

➔ TODAY'S VERSE
1 John 4:20 If a man say,
"I love God," and hateth his
brother, he is a liar. For he
that loveth not his brother
whom he hath seen, how can
he love God whom he hath
not seen?



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

What makes Rori Anderson smile? "Highlights from Day 1 of our buying trip," said the Noblesville resident and owner of The Linden Tree in downtown Noblesville. "Lots of color coming for spring plus some classic and elegant neutrals." Her business moved in June from the north side of the Hamilton County Courthouse Square to a new location at 210 N. 10th St., located just two blocks from the former Linden Tree. Anderson is the fourth owner of The Linden Tree. Carol Ryan opened the store 38 years ago and operated the store about 15 years. Linden Petit was the second owner and operated the store for about seven years. Then Debbi Smith was the third owner, who was closing the store in 2008. Smith had a full-time job and wasn't in the store all of the time. "I walked in there to shop, and it was closing," Anderson recalled. "So I called my husband, and he came over. We made an offer to buy it. I didn't have a clue what I was doing." She had never been in sales or owned a business. "I'm a high school math teacher," said Anderson, who also worked in real estate for many years, and then part time in an office after she had kids. "I had no retail experience -- zero," she said. Fifteen years have passed. Now, it's time for customers to get introduced to a new building, with an elevator. Read more about The Linden Tree's new store in the Betsy Reason column in the Aug. 23 edition of The Times. The Linden Tree participates in Noblesville Main Street merchant events, and Anderson encourages folks to stop in during the next event, the Chocolate Trail on First Friday, on this Friday, Sept. 1, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Anderson said, "We need people to find us and remember that we're here."

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. Our Twist on a Taste of the Chamber and Business Expo

Join us for the Westfield Chamber's first annual Showcase and Taste of Westfield! We are less than one month away from this incredible event where guests will have the opportunity to enjoy the best of what Westfield has to offer all in one place! Exhibitors at the Showcase and Taste of Westfield will have the opportunity to put their businesses on display and connect with businesses and potential customers at one of our largest networking events of the year! Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to promote your business in Westfield! All types of businesses can participate in the event; exhibitors include restaurants, service and healthcare providers, legal professionals, entertainment venues, food providers, and more! Restaurants, caterers, wineries, breweries, and other food service establishments are invited to provide menu tastings as well.

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The Times photo by Betsy Reason

Noblesville graduates Barry Dixon and his wife, Michelle, love old cars and are the owners of a 1955 red Cadillac that they call, "Ms. Dixie," which will be in Saturday's Lucky 13th annual Lucky Teter Rebel Run Car Show and Motorcycle Show at Forest Park in Noblesville. The car show benefits Noblesville Masonic Lodge's Angel Fund.



The Times photo by Betsy Reason

The Lucky 13th annual Lucky Teter Rebel Run Car Show and Motorcycle Show is 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, with the show beginning at noon, at Forest Park in Noblesville.

13th Lucky Teter Car, Bike Show Returns On Labor Day Weekend, Benefits Kids



BETSY REASON
From The Editor's Desk...

If you love car shows, this Labor Day weekend is bound to turn into one of your favorite weekends. It's time for the Lucky 13th annual Lucky Teter Rebel Run Car Show and Vintage Motorcycle Show, which moved to Labor Day weekend in 2022.

"This being our Lucky 13th year, we have opened the show up to all motorcycles, not just vintage, hoping to get a larger response of motorcycles, said founder and organizer Barry Dixon of Noblesville.

The Lucky Teter Rebel Run is 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday at Noblesville's Forest Park, with registration to begin at 9 a.m. and presentation of the flag at noon by the Hamilton County Navy Club Ship 29. "We are also looking forward to the return of Addison (McMillan, a member of NHS Singers) singing the National Anthem and the singing of the National Anthem.

"With so much going on this Labor Day weekend, we are

Want TO GO?

What: Lucky 13th annual Lucky Teter Rebel Run Car Show and Motorcycle Show.

When: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, with registration to begin at 9 a.m. and presentation of the flag at noon by the Hamilton County Navy Club Ship 29 and singing of the National Anthem.

Where: Forest Park, 701 Cicero Road, Noblesville.

Cost: \$10 entry fee for vehicles. Free to spectators.

Good to know: This show is on the grass with lots of shade.

Proceeds: Benefits Noblesville Masonic Lodge's Angel Fund.

Info: <https://www.luckyteterrebelrun.com/>

really counting on everyone that has supported us in the past," Dixon said.

A Freemason of more than 20 years, Dixon started the show in 2010 because he wanted to help kids and to honor the late Noblesville resident Earl "Lucky" Teter. This year will be the 13th so he's calling it "Lucky 13th annual Lucky

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Fall Fun In Fishers Kicks Off Labor Day Weekend

Enjoy free music at Blues Fest, family fun at Glow in the Park & outdoor adventures at the Fishers AgriPark's Fall Fest

August 23, 2023 (FISHERS, IND.) – The City of Fishers, Fishers Parks and community partners debut a fall lineup full of community favorites, including the family-friendly Blues Fest and AgriPark Fall Festival, a reimagined Boo Bash, Glow in the Park, and the annual Headless Horseman at Conner Prairie.

Fishers' 2023 fall event lineup includes:

Fishers Farmers Market

Market at NPD AMP: Saturdays, now – September 30 | 8 a.m. – noon | Nickel Plate District Amphitheater (6 Municipal Drive)

Market at Saxony: Wednesdays, now – August 30 | 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. | 13578 E. 131st Street Rated one of the top farmers' markets in the region, the Fishers Farmers Market, presented by IU Health Fishers, showcases vendors from Central Indiana that offer fresh produce, baked goods, honey, specialty food items, meats, coffee, plants, and more. Learn more at playfishers.com/FarmersMarket.

Fishers Blues Fest

Friday, September 1 and Saturday, September 2 | 5 – 10 p.m. | Nickel Plate District Amphitheater | Free

The free, two-night event, presented by Dunn Hospitality Group, includes performances by renowned local and national blues artists, including headliners Jackie Venson and Cedric Burnside. No tickets required and food and beverage vendors will be onsite. Learn more at npdamp.com/BluesFest.

Ticketed Shows at the NPD AMP

Various dates | Nickel Plate District Amphitheater | Get tickets at npdamp.com

The NPD AMP's concert lineup includes ticketed shows from the following national touring bands:

Friday, September 8 - Snarky Puppy

Saturday, September 10 - Russell Dickerson

Beginning Friday, August 31 to Monday, September 4, purchase all-in tickets for \$20 with the September to Remember Labor Day ticket deal with no additional processing fee. Follow @npdamp on social media for future show announcements.

Safety Day

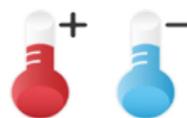
Saturday, September 9 | 8 a.m. - noon | Nickel Plate District Amphitheater | Free

Fishers Fire & Emergency Services' Safety Day returns alongside the Fishers Farmers

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The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 7:13 a.m.
SET: 8:22 p.m.



High/Low Temperatures
High: 76 °F
Low: 52 °F



Today is...

- Eat Outside Day
- Thoughtful Thursday
- We Love Memoirs Day



What Happened On This Day

• **1998** North Korea Announces the Launch of its First Satellite. According to government sources of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the satellite called Kwangmyongsong-1 was successfully launched into lower Earth orbit. Most space agencies around the world, have not been able to confirm whether the launch was successful.

• **1997** Princess of Wales, Diana, Dies in a Car Crash. Diana, the former wife of Charles, the heir apparent to the British Crown, was fatally injured when the driver of her car lost control while speeding away from paparazzi, and crashed in a road tunnel in Paris, France. Diana's companion Dodi al Fayed and the car's driver also died as a result of the accident.

• **1994** Russian Troops Leave Estonia 3 years after Estonia declared independence from the Soviet Union. USSR had occupied the Baltic country in 1944, during the Second World War. Many Western countries never recognized the Estonian Soviet Socialist Republic, which was first established in 1940.



Births On This Day

- **1945** Van Morrison Irish singer-songwriter
- **1870** Maria Montessori Italian physician, educator

Deaths On This Day

- **1997** Diana, Princess of Wales
- **1973** John Ford American director

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➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Icy sidewalks are an excuse not to take a walk – cold weather isn't. 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



➔ HONEST HOOSIER

So tomorrow's September. Remember when that used to mean school's getting ready to start?



➔ TODAY'S QUOTE

"I'm a success today because I had a friend who believed in me and I didn't have the heart to let him down."
-Abraham Lincoln

➔ TODAY'S JOKE

Did you hear about the little girl named Junejulyaugust? Her parents call her Summer for short.

➔ OBITUARIES

None



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





Photos courtesy of Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation

On the left, a new shumard oak and on the right a fully mature shumard oak.

SWCD Native Tree & Shrub Fundraiser Accepting Orders

Spring blooms, shade on a sunny summer day, crisp fall colors; trees are the essence of our seasons and their growth is the benchmark of passing time. The Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District recognizes the value of trees in our community and lives and is making quality native tree and shrub stock available via their annual native tree and shrub fundraiser.

Forty-eight species of native trees and shrubs are available for just \$30.00 per three-gallon containerized specimen. Pre-orders are required before September 20th. Orders can be picked up Friday September 29th at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds. Details on

species and growing conditions, as well as online ordering, are available at www.hamiltonswcd.org.

This tree sale focuses on species native to Indiana. These trees are uniquely suited to our soil and weather but most importantly, they are uniquely suited to support our wildlife—especially birds, insects, and other pollinators. Three-gallon trees are a great choice as they are easy to maneuver and plant, economical, and will grow quickly. In addition to native trees, fifteen-gallon watering bags are also available in this year's sale. The tree sale is the district's largest annual fundraiser. All proceeds go back into conservation and education in Hamilton County.

Health Department Provides Two Dozen AEDs To Cities & Towns

Life Saving Devices To Be Placed Near Popular Trails, Parks, & Schools

In an effort to support emergency response in public spaces, the Hamilton County Health Department will provide more than two dozen Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) to the cities of Carmel, Noblesville, and Westfield and the towns of Atlanta, Cicero, and Sheridan. The AEDs will be strategically placed along popular trails and parks, ensuring a swift response in the event of sudden cardiac emergencies.

"Sudden cardiac arrest is a leading cause of death in the United States, and immediate access to an AED significantly improves the chances of survival," says Jason LeMaster, administrator for the Hamilton County

Health Department. "Having AEDs readily available in high-traffic areas, particularly on public trails, in city parks, and near schools can save lives during those critical moments before emergency medical services arrive."

The initiative started when the City of Westfield and the Westfield Fire Department launched a crowdfunding campaign to purchase AEDs for its parks. "Our parks and trails continue to see increased usage and it's important that residents are equipped with the tools they need during a



JASON LeMASTER

medical emergency," says Kayla Arnold, Director of Westfield Welcome.



KAYLA ARNOLD

The Hamilton County Health Department responded to Westfield's request and has since provided each of the communities with \$20,000 to install public accessible AED stations. The money comes from carry over monies from an education-related workforce development grant and will be administered through interlocal agreements. Those agreements had to be approved by the Hamilton County Council which was an easy decision for Councilor Mark

Hall. "I'm living proof that AEDs work," says Hall who coded during a heart catheterization in 2004. "I was lucky that I was in the hospital and under the care of medical professionals at the time, but so many others won't be. These devices literally save lives."



MARK HALL

The AEDs will be housed in climate-controlled cabinets known as a SaveStations, which can tolerate extreme weather and will be monitored 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Use of the devices does not require specialized training.

Letters

The Flap In Fishers Over Library Books Is Nothing New

Dear Editor,
With turmoil rising in 1780s France and a revolution in the near future, the royalty and the wealthy plus the clerical hierarchy — in other words, the 3 percent of the population who held power — drafted edicts to limit the spread of ideas. They censored the press. In another time, Hitler had his Kristallnacht. In current day China and today's Russia, governmental censorship on the free flow of ideas diminishes any possibility of either country's millions of people to gain liberty. In China, one of my students doing missionary work could not share a Bible with people. She was told she'd be imprisoned. A person reading the New Testament (a banned book in some schools) can see how people with new ideas were treated.

And long before that era, philosophers with their critical minds and analytic capability, were treated poorly. The Pythagoreans were persecuted and killed; Socrates committed state-ordered suicide by drinking hemlock, and Aristotle fled Athens, "Lest Athens sin against philosophy again." Therefore, the flap in Fishers regarding library books is old hat, to use an old metaphor. The Star reported that "Social conservatives' control of Fishers' library and school boards has led to controversies that are now bleeding into city politics,"

as though a sense of decency and respect for the maturing minds of children is not on the liberal agenda. And really, censorship is a non-partisan policy. Nor is it merely an Indiana problem.

The famous "To Kill a Mockingbird" was challenged in Waukegan, Illinois, and Verona, New York., for the use of a derogatory word referring to blacks. In 1981, the book was challenged by Warren Township because it "represents institutionalized racism under the guise of good literature." Schools banned the book in Santa Cruz, California; Glynn County, Georgia; Muskogee, Oklahoma; and as late as 2006 in Brentwood, Tennessee. The book was banned due to racial slurs that "promote racial hatred, racial division, racial separation, and white supremacy." Brentwood was only following the 1995 treatment of "The Color Purple," which presents a "negative image of black men." Other books, such as "The Perks of Being a Wallflower," were banned because the content included drug use.

A brief look at the location of the towns mentioned above suggests that social conservatives are not the only people who challenge the books found in a school library. In fact, among the 100 most banned books are "Of Mice and Men," "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn," "The Great

Gatsby," "The Grapes of Wrath," and "Ulysses." George Orwell's "1984" has also been banned as well as Kurt Vonnegut's "Slaughterhouse Five."

Of course, it is not only library books for young people that gets censored. People have been fired for using the word "niggardly," which means "reluctant to give or spend; stingy; miserly." An aide to D.C.'s mayor lost a job for using the word. The mayor realized his mistake and brought the person back. While the word sounds like a racial slur, the slur and "niggardly" do not even have the same root, let alone meaning.

And the elephant hiding over there in the corner is the uncensored use of the racial slur being sung by "hip" pop groups. If the racial epithet can get a book banned by a library, what's to be done about so much pop music? Young people ought not get mixed messages from people in authority or they will learn to distrust authority. And the people who are in the best position to give consistent messaging and thus, provide stability to maturing minors are their parents, not some school board or library board. While institutional boards may make good decisions, the people who influence children the most are their parents.

Parents, liberal and conservative, normally want children to be exposed to ideas in an

age-appropriate way. The people most responsible for what children read are their parents. They must be aware of what their children are reading. Schools are responsible for children, too, and should introduce age appropriate literature of all types. That does not mean scrubbing the library. Introducing "banned" books at the right age can help students understand the world as it is and offer young people some capability to reason through different ideas. In fact, enhancing students' capability to reason is why colleges often invite diverse speakers to their campuses.

However, when colleges and universities do invite speakers to campus, people — deans, administrators, and students and others working on knowledge elimination — often shout down the invited speakers. There is no question that the speakers are age appropriate for a college audience, it's just that many do not want anyone to hear the ideas of the speakers.

Social conservatives have no monopoly on censorship. Censorship is non-partisan.

From, Richard McGowan, Ph.D., an adjunct scholar of the Indiana Policy Review Foundation, has taught philosophy and ethics cores for more than 40 years, most recently at Butler University.

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Pebble Mine Project Still Brewing Via Legal Challenge

EARTHTALK

Dear EarthTalk: I hear there is a legal challenge brewing regarding a recent Biden administration decision lauded by environmentalists to stop the Pebble Mine in Bristol Bay?

Bristol Bay is a relatively small but nevertheless important body of water in Southwestern Alaska. It is known for plentiful salmon and blossoming wildlife and has been home to native tribes for centuries. They've witnessed the brightest of days and darkest of nights.

However, in the early 21st century a mining operation named "Pebble Mine" wished to lay claims on the area. Spearheaded by Northern Dynasty Minerals, their goal was to extract valuable copper ores that resided in the bay.

Despite a 10+ year battle with Northern Dynasty Minerals and their supporters, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) put their foot down with a section 404(c) veto on the proposed operation in January of 2023, "ending" a long-standing feud between two strikingly different groups. The veto was issued on the grounds

of how valuable Bristol Bay was to the country, as it creates a staggering \$2.2 billion in revenue, 15,000 jobs and 80+ million fish. The tremendous wealth and prosperity Bristol Bay provided to the nation was too valuable, according to the EPA, to not protect.

So, the EPA ruled that the "Pebble Mine" operation be forced to shut down. Happily, ever after, right? Not quite. Although all of the EPA's previous 14 section 404(c) vetoes have never been overturned, the fight is not exactly in the history books yet. Alaska Attorney General Treg Taylor has requested the U.S. Supreme Court review the EPA's decision, claiming it unlawful. The state argues that by issuing orders on their state land, the EPA "usurps the State's ability and responsibility to protect its own natural resources." Northern Dynasty Minerals further insists that their operation is necessary for creating supply chain independence. Supporters of "Pebble Mine" call the move a necessity to push back against "tyranny," while opponents of the operation insist it's a last-minute prayer to prevent financial losses.

No official Court ruling has been reached yet—un-

derstandably as the request is very recent—but both sides will certainly be on their toes should conflict rekindle. Alaska's overturn request is grounded in state sovereignty, and may get assistance from a conservative Supreme Court.

The operation would extract precious copper and minerals out of the bay, but at the expense of the enormous salmon industry, precious natural resources, and innocent native tribes. Which is more valuable? The answer will come from the federal government.

-CONTACTS: State seeks Supreme Court action on EPA's Pebble Mine decision, alaskasnews.com/2023/07/27/state-seeks-supreme-court-action-epas-pebble-mine-decision/; EPA Blocks Pebble Mine with Rare Veto. What Happens Next? nrdc.org/bio/joel-reynolds/epa-blocks-pebble-mine-rare-veto-what-happens-next; Alaska's Bristol Bay & The Pebble Mine, earthjustice.org/feature/alaska-bristol-bay-pebble-mine.

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Nickel Plate Arts To Feature Award-Winning Artist Leslie Ober In The Stephenson House

Nickel Plate Arts is welcoming artist Leslie Ober among its four artists of the month in September. Details on Ober as well as information on the September artist exhibit dates and receptions are available below.

STEPHENSON HOUSE: Leslie Ober

Leslie Ober is an award-winning Indiana artist who dabbles in various mediums and subject matter. No matter the artwork, Ober's goal is to always capture life and light in each and every one of her pieces.

Ober attended Indiana University, where she received a degree in health education. She identifies herself as a "natural teacher" who loves sharing her knowledge with those around her, and she has been homeschooling her six children for over 12 years.

Ober enjoys working with a variety of mediums, including acrylics, pastels, oils, and various other mixed media. Her upcoming exhibit, Windows of My Soul, consists of a collection of her work that "reflects the things in life that make [her] heart sing" and is curated alongside original poems and songs.

"This is an exclusive opportunity to get a glimpse into who I am

as an artist, writer, and human being," says Ober. "Though uncomfortably raw and vulnerable, I hope it will be a source of hope and light as I share some Windows of My Soul."

Alongside her artwork, Ober enjoys earning extra income by working on websites and designing cards for her greeting card business, Ober the Rainbow Greetings. She also enjoys writing and hopes to publish children's books sometime in the near future.

Ober has served on the Hamilton County Artists' Association board as President for the last two years, where she has helped organize numerous local art events. She also loves to perform on stage at the Attic Theatre and coach local youth track and field clubs. Her favorite quote is, "We don't stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing," by George Bernard Shaw.

"Life is anything but slow and quiet for me," Ober says. "My goal is to never stop playing, exploring, or creating and to encourage others along the way."

The full Windows of My Soul exhibit can be seen in the Stephenson House Wednesday through Friday from

12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. You can meet Ober during her free public reception during the September First Friday event from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Stephenson House on the Nickel Plate Arts campus.

Exhibit Dates: September 1 to 30, 2023

Reception Date: September 1 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (Nickel Plate Arts campus)

Leslie Ober
MEYER NAJEM: John Dierdorf

See Dierdorf's full exhibit, Floral Celebration, in the Meyer Najem 2nd floor gallery, located at 11787 Lantern Road in Fishers, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Exhibit Dates: July 7 to September 29, 2023

FOUR DAY RAY: Chris & Amie Knuckles

The Knuckles' full exhibit, The Artwork of Vintage Adventures, can be seen at Four Day Ray Brewing, located at 11671 Lantern Road in Fishers, Sunday and Monday from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., and Friday through Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Exhibit Dates: July 16 to September 29, 2023

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NHS Class Of '23 Has Stately Outlook



TIM TIMMONS
Two Cents

Some of you may have seen a recent communication from Noblesville Schools that mentioned state champi-

Let's recap. Ten state titles in 104 years. Eleven since 2019. What gives? "I'm not sure you can pinpoint any one single thing," NHS Athletic Director Leah Wooldridge said. "You've got to have talent. Coaches have to buy in. Athletes have to buy in. Parents have to buy in. They've all been dedicated to not just wanting to win but upholding the culture of excellence." I'll say.

onships. If not – the gist was that in the history of NHS until 2019 – basically the time frame of the class of 2023 – NHS had won 10 state champi-

onships. Ten? Heck, that would be a bad two years for Carmel.

But from then until now, the Millers have won 11.

Holy Black and Gold! For those of us who graduated before 1986, about the only thing we knew about state titles was that Jerry Baker and Hilliard Gates broadcast them on WTTV and Jim Belden never won any while coaching here and then won four at Carmel.

NHS won its first state title in 1913 when the boys thinlies (that's what sportswriters used to call track teams back then) stood atop the podium. It was almost three-quarters of a century later when the girls golf team won in 1986 and the hoopster Lady Millers posted a perfect season (only the seventh undefeated state champ in girls basketball history) to add two more trophies to the case. (Courtney Cox and Krissi Davis led the way for Coach Ray Lyttle's perfect squad, by the way.)

By the way, the girls golf team went back to back in 1986-87 and 1987-88.

And the girls weren't done – not by a long shot. They followed those three state titles with a soccer championship in 1991. Four state titles in five years. Pretty impressive.

Boys golf had its own twofor, winning in '98 and '99. But then came a 15-year drought before the baseball squad reigned supreme in 2014.

Cheerleaders won their own state titles in 2016 and 2017 – and that completed the 10 titles in 104 years.

Since 2019, the girls are once again leading the way. State titles have come in soccer (2019, 2020 and 2022), cheerleading (2020 and 2021), basketball (2022), cross country (2022), unified track and field (2023) and girls track and field (2023).

That's nine! Boys have two to total 11 – both coming in soccer (2021 and 2022).

Hamilton County has been the home of champions for a long time. Sheridan dominated the scene in football for a period. HSE and Fishers have fared well. Jake Gilbert and Westfield know a thing or two about winning. But hey, let's face it. No one holds a candle to Carmel. The Greyhounds have won 170 state championships – the most in the state. The last year that Carmel did not win state? Gerald Ford was the president and gas costs 57 cents a gallon. It was 1975.

OK, so we're not on that level yet but it has to start somewhere. I remember reading that something like 20,000 players had a shot at breaking Babe Ruth's single season home run record of 60 he set in 1927. But not one of them did it until Roger Maris came along in 1961 and knocked 61 homers. Since then, the record has been broken six more times.

It just shows that once that door is opened, it tends to stay open.

So, good on the class of 2023 for leading the way. They've shown the way for classes to follow and make their own marks.

"They're talented," Wooldridge said. "They've worked hard – that's not saying others haven't. They have bought in to the coaches' culture. Some would say they care more about the team than themselves. The coaches get them to understand that with the team success comes individual successes."

It's a fact. Success begets success. And it's a lot of fun watching the Millers find more.

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

BBB Business Tip: Financial Records Your Small Business Should Keep

The paperwork adds up. This is the stark reality many start-up small businesses face when they don't yet have the time, tools, or know-how to keep up with their financial records.

Unfortunately, this is also one of the reasons many of those small businesses don't make it. According to Lending-Tree (a BBB Accredited Business), cash flow is the top obstacle for new businesses. When money is tight, there's little room for error, which makes financial record-keeping critical.

Despite the real talk, these revelations are not necessarily bad news; they're a chance for entrepreneurs to prioritize making sound financial decisions. After all, staying accountable to yourself is a big part of embodying integrity. At the end of the day, tracking your financials is about keeping your word to yourself and to your community. This post provides insights into what financial records small businesses need to keep.

Financial Records For Small Businesses:

Starting and operating a small business involves quite the accumulation of forms and files. The trick is to stay on top of those records with an intense devotion to organization, especially when it comes to your financial documents.

When tax season rolls around, the last thing you want to do is have to hunt for your accounting documents. Also, these records could come in handy if you're applying for new financing, so make sure they're accessible, up to date, and comprehensible.

This will allow you to monitor your business's progress while you track your revenue and expenses throughout the year.

The crucial financial records for a small business to maintain are as follows:

Balance Sheet: HubSpot (a BBB Accredited Business) defines a balance sheet as an "overview of a business's financial standing." Just like a traditional scale suspending two weighted plates, there are two sides to a balance sheet. One side details a business's current assets, and the other side is a rundown of the current liabilities and investor/shareholder equity. In a nutshell, this record captures a moment in time, providing insights into what the business currently owns versus what it owes.

A balance sheet is usually prepared at the close of a reporting period, such as the end of a fiscal year. A typical breakdown of assets and liabilities:

Assets are divided into two categories: current and long-term. Current assets include cash and accounts receivable. Long-term assets include buildings, land, office equipment and machinery, and the organization's vehicles.

Liabilities and owner equity: tabulate all obligations and debts the small business owes besides its vendors, creditors, and lenders that should be paid within the current fiscal year.

What to do with your balance sheet: Calculate the totals of each side (current assets and current liabilities). Ideally, your current assets are greater, which means you're in good financial standing to cover your financial liabilities. These findings could also determine your business's liquidity, leverage, and rates of return.

Income Statement: Also known as a profit and loss statement, an income statement, as defined by Investopedia, is a document "used for

reporting a company's financial performance over a specific accounting period."

An income statement may be prepared monthly, quarterly, or annually, and tracks your business's revenues and expenses to determine its performance over that period. Your income statement should include:

Sales — the total revenue your small business generates minus any sales discounts and product returns.

Cost of goods or service — the expenses directly associated with manufacturing products or acquiring them from suppliers; if your business provides a service, this figure includes your employees' salaries and benefits.

Gross profit — net sales minus the cost of goods or services from the net sales.

Operational expenses — your day-to-day costs of operating the business, which can be divided into administrative, marketing and sales expenses, utilities, rent, office wages, advertising, collateral and promotions, depreciation, and overhead costs.

Total expenses — all expenses incurred when running your business, exclusive of any interests on interest income or taxes.

Net income before taxes — gross profit minus operational expenses.

Taxes — the amount you owe the federal, state, or local government in the form of income tax.

Net income is the final figure your small business earns after paying your income taxes.

Cash Flow Statement: Investopedia also defines a cash flow statement as a document that "summarizes the movement of cash and cash equivalents that come in and go out of a company." This

illuminates whether the business is making profits or losses. Cash flow activities are divided into three categories: financing, investing, and operational activities.

Financing activities capture the money flow from creditors and shareholders' equity, meant for financing the small business. Cash flow on investing activities refers to the money the small business gains or losses from activities like buying or selling an asset. Operational activities are the daily expenses involved in running your operation.

An important note: A cash flow statement can be negative or positive. Negative cash flow indicates that you're spending more than you're earning. You could remedy this by coming up with ways to generate more revenue or cut down on operational costs. In the event of positive cash flow, you're in healthy financial standing to expand your small business.

Final thoughts: There's no "well, maybe" when it comes to proper bookkeeping for small businesses. These three documents are a must and could be the key to providing not only financial insights but also accessing loans and persuading potential investors during their decision-making process.

Lastly, if you don't have any financial record-keeping experience, you're in luck. This is a magical time with an abundance of tools, apps, and resources available for your bookkeeping needs.

To learn more ways to improve your business practices, go to bbb.org and visit the BBB Small Business Resources page. You can also visit BBB.org/get-accredited to learn how to stand out as BBB Accredited business.

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FISHERS

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Market for a family-friendly event featuring live entertainment and demonstrations, local food, and opportunities to connect with local organizations. Learn more at fishers.in.us/SafetyDay.

Fishers Arts Council's Harvest Fest

Sunday, September 10 | Noon - 5 p.m. | Heritage Park (10598 Eller Road) | Free

Browse and shop creations from local artists and artisans, enjoy live music, stroll the gardens, and get a tour of the historic Ambassador House at the annual Harvest Fest hosted by Fishers Arts Council and the Fishers Parks Foundation. Learn more at fishersartscouncil.org.

Geist Half Marathon and 5K

Saturday, September 16 | 7 - 11 a.m. | 113th Street and Olio Road | Registration Open

The 15th annual Geist Half Marathon and 5K, presented by Meijer, features a half marathon with stunning views of Geist Reservoir and a family-friendly 5K through the new Geist Waterfront Park. Register for this all-ages, walker-friendly race or sign up to volunteer at geisthalf.com. This weekend only, take advantage of a special Labor Day promotion and receive 15% off your registration from Saturday, September 1 to Monday, September 4 with code LABOR15.

Glow in the Park

Friday, September 22 (ages 21+ only) | 8 - 10 p.m. | \$20 for residents, \$30 for non-residents

Saturday, September 23 (family night) | 8 - 10 p.m. | \$5 for residents, \$7.50 for nonresidents

Nickel Plate District Amphitheater

Black lights, fog machines, and lasers light up the night at Glow in the Park, presented by Centier Bank. Live DJs, neon splash zones, face painting, a graffiti wall, food trucks, and more make this rave-style event an annual favorite for kids and adults alike. Register at fishers.com/GlowInThePark.

City Recycling Day

Saturday, September 23 | 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. | Billerica Park (12690 Promise Road) | Free

Residents can recycle electronics, household items, hazardous wastes, and more at this free recycling event. Paper recycling and off-site confidential document shredding is also available. Learn more and find a list of accepted items at fishers.in.us/Recycling.

Day Out at the AMP

Friday, September 29 | 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. | Nickel Plate District Amphitheater | Free, registration required

Take a break from e-learning with Fishers Parks and try out the mobile skatepark, yard games, a food truck, and music and dance demos from 31SVN Street Dance Academy. Skateboards and safety equipment will be available on site. Learn more and register at fishers.com/DayOut.

Conner Prairie's Headless Horseman

Thursdays - Sundays, October 5 - 29 | 6 - 10 p.m. | Conner Prairie (13400 Allisonville Road) | Tickets required

Conner Prairie's Headless Horseman returns for the 40th year! Take the iconic Haunted Hayride through the grounds to encounter spooky frights and enjoy a cornfield maze, carnival ride and games, barrel train ride, mari-onette show, and more. General admission tickets on sale on September 7 at

midnight at ConnerPrairie.org.

AgriPark Campout
Saturday, October 7 at 4 p.m. - Sunday, October 8 at 9 a.m. | Fishers AgriPark (11171 Florida Road) | \$75/resident family, \$112.50/non-resident family

The 33-acre working, urban farm welcomes families for this inaugural camping event. Group registration (up to 6 people) includes a 25-foot by 35-foot grass area for a tent or canopy, a personal fire pit, a movie in the park, games and activities, and breakfast. Bring your own tent, food and drinks, and sleeping gear for a night under the stars. Registration is required and opens on Friday, September 1 at playfishers.com/AgriPark.

AgriPark Fall Festival
Tuesday, October 10 - Saturday, October 14 | 4 - 7 p.m. | Fishers AgriPark | \$3/resident, \$4.50/non-resident (Children 2 & under free) | Registration required

Enjoy fall-themed farm fun at this year's expanded AgriPark Fall Festival, including a corn maze, scarecrow and pumpkin trails, u-pick pumpkins, carnival games, animal encounters, inflatables, food trucks and more. Pre-registration is required and is non-transferrable to other available dates. Learn more at playfishers.com/AgriPark.

Boo Bash

Saturday, October 28 | 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. | Nickel Plate District Amphitheater | Free

Presented by Centier Bank, a reimagined Boo Bash comes to downtown Fishers with free live music and entertainment, food trucks, games and activities, and more. Interested in being a vendor at Boo Bash? Apply by Friday, September 29 and learn more at playfishers.com/BooBash.

Geist Waterfront Park

Swimming open through Labor Day: Monday - Friday, 4 - 8 p.m. and Saturday - Sunday, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.;

Non-swim season: playground, kayak launch and trails open dawn to dusk, year-round | 10811 Olio Road

Geist Waterfront Park swim season is open seasonally through Labor Day, Monday, September 4. Fishers SmartPass is required for entry for Fishers residents during swim season and non-resident parking passes are on sale online. Swim season will reopen Memorial Day weekend 2024. During non-swim season (Labor Day to Memorial Day), the park's playground, kayak launch and trails are open for free to residents and nonresidents year-round. Learn more at playfishers.com/GeistWaterfrontPark.

Fishers Park & Rain Garden Steward Program

The City of Fishers launched two volunteer steward programs to ensure the long-term sustainability of the community's natural resources. Fishers Park Stewards can select a park to volunteer at for trash cleanup, trail maintenance, invasive species removal, and vandalism or park damage reporting. Rain Garden Stewards help maintain an adopted raingarden by removing trash, pulling invasive species, and reporting damage or vandalism. Park and Rain Garden Stewards are required to perform park maintenance at least once per month for a year. Learn more and sign up at fishers.in.us/Sustainability.

Learn more about fall fun in Fishers at playfishers.com.

BETSY

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The Times photo by Betsy Reason

Motorcycles will be on display during the Lucky 13th annual Lucky Teter Rebel Run Car Show and Motorcycle Show, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, with the show beginning at noon, at Forest Park in Noblesville.

Teter Rebel Run Car Show and Vintage Motorcycle Show.

Teter and his Hell Drivers were nationally known daredevils from the 1930s and early 1940s and performed an automotive thrill show throughout the United States. In his show, Teter used cars just as they came from the factory and wore goggles and a leather football helmet for safety.

Teter died 81 years ago on July 5, 1942, while performing a stunt at the Indiana State Fair. Two days later, Teter was given a full military funeral at Noblesville First United Methodist Church, followed by a mile-long procession to Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Dixon, who had a passion for old cars, founded the car show to help the Noblesville Masonic Lodge's Angel Fund. All proceeds go to benefit the fund.

Originally started in the parking lot of the Noblesville bowling alley, the show's move to Forest Park changed themes after Dixon discovered that Lucky Teter was also a Freemason. "We wanted to do something to keep his memory alive in Noblesville."

"We are expecting over 200 cars and motorcycles this year," Dixon said.

Each year, custom trophies are created and presented for the Lucky Teter Rebel Run's winning picks. The show's awards this year are for Best Paint Pick, Best Motor Pick, Muscle Car Pick, The Coveted Lucky 13, the Spider Mills Pioneer award, and the Lucky Teter Legacy award.

There is also a custom-made motorcycle pick award. Dash plaques will be awarded to the first 100 entries.

Russell "Spider" Mills was a Noblesville native and daredevil, performing with Teter across the nation, up to Teter's death. Mills returned to Noblesville, working on vehicles as an auto mechanic for the remainder of his life. Mills' son, Chuck Mills, of Sheridan, who attended three of Dixon's Lucky Teter car shows, died May 30, 2018.

Dixon, a 1981 graduate of Noblesville High School, said he first became interested in old cars when he was a teenager. "My first older car was a 1966 Impala which is also my first car I drove in high school. My love for cars definitely came from my father. He and I have worked on many older cars and once traveled to Texas to pick up parts," Dixon said.

He said he loves that the show is under the shade trees at Forest Park. Returning this year, Dixon said Ginger's Cafe owner Mikki Perrine and her crew will again serve

hamburgers and hot dogs.

"This could be our best show yet," Dixon said.

He touts his show as a creation of his own. "Because we are not your typical car show, our show is laid back with lots of good music, good food and, of course, beautiful Forest Park," said Dixon, who always deejays the car show.

They'll have lots of giveaways throughout the day, donated by local businesses. Also, car buffs who collect car show souvenirs will want a new T-shirt for 2023, celebrating their 13th year.

"We would like to give a shoutout to our sponsors, Story's Collision, Bronco's Pizza of Cicero and Ginger's Cafe of Noblesville," Dixon said.

Dixon and his wife, Michelle, a 1989 NHS grad, both love old cars. They are the owners of a 1955 red Cadillac that they call, "Ms. Dixie." He found the car about 15 years ago and had it restored, with new paint and all new interior. He is the second owner of the car, which has a 331 V8 engine and manual transmission. They are currently restoring a 1959 Cadillac Coupe DeVille that he told me about four years ago. "It will be going in the body shop soon for paint," Dixon said.

Since 2007, the car show has brought in more than \$48,000, and Dixon is hoping to surpass \$50,000 total this year.

Also, this weekend, 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. Friday at the eatery, featuring DJ Bumper playing classics.

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. Lawn chairs and old-car conversations invited.

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.

-Betsy Reason writes about people, places and things in Hamilton County. Contact The Times Editor Betsy Reason at betsy@thetimes24-7.com.

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Required Pre-Bid Conference

All Bidders are required to attend the Pre-Bid Conference with representatives of The City to discuss the Services and implementation of those Services at 10:00 a.m. on September 21, 2023, in the Caucus Room on the Second Floor of Carmel City Hall. No additional costs of any kind will be allowed for the Bidder's failure to attend.

In general, the Services consist of: weekly pick-up of bagged, containerized and/or bundled household Solid Waste and Yard Waste from all Residential Units, except certain apartment/townhome complexes that have previously been identified as not being part of the City Wide Program within the corporate limits of the City of Carmel and disposal. Such program will also include weekly curbside commingled Recycling from all Residential Units and disposal, and an Alternate for curbside compost pickup. The Services Include Solid Waste and Recycling collection and disposal, all as required by the Bidding Documents, the Contract Between the City of Carmel, Indiana Board of Public Works and Safety and Contractor, City of Carmel City-Wide Residential Solid Waste, Yard Waste, Recycling Collection and Disposal (the "Contract") and City of Carmel City-Wide Residential Solid Waste, Yard Waste, Recycling Collection and Disposal Specifications (the "Specifications"). Copies of the Bidding Documents may be examined at the office of the Utility Director, 30 W. Main Street, Carmel, Indiana 46032 without charge. Copies may be obtained from the Utility Director, upon the non-refundable payment of \$100.00, check only, payable to City of Carmel Utilities, for each set of Bidding Documents.

Bids must be submitted on the forms found in the Bidding Documents, must contain the names of every person or company interested therein, and shall be accompanied by:

(1) Revised Form No. 96 as prescribed by the Indiana Board of Account and as required in the Instruction to Bidders, including a financial statement, a statement of experience, a proposed plan or plans for performing the Services and the equipment the Bidder has available for the performance of the Services, the total amount of the five-year based bid should be used for the total "sum" amount;

(2) Bid Bond or certified check in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total Base Bid amount, including alternates with a satisfactory corporate surety or on a solvent bank. The Bid Bond or certified check shall be evidence of good faith that the successful Bidder will execute the Contract as included in the Bidding Documents. The Bid Bond or certified check shall be made payable to the City.

Any Bid may be withdrawn prior to the scheduled closing time for receipt of Bids, but no Bidder shall withdraw its Bid within sixty (60) days after the actual opening of the Bids.

All Bid Bonds and certified checks of unsuccessful Bidders will be returned by the City upon selection of the successful Bidder and the successful Bidder's execution of the Contract, and provision of the required Performance Bond and Payment Bond.

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The City reserves the right to reject and/or cancel any and all Bids, solicitations and/or offers in whole or in part as specified in the solicitation when it is not in the best interests of the governmental body as determined by the purchasing agency in accordance with IC §36-1-12-4(b)(8)(B). The City also reserves the right to waive irregularities in any Bid, and to accept any Bid which is deemed most favorable to the City.

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- Lake county is part of Northwest Indiana and the Chicago metropolitan area, and contains a mix of urban, suburban and rural areas. It was founded in 1837.
- The population in 2010 was 496,005 with 27,317 residing in the county seat, Crown Point
- It is the home to a portion of the Indiana Dunes and to Marktown, Clayton Mark's planned worker community in East Chicago.
- According to the 2010 census, the county has a total area of 626.5 sq mi square miles

1. What percentage of people live in Crown Point?

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2. How old is Lake County?

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3. How many live in the county, but not in Crown Point?

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4. What is the population density of the county?

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Answers: 1. About 1 percent 2. 182 Years 3. 468,688 People 4. 994.1 / sq. mi.

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Located in the northernwest part of the state, Lake County is close by to one of the largest cities in the country, Chicago. How do you think this location might impact the people who live and work in Lake County?

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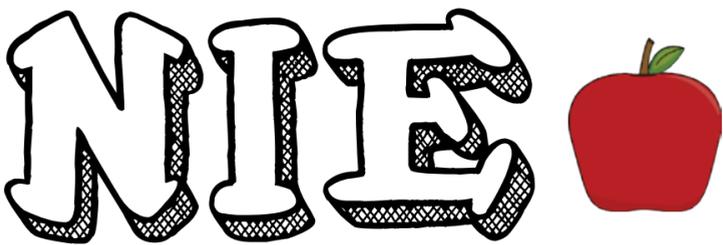
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Purdue University, U.S. Naval Test Pilot School To Partner On Joint Graduate Degree Program

Purdue University and the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School have signed an educational partnership agreement designed to enable USNTPS students to earn Purdue graduate degrees online with credit for their USNTPS training.

Under the agreement, the plan is to develop a curriculum pathway utilizing a number of courses in the intensive, 48-week curriculum taken by students at USNTPS to count toward Purdue graduate degrees, with the students also taking advantage of online courses from Purdue's College of Engineering and the Purdue Polytechnic Institute to complete their degrees.

USNTPS, located onboard Naval Air Station (NAS) Patuxent River in Maryland, is part of the Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division (NAWCAD) and the Naval Test Wing Atlantic. USNTPS trains Navy test pilots, flight officers, engineers, and industry and foreign partners in a full spectrum of test and evaluation techniques for aircraft and aircraft systems. The school is at the forefront in development of, and leads aviation in, standardization of modern flight testing. It is the only domestic source of rotary wing test pilots and serves as the dedicated rotary wing test pilot school of the U.S. Army. Its highly competitive program also has graduated more than 90 NASA astronauts to date.

"This is an incredible opportunity for both Purdue and NAWCAD, the Wing, and TPS," said Capt. Elizabeth Somerville, commander, Naval Test Wing Atlantic. "It's



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Standing, from left, are Mark French, Purdue professor of engineering technology; John Fassnacht, principal managing director, College of Engineering and Purdue Polytechnic for Purdue University Online; Diana Hancock, Purdue associate vice president for educational partnerships; Theresa Campioli Shafer, director of engineering education and research partnerships, Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division; Cmdr. Travis J. Hartman, executive officer, U.S. Naval Test Pilot School; and John Tritschler, chief of academics, USNTPS. Seated, from left, are Dimitri Peroulis, senior vice president for Purdue University Online, and Capt. Elizabeth Somerville, commander, Naval Test Wing Atlantic.

a win-win for all parties. The speed in which this effort is moving is a testament to how eager we all are to bring higher education excellence to TPS and NAWCAD personnel."

To start, the partnership would involve Purdue online master's degrees in engineering technology and interdisciplinary engineering, and include Purdue's online Doctor of Technology degree for personnel who already have earned a master's. The 100% online interdisciplinary Master of Science in Engineering (MSE/MS) is a unique and flexible engineering program from Purdue's College of Engineering, which U.S. News & World Report ranks No. 2 in the nation for online graduate programs. The

100% online engineering technology degree is a synergistic combination of Purdue's electrical and computer engineering technology, industrial engineering technology, manufacturing engineering technology, and mechanical engineering technology programs.

The agreement also has the potential for pathways to make some of the courses from the USNTPS curriculum available to Purdue engineering and Purdue Polytechnic students.

In addition, this partnership presents possibilities for broader research collaborations with potential areas of collaboration in artificial intelligence, unmanned and autonomous aerial systems, hypersonics and sustainable energy

solutions.

"This partnership not only benefits Navy personnel and Purdue students educationally, it presents other exciting opportunities and is in line with Purdue's intent to be a leading partner for the Department of Defense in innovation to maintain and enhance national security," said Dimitrios Peroulis, senior vice president for Purdue University Online.

Purdue University and Navy leaders signed the educational partnership agreement during a bilateral engagement at NAS Patuxent River on Aug. 1, 2023. The estimated timeline for USNTPS students to begin enrolling in Purdue's online graduate programs is during the fall of 2023.

Conservation Board Doubles Clean Water Indiana Funding

The State Soil Conservation Board (SSCB) is allotting over \$2 million in Clean Water Indiana (CWI) grants for 2023, which is a \$1 million increase over 2022.

"As Secretary of Agriculture, I know how hard Hoosier farmers work to be good stewards of the land," said Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, Indiana's Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. "So, I was pleased to see the legislature acknowledge the importance of soil and water conservation in Indiana by providing additional funding to Clean Water Indiana this past legislative session."

This increased funding was allocated by the Indiana General Assembly during the 2023 legislative session. The Indiana State Department of Agriculture's (ISDA) Division of Soil Conservation was awarded over \$5 million additional dollars this year. The SSCB recently voted on how to spend the money and declared to increase funding to key water quality and conservation programs, including Clean Water Indiana's competitive grant program.

Clean Water Indiana was established to provide financial assistance to landowners and conservation groups and supports the implementation of conservation practices which will reduce nonpoint sources of water pollution through education, technical assistance, training and cost sharing programs. Programs under the Clean Water Indiana fund are administered by ISDA's Division of Soil Conservation subject to direction from the SSCB.

"We are so grateful to the Indiana General Assembly who recognized the importance of water quality in our state and allocated these additional funds to Clean Water Indiana during the past legislative session," said Don Lamb, Director of the Indiana State Department of Agriculture. "This increased funding for ISDA's Clean Water Indiana program will assist soil conservation districts across the state as they work hand in hand with our Indiana farmers and landowners."

There are more than double the amount of available funds to be awarded through a competitive grant process un-

der Clean Water Indiana, with the State Soil Conservation Board voting to increase the grant pool to \$2,000,000.

This funding will primarily be used to fund conservation projects and programs at the local level, with typical grantees being some of Indiana's 92 Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and other conservation organizations. The SSCB expects grant application dollar requests to exceed the available funding. Typical projects include cost-share programs for on-farm conservation best management practices, staffing positions for direct landowner technical assistance and district administration, water quality and soil conservation education programs and more.

"The Clean Water Indiana grants go a long way in ensuring Hoosier landowners and local soil and water conservation districts have the funding they need to complete critical water projects," said Brad Dawson, Clean Water Indiana grant committee member. "Each year it is amazing to see the types of projects brought to us for funding, and we notice that they are located all across the state, which in turn helps the waterways statewide. Last year we were able to grant a little over \$600,000, so I am extremely excited to see increased funding and be able to award more projects, and clean more waterways, going forward."

The members of the Clean Water Indiana grants committee are Amy Burris, Kenny Cain and Brad Dawson. The SSCB is accepting competitive proposals for targeted projects up to three years in length. Applications are open and are due Sept. 8, 2023 at 12 p.m. E.T. To apply please visit isda.in.gov.

Additional key funding from Clean Water Indiana will go towards expanding Indiana Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, matching dollars available to Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and as match for Inflation Reduction Act proposals through the United States Department of Agriculture.

For more information on soil conservation and water quality initiatives please visit isda.in.gov.

Indiana Association Of County Commissioners Refresh The Now, Indiana County Commissioners' Logo

The Indiana Association of County Commissioners are officially refreshing their logo to highlight the now, Indiana County Commissioners (ICC). The (ICC) is a nonprofit organization that provides education, leadership support and advocacy services to strengthen County Commissioners' influence throughout Indiana.

"The decision to move forward with the newly refined name and the logo was simple," says the ICC Executive Director, Stephanie Yager. "This is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the ICC's endeavors and new projects that are in the pipeline."



Considering that the ICC is understood to be an association, the ICC Board chose to prioritize simplifying. The Board also unanimously agreed to the vitality of emphasizing "County" over "Indiana" to ensure each county feels connected to the ICC's work and vision. Visually, the de-

cision to use a courthouse icon further emphasizes that representation from each county across the state of Indiana. Utilizing the classic blue and gold colors in the Indiana flag, unites those represented counties, both leaders and residents.

"Being able to walk through the rebranding

process with my fellow Board members has put our mission to practice," says the ICC Board President, Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt. "We are looking forward to the ICC's continued growth with this rebranding, which will allow all county commissioners to give back to their communities."

The ICC is in the early stages of developing a brand-new website to replicate the new brand that has been implemented into the logo. There are ongoing internal conversations to implement the brand throughout the state as it continuously develops.

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