

TODAY'S VERSE

Psalm 145:21 My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD: and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.



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What makes Piper Craig smile? "Many things. I like friends. I really have a great time helping people out. It really makes me smile. It's a great way to help support the community," said the 15-year-old, a Noblesville High School sophomore. The NHS Leo Club member was found Friday night volunteering at the club's Bake Sale table during the NHS Millers vs. Fishers Tigers football game at Beaver Stadium. The club was also offering "Chicken Selfies" at the next table where she picked up the chicken and smiled for this photo (with chicken, above). The Leo Club is "the younger kid version" of the Lions Club and was formed in September 2016 with the help of Noblesville Lions Club members. "It is a great opportunity to help and support other people and donate and be a really good person," said the daughter of Adam and Brandy Craig. At NHS, she is involved in the Art Club. She also enjoyed NHS's American Sign Language Club last school year. "In that club, at the first meeting, we did the ABC's, the second meeting, we did greetings. It's a really fun club." Outside of school, she has been doing Taekwondo since she was 6 and holds a second-degree senior black belt. "It is really amazing and very fun." She plans to test in nationals for her third-degree black belt. Piper also enjoys arts and crafts and reading, and she has a charcoal Labrador retriever, Willow. Her favorite class at NHS? "I really enjoy choir. I like singing in a group," said Piper, who sings in the NHS Cantamos Concert Choir, a 20-member choir for all high school grades and which performs four major concerts each year. The fall choir concert, featuring NHS's eight choirs, will be at 7 p.m. Sept. 28 at NHS.

And Another Thing...

1. Upcoming at the Fishers Farmers Market

Here is a look ahead at the upcoming Fishers Farmers Market events, presented by IU Health: THIS SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 | 8 a.m. to noon | NPD AMP Market Safety Day. Kick off your weekend at the NPD AMP Market to engage in Fishers Fire & Emergency Services' annual Safety Day. This event welcomes families of all ages to learn more on how to be safe, healthy, and resilient at home and in the community. Safety Day is a free event filled with demonstrations, informational booths, family activities, and more! For more information, please visit the Safety Day website. Mimosa Bar provided by MOKB Presents Enhance your brunch favorites and swing by the MOKBPresents Mimosa bar to enjoy with your Farmers Markets favorites. Mimosa Bar will be for guests of the farmers market that are 21+, please bring your I.D. with you!

2. Introducing Campout at the AgriPark on October 7

Our 33-acre working, urban farm will welcome families and groups for AgriPark Camp Out on October 7 & 8. Group registration (up to 6 people) includes a 25-foot by 35-foot grass area for tent or canopy, personal fire pit, a movie in the park, games and activities, and a continental breakfast the following morning. Each family or group needs to supply their own tent, food and snacks, drinks, and sleeping gear. No pets, alcohol, or fireworks allowed. Registration is \$75 per group (up to 6 people) per camp site for Fishers residents. The non-resident rate per group per camp site is \$112.50

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Visitors And More At The Sheridan Museum



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They always enjoy old friends dropping by the Sheridan Historical Museum. Recent visitors have included Sara (Linn) Cochard and her sons and daughter-in-law. They came to see Sara's pictures when she was a basketball cheerleader for the Sheridan Blackhawks back in the late 1950's. If you have not seen the Museum's tribute to Larry Hobbs and his remarkable basketball teams of the 1950's, you should come by and see it. We are open on Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 1 pm to 4 pm, and we are located at 315 South Main Street in beautiful uptown Sheridan, just on the country side of Hamilton County. Pictured are the Cochards: Michael, Sara, and Gary and his wife Laurie. Sara was a Sheridan cheerleader.



The Times photo by Betsy Reason

Noblesville High School Leo Club member Alanna Puckett (left) snaps a photo of 10-year-old Owen Rafoll, 10, Noblesville, with a chicken, held by Leo Club adviser John Smith (kneeling) during a "Chicken Selfies" fundraiser Friday night at the NHS Millers vs. Fishers Tigers varsity football game at Beaver Stadium.

'Chicken Selfies.' Bake Sale Raise Money For Leos



BETSY REASON
From The Editor's Desk...

football game against Fishers Tigers.

Leos offered photos with a chicken to anyone who made a monetary donation.

I couldn't help but eavesdrop before stopping by Noblesville High School Leo Club's "Chicken Selfie" booth at Friday night's Noblesville High School Millers

Who wouldn't want to have a selfie photo taken with a chicken?

For a small donation, fans at the game had the opportunity to pose for a photo with a chicken.

NHS seniors Ryan Coy and Zadie Albano were among many game attendees who wanted a photo taken with the chicken.

"We saw the chicken," Coy said.

"The chicken was cute," Albano chimed in.

"And I wanted to buy a picture with it," Coy added.

NHS senior Aliana Leap

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Afterglow Market Now Open At Carmel City Center

Afterglow Market, Carmel's first eco-friendly shopping destination, is now open at 846 S. Rangeline Road at Carmel City Center.

At Afterglow Market (AGM), customers can shop women and men's fashion brands that are committed to ecological sustainability along with pre-loved quality clothes that deserve a second chance. Located in the former Endeavor Boutique space, AGM acquired the space and business to be able to reuse the existing fixtures and clothes all while limiting the amount of waste to the environment.

Owner and operator, Rachel Mirabella, is passionate about promoting eco-friendly and sustainable fashion. She spent her career in the fashion industry and witnessed first-hand how small changes can make a big impact. At Afterglow Market, they have not only committed to selling clothing that's been manufactured with minimal strain on Mother Earth, but also implemented a unique buyback program, encouraging customers to return gently used clothing from a list of approved brands for generous store credit. "It's all about embracing the circular economy, reducing clothing waste, and showing that every small choice we make can lead to positive change," says Mirabella.

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The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset
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Today is...

- National Beer Lover's Day
- Salami Day
- Superhuman Day



What Happened On This Day

- 1978 Georgi Markov is murdered. The Bulgarian writer and dissenter had left Bulgaria in 1969 and was working at BBC in London during the time of his murder. His murder, which is popularly known as the Umbrella Murder took place while he was crossing the Waterloo Bridge in London.
- 1940 Germans Begin the Blitz over London. The German Luftwaffe aerially bombed London, killing over 20,000 people and destroying over a million homes in the city. The strategy lasted until May 1941 but did not succeed in breaking British resolve.
- 1936 The Tasmanian Tiger Becomes Extinct. The last surviving Tasmanian Tiger - a carnivorous marsupial, died in captivity at the Hobart Zoo, Tasmania, Australia. Called Benjamin, the thylacine, as the species was called, is believed to have died due to neglect. Thylacines were natives of Australia and New Guinea and went extinct due to over hunting and the introduction of invasive species like dingos.



Births On This Day

- 1908 Paul Brown American football coach, executive
- 1533 Elizabeth I of England

Deaths On This Day

- 1978 Keith Moon English drummer, songwriter, producer
- 1566 Suleiman the Magnificent Ottoman sultan

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TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

It's a myth that older people need less sleep. 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

What is it with the pumpkin spice everything? When did that become a thing?



TODAY'S QUOTE

"I play to win, whether during practice or a real game."
-Michael Jordan

TODAY'S JOKE

What's more impressive than a talking bird?
A spelling bee

OBITUARIES

None



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Riverview Health Physicians Welcomes New General Surgeon

Riverview Health Physicians is pleased to welcome Carly Thoma-Perry, DO to Hamilton Surgical Associates.

As a general surgeon, Dr. Thoma-Perry's clinical interests include treating breast and colon cancer patients, minimally invasive surgeries and gastrointestinal surgeries. From emergency surgeries to elective, outpatient procedures, she is proud to stand by her patients and help them through what can be their

most challenging times. She is committed to providing patients with the most up to date treatment options.

Dr. Thoma-Perry graduated from Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine. She enjoys cooking, hiking, traveling and reading historical nonfiction.



CARLY THOMA-PERRY

Patty Steffen Announces Retirement From OneZone Chamber

After 16 years of dedicated service, Patty Steffen has decided to step down from her position at the OneZone Chamber of Commerce, marking the end of an era and the beginning of a well-deserved retirement.

Throughout her tenure at the Carmel and now OneZone Chamber of Commerce, Patty has exemplified exceptional leadership, strategic vi-

sion and unwavering dedication. Her contributions have played a pivotal role in shaping the chamber's success and growth in the ever-evolving landscape.

Since serving as the Director of Investor Relations, OneZone has achieved remarkable milestones and has been an industry-leading chamber when it comes to engaging and communicating with our top investors.

"Patty has been a driving force behind our chamber's success, leading with integrity, innovation, and a deep commitment to our members," said Jack Russell, President of OneZone Chamber. During her tenure, Patty has fostered a culture of collaboration, creativity, and continuous improvement. Her strategic decisions have consistently propelled



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Hey Boomers, Looking For Something To Do . . .



TIM TIMMONS
Two Cents

Summer doldrums are over – fall is just 16 days away. And before the final few days of another season slip away from our lives forever, some of us find ourselves longing for a little bit of fun. You know, like we used to have when we were little kids and left the house after breakfast and played outside all day long? Trouble is, life's not quite the same now. For those of us still working, well, there's that. My retired buddies tell me they are busier than they used to be. So there's that. What's a Boomer to do?

Every weekend columnist extraordinaire Betsy Reason tells you about some of the great things to go see and do in and around God's country. Well, here are a few things that are entirely dependent on you. Maybe some will fit you, maybe some won't. Like a lot of things in life, it's your call.

1. Wait till dusk and go catch fireflies. It might already be too late, but perhaps you can find a few stragglers.
2. Play a practical joke on someone. OK, don't be mean and don't do it on anyone who won't appreciate it. But for those who do, a good one is worth

more than a few laughs.

3. If you still have a record player, pull out the old albums and listen to one or two. Closely. All the way through. Remember when we did that as kids? We could spend hours listening to the songs and coming up with our own meanings to them.
4. Read a comic book or color in a coloring book. If you don't have any old ones, there are plenty of new ones – although you might be shocked at how different the storylines are now.
5. Got a spouse or significant other? Have a seat on the couch and make out. Oh c'mon, this is a family newspaper and I'm not suggesting anything more. But remember how much fun it used to be just to kiss? I'll bet you'll find it still is – and I'll certainly bet you'll both laugh and enjoy it more without the teen-age angst.
6. Stay off your phone, computer, social media, internet and all that stuff for a day. Heck, you grew up without any of it. What did you do to occupy your time then? Do it again.
7. Go play. Maybe it's with Barbie's, maybe it's one-on-one with a basketball? What is it that trips your trigger? Have at it.
8. Write a letter. Maybe you can write to an old friend you haven't seen in a few decades? Maybe it's to someone who already

passed? Maybe it's to your better half today? Your call.

9. On the other side of writing is reading. Find someone to read to and open a book. You'll both enjoy it.

10. Maybe you can do this one and the last one at the same time – visit an old friend.

11. Go to a church. Yeah, sure, go to the service. But ever visit a church when there's no one around? Sit in a pew and spend a little quiet time. What a great time to be thankful, or to be reflective, or both.

12. If you go outside and walk or run or ride your bike all the time – good for you! But if not, try it. I LOVE the many trails around here, but even winding your way up or down brick-lined Logan Street or a country road is worthwhile. It's amazing the things we notice at slow speeds that we completely miss in a car.

Say so long to summer in style – and maybe say hello to a little fun. Enjoy!

-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.

Is NYC Really Sinking?



Dear EarthTalk: Is New York City really sinking? If so, is it a problem and is it a natural or human-caused phenomenon? Can anything be done about it?

The sea level surrounding New York City (NYC) is nine inches higher today than it was in 1950. Put differently. While it took 48 years for the sea level around NYC to rise by six inches, the next three inches took less than 20 years. Scientists forecast that in the next 14 years the waters around NYC will rise another six inches. With all five boroughs of the city surrounded by water, the sinking of NYC puts its 8.4 million residents, its economy, and its property worth billions of dollars at risk.

The sinking or settling of Earth's surface is known as subsidence—a geological process that can be either natural or human-caused. For NYC, the main cause of subsidence is the sheer weight of the more than one million structures built on it. The United States Geological Survey estimates that structures in NYC weigh 1.68 trillion pounds—the equivalent of 1.9 million Boeing 747s. The pressure exerted by this extraordinary weight causes NYC to sink 0.04 to 0.08 inches every year.

There are other reasons, too, that NYC is

sinking. Global warming, caused by the high level of human-made carbon emissions, is steadily increasing sea levels. Warmer temperatures melt ice sheets and glaciers, adding water to the oceans. And as ocean waters warm up, it causes oceans to expand. Climate change is also contributing to NYC's sinking by increasing the frequency of hurricanes. As the world heats up, more evaporation from water bodies takes place, causing heavier precipitation and more flooding along the shores. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has found that because of climate change, coastal flooding has become 40 percent more likely and 10 percent more intense.

Yet another human-made contributor to the sinking of NYC is the extraction of groundwater from underground aquifers, which is used to supply a third of the city's drinking needs. Years of pumping these aquifers has caused the soil to compact by reducing the size and number of open pores in the soil that previously held water. This, too, has led to subsidence in NYC.

This is not to say that all causes of NYC's sinking are human made. The natural erosion and deposit of sediment can cause soil to shift from one area to another leading to uneven subsidence. Volcanic activity beneath the ground can force tectonic plates to move in ways that also make the land above it

sink.

To minimize subsidence, NYC could halt the construction of new buildings. But this is unrealistic given the needs of its growing population. It could limit extraction of groundwater, but that would threaten the availability of safe drinking water. NYC could build defenses such as seawalls and flood gates. These can be helpful, but they are expensive to construct and do not address the source of the problem.

Alternately, the NYC government could adopt more creative urbanization plans that build away from areas vulnerable to subsidence, and consider the construction of new pipe systems to transport water from regional aqueducts instead of extracting local groundwater. And most important, they can support policies that mitigate global warming, such as carbon taxation, and provide incentives for clean energy adoption.

-CONTACTS: New York State Climate Action Scoping Plan, <https://climate.ny.gov/resources/scoping-plan/>; New York's Climate Leadership & Community Protection Act, <https://climate.ny.gov/>; New York City Mayor Eric Adams, <https://www.nyc.gov/office-of-the-mayor/mayor-contact-page>.

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Noblesville High School senior Aliana Leap poses with a chicken, held by NHS Leo Club adviser John Smith, as NHS senior Ellie Hilleke (left) snaps a photo during a "Chicken Selfies" fundraiser Friday night at the NHS Millers vs. Fishers Tigers varsity football game at Beaver Stadium.



The Times photo by Betsy Reason

Noblesville High School seniors Ryan Coy and Zadie Albano were among football game attendees who had their photo taken with a chicken, held by NHS Leo Club adviser John Smith, during NHS Leo Club's "Chicken Selfies" fundraiser Friday night at the NHS Millers vs. Fishers Tigers varsity football game at Beaver Stadium.



The Times photo by Betsy Reason

Noblesville High School Leo Club members, junior Alanna Puckett (from left), sophomore Piper Craig, freshman Ariannah Smith and sophomore Nils Erickson work the Leo Club Bake Sale table Friday night at the NHS Millers vs. Fishers Tigers varsity football game at Beaver Stadium.



The Times photo by Betsy Reason

Noblesville High School Leo Club adviser John Smith (left) watches as youth Noblesville athletes take photos of each other during NHS Leo Club's "Chicken Selfies" fundraiser Friday night at the NHS Millers vs. Fishers Tigers varsity football game at Beaver Stadium.



The Times photo by Betsy Reason

Fishers High School sophomore Dominic Slain (left) holds a chicken and poses with his uncle, Noblesville High School Spanish teacher Marc Slain, during NHS Leo Club's "Chicken Selfies" fundraiser Friday night at the NHS Millers vs. Fishers Tigers varsity football game at Beaver Stadium. Marc Slain's son, Chuck Slain, played on the Fishers team.

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Noblesville High School Leo Club adviser John Smith (from left) demonstrates how to pick up a chicken for Fishers High School sophomore Dominic Slain and his uncle, NHS Spanish teacher Marc Slain, during NHS Leo Club's "Chicken Selfies" fundraiser Friday night at the NHS Millers vs. Fishers Tigers varsity football game at Beaver Stadium. Marc Slain's son, Chuck Slain, played on the Fishers team.

posed for a photo with the chicken, as well, as fellow senior, Ellie Hilleke, snapped a photo.

"Chickens are cool. When am I ever going to hold a chicken again?" asked Leap, who had plans to put the photo in her senior memory book.

Owen Raffoll 10, a Noble Crossing fifth-grader, also posed with the chicken.

Most passersby didn't ask to hold the chicken.

There is a talent involved with picking up a chicken. Leo Club adviser NHS art teacher John Smith demonstrated using both hands to pin the wings to the side to stop the chicken from flapping. For most of the photos, Smith held the chicken and tried to stay out of the photos.

One teen, Fishers High School sophomore Dominic Slain, however, asked to pick up and hold the chicken with Smith's guidance, as Dominic posed for a "chicken" photo alongside his uncle, NHS Spanish teacher Marc Slain, who has a son, Chuck Slain, on the Tigers team.

Throughout the football game, for \$3 a person or \$5 for a group donation (sometimes they accepted less), folks could get their photos taken with a chicken.

John Smith picked up and held most of the chickens for the snapshots. Being a city boy, Mr. Smith, initially, was a little nervous the first year of the "chicken selfies," but he quickly got the hang of it. Plus members of the Leo Club kept the chickens under control.

All ages walked up to the "Chicken Selfies" table which was placed near the south entrance to the new Beaver Stadium.

Parents brought their little kids up close to see the chickens. Groups of students wanted photos. It was just a fun night. The football game ended with a final score of 48-22, the Tigers defeating the Millers.

The Leos combined the "Chicken Selfies" with a bake sale that had Leo members and parents and grandparents donating mostly cookies and brownies.

"My grandma made all of these brownies," said Leo Club member, sophomore Alanna Puckett, pointing to several of the

brownies on the table, where she stood alongside other Leo Club members sophomore Piper Craig, freshman Ariannah Smith and sophomore Nils Erickson, selling baked goods during the game.

The "Chicken Selfies" and the bake sale combined raised more than \$340 for the club, Smith reported on Tuesday to the Leo Club members. Leftover baked items were brought back to school to sell to his students.

The club four years ago came up with "Goat Selfies," which were a great success, with the NHS principal's approval. Then the pandemic slowed down the "selfies" until 2021 when "chicken selfies" began.

"I think people in this one-time farm community just get a kick out of seeing those animals in a place where they typically would not see them," the teacher said.

The Leo Club is "the younger kid version" of the Lions Club and was formed in September 2016 with the help of Noblesville Lions Club members, who are nurturing the next generation to take over. The Leo Club offers youth the opportunity to serve, as Lions do.

The Leos do charitable work in the community and are currently collecting new and used book bags that will be filled with blankets, hats, scarves, gloves, sweat-shirts, adult coloring books, colored pencils, hand warmers, granola bars and personal hygiene products. In 2021, the Leos filled 54 book bags, which are given to St. Vincent DePaul in Noblesville and are in-turn taken to homeless people in downtown Indianapolis. The club's record year for bags has been 108.

Smith has taught at NHS ceramics for 32 years and enjoys being involved outside of the typical responsibilities of a teacher.

He has said, "My parents taught me to give back when I was a kid, and I like showing and teaching kids at NHS that it feels good to help others."

-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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Afterglow Market are Toad&Co, Bloi of Barcelona, LA Relaxed, Mate the Label and Pact. Each is environmentally responsible, and most are fair trade certified (if not certified, transparently adherent to ethical employment and manufacturing practices). AGM continues to research additional brands to offer to the Carmel community.

"I am a Carmel resident and am so excited to be able to provide more sustainable clothing choices for the community," says Mirabella. "I love the walkable nature of Carmel City Center and look forward to or-

ganizing events that will also benefit our beautiful City and build connection with our neighbors."

Afterglow Market is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

"We are thrilled to welcome Afterglow Market to Carmel City Center," said Melissa Averitt, senior vice president at Pedcor Companies. "We really appreciate what Rachel is doing to bring education to the community about sustainability and the opportunity to make a positive impact with our buying choices."

Rokita Files Lawsuit Against MV Realty

Attorney General Todd Rokita has filed a lawsuit against MV Realty in an effort to stop the company from negotiating contracts that violate Indiana law. The company is based out of Florida, but it operates in Indiana and several other states.

"Hoosier working men and women go through enough," Rokita said. "Using more than 10 million robocalls to solicit customers and then deceiving them is not a business model that should be tolerated in Indiana."

The lawsuit alleges that the company purports to offer "loan alternatives" in exchange for consumers agreeing to use MV Realty as their exclusive real-estate listing broker. In addition, the state alleges that MV Realty's Indiana brokerage license has expired and they are unable to engage in the practice of real estate in Indiana.

The agreement signed by Hoosier homeowners is the equivalent of a high-interest mortgage, backed by the recording of the contract against

their real property. Rokita and his team are seeking a permanent injunction against MV Realty to 1) stop them from continuing to illegally solicit Hoosiers on the Indiana Do Not Call List and the Federal Do Not Call Registry and 2) to force them to discontinue collection activities. The Attorney General's Office is also seeking an order to discharge all liens recorded against homeowners' properties.

Indiana currently has approximately 366 households in at least 65 counties, including Hamilton, affected by MV Realty's dubious practices. These long-term agreements not only affect the homeowners who sign them but also the homeowners' heirs. When owners pass away, the heirs of the estates are also on the hook to deal exclusively with MV Realty.

Hoosier consumers who may have been affected by a contract with MV Realty are encouraged to file a complaint with the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division.

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Notice is hereby given that Sealed Bids for the City of Carmel, Indiana, City-Wide Residential Solid Waste, Yard Waste, Recycling Collection and Disposal, will be received by the City of Carmel, Indiana (the "City"), at the office of the Clerk in City Hall, One Civic Square, Carmel, Indiana 46032, until 10:00 a.m., local time, on October 4, 2023. Any Bid received after the designated time will be returned unopened. The Bid should be clearly marked "BID ENCLOSED City-Wide Trash and Recycling Service" on the outside of the envelope, and as otherwise set forth in the Bidding Documents. The Bids will be publicly opened and read by the Board of Public Works and Safety at 10:00 a.m. October 4, 2023 in the City Council Chambers at Carmel City Hall.

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. 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.

A Performance Bond with good and sufficient surety, acceptable to the City, shall be required of the successful Bidder in an amount equal to the first-year total amount of the five year base bid. The Performance Bond will be renewed each year of the contract for the full amount of that contract year and for the duration of the Contract including alternates if applicable.

All out-of-state corporations must have a certificate of authority to do business in the State. Application forms may be obtained by contacting the Secretary of State, State of Indiana, Statehouse, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.

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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Number 46 LaPorte Stumpers

1. What percentage of people live in La Porte the city?
2. How old is LaPorte County?
3. How many live in the county, but not in the City of La Porte?
4. What is the population density of the county?

Answers: 1. About 20 percent 2. 187 Years
3. 89,414 People 4. 186/sq mi

- ### Did You Know?
- LaPorte county is part of the Northwest Indiana and Michiana regions of the Chicago metropolitan area.
 - The population in 2010 was 111,467 with 22,053 residing in the county seat, La Porte
 - LaPorte County was formed in 1832. La porte means “the door” or “the port” in French. French travelers or explorers so named the area after discovering a natural opening in the dense forests that used to exist in this region, providing a gateway to lands further west
 - According to the 2010 census, the county has a total area of 613.26 Square miles

Got Words?

Located in the northernwest part of the state, LaPorte 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 in LaPorte County but work elsewhere?

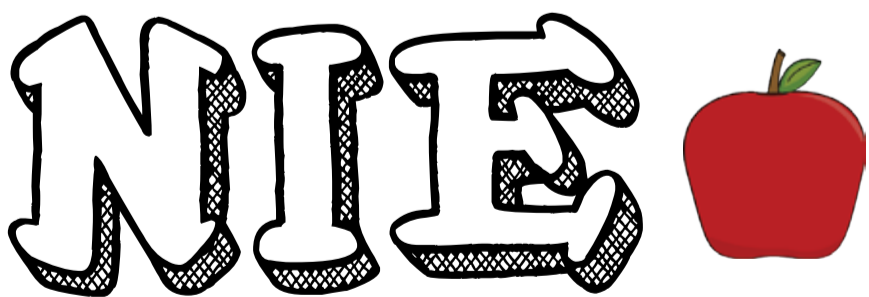
Word Scrambler

Unscramble the words below!

1. TEPORLA
2. CCHIGOA
3. CHRENF
4. STEW
5. RFOESTS

Answers: 1. LaPorte 2. Chicago 3. French 4. West 5. Forests

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Purdue student Anna Murray places printed circuit board samples into an oven to test for stability and other important qualities in electronic components. The latest funding round for the SCALE workforce development program helps students build these skills to use in microelectronics work.

Second Funding Round Delivers \$19 Million To Purdue-Led Microelectronics Workforce Development Program



Purdue University on Wednesday (Aug. 30) announced that the SCALE (Scalable Asymmetric Lifecycle Engagement) microelectronics workforce development program will receive more than \$19 million in funding from the Department of Defense to strengthen existing efforts in key research areas and to add new academic partners.

The second installment of the DoD's funding enhances efforts in areas including radiation-hardened microelectronics and trusted artificial intelligence and expands student training, continuing education and dissemination. It includes \$3.8 million for Purdue, \$5 million for Indiana University and \$1.6 million for Vanderbilt University.

Some of these subjects are the focus at several universities that have been added as SCALE partners: Morgan State University, a historically Black college or university in Baltimore; the University of Tulsa; and the Microelectronics Security Training Center, headquartered at the University of Florida.

The SCALE program is the nation's preeminent workforce development effort, funded by the DoD's Trusted and Assured Microelectronics program and managed by Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division. Purdue leads a public-private-academic partnership of now 19 universities and 48 partners within the defense industry and government.

Peter Bermel, SCALE director and professor of electrical and computer engineering at Purdue, said the new funding will significantly expand this work, which is founded

on Purdue's Next Moves in national security and technology.

"Now, more students interested in these technical areas have more opportunities to get involved and develop in-demand skills and experiences," Bermel said. "And we add these new partner universities while broadening the participation of current partner universities in SCALE."

The SCALE partners regularly meet to update a prioritized list of knowledge, skills and abilities that are most needed for new entrants to the microelectronics and trusted artificial intelligence workforce.

"Understanding the most current technical and professional workforce skills in microelectronics is imperative for SCALE universities to fully develop students to meet those specialized workforce needs," said Jennifer Linvill, SCALE director of workforce needs and assistant professor of technology leadership and innovation at Purdue.

As a result, SCALE universities will need to upgrade their classes, projects and research to ensure that students can meet the rapidly advancing needs of the field.

SCALE has a mission to bolster next-generation workforce development to bring the United States back to prominence in global microelectronics research and manufacturing. The demand for microelectronics increased 26% in 2021. But while the United States consumes about half of the chips produced worldwide, only about 12% are manufactured here. That is down from 37% roughly 30 years before.

Workforce development needs this kind of funding, Bermel said, especially to amplify the number of U.S. citizens who can work on these technologies.

"The expectation from multiple credible studies is there will be major shortages in the microelectronics workforce on a national scale if we do nothing. Part of the reason is that fewer U.S. students are going into undergraduate and

graduate studies in high-tech areas," he said, like electrical engineering.

At the same time, there is more money going into the actual technologies, Bermel said. "To achieve the goals of the CHIPS and Science Act, we need a deep pool of talented and motivated people who can do the work at the highest standards," he said.

That talent pool must include both technical expertise and as much diversity as possible "to draw skilled and capable individuals from all parts of the country to meet the need and to benefit communities throughout the United States," he said.

"In that sense, Morgan State joining SCALE with expertise in system-on-chip technology is a very important part of the story," Bermel said, encouraging engineering students at historically Black colleges and universities and underrepresented minorities at all institutions to strongly consider careers in semiconductors and microelectronics.

Purdue is a national leader in microelectronics device and packaging research, spanning the semiconductor ecosystem in software and hardware. The funding announcement is the latest piece of Purdue's continually expanding research and development in microelectronics and semiconductors. Purdue already has established excellence in other key research areas considered critical to national security, including microelectronics. Strategic initiatives such as the first comprehensive Semiconductor Degrees Program, which were announced before the CHIPS and Science Act passed in 2022, are intended to prepare a next-generation workforce for industry, while a separate partnership with SkyWater Technology, known as the READI Semiconductors Workforce Development initiative in Greater Lafayette, will support SkyWater's planned \$1.8 billion future state-of-the-art semiconductor manufacturing facility.

Purdue Global Says Don't Fear Generative AI Tools In The Classroom

Stuart Collins is always looking for good conversation topics during his American government and civics courses at Purdue Global.

Collins, a faculty member in the School of Multidisciplinary and Professional Studies, recently focused a class discussion on 2023's debt ceiling negotiations in class, but with a twist: He used a generative artificial intelligence tool, OpenAI's ChatGPT, during the seminar.

This example of a Purdue Global faculty member's use of generative AI within an academic context might be a glimpse into the classroom of the future. Purdue Global, which is Purdue's online university for working adults, is at the forefront of exploring AI opportunities in higher education, with an AI task force drawing on the creativity and innovative thinking of faculty, students and staff.

As Collins screen-shared ChatGPT and walked students through the process of prompting the program, it provided additional historical information about the debt ceiling he was not expecting.

Following the session, Collins reminded the students to verify any information from generative AI against reliable sources and stressed the importance of information literacy.

Collins, who serves on Purdue Global's AI Task Force, began using generative AI tools in December 2022. He now uses them in class, as well as in his research.

"I realized that 80%-90% of the assignments I had created for my government and civics courses could now be readily answered by AI," Collins said. "That realization presented quite the problem. We are now thinking about how we can make our courses both AI-amplified and AI-resilient."

Purdue Global leans into generative AI. Purdue Global administrators and faculty were already discussing generative AI in sessions at an internal conference in the fall of 2022. They accelerated their exploration of how generative AI tools could change education with a focused AI in Education group launched in January 2023.

"Purdue Global has attempted to be open-minded and forward-thinking about the positive role that artificial intelligence can play in higher

education," said Matthew Braslow, Purdue Global's director of assessment and research.

The AI Task Force had issued initial guidance for students and faculty on acceptable and unacceptable uses of generative AI for completing coursework. In general, the guidance allowed it as a research aid and to help improve spelling and grammar.

To see how the use of AI was going, Purdue Global distributed a survey and guidance to the student body and faculty. More than 400 students and 100 faculty members responded.

"The vast majority of students and faculty found the guidance clear and helpful, but the real surprise came when students were asked about whether they planned to use generative AI to complete their schoolwork," Braslow said.

While fewer than 25% of students said that they planned to use AI, nearly 75% of faculty believed that students would use AI to complete their schoolwork. Student responses ranged from equating AI use to cheating to expressing fears of being accused of plagiarism.

Braslow said it is important to find a balance in using generative AI programs as a tool, especially as Purdue Global students are working adult learners and many students have indicated they are already using generative AI programs in the workplace.

The task force is creating resources and guidelines to help educators understand how higher education can teach and leverage the power of AI. Items such as curriculum guides; professional development courses; and mission, vision and value statements are in final stages of review.

Purdue Global Provost Jon Harbor says it is essential for higher education institutions to actively adopt new policies and integrate AI into the classroom and coursework while finding a way for students and faculty to use the programs.

"Embracing AI in higher education at institutions like Purdue Global is crucial to staying relevant, fostering innovation, enhancing educational quality and preparing students for the opportunities and demands of an AI-powered future," Harbor said. "Finding common ground ensures that AI is used responsibly, eth-

ically and in a way that maximizes its benefits for both educators and learners."

A student's perspective Austin Lawton, a student from Noblesville, Indiana, pursuing an information technology degree with a focus on programming and software development, embraces generative AI.

Lawton has helped Purdue Global's AI Task Force with some of its activities, bringing a student perspective. He uses generative AI to assist with his learning and classwork.

"It has been incredibly valuable to have a tool that can help streamline the information acquisition process to essentially augment my understanding of more complex engineering concepts," he said.

The user-friendly AI programs help him navigate through large amounts of information. While he hasn't encountered misinformation, he has come across inaccurate coding.

"Using AI like ChatGPT isn't just about inputting questions and receiving answers. It's about discovering your own learning curves and gaps in understanding and developing strategies to overcome those," Lawton said. "My primary concern rests more on the question of control: who gets to decide what AI can and cannot generate, and where the line is between accuracy and truth."

He is grateful that Purdue Global has embraced AI rather than suppressing or dismissing the technology and that administrators and faculty are working with students to figure out next steps.

His vision involves a "private student AI," which would be a personalized educational companion for each student. The program would have the ability to remind a person of upcoming deadlines, assist with study sessions and identify areas of struggle.

"As we navigate this era where access to knowledge is unprecedented, it's essential to consider how AI can shape our future. I see AI as an invaluable guide, a resource that is always present, like a mentor providing advice and insights rather than dictating actions. It holds immense promise for the evolution of learning and, in a broader sense, the human experience," Lawton said.

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