be announced by early 2024.

For more information about the Multimodal Discretionary Grant Program, visit <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/mpdg-program>.

# BBB Tip: Beware Scholarship Scams When Searching For Financial Aid

Many students are still searching and applying for grants and scholarships to fund their college education. With an average tuition of approximately \$25,000 at 4-year institutions, according to the National Center for Education Statistics, paying for a college degree is a challenging obstacle for prospective students. A challenge that is made more difficult by scammers looking to take advantage of students and parents searching for financial aid opportunities.

The Better Business Bureau receives numerous reports of scholarship scams every year. Multiple reports were submitted to BBB Scam Tracker in 2022, detailing consumer interactions with unethical businesses claiming to provide students with financial guidance.

For students struggling to pay tuition, a sudden offer of a grant or scholarship can look like a dream come true. But it could be bait for a scam. This con hooks victims with the promise of money, but upfront “fees” never actually materialize into those much-needed funds. In a recent twist, these scammers claim to help with student loan forgiveness.

Better Business Bureau (BBB) recommends caution when dealing with companies that offer assistance in finding financial aid opportunities. Students and their families should be wary of websites, seminars, or other schemes that promise to find scholarships, grants, or financial aid packages for a fee.

How the scams work: Scammers typically claim to represent the government, a university, or a nonprofit organization. The details vary, but the con is the same.

The scammer will pose as a financial aid representative using words like “National” and “Federal” to sound more official. They claim you have won a scholarship or a grant (without ever applying) and ask for payment of a one-time “processing fee.”

In another version, the scammer pressures you into applying for a “guaranteed” scholarship or grant. However, there is a fee to apply. Time goes by once the fee is paid, and the money is never sent.

When attempting to contact a representative, it is quickly discovered that the company has set so many conditions that it is almost impossible to receive a refund.

In another variation, a check arrives for the scholarship, and instructions are included to send back payment for taxes or fees. The check turns out to be a fake, and you’re out whatever money was sent.

A consumer reported this version recently: “The business claims to have been around for 14 years, but the website has been up for two... The financial aid workshops are pitch meetings where they try to get you to pay \$2,000 for help with college admissions, but it turns out that help is limited to exchanging text messages with an unknown person. The contract’s fine print states that the person you are texting is not a professional and has no expertise in college admissions or financial aid.”

Due to the sensitive personal and financial information provided for scholarship and grant applications, it is important to be cautious when choosing one to apply for. Of the 2.47 million full-time students enrolled in post-secondary institutions during the 2018-19 school year, 84% were awarded financial aid through student loans or federal,

state, local, or institutional grants. On average, students were awarded slightly over \$5,000 from federal grants, such as FAFSA, and more than \$11,000 from institutional grants. While the amount awarded varies depending on the institution (public versus private or two-year versus four-year), applying for grants and scholarships is a great way to help ease the financial burden of attending college.

Legitimate companies are helping students find aid with some results. However, students and parents can usually find the same awards and others on their own by searching online. Prospective college financial aid offices can also help, especially if it is a college the student is seriously considering attending.

It is generally free to apply for scholarships. Information is available online at [studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov) for the different financial aid options. If you don’t think you qualify for financial aid, review the Federal Student Aid website options, as many colleges and universities use it for non-need-based awards.

To protect students and parents searching for financial aid opportunities from falling victim to scholarship scams, the Better Business Bureau recommends following these guidelines:

- Beware of unsolicited offers. Typically, winning a scholarship or grant that wasn’t applied for is impossible. Ask how the organization got your name and contact information, and then verify it with the source outside of the email, phone number, or website they used to contact you.

- Take your time. Avoid being rushed or pushed into paying for help at a seminar. Use caution if a representative urges you to buy now to avoid losing an opportunity.

- Ask lots of questions. Be cautious if a company is reluctant to answer questions about the service or the process. If the company or seminar representative is evasive, walk away.

- Ask your guidance counselor or a college financial aid office whether they have experience with the company.

- Be skeptical of glowing success stories touted on websites or at seminars. Ask instead for the names of families in your community who have used the service in the last year. Talk to them and find out about their experience with the firm.

- Ask about fees associated with a professional financial aid search and determine if the company provides refunds. Get the information in writing but realize that dishonest companies may refuse to give refunds despite stated policies.

- Be aware that a check can bounce even after the bank allows cash withdrawal from the deposit. Check processing is a confusing business, as is the terminology. Even if a bank representative says that a check has “cleared,” it is not sure that it won’t be detected as a fake weeks later. One thing the account holder can be sure of is that they will be responsible for any funds drawn against the amount.

For more information and to learn how to protect yourself, Google “BBB 10 Steps to Avoid Scams”. If you spot a scam, whether you have lost money or not, report it to BBB’s Scam Tracker at [BBB.org/ScamTracker](http://BBB.org/ScamTracker) and the FTC at [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](http://ReportFraud.ftc.gov). Your story can help protect consumers from similar scams.

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2. How many people live in the county, but not within the city of LaGrange?  
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3. What percentage of people live in the city of LaGrange?  
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4. What is the population density of the county?  
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Answers: 1. 187 Years, 2. 34,503, 3. Around 93%, 4. 104/sq mi

## Word Scrambler

- Unscramble the words below!
1. GLAANGE
  2. MASHI
  3. CHMIINAG
  4. EKLHTRA
  5. ROTHN
- Answers: 1. LaGrange 2. Amish 3. Michigan 4. Elkhart 5. North

## Did You Know?

- LaGrange County was founded in 1832 and named after Chateau de la Grange-Bleneau Castle.
- As of 2010, the population was 37,128
- The county seat is LaGrange, which has a population of 2,625.
- Over a third of the population of LaGrange County is Amish, and it is home to the third largest Amish community in the United States, which belong to the Elkhart-LaGrange Amish affiliation
- The county is 386.70 square miles and borders Michigan in Northern Indiana

## Got Words?

Sharing a border with Michigan, what unique circumstances could residents find when traversing from state to state frequently?

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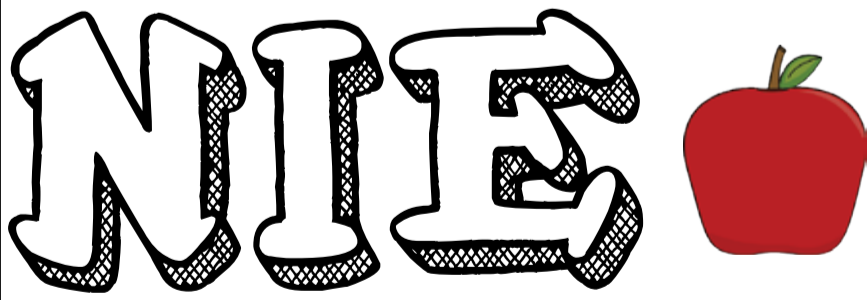
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### CBF Forensics Launches VR Crime Scene Training Programs And THC Quantification System

CBF Forensics, a northwest Indiana forensic and education startup, has launched two new products: virtual reality (VR) programming for forensic crime scene training and a system to quantify the amount of THC in manufactured CBD and hemp products.

Crime by the F.I.V.E.S. Crime by the F.I.V.E.S. provides training scenarios that simulate live scenes using VR technology.

Charles Steele is the founder and president of CBF Forensics. He said the Crime by the F.I.V.E.S. VR crime scene training program brings the latest technology and methods to forensic science classrooms and law enforcement agencies, providing affordable and standardized training.

"Crime scene investigation training is inconsistent across the country; there is currently no national standard. Most initial training takes the form of mock crime scenes that are not governed by global standards or requirements," said Steele, who also is a lecturer of forensic science and the forensic science coordinator at Purdue University Northwest (PNW). "The professional training that does exist is out of the economic range for most law enforcement agencies and is completely unavailable for most educational institutions.

"In addition, it is common for agencies to become entrenched in existing methods and not be aware of the latest technology," Steele said. "As a result, practitioners and new students often learn and use outdated methods."

The Crime by the F.I.V.E.S. VR training program connects to in-person, real-world laboratory exercises that can be used to fill out a full semester course.

"This educational approach allows the latest methods to be economically passed on to the general practitioner," Steele said. "Where possible, CBF Forensics will provide the latest support chemistry and devices to complement these scenarios."

Crime by the F.I.V.E.S. will be accessible through school and private learning management systems. Steele said it improves upon other VR crime scene training tools on the market by providing better features and functionality.

"The simulations follow real physics; if a



Photo courtesy of Purdue University Northwest

**Connor Hazzard, fourth-year Purdue Northwest physical sciences student, examines a shell casing for tool marks as part of a capstone research project. Hazzard and other students learning under Charles Steele, lecturer of physical science and forensic science coordinator at Purdue Northwest, receive hands-on experiences to use innovative technologies in forensic science research and application.**

user bumps into an item, it will move and possibly corrupt the crime scene. The visibility of evidence matches real-world optics," Steele said. "Crime by the F.I.V.E.S. is just the first in what will be a series of crime scene training scenarios. The original program was built by CIVS, the Center for Innovation through Visualization and Simulation, at PNW. CIVS is a leader in the simulation field, and our relationship will allow CBF Forensics to continue to produce the highest-quality products."

Along with Crime by the F.I.V.E.S., CBF Forensics will offer additional forensics products for fingerprinting and blood detection applications. Steele said those products will be launched later in 2023.

QuanTHC CBF Forensics also has created QuanTHC, a system that enables CBD and hemp manufacturers to measure the amount of THC, or tetrahydrocannabinol, in their products. THC is the main psychoactive compound in marijuana.

Steele said CBD products must be free of THC, and hemp products cannot be above certain THC levels. He said up to 70% of CBD products sold in northwest Indiana contain THC, and hemp products are not monitored, which puts manufacturers and consumers at risk of legal and financial consequences.

"Innocently purchased hemp products may violate local laws," Steele said. "Users of CBD products may face criminal charges for having THC in their blood and lose their jobs and military careers, etc.

The manufacturers face civil liability for the harm done to their customers."

Steele said most boutique manufacturers have no viable way to test the quantity of THC in their CBD and hemp products.

"QuanTHC provides an easy-to-use quantification test that does not require expensive analytical equipment or extensive chemical training," Steele said. "It offers accurate quantification levels, which improves upon traditional tests that have only yes-no indicators."

By 2024, CBF Forensics will pair QuanTHC with a benchtop neutralizer that disposes of all the test chemicals used in the quantifications.

A marketing video about Crime by the F.I.V.E.S. and QuanTHC is available on YouTube.

A historic startup CBF Forensics licenses its technologies, developed by Steele and collaborators, through the Purdue Innovates Office of Technology Commercialization. CBF Forensics is the first startup launched from Purdue Northwest through the Purdue Innovates office. Purdue University Northwest, serving northwest Indiana, offers more than 70 bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree programs to nearly 9,000 students.

CBF Forensics has received support from PNW's College of Engineering and Sciences and the Center for Innovation through Visualization and Simulation, student research groups at Purdue Northwest's chemistry and physics department, and student Capstone Plus teams at the Purdue Polytechnic Institute at the West Lafayette campus.

"These student teams are a valuable resource," Steele said. "Startup companies like ours do not have the resources of a fully staffed R&D laboratory."

Steele is especially grateful to Kenneth C. (Chris) Holford, Purdue Northwest's provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, whose office provided the initial funding to bring the forensic research at PNW and state-of-the-art VR training at CIVS together.

"The launch of CBF Forensics highlights the impact that Purdue Northwest can have in working with entrepreneurs to advance research that leads toward product commercialization," Holford said. "I believe that commercialization of research products in partnership with the university through entities like the new PNW Impact Lab will play an increasingly important role in future regional economic development."

CBF Forensics also received support from Purdue's Technical Assistance Program, or TAP40, and Purdue's Manufacturing Extension Partnership. Steele said he is grateful to have worked with the people and university resources.

"Going through the process of starting the company, we have worked with dozens of students and faculty across three campuses within the Purdue system," Steele said. "We have also worked with business and science professionals through Purdue Research Foundation and the University of Illinois Chicago's forensic science program. We are excited to be open for business."

### Trustees Approve New Purdue University Airport Terminal As Exploration Of Commercial Air Service Continues

In action needed before bringing commercial air service for Greater Lafayette to Purdue University Airport, the Purdue University Board of Trustees on Friday (Aug. 4) gave approval to plan, finance, construct and award construction contracts for a new terminal.

This is a significant next step in Purdue serving the state through "ABC": Airport for the Greater Lafayette region, Broadband for rural counties and (hard tech) Corridor for central Indiana.

"The university has been actively exploring the return of commercial air service to the Purdue University Airport, and the data shows that Purdue University and the Greater Lafayette community's travel volume could support this service offering," said Rob Wynkoop, Purdue vice president of auxiliary services. "We have more work to do, but the approval of this project helps ensure the needed infrastructure will be in place when the time comes."

The approximately 8,000-square-foot facility – to be located west of the existing terminal – will include restrooms, a wait-

ing area, baggage claim, ticketing and passenger screening. It will be constructed to comply with Transportation Security Administration and Federal Aviation Administration requirements.

"We considered a number of possible terminal solutions, including a renovation of the existing building, and determined the construction of this new facility is the most cost-conscious approach that meets federal requirements," Wynkoop said.

Existing airport hangar T-1 will be demolished, and new short-term parking will be created in its place. Safety improvements will be made to the railroad track pedestrian crossing.

Construction is scheduled to start in May 2024 and be completed in May 2025. The estimated cost of the project is \$11.8 million, to be funded by state funds via the Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (\$7 million), gift funds (\$3.3 million) and a federal grant (\$1.5 million).

In June, trustees gave approval for the rehabilitation of a Purdue University Airport runway.

### Purdue Trustees Approve New Residence Hall, 2024 Health Plans Among Actions

In acknowledging an increased demand for on-campus housing, Purdue University trustees on Friday (Aug. 4) gave approval to plan, finance, construct and award construction contracts for a new residence hall immediately south of Hillenbrand Residence Hall on the West Lafayette campus. Hillenbrand Residence Hall South will be an eight-story, 252,525-square-foot facility that includes 896 pod-style beds. Additionally, it will provide more space for the students in

Purdue's largest living learning community, The Data Mine.

Among other actions, trustees approved 2024 health plans, which will have no employee premium increase for the fifth straight year, and gave approval to plan, finance, construct and award construction contracts for a Nursing and Pharmacy Education Building on the West Lafayette campus, a terminal at Purdue University Airport, and a series of repair and rehabilitation projects.

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