

➔ TODAY'S VERSE
Psalm 34:18 The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

➔ FACES OF MONTGOMERY
People who call our community their own.



Tavern manager Matt Davis and bartender Anna Cottrell, give beautiful smiles at the end of a great day of drinking and live music, on Taco Tuesday, Open Mic Night. Thank you for your smiles!

➔ THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 Christmas may be over, but it's still important to watch out for scams. Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita advises Hoosiers to do careful research before donating to charities in order to avoid being scammed or having their contributions used in ways they might disapprove. He says to be sure to research the charity to make sure they are real, take your time and if someone is rushing you to make a decision that's a big red flag and always donate by credit card rather than cash or other methods. For more help, go to indianaconsumer.com to report charity scams to the Consumer Protection Division of the Office of the Indiana Attorney General. If you need additional information regarding the Office's Consumer Protection Division, please call (800) 382-5516

2 This is the final week to apply for the position of Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education. After the Saturday cutoff the process of reviewing candidates begins. The Indiana Commission for Higher Education is the authorized body to approve and appoint the Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education as its Chief Executive Officer. The full description of the role and application information can be viewed at <https://che.in.gov/CommissionerSearch>. Questions regarding the application process and the Commissioner role can be directed to candidates@che.in.gov.

3 Attention Paper subscribers. We are making a change in our publication schedule. Ever since the inception of our Sunday edition, we've published 365 days a year. But effective now, we will no longer publish on holidays. We're doing this for three reasons - our advertisers say the days leading up to the holiday are more important than the holiday itself; holiday editions in the past are the least read (clicked) of any we do; and to give our hard-working staff a break. Thank you for your understanding!

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BTN By The Numbers, a look at what's in the news . . . by the numbers. These are just numbers, not suggestions that they mean more or less than what they are. We do not suggest that one number is connected to another. These are simply facts with no extraneous details, bias or slanted reporting. To borrow (and perhaps mangle a bit) a quote from legendary fictional detective Joe Friday, it's just the numbers, ma'am!



4 Four Tipmont REMC lineworkers are part of a 30-person delegation of crews and equipment to assist with the power restoration effort in Virginia after winter storms moved through the state. The area's electric distribution system sustained major damage.



1/3 Nearly one-third (30 percent) of U.S. home fires involving Christmas trees occur in January. With this post-holiday fire hazard in mind, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) strongly encourages everyone to keep the festive memories and remove the hazards by disposing of Christmas trees promptly after the holiday season.

\$15,000 Crawfordsville High School and Tri Kappa Sorority Sunshine Society Cheer Campaign has topped their goal this year of \$15,000. They are still hoping to also top last year's mark of \$20,000. Anyone may donate. Some donations are anonymous, some are in memory of family or friends.

1/7 The holiday break is over for many Indiana students, and local food banks say their goal is to ensure kids have enough to eat this semester. One in every seven Hoosier children faces hunger at home, according to the nonprofit Feeding America.

\$46 million Once again, U.S. Senator Todd Young (R-Ind.) and his staff set records for the number of constituents represented in cases before federal agencies this year. In 2021, Senator Young's office resolved more than 2,500 constituent issues and returned more than \$46 million owed to Hoosiers by various government agencies.

1,329,423 According to the Indiana State Department of Health on Friday, that's how many Hoosiers have been diagnosed with the virus.

8,246 Number of COVID-19 cases found so far in Montgomery County, according to the State Health Department.

59,521,277 According to the CDC, that's how many Americans have been diagnosed with the virus.

18,959 How many Hoosiers have died because of this pandemic.

138 How many people in Montgomery County who have lost their lives to the pandemic.

834,077 How many Americans have lost their lives to the pandemic

The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 8:09 a.m.
SET: 5:42 p.m.

High/Low Temperatures
High: 26 °F
Low: 14 °F

Wacky Holiday Today

- Save the Eagles Day
- National Clean Off Your Desk Day
- Peculiar People Day

What Happened On This Day

- 1920 The Treaty of Versailles takes effect
- 1946 The first General Assembly of the United Nations opens

Births On This Day

- 1949 George Foreman American boxer
- 1945 Rod Stewart English/Scottish singer-songwriter

Deaths On This Day

- 2016 David Bowie English singer-songwriter
- 1862 Samuel Colt American inventor

➔ HONEST HOOSIER
Almost time to honor Dr. King - an important holiday!

➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP
Walking at least six miles per week can help reduce age-related memory loss.
Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Paper and online at www.thepaper24-7.com.

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➔ TODAY'S QUOTE
"Every moment is a fresh beginning."
T.S. Eliot

➔ TODAY'S JOKE
What do you call it when a snowman throws a temper tantrum?
A meltdown!

WTHR 7 DAY FORECAST

MON 14/26 BRIDGE CRASHES SOUTH	TUE 10/32 SUNNY & WINDY	WED 26/43 NOT AS COLD	THU 28/39 DRY FOR NOW	FRI 28/40 DRY FOR NOW	SAT 26/36 FALLING TEMPS	SUN 15/30 COLDER
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Talking about taking a New Year Inventory and stock



Carrie Classon
Columnist

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Carrie Classon's memoir, "Blue Yarn: A Memoir About Loss, Letting Go, & What Happens Next" is available at Amazon, Barnes and Noble, and other fine stores. Learn more at CarrieClasson.com.

The New Year is when we take stock.

In some cases, like my husband Peter's, this is literal. He keeps an inventory of our canned goods and chastises me if I mess up his inventory.

"Did you mark off the black beans?"

"Um, no."

"You have to mark it off on the list or I won't know how many I have."

"Oh. Sorry."

I am less concerned about our supply of canned goods in the New Year and more concerned about stockpiles closer to home—on my hips, for example.

I had gotten out of the habit of weighing myself, and I decided this was probably unwise. So I started weighing myself in the mornings. Monitoring my weight is far more disconcerting than losing a can of beans. I cannot see how I can go out to dinner, eat a heavy plate of curry, and lose a pound and a half, only to eat almost nothing the next day and gain it back. My weight rises and falls like a rollercoaster.

This morning I noticed that I had inexplicably gained two pounds overnight. I looked at myself in the mirror. I looked fine. In fact, I thought I was looking particularly fit. The mirror and I decided the scale was crazy.

The New Year is also an appropriate time to recognize that not all that is lost will be found. It is tempting to believe that the picture frame mysteriously lost in the move will reappear, or that we will find that kitchen gadget that Peter and I are both convinced we used to own, but no longer seem to. The New Year is a good time to just give up and get a new frame and a new gadget.

The same is true of socks. Socks are like kidnapping victims. If they are not recovered within 48 hours, the odds

of them ever returning to their mate are substantially reduced. After three months, as in all True Crime stories, the trail has gone cold.

But then there will be that one (as there was, just the other day) miraculously recovered from beneath the mattress of the bed who was joyfully reunited with its mate because I had not quite abandoned hope. It's things like this that keep me holding on to single socks far too long.

At any rate, I am trying to keep track of things a little better this year. I even bought a daily planner. I didn't have one last year because I remembered what happened to the one I bought in 2020. It had a flurry of events penned in the first two months, then it sat looking at me accusingly from the corner of my desk, unused for the rest of the year.

"What are we doing today?"

"Same as yesterday. Nothing."

Remembering to go out on the front stoop to talk to the neighbor and her dog did not require an entry in my planner.

So I held off on buying one last year and got along just fine. This year, I gave in, and I am busily filling my new planner with things I'd like to do and accomplish.

It may all be foolish. Perhaps this year will be as uneventful as the last two. Still, there is hope. And I guess that is the point of taking a New Year inventory.

It's the time of year when I imagine life being a little different and somehow a little better. It's the time of year when I make sure my inventory of hopes and dreams is stocked to capacity.

Till next time,
Carrie

Carrie Classon's memoir is called "Blue Yarn." Learn more at CarrieClasson.com.

Kicking off the 2022 legislative session

The 2022 legislative session is in full swing, and as your state representative, I will work hard in the coming months on important issues facing our community. From supporting education and promoting public safety to protecting jobs and lowering taxes, this legislative session presents many opportunities to make Indiana a better place to live, work and raise a family.

As lawmakers discuss and vote on new laws, constituents can stay informed and engaged by visiting iga.in.gov. This online resource provides legislative calendars, information on legislative proposals, and live video



TIM BROWN
Indiana Rep. (41st Dist.)

streams of committee hearings and session.

The Statehouse is also open to visitors who can enjoy

guided tours, testify during committee hearings or watch the legislative session. If you plan on visiting our Capitol, please reach out to me.

Let's stay connected this session, which must end on or before March 14. Be sure to visit my webpage, call 317-232-9651 or send me an email with questions or input. Thank you for



the opportunity to serve you and your family. I look forward to continuing to work hard on behalf of our community and state.

Rep. Tim Brown, Crawfordsville, is a Republican who represents Montgomery County and portions of Boone and Tippecanoe as part of District 41.

Are you having some hearing trouble? This may be why

A patient whose mother is having hearing difficulties asked me to write about the best way to purchase hearing aids. I'd like to begin with some background on hearing.

It goes without saying that hearing is one of our most important senses. It is critical for our quality of life as well as for safety and social interactions. It is estimated that 30 million Americans who have some degree of hearing loss, 65 percent of whom are younger than 65 years of age. It's very concerning that one in 14 younger adults and one in 20 adolescents have measurable hearing loss. Since 1971 the number of Americans over three years old with hearing disorders has doubled.

The primary cause of hearing loss is environmental noise. The louder the volume (measured in decibels or dB) and/or the longer the exposure, the more likely it is for damage to occur. Repeated exposure to noise over 85 dB produced by things such as lawn mowers, truck traffic and shop tools, can lead to gradual hearing loss.

Playing music at a device's maximum volume using headphones can deliver 105-120 dB, while using earbuds can



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add an additional 6-9 dB. Other causes of hearing loss include drugs that are toxic to the hearing organ, aging, and various other medical conditions.

Warning signs of hearing loss include difficulty understanding people (particularly in a crowd), asking people to repeat themselves, trouble hearing the TV or radio (hence turning up the volume), others complaining about one's hearing, and avoidance of social situations where hearing is important.

Treatment of hearing loss begins with a good hearing assessment. Audiologists and hearing instrument specialists have different training and provide varying degrees of services.

Audiologists are the only hearing professionals who receive higher

education training and are licensed by the state to do comprehensive evaluation and treatment of hearing loss in all age groups. Audiologists typically do four years of additional training after college and earn the Doctor of Audiology degree.

Hearing instrument specialists, on the other hand, are not required to undergo nearly as much training. Indiana requires them to have a high school diploma or GED, pass an examination, and pay a \$60 fee. They must also receive supervision by a hearing aid dealer before they can sell hearing aids.

My preference is to refer patients to an audiologist for diagnosis and treatment. Most cases of hearing nerve damage are treatable by amplification using hearing aids though simply purchasing a set of hearing aids should not be the end of the treatment process. Treatment also involves verifying the fit of the hearing aids, providing counseling on their use, and doing follow up.

There have been huge advancements in hearing aid technology in the last decade. The available models and their complexity requires someone who is skilled in prescribing and managing them appro-

riately. Hearing aids are expensive, but the ability to hear properly is critical for safety and quality of life. The cost of a hearing aid purchased from an audiologist usually includes not only the fitting, but also adjustments and maintenance. Often these services are not covered when purchasing at discount retailers.

Remember that prevention is the best medicine. Be aware that loud and/or prolonged noise can cause hearing loss. Evaluate your surroundings so you can avoid noise and wear hearing protection if you can't. You can measure ambient sound with your smart phone microphone using the free NIOSH SLM (Sound Level Meter) app. iPhone and Apple Watch users can also set up environmental sound monitoring in the Health app. A note to parents with kids with mobile music players like iPhones – use the maximum volume parental controls that are available on the devices to decrease the chances of hearing damage.

Dr. John Roberts is a member of the Franciscan Physician Network specializing in Family Medicine as well as the Deputy County Health Officer in Montgomery County.

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Beltone I CAN HEAR, BUT I CAN'T UNDERSTAND

Did you know that the earliest sign of hearing difficulty is often the complaint that "I can hear, but I can't understand." While this type of comment may seem contradictory, it makes a lot of sense to the hearing care professionals at Beltone. In an industry that is often confusing to consumers – our goal is to make patients comfortable in a no pressure environment. At Beltone, our hearing screenings and evaluations are always complimentary. We take the time to get to know you and your medical history and explain the results of your evaluation in an easy-to-understand way.

What you can expect at Beltone:
Great hearing devices: Our advanced digital technology gives you speech clarity with minimal background noise.
Customer service: From day one, we established a set of values unlike anything else in the industry – making your health our number one priority.
Exclusive BelCare: Receive a lifetime of care and service for both you and your device.

Hearing aids are not just to help you hear but are critical to improving your brain's ability to decode speech. If hearing loss is left untreated, speech discrimination drops over time. This is because the part of the brain that decodes speech is not getting any exercise. Like a muscle without exercise, the ability to decode speech will deteriorate, but unlike a muscle, in most cases you can't get it back. This is why it's very important to get a hearing aid when you need one, rather than waiting until you can't hear at all.

P.S. We know there are hundreds of hearing aid advertisements out there promising different things. We see the news stories that talk about over-the-counter hearing aids. We can tell you the truth about "cheap" hearing aids—they don't work very well. At Beltone we are dedicated to finding a hearing solution that is right for both you and your budget!

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Commonwealth Engineers, Inc. announces staff promotions

Commonwealth Engineers, Inc. (Commonwealth) announces the promotion of the following staff members in expanded leadership positions.

PROMOTED TO MEMBER OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Robert (Rob) Bellucci, PE, joined Commonwealth Engineers in 1996 after earning a B.S. in Civil Engineering from Purdue University. Rob is a boomerang employee who departed Commonwealth in the early 2000s to pursue engineering opportunities in Florida and was welcomed back in 2015. Rob is a firm Partner and Project Manager, licensed in the State of Indiana, who leads the administration of potable water and wastewater projects and serves as the communications link with clients, contractors, and public authorities. He is also responsible for managing Commonwealth's construction inspection staff.

Commonwealth remains committed to offering the best in service excellence in our industry. Therefore,

as we continue to grow, it has become necessary for the Board of Directors to also expand in the interest of our staff and clients.

Rob's new role as a Board member will mark the first time in Commonwealth's 48-year history that the firm will have more than a three-member Board of Directors. He joins company president Albert Stong, PE, and Vice Presidents Brian Desharnais, PhD, PE, and Toby Church, PE, CEA.

PROMOTED TO MEMBER OF OPERATING COMMITTEE

Theresa Criss-Hartwig joined Commonwealth Engineers in 2009 and served as a Business Development Manager. Theresa is another boomerang employee who left Commonwealth in 2013 to serve as the Indiana Association of Regional Councils director. We welcomed Theresa back in 2018 as our Business Development Director to oversee and execute business development throughout Indiana and Kentucky.

Since her return, Theresa led the Business

Development Team to tremendous success year after year. She is currently a Partner in the firm and has accepted a newly expanded role as a member of the Operating Committee to work in partnership with the Board of Directors to guide the company moving forward. Theresa holds a B.A. in Government and Business Administration from Western Kentucky University.

PROMOTED TO PROJECT MANAGER AND PARTNER

Rachel Runge, PE, joined Commonwealth Engineers in 2010 after earning a B.S. in Civil Engineering from Purdue University. Since that time, Rachel grew in her role as a Project Engineer spearheading the planning, design, and construction engineering of potable water and wastewater projects. Rachel successfully develops designs from the initial engineering concept through post-construction monitoring.

As a Project Manager and Partner, Rachel will continue to lead projects

and mentor other Associates and staff. Rachel is the first female engineer to hold a Partner position with the firm. She is licensed in the State of Indiana and is an active member of the Indiana Water Environmental Association.

PROMOTED TO ASSOCIATES PROGRAM

Dale Gick, PE of the Indianapolis office, and Brian Wilson, PE of the Fort Wayne office, have been promoted to Commonwealth's Associate Program. The Associate Program exists to develop talent within our organization and allows exemplary team members to grow in leadership roles. Commonwealth Associates represent the future of Commonwealth Engineers.

Dale Gick, PE, joined Commonwealth Engineers in 2021 as a senior Project Engineer and Manager to oversee projects involving dams, levees, and stormwater engineering. Since 1995, Dale worked for the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), where he first

started his career with the Water Division, then in the Division of Engineering as the Assistant Director over the Planning and Design Branch. In 2012, he was promoted to the Director of the Division of Engineering. Special accolades include being a part of a team that received the Governor's Public Service Achievement Team Award for the design of an Asian Carp barrier at Eagle Marsh. He was also a 2017 recipient of the Purdue Outstanding Agricultural and Biological Engineering (ABE) Alumni Award. Dale holds a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Engineering from Purdue University.

Brian Wilson, PE, joined Commonwealth Engineers in 2015 after earning a B.S. in Engineering from the University of Southern Indiana. Brian is a Project Engineer whose responsibilities involve the planning and designing of wastewater collections projects. Brian's primary strengths include SWMM modeling on multiple platforms, treatment

plant hydraulic modeling, custom hydraulic analyses, pumping and surge mitigation systems, and combined sewer overflow treatment facilities. He also has in-depth experience with large diameter collection system projects and various installation techniques such as open-cut and trenchless construction methods. Brian is licensed in the State of Indiana and is an active member of Indiana Water Environmental Association (IWEA) and the Water Environment Federation (WEF).

About Commonwealth Engineers, Inc. - Headquartered in Indianapolis, Commonwealth Engineers also has offices in Evansville, Fort Wayne, and Crown Point, IN, and Bowling Green, KY. Since 1974, Commonwealth has been committed to being the most comprehensive environmental engineering and consulting firm. For additional information, visit commonwealthengineers.com or call (317) 888-1177.

Scott Starnes celebrates 35 years with Crawford Industries/Spartech

Scott Starnes will celebrate 35 years of service with Crawford Industries/Spartech January 27th. Scott joined Crawford in January of 1987 as a Screen Washer. Scott worked his way up in the Screening Department, first as an Assistant Operator, then an Operator



Scott Starnes



and now a Lead Screen Press Operator. Other members of Scott's family have worked at Crawford. His dad Charles

Starnes retired from Crawford. His brother Gary Starnes still works at Crawford and alongside him in the Screening Department. Scott and his wife Dee live out at Lake Holiday in Crawfordsville. Scott has one son Austin and a step-daughter Aman-

da Harper (Alex) and 4 grandchildren Camden, Kaiden, Jesse, and Joe. In his spare time he enjoys fishing, radio controlled airplanes. He is a member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) and Sugar Creek Radio Control Flying Club.

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New car prices average \$45k, choose one of these for under \$25k

Average new car prices topped \$45,000 during 2021, but you can buy one of these excellent models for under \$25,000. See if you prefer a hybrid pickup, sporty crossover, or fast-driving compact.

Ford Maverick

The blockbuster Maverick comes standard as a hybrid, achieves 42-MPG city. Or, go for the 250-horsepower turbo-four. Edgy interiors add standard Apple/Android connectivity and automatic emergency braking. Plug into household bed outlets for tailgating. Choose the base hybrid with steel wheels for ultimate value.

Base price: \$19,995

Honda Civic/Hatch

Compact cars still offer incredible value. Civic goes for tailored new styling as a sedan or hatch. Interiors sport a 9" screen, hidden dash vents, and wireless Apple/Android connections. Auto brake is standard. Throttle a 158-horsepower four-cylinder or 180-horsepower turbo-four with available 6-speed manual. Get 31/40-MPG city/hwy.

Base price: \$21,900

Toyota Corolla Cross

Hard to argue with a tall Corolla sporting a bigger trunk. Upscale styling cocoons plush interiors with wireless phone charging, JBL audio, and Amazon Alexa Connectivity. Auto braking, lane keep assist, and radar cruise enhance safety. The perky 169-horsepower four-cylinder engine delivers efficient 31/33-MPG city/highway.

Base price: \$22,195

Chevy Trailblazer

It identifies with an angry grille, squinty lamps, and contrasting color roof. Collision warning with auto brake, lane keep assist, and adaptive cruise are available. Apple

CarPlay, Android Auto, wireless charging, and 4G Wi-Fi connect devices. Base models move with a 137-horsepower turbo-three engine that achieves 29/32-MPG city/hwy.

Base price: \$21,600.

Kia Niro

It's hard to argue with compact crossover space and hybrid efficiency. A stylish exterior surrounds a roomy cabin with space for four plus gear. Throttle a 1.6-liter four-cylinder engine and lithium-ion batteries that generate 139-horsepower and 50-MPG. Base models slip beneath our price cap, but spend more for crash avoidance systems.

Base price: \$24,690

Nissan Kicks

A floating roof, bright colors, and V-shaped grille build excitement. Inside, there's a thick D-shaped steering wheel, 60/40-split rear seats, and standard Apple/Android connectivity. Automatic emergency braking and lane departure warning come standard. Go forth with a 122-horsepower four-cylinder engine that delivers 31/36-MPG city/hwy.

Base price: \$19,700

Volkswagen Taos

Don't spend Audi money for an upscale German crossover. VW's compact combines a spacious interior with sleek rugged style and Autobahn performance from its 1.5-liter four-cylinder engine, rated 158-horsepower and 28/36-MPG city/highway. Interiors are lavished with driver-oriented lay-outs via VW's Digital Cockpit and Wi-Fi.

Base price: \$22,995

Subaru Impreza

The only compact with standard all-wheel-drive employs a 152-horsepower four-cylinder engine and 5-speed

manual transmission for 28/36-MPG city/hwy. Autonomous braking and lane keep assist are standard on automatic transmission models. Apple/Android connectivity, simple touchscreen and one-touch windows are part of the deal.

Base price: \$18,795

Hyundai Venue

Urban dimensions contain an upscale and roomy box with Bluetooth, steering wheel controls, and voice recognition infotainment. Standard 15" alloy wheels put the 1.6-liter four-cylinder engine's 121-horsepower to the road. Fuel economy rates 29/33-MPG city/hwy. Get it with forward collision warning and lane keep assist for safety.

Base price: \$18,900

Mazda3 Sedan

Elegant flowing bodywork fronts Alfa-worthy interiors with dash-mounted screen, voice controls, simple climate knobs, and large analog gauges. Enthusiasts enjoy a spirited 2.0-liter four-cylinder delivering 155-horsepower and 28/36-MPG city/highway. Stay safe with radar cruise, forward collision warning, and lane keep assist.

Base price: \$20,800

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Applications open for next cycle of IAC and TAF arts grants!

The Indiana Arts Commission (IAC) and Tippecanoe Arts Federation

(TAF) have announced applications are open for two annual grant programs that support the arts in our region. Both programs will be administered by the TAF through the IAC's Regional Arts Partnership Program. Nonprofit organizations are encouraged to apply.

Grants will provide funding for general operations or arts programming. Projects for the next cycle of grants will need to occur during the funding period of July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023.

Interested applicants should review the eligibility requirements listed in each program's guidelines document.

Applications for both programs must be submitted through the IAC's online grant system no later than March 9, 2022.

For more information or assistance with your grant application, please contact TAF's Chief Operating Officer Ann Fields Moni-

cal at coo@tippecanoearts.org or (765) 423-2787.

- Arts Project Support Grant Program

Info Session & Application Webinar:

Feb. 8, 2 p.m. (EST)

Arts Project Support grants provide funding to nonprofit organizations to support a specific part of the organization's arts activities, such as a one-time event, a single production, an exhibition, an educational workshop, or a series of related arts activities such as art classes or training sessions. Read More >>

- Arts Organization Support Grant Program

Info Session & Application Webinar:

Feb. 9, 2 p.m. (EST)

Arts Organization Support grants provide annual operating support for the ongoing artistic and administrative functions of nonprofit arts organizations. Please note that if your organization is an FY22 AOS program

grantee, you do not need to apply this year.

First-time applicants to the Arts Organization Support program must submit the Eligibility Questionnaire portion of the application in the IAC's online grant system before Jan. 18, 2022.

About the Tippecanoe Arts Federation

The Tippecanoe Arts Federation is the umbrella organization and arts council for 14 counties. TAF provides educational opportunities in the visual, performing, and literary arts, outreach programs for both underserved and youth, and funding for capital and operational expenses to fellow arts organizations region wide. Established in 1976, the Tippecanoe Arts Federation serves as a model for arts advocacy by promoting the role of the arts within our region. More information is available at TippecanoeArts.org.

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