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2022 Olympic Medal Count: Who Won The Most Medals, And How The U.S. Fared In Beijing



Kaillie Humphries - Women's Monobob



Nathan Chen - Men's Figure Skating



Alexander Hall - Men's Freeski Slopestyle



Lindsey Jacobellis - Women's Snowboard Cross



Erin Jackson - Women's 500m Speedskating



Chloe Kim - Women's Snowboard Halfpipe



USA - Mixed Team Aerials



USA - Mixed Team Snowboard Cross

Photos courtesy of International Olympic Committee

The United States won eight gold medals in the 2022 Winter Olympics

The 2022 Winter Olympics have ended in Beijing, and one country enjoyed a clear advantage in the final medal count.

Medal history has been made in more ways than one during the Winter Games.

Norway broke the record for most gold medals at a single Olympic Winter Games and, most recently, Elana Meyers Taylor earned her fifth Olympic medal, making her the most decorated African American Winter Olympian.

At the 2022 Games there were 109 gold medals in total, up from 102 in Pyeongchang four years ago and a far cry from the 16 on offer at the first Winter Olympics at Chamonix in 1924.

The United States came to Beijing with the second-most Winter Olympics medals with 305.

Over 300 medals were awarded to Olympians participating in the 2022 Winter Games. With 15 sports and 109 events, ranging from skiing to bobsledding to figure skating, world-class athletes will go for gold during a two-week global competition on the grandest stage.

Here are the top nations in the final medal count:

1. Norway - 37 (16 gold, 8

2. ROC - 32 (6 gold, 12 silver, 14 bronze)
3. Germany - 27 (12 gold, 10 silver, 5 bronze)
3. Canada - 26 (4 gold, 8 silver, 14 bronze)
5. United States - 25 (8 gold, 10 silver, 7 bronze)

Norway not only broke the record for most gold medals in a single Olympics with 16, but also defeated the Russian Olympic Committee in the total medal count with 37.

The Russian Olympic Committee had the second-most medals with 32, winning the silver medal in men's hockey to finish up the Olympics.

How did Team USA Do?

The United States ultimately won eight gold medals, with those prizes going to:

- Kaillie Humphries - Women's Monobob
- Nathan Chen - Men's Figure Skating
- Alexander Hall - Men's Freeski Slopestyle
- Lindsey Jacobellis - Women's Snowboard Cross
- Erin Jackson - Women's 500m Speedskating
- Chloe Kim - Women's Snowboard Halfpipe
- USA - Mixed Team Aerials
- USA - Mixed Team Snowboard Cross

The U.S. had to endure five days of grueling competition - with some disappointing upsets - to finally bring home its first gold medal in the Olympics.

Lindsey Jacobellis slid to victory in the women's snowboard cross, putting an end to Team USA's gold-less streak at the Winter Olympics in Beijing.

Snowboarder Julia Marino won the United States' first medal on Saturday, but it was not gold. Madison Chock and Evan Bates added another silver medal to the team's count after their stunning galactic-themed ice dance Sunday night.

Jaelin Kauf won the Olympic silver behind Australia's Jakara Anthony during the women's moguls finals, and Ryan Cochran-Siegle clinched another silver medal, adding to the USA's total count, in men's super-G, on Tuesday.

Jessie Diggins secured the fifth medal for Team USA - the bronze in women's individual sprint, cross-country skiing. She made history here, becoming the first American to win a medal in the cross-country skiing individual sprint event.

Nathan Chen earned gold in the men's singles figure skating competition at the 2022 Winter Games. He clinched the title by receiving a 332.60 total score,

giving him a 22.55-point victory over silver-winning Yuma Kagiya of Japan.

Chloe Kim wasted no time showing off why she is the reigning gold medalist as she blew the competition away with her first run of the final halfpipe event - securing her spot at the top of the podium and women's halfpipe history.

The United States won the first-ever Olympic gold medal in the mixed teams aerial event at the Winter Olympics.

The trio of Ashley Caldwell, Chris Lillis and Justin Schoenefeld scored a total of 338.34, beating out China for the gold. It's the first gold medal in aerial freestyle skiing for the U.S. since 1998.

Mixed team snowboard cross made its Olympic debut at the 2022 Beijing Games and Team USA also won the first-ever gold medal in the event.

Erin Jackson ended a medal-less day for the U.S. on Sunday with her win in the 500-meter final.

Megan Nick scored bronze in women's aerials early Monday morning, Kaillie Humphries won the first-ever gold in the women's monobob and teammate Elana Meyers Taylor joined her on the podium with a silver medal and American

duo Madison Hubbell and Zach Donohue earned bronze in the ice dance event.

Team USA scored a bronze in the men's speed skating team pursuit, marking a surprising finish for the world record holders.

Team USA then had a 1-2 punch atop the men's freestyle slopestyle podium. Hall earned gold and Geopfer earned silver.

Team USA fell short in the women's ice hockey gold medal match, losing 3-2 to Canada Wednesday night to earn silver in Beijing.

American Brittany Bowe then captured that elusive individual medal, winning bronze in the women's 1000m speed skating race.

The men's freestyle skiing halfpipe podium at the 2022 Beijing Olympics featured not one but two U.S. skiers.

Team USA's David Wise and Alex Ferreira took one spot each, with Wise winning silver and Ferreira taking bronze.

Elana Meyers Taylor made history on Saturday, becoming the most decorated African American Winter Olympian with five medals when she won bronze in the two-woman bobsled with a combined time of 4:05.48 alongside Sylvia Hoffman.

TODAY'S QUOTE

"Everyone has inside of him a piece of good news. The good news is that you don't know how great you can be! How much you can love! What you can accomplish! And what your potential is!"
Anne Frank

TODAY'S JOKE

There's a man with a shovel. What's his name?
Doug.

TODAY'S VERSE

1 Corinthians 13:13 So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love. (ESV)

TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Three out of four child car safety seats are installed incorrectly. Call your local fire department to arrange to have them check the installation.
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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We're just hours away from March! Better weather... March Madness... My taxes are done... Yippee!



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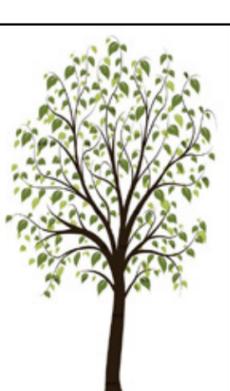
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Obituaries

Sunday, Feb. 27, 2022

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Barbara Jean Hunsicker Odle

Oct. 5, 1934 - Feb. 21, 2022

Barbara passed away early Monday morning surrounded by family at her home on Lake Holiday, Crawfordsville, Ind.

She was born Oct. 5, 1934 in Crawfordsville to the late Russell Dale Hunsicker and Ramona Pearl Spencer Hunsicker.

She was a 1952 graduate of Linden High School and went on to graduate from Purdue University in 1956 in Home Economics. She met Morris Odle at Purdue and they were married on July 1, 1956. They were happily married for 65 years, raised four children and farmed in the Linden area prior to retiring. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She enjoyed bridge, creating fine glass artwork and experiencing foreign cultures with her husband.

Survivors include her husband, Morris, four children, Jeanna Gutierrez, Jill Odle Gomez, Scott Odle (Karin) and Bruce Odle (Jamie); 13 grandchildren, Marco Gomez (Marissa), Jorge Evan Gutierrez (Arianna), Benjamin Gomez (Lucia), Jonathan Gutierrez (Jennifer), David Odle, Jared Gutierrez (Kristen), Dexter Odle, Lauren Odle, Olivia Odle, Dawson Odle, Alexandra Odle; and two great-grandchildren, Chiara Gomez and Grace Gutierrez; brother Dick Hunsicker (Judy); brother-in-law, Karl Moser and sister-in-law, Marilyn Cooperider.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Donald Hunsicker; sister, Joan Moser; in-laws, Rex and Jayne Odle and Wendell Cooperider.

Services are scheduled to be held at the Hunt & Sons Funeral Home, 107 N. Grant Avenue, Crawfordsville, IN 47933 on Saturday, Feb. 26, 2022. The calling is from 1-3 p.m., funeral at 3 p.m., with a graveside service to follow at the Linden Cemetery.

Memorial donations can be made to: Greater Indiana Chapter Alzheimer Association at 50 E 91st St. #100 Indianapolis, IN 46240 or Montgomery County Community Foundation, in memory of Barbara Odle, 119 E. Main St. Crawfordsville, IN 47933

Mary Lewis

March 20, 1938 - Feb. 18, 2022

Mary Elizabeth Lewis of Crawfordsville passed away Friday morning at Hickory Creek. She was 83.

Born March 20, 1938 in Indianapolis, she was the daughter of Chester Arthur Peterson and Mary Lucille Huddleson Peterson.

She graduated from Greencastle High School. She was a social person, who liked to play cards and all types of games. She was a member of the Eagles, Moose and American Legion Auxiliary.

She is survived by her daughter, Lisa Lewis of Crawfordsville; and her friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and a brother, Robert Peterson.

A celebration of life will be held later this year. Details will be announced as they become available. Cremation arrangements were made through Burkhardt Funeral Home.

Helen Loraine Harbison Swearingen

Sept. 6, 1926 - Feb. 23, 2022

Helen Loraine Harbison Swearingen, 95, passed away on Feb. 23, 2022 at Wellbrooke, surrounded by family.

She was born Sept. 6, 1926 in Putnam County to Raymond & Frances (Sewell) Harbison.

She graduated from Waveland High School in 1944. She attended and graduated from Indiana Business College in 1945. She married Richard (Dick) Swearingen on April 21, 1946 in Russellville. They were happily married for 52 years before Dick's passing in 1998. They settled into their home on Englewood Drive, where they raised their four children.

She started a catering business with her friend, Doris Remley, in 1961, worked for the Journal Review, Indiana Printing, Larry Cummins Olds and retired from Horner Pontiac at the young age of 83. She was a member at Wesley Chapel and Darlington Congregational Christian Church and belonged to the Women's Joy Fellowship.

Her goal in life was to always let Jesus shine through her actions and deeds. She was also an avid sports fan, loving her Indiana Hoosiers Men's Basketball Teams and enjoyed watching her grandchildren and great grandchildren play in all of their athletic events.

Survivors include her four children, Don (Deb) Swearingen, Gwyn (John) Lyons, Kaye Francis and Paul "Buster" (Denise) Swearingen, all of Crawfordsville; 13 grandchildren, Kari Lyons Beattie, Cari Fruits Wolter (Pat), Julie Nelson Hess (Chad), Craig Swearingen (Amber), Mindy Fruits Kenney (Kevin), Ross Douglas (Kerrie), Danielle Francis, DJ Carkuff-Corey (Katy), Aaron Swearingen (Crystal), Chrissy Lyons Claycomb (Chris), Leslie Francis Peacock (Brandon), Tyler Lyons and Samantha Swearingen Cravens (Nate); 26 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson. She is also survived by her brother, Robert Harbison (Mischa); nieces and nephews; and dear friend, Karen Bray.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dick; parents, Raymond and Frances Harbison; brother, Lowell Harbison; and sister-in-law, Virginia Harbison.

Services are scheduled at Hunt & Son Funeral Home, 107 N. Grant Ave., Crawfordsville, on Monday, Feb. 28. Visitation is scheduled from 12 to 2 p.m., with funeral services at 2 p.m. A graveside service will follow at the Oak Hill Cemetery.

Memorial donations can be made to the Montgomery County Community Foundation (fund of your choice), 119 E Main St., Crawfordsville IN 47933 or the Peyton Manning Children's Hospital through the St. Vincent Foundation - 8402 Harcourt Rd, Ste 210, Indianapolis, IN 46260.



Charlie McCraey

June 20, 1946 - Feb. 17, 2022

Charles "Charlie" Parker McCraey passed away peacefully Thursday, Feb. 17th at Willow Tree Manor Nursing Home in Charles Town, West Virginia. He was 75 years old.

He was born June 20, 1946 to Charles Arthur McCraey and Betty Jo (Todd) McCraey in Crawfordsville, Ind.

He married Ann Littrell in North Salem, Indiana and they later divorced.

Survivors include a son, Darren of York, S.C.; step-daughter, Kimberly Ryan of Charleston, S.C.; grandchildren, Ashley, Hannah, Braeden and Leo with a new grandson on the way; great-grandson, Wyatt; caregiver and friend, Vicky Toms, and her daughter, Devon Moutran of Brunswick, Md.; sisters, Jean Lander of Crossville, Tenn., Phyllis Taylor and Jackie Apple of Crawfordsville, as well as Judi Stewart of Alexandria, Ind.; along with several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and step-dad, Sherman Stewart.

Cremation has taken place with no visitation. A memorial will be held later in the Spring, details will be announced as they become available.



Patricia A Delano

Jan. 15, 1934 - Feb. 20, 2022

Patricia A Delano, 88, Crawfordsville, passed away Feb. 20, 2022 at Franciscan Health St. Elizabeth Crawfordsville.

She was born on Jan. 15, 1934 in Montgomery County to Lori and May (Hershberger) Redenbaugh.

She married Loyal "Buzzy" Delano on June 27, 1952 and he survives.

She had worked earlier at the shirt factory, Country Club Kitchen, New Market Drug Store and Southmont Kitchen. She enjoyed camping, gardening, fishing and quilting.

Survivors include her husband; her children, James (Diana) Delano, Jack (Cindy) Delano, Lora Oppy and Barb (Jeff) Bickel; grandchildren, Rebecca Delano, Donnie Delano, Stephanie Bayless, Emily (Jonathon) Murphy, Bryce (Julia) Oppy, Ethan (Kierstin) Oppy, Lauren Bickel and Elizabeth Bickel; along with several great-grandchildren.

Funeral services are scheduled to be held at 2 p.m. Friday with Pastor Tony Roe officiating and visitation will begin at noon. Burial will follow at Indian Creek Hill Cemetery. Condolences may be left at www.huntandson.com



Paula Joyce Deck Rogers

June 4, 1935 - Feb. 22, 2022

Paula Joyce Deck Rogers, 86, Crawfordsville, passed away at 4:05 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2022 in Franciscan Health Hospital, Crawfordsville, following a short illness.

She was born in New London, Wis., June 4, 1935 to the late Daniel W. and Rachel B. French Deck.

She married John Russell Rogers in Alvin, Ill. June 12, 1960 and he preceded her in death April 5, 1989.

She was a graduate of Rossville-Alvin, IL High School and went on to business college, where she was trained and became a medical transcriptionist. She was first employed as a medical transcriptionist by Culver Union Hospital in Crawfordsville in 1972 and worked in the subsequent mergers of the hospital until 2004.

She was an active member of Liberty Chapel Church, where she was involved in Ladies Aid and Nite Owls. She was also involved in Near & Far Home Ec. Club and 4Ms Sewing Club. She enjoyed garage sales, sewing, gardening and lawn work, especially mowing. She was a fan of Purdue and IU basketball. She had a strong faith, which was apparent and a source of comfort to her family as her health failed. She was unable to attend college and was proud to have been able to assist her grandchildren with their college expenses.

Survivors include two daughters, Kimberlee (David) Horn of Crawfordsville and Michelle (Jon) Stafford of Danville, Ind.; a son, Brad (Teresa) Rogers of Crawfordsville; a brother, Bernard (Barbara) Deck of Williamsport; brother-in-law, Johnny Buch of Monee, Ill.; and grandchildren, Stefan Rogers, James Horn, Elise (David) Stafford Graber, Brady (Hunter) Rogers, Zack (Ana) Horn, Ben (Brooke) Stafford and Joshua (Bethany) Horn. Many nieces and nephews also survive.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; grandson, Curtis Stafford; and sister, Jacqueline Buch.

Visitation hours are scheduled 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., with funeral services following at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 1, 2022 with Pastor Allen Sparks officiating, at Liberty Chapel Church (3942 W 500 N Crawfordsville, IN 47933). Private family interment at New Ross Cemetery.

The family requests memorials be directed to Liberty Chapel Church, with envelopes available at the service or mail to address above. Family and Friends Funeral Home of Wingate is assisting the family. Visit us online at www.familyandfriendsfh.com to sign the guest book or leave a condolence.

Charles 'Chuck' Ray Bair

Feb. 23, 2022

Charles 'Chuck' Ray Bair, 55, Wingate, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2022 in the Sidney & Lois Eskenazi Hospital, Indianapolis as the result of a vehicle fire.

Arrangements are incomplete at Family and Friends Funeral Home of Wingate.

Mary Elizabeth Klutzke

Oct. 1, 1929 - Feb. 13, 2022

Mary Elizabeth Wildman Klutzke, 92, rural Wingate, passed away in her home on Sunday, Feb. 13, 2022 following a period of failing health.

She was born Mary Elizabeth Wildman to Fenton and Pauline (Greve) Wildman at their home in Newtown, Oct. 1, 1929.

She married Robert Benjamin Klutzke at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Lafayette on May 8, 1948. They were married 71 years.

She was the middle child of 11. She grew up in Fountain County on a farm between Mellott and Newtown, and attended Richland Township High School until her senior year when her family moved to Greenhill. She graduated from Otterbein High School and she met her future husband who had attended rival school Montmorenci. After graduating in 1947 she worked at the Purdue Dairy Barn for a couple of years. She and Bob helped his dad work the family farm south of Lafayette in Tippecanoe County, then moved to a farm near Romney for a couple of years. In 1962 they purchased and moved to their own farm outside of Wingate in Fountain County.

Survivors include her seven children, Ken (Rosann) Klutzke of Roseville, Minn., Christine Setze of Muncie, Jerry (Mary) Klutzke of Wichita, Kan., Barbara Meihls of Lafayette, Larry (Jane) Klutzke of Carmel, Dennis (Robin) Klutzke of Greenwood and Carl (Karen) Klutzke of Carmel. She had 18 grandchildren (although she considered their spouses her grandchildren too) and 22 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by one sister, Catherine Hampton of Crawfordsville; plus sister-in-laws, Sue Wildman and Evelyn Hanover; as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Robert; her siblings, Marge West, Ralph Wildman, Viola Talbott Weigle, James Wildman, Rena Wildman (at age 5), Charles Wildman, William Wildman, Ethel Holland and Thomas Philo Wildman; plus son-in-laws, Peter Setze and Donald Meihls.

Visitation hours are scheduled 5 - 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, 2022 and funeral services are 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, 2022 at Family and Friends Funeral Home of Wingate. The Rosary will be recited at 7:30 p.m. on Friday. Father Michael Bower from St Bernard Catholic Church Crawfordsville will officiate the funeral. Burial will follow at Greenlawn Cemetery, Wingate.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Fountain County 4-H Council, 301 Fourth Street, Covington, IN 47932 or Riley Children's Foundation, PO Box 3356, Indianapolis, IN 46206.

Paul C. Evans

Aug. 19, 1935 - Feb. 18, 2022

Paul C. Evans, 86, Crawfordsville, passed away Feb. 18th at Franciscan Health Et. Elizabeth in Crawfordsville.

He was born in Speedway on Aug. 19, 1935. He married Veda Jones and she survives.

Survivors include his children; David (Gail) Shugart, Dennis (Sara) Evans, Kimberly (Carl) Bryant and Bethony Evans; grandchildren, Tyler, Brianna, Tucker and Justin; and great grandchildren, Aneesa, Teersa, Mason, Matthew, Landyn and Brantley.

He was preceded in death by his first wife Dorothy Miles along with his beloved dog, Taz. Also preceding him are brothers, Herman and Floyd Evans; granddaughter, Nastasha.

Funeral services are scheduled at 11 a.m. Thursday, with Pastor Keith Jones officiating at Hunt & Son Funeral Home with a visitation on Wednesday from 4-6 p.m. Burial will follow at Bethany Cemetery near Marshall.

William "Bill" Howard Claycomb

March 14, 1936 - Feb. 18, 2022

William "Bill" Howard Claycomb, 85, Zephyrhills, Fla., formerly of Ladoga, Ind. went to his heavenly home on the afternoon of Friday, Feb. 18th, 2022 at his residence.

He was born on March 14, 1936 in Odell, Ind. to the late Virgil and Nellie (Stine) Claycomb.

He married Clara Marie (Johnson); the love of his life; on Sept. 4, 1954, she preceded him in death on July 20, 2004.

He started Bills Welding and Equipment Repair in Ladoga, Ind. at the age of 20 years old. Over time, his business would be in four shop locations covering two states. He worked until his health no longer allowed at the age of 83. Throughout that time he consistently maintained the same business slogan, "We Fix Everything But The Crack Of Dawn". It is then to be expected, he would be called to place a new weld on the gates to Heaven.

In his early years Mr. Claycomb enjoyed camping, fly fishing, square dancing, but most of all golf. Each morning at 5 a.m., he could be found at his favorite local restaurant gossiping with the locals and enjoying his favorite meal of the day; breakfast.

Survivors include his brother, James "Jim" (Betty) Claycomb; children, Linda (Jesse) Webb, Larry Claycomb and Kimala (Valo) Sanchez; eleven grandchildren; twenty-eight great grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; and brother, Virgil A. "VA" Claycomb.

Funeral Service will be 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 26, 2022 at Servies & Morgan Funeral Home, 203 North Washington Street, Ladoga, Indiana 46172. Burial will follow in New Ross Cemetery. Friends may gather with the family for visitation at the funeral home from 11 a.m. until time of service on Saturday. Servies & Morgan Funeral Homes has been entrusted with Bill's funeral arrangements.



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Facts & Fun

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Delaware

Number Stumpers

1. How many schools are there in total in Muncie?
2. How long ago was the discovery of natural gas in Indiana?
3. What is the population density of Muncie?
4. How old is Delaware County?

Answers: 1. 24 Schools 2. 142 Years 3. About 2556 people per sq. mi. 4. 191 Years

Did You Know?

- Delaware County was founded in 1827 and has a population of 117, 671 individuals.
- Muncie, the county seat, is home to Ball State University along with eleven elementary schools, six middle schools and six high schools.
- Delaware County has a total water area of 3.78 square miles.
- The first discovery of natural gas in Indiana occurred in 1876 in the county's town, Eaton.
- Muncie has a total population of 70, 085 and a land area of 27.41 square miles.

Got Words?

Being home to Ball State University, Delaware County is a vibrant, attractive location with numerous art galleries, museums and theaters. In your opinion, how do you think colleges impact the culture of small towns?

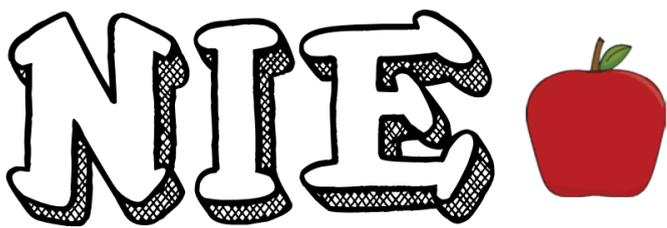
Word Scrambler

Unscramble the words below!

1. LABL TSAET
2. ATULRAN SGA
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BBB Scam Alert: Protecting Yourself From Tax Scams

Tax scams are among the most stubborn cons out there. They reappear often, each time with a slightly different spin. The main theme is scammers posing as the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) trying to trick people into either paying up or sharing personal information.

IRS Impersonation Scams

These scams most often start with a phone call and take two basic forms. In the first version, the IRS "agent" says you owe back taxes and pressures you into paying by prepaid debit card or wire transfer. If you don't comply, the scammer threatens you with arrest and fines. In the other version, scammers claim they are issuing tax refunds and ask you for personal information so they can send your refund. This information can later be used for identity theft. Scammers also use this approach to target college students by claiming a "federal student tax" has not been paid. You are pressured to

act quickly. Scammers typically try to push you into action before you have time to think. The IRS will give you the chance to ask questions or appeal what you owe. Also, their first contact with you will always be by mail, not phone or email. Payment must be made by wire transfer, prepaid debit card, or other non-traditional payment methods. These methods are largely untraceable and non-reversible. The IRS will never demand immediate payment, require a specific form of payment, or ask for credit card or debt card numbers over the phone.

In the U.S., the IRS may call you about outstanding debts after reaching out by mail. See BBB's tips on IRS calls to tell if the IRS is really calling or if you are talking to a scammer.

Tax Identity Theft Scams

Another tax scam to look out for is tax identity theft. This occurs when a scammer uses your government-issued identity number (Social Security

number) to file a tax return in your name and collect your refund. It can also be someone using your information to get a job. Consumers don't usually realize they have been victims of tax identity theft until they get a written notice from the IRS saying that more than one tax return was filed, or they were paid by an employer they don't know. Learn more about tax ID theft scams.

Email Phishing Scams

The emails appear to be from the IRS and include a link to a bogus web site intended to mirror the official IRS web site. These emails contain the direction "you are to update your IRS e-file immediately." The emails sometimes mention USA.gov and IRSgov (without a dot between "IRS" and "gov") Don't get scammed. These emails are not from the IRS.

Tips to Avoid Tax Scams

- The best way to avoid tax identity theft is to file your taxes as early

as possible. File before a scammer has the chance to use your information to file a fake return.

- In the U.S., jot down your Identity Protection PIN (IP PIN) from the IRS before you file your return. This is a six-digit number, which, in addition to your Social Security number, confirms your identity. It is important to note that you cannot opt-out once you get an IP PIN. So once you apply, you must provide the IP PIN each year when you file your federal tax returns. The IRS will provide your IP PIN online and then send you a new IP PIN each December by postal mail. Visit the IRS for more information about the program. Read BBB's tips about the IRS PIN.

- The IRS does not initiate contact with taxpayers by email, text message or social media to request personal or financial information. This includes requests for PIN numbers, passwords or similar access information

for credit cards, banks or other financial accounts.

- Only deal with trustworthy tax preparation services. For many people, major life changes, business ownership, or simply a lack of knowledge about the ever-changing tax laws make finding a trustworthy tax preparer a good idea. That said, not all tax preparers have the same level of experience and training. See our tips for finding the right tax preparer for you.

- Check out websites carefully and make sure you are accessing the real IRS website when filing your taxes electronically or inquiring for additional information.

- If you are the victim of tax identity theft, contact the IRS at 1-800-908-4490. You should also file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) at ftc.gov/complaint or by calling 1-877-FTC-HELP. The FTC also offers a personalized identity theft recovery plan at identity-theft.gov.

- If you get tax infor-

mation delivered electronically from your employer or other entity, treat that information carefully.

Download it onto a password-protected computer.

For More Information Visit our Tax tips and resources page.

To report a tax scam, go to BBB Scam Tracker. To learn how to protect yourself, go to "10 Steps to Avoid Scams."

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Indiana Donor Network, Medigo Partner To Improve Organ Transportation

Indiana Donor Network has partnered with a national logistics and communications company to technologically enhance how organ donations are transported locally, regionally and nationally.

Baltimore-based MediGO provides cutting-edge tracking capabilities and critical data collection throughout the transport process to predict an accurate time of arrival at a hospital or transplant center. In real time, the platform informs Indiana Donor Network of changes to a delivery's timeline so all involved in the transport and transplant process can better manage resources and improve chances of successful organ and tissue transplantation.

When Indiana Donor Network prepares organs and tissue for transport, information is populated into the MediGO platform, giving everyone involved access to critical information about the delivery. The information, available via a web application, includes GPS tracking, traffic and weather conditions, best and alternative travel routes, delays and more. The system also provides real-time map updates.

"MediGO's platform significantly enhances our ability to know where an organ is at all times and get real-time updates to

transplant center staff. This improves communication among teams, results in better organ recipient outcomes and ultimately helps us save more lives," said Sherry Quire, director of organ services at Indiana Donor Network.

Indiana Donor Network currently utilizes 15 MediGO tracking devices to monitor organs in transit throughout the state.

Indiana Donor Network joins a growing list of organ procurement organizations to innovate tracking and communication during organ shipments.

"The success of human organ transplants is measured in seconds and minutes, and every person and vehicle involved in moving these organs is an added layer of risk standing between a lifesaving surgery," said Scott Plank, co-founder and CEO, MediGO. "The MediGO OPO Delivery Management platform manages this complex chain of custody and complex mode of transportation for urgent medical cargo. We are proud to partner with the Indiana Donor Network to make an impact on improving healthcare outcomes."

Despite age or medical history, anyone can sign up to be a donor online at DonateLifeIndiana.org. Learn more about Indiana Donor

Network online.

Indiana Donor Network's mission is to save and enhance the quality of life through organ, tissue and eye donation and transplantation. Its vision is to be a leader in organ and tissue recovery. Founded in 1987, the organization coordinates donation in 85 of the state's 92 counties and serves Indiana's hospitals and transplant centers nationwide. With headquarters in Indianapolis, the organization also has offices in Fort Wayne, South Bend and Evansville and staff throughout the state.

ABOUT INDIANA DONOR NETWORK

The decision to become an organ, tissue and eye donor is a decision to give the gift of life. Indiana Donor Network serves as the vital link between donors and patients waiting for life-saving organ transplants, healing tissue and corneas to restore sight. The organization is a federally designated organ recovery organization and accredited tissue bank serving 85 of Indiana's 92 counties. Its team of more than 250 dedicated professionals is committed to saving and healing lives through donation and transplantation, championing the cause through education and outreach and supporting donor families in their time of

need. For more or to sign up as a donor, visit IndianaDonorNetwork.org.

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ABOUT DONATE LIFE INDIANA

Since 1998, Donate Life Indiana has been the state-authorized nonprofit organization responsible for managing the Indiana donor registry. Its mission is to save lives by creating opportunities for all Indiana citizens to sign up on the organization's official state registry while striving to raise awareness for organ, eye and tissue donation and transplantation through public education. For more, visit DonateLifeIndiana.org.

ABOUT MEDIGO

MediGO is an industry-leading logistics platform that enables real-time management of time-sensitive medical shipments on a centralized communication channel. With newfound supply chain transparency, care teams can be proactive in unifying stakeholders, coordinating resources and making vital decisions to deliver care at the speed of life. MediGO is a portfolio company within JSP Ventures. For more, visit MediGO.org.

Rokita Assists Hoosiers Victimized By Hackers Following Donations

Attorney General Todd Rokita is helping protect Hoosiers impacted by hackers who infiltrated a crowdfunding website that was facilitating donations to the Freedom Convoy.

Hackers broke into the GiveSendGo website earlier this month and obtained records of online donations to the Freedom Convoy — a group of truckers and other pro-liberty individuals protesting COVID-19 vaccine mandates and other restrictions. The demonstrators have rallied at several U.S.-Canada border crossings and elsewhere.

A database containing donors' names, zip codes and emails became publicly available as a result of the hack.

"Our data privacy team sprang into action and identified Hoosier victims," Attorney General Rokita said. "We are emailing them to put them on notice and advise them on steps they should take at this juncture to protect themselves — and we are standing ready to assist them further however we can."

Of approximately 92,000 donors, Attorney

General Rokita's team has identified 519 Indiana residents who donated a total of \$27,524.

Most demonstrators affiliated with the Freedom Convoy have simply participated in the time-honored tradition of peaceful protest, Attorney General Rokita said.

"The hackers' primary objective is to squelch free speech through their harassment and intimidation of the protesters," Attorney General Rokita said. "But Hoosiers will not be silenced from speaking out in defense of their liberties, whether through direct participation in rallies or through contributing resources to fellow patriots staging the demonstrations."

Attorney General Rokita's team continues to investigate this breach and the subsequent use of the data. A Canadian hacker has claimed responsibility for this incident.

Anyone who believes their personal information has been compromised — through any type of breach or scam — should file a complaint at indianaconsumer.com or call Attorney General Rokita at 1-800-382-5516.



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Deliciously Healthy Dishes from Sweet to Savory

FAMILY FEATURES

Supplementing meals and snacks with powerful, versatile ingredients can take healthy eating from bland and boring to delicious and adventurous.

Take your breakfasts, appetizers, dinners and desserts to new heights while maintaining nutrition goals with naturally nutritious and surprisingly versatile California Prunes. Rich and smooth with an ability to enhance both sweet and savory flavors, they can expand your menu with nearly endless powerful pairing options.

One serving of 4-5 prunes packs a powerful punch of vitamins, minerals, antioxidants and fiber. Together, these nutrients form a web of vital functions that support overall health.

Whole, diced or pureed, the versatility of prunes allows you to enhance the flavor of recipes from morning to night in dishes like Citrus Breakfast Toast, which brings together vitamin B6 and copper from prunes and vitamin C from citrus to support a healthy immune system.

Try Caramelized Onion, Mozzarella, Prune and Thyme Flatbreads for a tasty family meal, and while you wait for dinner to cook, you can serve up Prune, Mozzarella and Basil Skewers. These easy appetizers provide several key nutrients. Mozzarella is a good source of calcium and prunes provide vitamin K and copper, all of which support overall bone health.

Make dessert a bit better for you but equally delectable with a vegan option like gluten-free, plant-based Prune and Almond Truffles. The soluble fiber in prunes helps lower serum cholesterol and blunt the effects of excessive sodium in the diet. Nuts like almonds provide good fats that help lower the risk for heart disease.

Find more recipe ideas at CaliforniaPrunes.org.



Caramelized Onion, Mozzarella, Prune and Thyme Flatbreads

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Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 1 hour, 30 minutes
Yield: 4 flatbreads

Caramelized Onions:

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/2 cup butter
- 6 large yellow sweet onions, sliced into thin half circles
- 3 sprigs fresh thyme
- coarse kosher salt, to taste

Flatbreads:

- 4 personal flatbreads
- 1 cup caramelized onions
- 4 ounces fresh mozzarella
- 10 California Prunes, diced small
- 1 tablespoon fresh thyme leaves
- sea salt, to taste
- coarsely ground black pepper, to taste

To make caramelized onions: Preheat oven to 400 F. In large stockpot over medium-low heat, warm oil and melt butter. Add onions and cover; cook 20-25 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add

thyme sprigs and season with salt, to taste; turn pan lid slightly ajar. Place pot in oven 1 hour, stirring occasionally.

To make flatbreads: Preheat oven to broil. On sheet pan, toast flatbreads under broiler 4 minutes, or until toasted, flipping halfway through.

Spread 1/4 cup of caramelized onions over each toasted flatbread. Refrigerate leftover onions.

Tear mozzarella and place over onions. Divide prunes among flatbreads and place flatbreads under broiler 4-6 minutes until cheese has melted and is beginning to brown.

Sprinkle flatbreads with fresh thyme and season with salt and pepper, to taste.



Citrus Breakfast Toast

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Prep time: 13 minutes
Cook time: 2 minutes
Servings: 2

Prune Puree:

- 16 ounces pitted California Prunes
- 1/2 cup hot water
- 1 large citrus fruit, peels and piths removed with knife, sliced into rounds
- 1 1/2 tablespoons raw sugar
- 4 tablespoons sunflower butter
- 2 slices whole-grain sourdough bread, toasted to desired darkness
- 2 tablespoons prune puree
- 1 tablespoon sunflower seeds
- 2 California Prunes, finely diced

To make prune puree: In blender, pulse prunes and water to combine then blend until smooth, pourable consistency forms, scraping sides, if necessary.

Store in airtight container up to 4 weeks.

To make bruleed citrus wheels: Place citrus wheels on baking sheet and divide sugar evenly among each piece.

Using circular motion, pass flame of culinary torch repeatedly over sugar until it boils and turns lightly charred and amber.

To build toast: Spread 2 tablespoons sunflower butter on each piece of toast. Top each with 1 tablespoon prune puree spread evenly across sunflower butter. Sprinkle each evenly with sunflower seeds and diced prunes. Top each with half bruleed citrus and serve.

Alteration: Use broiler set on high instead of culinary torch to caramelize sugar.

Prune and Almond Truffles

Recipe courtesy of Meg of "This Mess is Ours"

Prep time: 45 minutes
Servings: 24

Water

- 1 cup California Prunes
- 1 1/2 cups toasted slivered almonds, divided
- 1/4 teaspoon coarse kosher salt, plus additional, to taste, divided
- 1 tablespoon cocoa powder
- 1 1/2 tablespoons vanilla paste or extract
- 1/4 teaspoon almond extract

Boil water and pour over prunes. Soak 30 minutes; drain.

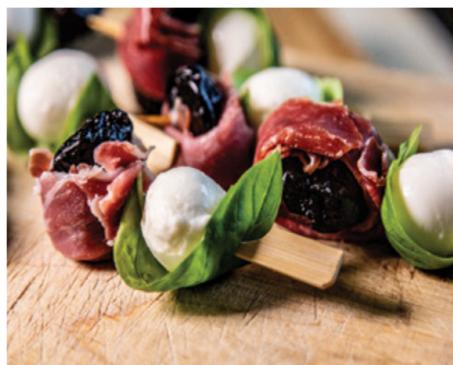
In food processor fitted with "S" blade, pulse 1/2 cup toasted almonds with salt, to taste, until fine crumbs form. Transfer to shallow bowl and set aside.

Add remaining almonds to food processor with 1/4 teaspoon salt and cocoa powder. Pulse 30 seconds to combine. Add prunes, vanilla paste and almond extract; process until combined. Mixture should be creamy with slight texture from almond crumbs. Transfer prune mixture to bowl and refrigerate 1 hour.

Once chilled, use small cookie scoop to portion out individual truffles on parchment-lined baking sheet. Gently roll each truffle in reserved toasted almond crumbs. Store on parchment-lined plate in refrigerator up to 2 weeks. Serve chilled.



Prune and Almond Truffles



Prune, Mozzarella and Basil Skewers

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Prep time: 5 minutes
Servings: 5

- 5 pieces prosciutto, halved lengthwise (optional)
- 10 California Prunes
- 10 basil leaves
- 10 cherry-size mozzarella balls

If using prosciutto, fold each half in half lengthwise so width of prune is wider than width of prosciutto. Starting at one end of prosciutto, wrap one prune; repeat with remaining prosciutto. Set aside.

Wrap one basil leaf around each mozzarella ball then thread onto skewer. Thread one prune or prosciutto-wrapped prune onto each skewer.



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Save Money and Boost Seed Starting Success

by Melinda Myers

Boost your success, save money, and reduce plastic waste when starting plants from seeds this year. The options are many, so you are sure to find one that works for you.

Reuse plastic containers for starting plants from seeds. Disinfect the pots, flats, and cell packs before planting to avoid problems with damping off and other diseases. Soak the containers in a solution of one part bleach to nine parts water for ten minutes. Rinse with clear water. The pots are now clean and safe for starting seeds.

Biodegradable pots are another option. They have been around for many years, eliminating plastic and reducing transplant shock. Just plant the container along with the seedling when moving plants into the garden. You will find degradable pots made from a variety of materials.

Organic gardeners may want to use biodegradable pots made from sustainably grown wood fiber. These contain no glue or binders and are Organic Materials Review Institute (OMRI) listed. Cow pots are not currently OMRI listed but are made from odor-free composted cow manure and an alternative



Photo courtesy of Gardener's Supply Company/gardeners.com

Seed-starting trays are reusable and make it easy to pop out young seedlings without damaging the plant's roots.

years of seed starting. These durable and reusable seed trays are made of BPA-free food-grade silicone. The flexible cells allow you to easily pop seedlings out without pulling and tugging. After the transplants are removed, rinse off any remaining soil and place in the dishwasher so the trays are ready to use for future plantings.

Employ self-watering systems like Pop-Out Pots (gardeners.com). Move tomatoes and other transplants from seedling trays

the soil block maker into the moistened potting mix and rock back and forth to fill. Then place the blocks on a clean seed tray. Once planted, water from the bottom to avoid disturbing the soil block.

Look for ways to repurpose any remaining plastic containers. Use smaller containers to apply fertilizer, animal repellents or other granular material. Just scoop and shake to distribute the fertilizer over the garden bed.

Cover plants when applying

mulch to garden beds. Spread the mulch then lift the pot when the job is finished. Use them for double potting. Grow your plant in an old nursery pot and set it inside a decorative pot that lacks drainage.

Some nurseries are asking customers to return plastic containers and flats for their use. Other plant retailers have an area set aside for customers to return plastic pots for other customers to use or for recycling.

Sustainable gardening starts with products used for starting seeds. Continue the trend throughout the growing season by conserving water, repurposing leaves into mulch and recycling plant trimmings into valuable compost.

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Landscaping Tips For Instant Curb Appeal

(StatePoint) One of the best ways to achieve instant curb appeal, according to the experts, is to effectively layer shrubs, plants and flowers in your front yard. Doing so can create a cohesive visual experience that naturally guides visitors to the front door.

Landscape designer Doug Scott describes plant layering in art terms: "Just like in a painting, you need to have a background, a middle ground and a foreground. Each layer serves a purpose, and there's no more important place for them to be on full display than your home's entrance."

To help homeowners understand the purpose of plant layering and identify the best types of plants for each layer, Scott has joined forces with Exmark, a leading manufacturer of commercial mowers and equipment for landscape professionals and serious DIY-ers. Here they break it down for you:

1. Background: The background layer should consist of taller evergreen shrubs to ensure that no matter what's in front of them, you and your visitors will always have something green to look at. This layer provides a cohesive backdrop and a bit of living color in every season.

2. Middle Ground: Here's where to step it down a notch in height and add interesting shapes, colors or stripes that provide contrast against the darker green of the background layer. Herbaceous perennials, like lavender, are a good choice for this purpose.

3. Foreground: Finally, the foreground layer should help transition the planting beds to your lawn space or sidewalk, and should therefore be lower than the back two layers. It's also where you can keep things fresh and get your hands

dirty throughout the year by changing out annuals with the seasons. Or, if you want a lower-maintenance entrance, you can choose smaller perennials, evergreens or creeping ground covers. Use the foreground layer as an opportunity to add pops of color at ground level and draw attention to your home's entrance.

• Choose plants consistent with your home's style. For instance, if you have a craftsman home, you should probably skip tropical plants. Or, if your home is more minimalist, avoid an overabundance of different plants.

• Don't obstruct views of your front door from the street with plants. Likewise, visitors shouldn't have to maneuver around plants as they make their way down the sidewalk. Neither is convenient or welcoming, so you'll either need to keep pruning plants to size, or choose plants that won't overgrow their space without a ton of pruning.

• To make your entrance "the star" it should be, the plant material in the rest of your front yard shouldn't be distracting. Rather let it frame the intended view.

Scott offers more plant layering tips in "Making an Entrance," a recent episode of "Done-In-A-Weekend Projects," an original series from Exmark. To watch the video, visit Backyard Life, which is part of a unique multimedia destination with a focus on helping homeowners make the most of outdoor spaces. There you can also download additional tips and view other Exmark Original Series videos, including "Dream Yards," "Living Rural," "Prime Cuts" and "Done In a Weekend - Extreme Projects."

Through effective plant layering, you can boost curb appeal and give your home the grand entrance it deserves.

Take A Color-Themed Approach For Attractive Arrangements

by Melinda Myers

Growing dahlias is a must for anyone who loves cutting and arranging flowers. But there are hundreds of beautiful dahlia varieties to choose from and that can be overwhelming. To make the selection process easier, choose compatible colors that will look good together in the garden and in arrangements.

The combination of peach and burgundy is both striking and sophisticated. Peach-colored flowers add a fresh and soothing feel to the garden. Dahlia American Dawn is a blend of peach, mango, and papaya with plum-purple highlights. Good partners include other varieties in the same warm, sunset tones, such as dinnerplate dahlia Belle of Barmera, decorative dahlia Great Silence and ball dahlia Maarn.

Planting dahlias in a perennial garden ensures non-stop color from July into October. The fluttering, melon-colored blooms of HS Date work particularly well, due to this variety's maroon



Photo courtesy of Longfield-Gardens.com

This floral arrangement combines burgundy colored Tamburo dahlia with the peach hues of HS Date, Maarn, Linda's Baby and Belle of Barmera dahlias.

tones add drama and excitement. Dinnerplate dahlia Lilac Time is an heirloom variety with fluffy, lavender blooms that can measure eight to ten inches across. Be sure to also include flowers in juicy grape and violet hues such as

cream. The enormous flowers of dinnerplate dahlia Café au Lait are a must. Complement them with ball dahlias such as peachy Linda's Baby or buttery Boom Boom yellow. Decorative dahlia Fluffles has taffy-pink petals that fade to white,

while Milena Fleur's are a mélange of pink, peach and pale butterscotch.

When you start with flowers in compatible colors, designing floral arrangements becomes so much easier. You'll have all you need to quickly create a centerpiece for any gathering, an impressive bouquet for your own home, or an informal handful of blooms to share with friends.

For more tips about cut flowers, read the Longfield Gardens article How to Design a Cutting Garden (www.longfield-gardens.com).

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Support Small Business

6 ways to help businesses in your community thrive

FAMILY FEATURES

Small business owners faced the challenges of the past couple of years head-on. Nearly all re-evaluated their operations to accommodate new ways of doing business amid changing safety standards and local protocols, and many plan to make these changes permanent.

Over the past year, pandemic-related operational challenges, combined with a surge in physical and verbal attacks, have been uniquely difficult for a group of small business owners.

Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) businesses comprise nearly 10% of small businesses in the United States. Among them, 92% faced difficulties keeping their businesses open and operating amid the pandemic, according to Bank of America's 2021 AAPI Business Owner Spotlight.

"While almost all AAPI entrepreneurs said the pandemic created additional stress around running their businesses, they remain determined and resilient," said Carol Lee Mitchell, head of small business strategy at Bank of America. "Even as they faced immense obstacles, AAPI business owners took steps to move their businesses and communities forward."

Local companies, including AAPI businesses, have proven to be fundamental to strong, healthy economies and inclusive communities. These entrepreneurs remain solution-oriented, quickly adopting new tools and strategies; however, they require support from customers and community members to thrive.

Consider these ways you can support small businesses, including AAPI owners and the community at-large, from the experts at Bank of America:

Choose to Shop Local and Small

Small businesses are ingrained in many local communities. When you choose to purchase from a small business, you're directly supporting neighbors, friends and the people in your community. This support isn't taken for granted by entrepreneurs; more than half of AAPI small business owners noted the importance of community support amid the pandemic. Also consider leaving a generous tip when you receive exceptional service – it can make a big difference for small business staff.

Gift Local

Keep the impact that your support could have on local community businesses in mind when shopping for gifts, whether they're for loved ones near or far. For locals, a gift card to a nearby eatery or business such as a spa, salon or recreation center makes for a welcome gift that keeps your money local. When gifting those who live farther away, you can still benefit small businesses in your community by purchasing a thoughtful gift and packaging locally then shipping it with the help of a business in your area.

Help Spread the Word

Small businesses don't usually have the means to invest in big marketing programs, so referrals and word of mouth can make a major difference. However, in today's world, a great deal of consumer research happens online. That means you can be most helpful by taking your stories of great service and quality products to the internet, too. Seek out your favorite small businesses and write reviews on their social media channels. Take it a step further and give them a shoutout

(with tags, if possible) on your own social media accounts where your friends and family are more likely to notice.

Help Fill Open Positions

The job market has shifted noticeably over the past year, and local businesses have been struggling to find the talent they need to continue to serve their communities. Small business owners recognize this and are shifting benefits for their employees, allowing for more flexible schedules and additional paid time off.

Since these business owners are looking for employees to help fill some of the uptick in demand, you can help by tapping into your own network and recommending people for different positions you see, whether it be through "Help Wanted" signs or based on the needs you hear from the businesses you patronize.

Be Mindful of Business Challenges

Finding a work-life balance can be difficult for small business owners even in non-pandemic times because they wear so many hats within their businesses, from CEO and salesperson to human resources and everything in between.

Business owners were more conscious of their mental health over the past year, as nearly all AAPI business owners acknowledged additional stress and more than half set aside specific time for self-care and mental wellness.

As a consumer, it's important to be mindful of the fact that business owners are both short-staffed and dealing with supply chain issues. Take an understanding approach and work with local businesses to make sure they know they are supported by their community.

Check In on What's New

Just as you've changed your consumer habits and needs, small businesses have adapted in dozens of ways. That could mean you have access to new services or options you never considered. For example, your favorite yoga studio may offer streaming classes or a favorite breakfast cafe you haven't visited in a while might have an all-new menu. Take time to stop in and learn how your favorite businesses are changing with the times and see how those changes may suit your needs.

Look for additional resources designed for small businesses at bankofamerica.com/smallbusiness.



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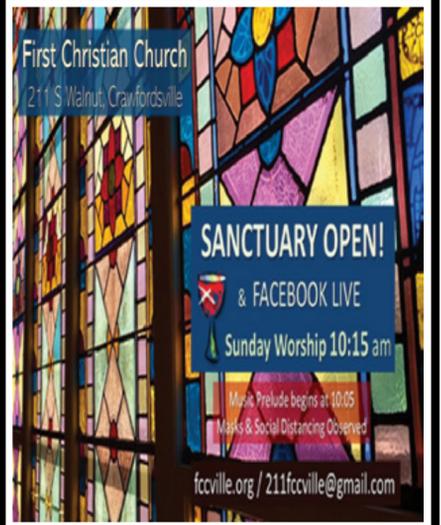
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Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma And What You Need To Know

One of my patients asked me recently what lymphoma is. My knowledge of the subject was a bit dusty before I started researching this column. Medical knowledge of non-Hodgkin lymphoma has rapidly evolved over the last decade or so. It is a very interesting disease and a type of cancer that is illustrative of where cancer treatment in general is heading in the years to come.

“Lymphoma” is a broad term used to describe a large number of “lymphoid neoplasms.” A neoplasm is an abnormal growth of cells that can be benign (not usually dangerous to one’s health) or malignant (cancerous). Lymphoid neoplasms are composed of cells found in the lymph system. This system is responsible for filtering tissue fluid and killing foreign substances in our bodies, particularly infectious agents.

The lymph system contains two types of spe-



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cialized cells that can kill or remove these foreign agents, either directly (T cells), or indirectly (B cells). B cells produce antibodies that bind to the foreign substances to assist in their removal from the body. When B and T cells multiply out of control, it results in different types of lymphomas.

The various types of lymphomas are named using a complex classification system based on cell morphology (what they look like) and lineage

(their genetic makeup). Lymphomas are broadly classified into Hodgkin and non-Hodgkin lymphomas (NHL). Non-Hodgkin lymphoma is further divided into B-cell and T-cell types. B-cell lymphomas account for about 80% of NHL.

Medical oncology used to make a clear distinction between solid tumors (lymphomas) and tumors comprised of cells circulating in the blood stream (lymphoid leukemias). Now that we have more sophisticated testing methods, particularly genetic testing, it’s becoming more clear that these neoplasms can have both solid and circulating components. This makes it even more confusing to describe the multitude of lymphoma types.

Non-Hodgkin lymphomas account for about 4% of all cancers and we expect to see about 80,500 cases in 2022. These lymphomas are about one and a half times

more likely in men than women. NHL caused about 20,000 deaths last year. It is more common in Caucasians, and is usually diagnosed after age 50. The five-year survival of patients with NHL is about 73%.

Interestingly, specific types of NHL are more common in certain geographic areas around the world. A person’s lifetime risk of developing NHL currently is a little over 2%. However, the risk has been increasing about 3% a year over the last 40 years. This rise is likely due to improvements in diagnostic testing and new classification systems that include people who were previously felt to have benign disease. Our aging population, use of immunosuppressive drugs, transplant medicine and HIV infections have also been implicated in the increasing number of cases.

Most NHL is caused by the physical rearrange-

ment of various parts of our chromosomes that contain our DNA. Certain occupations carry an increased risk of developing NHL. These include farming, pesticide application, flour milling, meat processing, painting, and those who work with rubber, plastics and other synthetics. Exposure to herbicides, solvents, petroleum products and organic chemicals like benzene & carbon tetrachloride (dry cleaning fluid) also increase one’s risk.

Symptoms of NHL can be highly variable. The most concerning, and those that often carry a poorer prognosis, include fevers, drenching night sweats, and weight loss. These are all termed “B symptoms.” Swollen lymph nodes (including the liver and spleen) are another ominous sign. Some people present with shortness of breath, chest pain, cough, and abdominal or bone pain.

The diagnosis of NHL usually involves blood tests, various radiologic imaging procedures (X-rays, CT scans, MRI, PET scans) and biopsies of suspicious lesions. It may also include examination of the bone marrow. Diagnosis and classification involves a lot of testing to identify the genetic signature to nail down the specific type of NHL. This makes NHL one of the leading examples of how genetic testing is being used in modern day cancer treatment. This is the future of medicine – determining the genetic makeup of cancer cells to try and determine what chemotherapy or biologic treatments will offer the best chance at remission or cure.

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.

‘Heart’ Your Heart This February During American Heart Month

While February is a month to celebrate love, it is also a time to bring awareness to the heart in your body. This month marks American Heart Month, a time when all people can focus on cardiovascular health. With the ongoing pandemic and continuing effects of COVID-19, it is even more important now to be proactive with your heart health and to show your heart some love.

How Do I Know If My Heart is Healthy?

The first step is an annual physical exam. Even if you do not suspect there is an issue, these exams use screenings and lab tests to ensure your heart is healthy. The exams help gauge your heart-health numbers, such as blood sugar and cholesterol levels, and serve as important preventative measures. If you are experiencing symptoms such as shortness of breath, chest pain, arm pain or a sud-

den change in your ability to exercise, you should schedule an appointment with your provider.

It is also important to evaluate the factors that drive heart disease. Glucose, total cholesterol, triglycerides, body mass index (BMI) and weight are important factors that should be tracked on a regular basis. Finally, it’s important to examine your family history. There are several hereditary conditions such as diabetes, high cholesterol and high blood pressure that can increase your risk for heart disease. Utilizing resources like the American Heart Association can help you determine your heart-health numbers and find out if you’re at greater risk for heart disease.

What Can I Do to Improve My Heart Health?

There are several preventative measures for keeping your heart healthy. Following a healthy diet – such as

avoiding foods with high saturated fat, large amounts of sodium or high amounts of sugar – can help maintain a healthy heart. It is also important to avoid a sedentary lifestyle and incorporate activity on a daily basis. Even if you can get a little exercise each day, such as a walk outside or an at-home workout, it will help keep your heart in shape. Finally, I recommend avoiding smoking, and if you are an active smoker, consider quitting. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), smoking is a major cause of cardiovascular disease (CVD) and causes one of every four CVD deaths. If you are looking to quit smoking, the Indiana Tobacco Quitline is a great resource to learn about the importance of quitting and to discover helpful tips in starting the quitting process.

How Do Heart Disease Symptoms Vary Between Men and Women?

Many people wonder whether your gender affects your chances of heart disease. While both men and women can experience chest pain, the degree of the pain and the likelihood of other symptoms may vary. Women may experience symptoms that are more subtle or not chest-related, such as jaw pain and indigestion, and should pay particular attention to any unusual symptoms and get them checked out.

In addition, we also know that people of color are at a greater risk for heart disease. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Minority Health, in 2018, African Americans were 30% percent more likely to die from heart disease than non-Hispanic whites. Your health care provid-

er is the best resource to discuss your unique health picture and make recommendations.

How Are Heart Health and COVID-19 Related?

The pandemic has undoubtedly increased our focus on our overall health and well-being. With the increase of people working from home and living a more sedentary lifestyle, people are less likely to go to the gym and maintain a robust exercise routine. Additionally, mental health can play a large role in your physical health. A report from the CDC shows that mental health is associated with risk factors for heart disease even before the diagnosis of a mental health disorder. It is especially important to focus on fostering positive mental health during the continued era of COVID-19, and if you do have comorbidities such as diabetes, lung

disease or heart disease, you are at a higher risk for COVID-19 infections and are more likely to be hospitalized.

How Can CareSource Help?

CareSource is passionate about helping our community and connecting them with specialists. Our care managers are eager to help coordinate care by providing annual exams, screening labs, electrocardiogram (EKG) or stress tests, and even connecting patients with nutritionists. CareSource also has a disease management program where we provide literature to educate and empower patients dealing with heart disease. Additionally, CareSource has a robust tobacco cessation program for patients to receive counseling and cessation products. To explore your options and start prioritizing your heart health, visit www.caresource.com.

Mental Healthcare And You – How To Find The Right Fit

(StatePoint) Searching for a mental health provider? You likely have questions.

Recent research from virtual care provider MDLIVE suggests that confusion around finding a mental healthcare provider is common. One in five surveyed said they were concerned about finding a provider match and 70% experience confusion and uncertainty about where to begin. The research also revealed that not everyone knows the difference between the various mental health professionals – psychiatrists, psychologists, counselors, mental health coaches and others.

“Many people are ready to get depression, anxiety and stress under control by working with a mental health professional, but get bogged down

right from the start. Confusion about selecting a professional that best suits their needs causes a lot of people to give up. That’s something we want to change,” says Dr. Shakira Espada-Campos, who brings more than two decades of direct practice experience to her role as behavioral health medical director at MDLIVE.

To help you in your search, MDLIVE is answering some frequently asked questions:

When is it time to see a therapist? Mental healthcare is self-care that most everyone can benefit from. However, if your emotional state is interfering with your daily life, it’s definitely time to take action. Beyond the common signs of mental illness, such as sadness, drug and alcohol misuse, trouble sleeping

and mood swings, Dr. Espada-Campos notes that there are some often overlooked signals that could indicate it’s time to seek treatment. These include withdrawing from loved ones, feeling fatigued, having a lack of motivation and frequently “zoning out.” She also notes that life events such as decoupling, job loss or the loss of a loved one can often trigger the need for professional mental health support.

What’s the difference between therapists and psychiatrists? Psychiatrists and therapists can treat the same things, however, psychiatrists are medical doctors who can diagnose psychiatric conditions and prescribe medication, while therapists are licensed providers who can evaluate and support people with

emotional or behavioral health concerns through talk therapy.

What should one look for in a provider? Mental healthcare is highly personal and it’s essential that your provider is someone you can open up to, make progress with and not feel judged by.

A good place to start is by working with a provider who has experience treating patients like you.

Understand that you may not find the right therapist on your first try. Dr. Espada-Campos encourages individuals to both trust their feelings in this regard and to take an active role in their sessions by asking questions like, “What can I do to help my treatment?” and “How can we work together to achieve my goals?”

Does insurance cover

therapy? In recent years, many health plans and employers have acknowledged the importance of mental healthcare and have expanded the resources available to their members and employees. Check coverage details online or through the plan’s call center. Alternatively, you may wish to seek counseling through an Employee Assistance Program (EAP). EAP counselors can help with a variety of mental health concerns, however, members are typically restricted to a set number of sessions. If you’re suffering from a recurring mental health issue, check what options are available through your health plan.

Can therapists be seen remotely? Virtual care, an increasingly popular option, can provide pri-

vate, convenient, quality care quickly, and is often offered by health plans. For example, MDLIVE’s platform makes it easy to search for a provider that meets your needs and to schedule an appointment with one of their psychiatrists or licensed therapists. MDLIVE is a covered benefit for more than 60 million Americans through health insurers such as Cigna, Aetna, certain Blue Cross Blue Shield plans, and many regional and local plans. To learn more or to register, visit www.mdlive.com.

Finding a mental healthcare provider can feel overwhelming. However, identifying what you want out of care and understanding the different treatments available can help demystify the process.

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Tiptoeing through the tulips . . .

Scattershooting while missing the wonderful work of Bob Collins . . .

FOR THE record, I've never been confused with Tiny Tim (Google him, millennials – Baby Boomers remember him . . . and probably wish they didn't). My hair was never that long. I sang bass in the choir. And I can't play a ukulele. Now that we have that cleared up . . .

THIS WILL be my final column for a few weeks (I hope). If the good Lord is willing and the creek don't rise, I'll be back and better than ever sometime in March.

For the eight or nine of you regulars who follow my scribbles, this is the week for my bypass surgery. And for you guys keeping score at home, I'm hoping the good folks working here will be kind



TIM TIMMONS
Two Cents

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to be alerted that the next few minutes will contain smoking? Or bad language? Or violence? Heck, that sounds like any weekend from back in the day.

Surely we're tougher than that. Maybe? Hopefully?

WHO ARE "they?" Ever notice how many times "they" get the blame or credit for something? Exactly who are "they?" And where are "they?" I'd like to talk to "them." It sounds like "they" have a lot of answers to questions I'd like to ask "the."

FEBRUARY, as you know,

is Black History Month. Isn't it astounding and sad that we still care deeply about the pigmentation that causes skin color? Wouldn't it be nice (and far more important) if a person's character mattered

more than skin color? Heck, wouldn't it be even nicer if we all left the judging of others to the man upstairs? I'm not an expert on the Bible, but I seem to recall that's what He told us to do.

HERE IS a heart-felt and very sincere thank you to all the wonderful people I am lucky enough to work with. They will all take on more work in the next few weeks, and I want to publicly acknowledge how much I both appreciate and admire them. As many of you know, it's a new and very different day

for newspapers and I am truly lucky to be with the team we have here. Many thanks, Gang!

I'LL BET several of you remember Robert Joseph (Bob) Collins. The former Sports Editor of the Indianapolis Star was one of a handful of scribes I read as much as possible 100 or so years ago when I was just a lad. He and Don Jellison, Wayne Fuson, Blackie Sherrod and so many others had a lot to do with this newspaper vagabond going into the business. All of them are gone now and newspapers are much poorer for that fact.

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Fruits #4 – Sebastian Fruits & Family left our midst – wonder what would have been in his life had he stayed here?

Finding Fruits in MoCo is fairly easy – they are Fruits, as in people with a capital F indicating that important fact, but in Page County, Iowa, if you search Fruits then almost invariably, you receive fresh, raw, dried, canned, choice and – for sale!! Page County is of course where Sebastian John Merriott old George Fruits and wife, Catherine Stonebraker's fourth child tooted off to live!

Sebastian was born the second day of the year in 1815, Butler County, Ohio, of course lived in Montgomery fifteen years or so then went to farming near Shambaugh, Iowa where he passed away Feb. 23, 1891. Would have had a nice obituary had he stayed here, but alas, I found none in Page County. While here, on 24 November 1835, he married Matilda (also found as Mathilda) May Wray (born in Ohio 14 May 1814 and died 8 Nov 1889). They are buried together in Butler Cemetery (thanks to Ron Livenood for the FindAGrave photo), Shambaugh along with several of their children and grands. Sebastian was a farmer for many years, and in 1859, he was prominent in creating the Page County Agricultural Society holding one of the first offices (Director) of the newly found and badly needed group. He purchased 80 acres June 21, 1853 in Page where they raised their fairly large family. Evidently, he must have given property for a school, as well because part of his land had a school on it. Several people were mentioned as attending "Fruits' School," and guessing some of his children did,

indeed.

For 23 years, Matilda was birthing babies, ten in all, the first born eleven-months after their marriage in MoCo, this one being David Marshall Fruits, who was a sgt. in Company A, 8th Regiment of the Iowa Cavalry. In 1859 he had married (Page County) Mary Miranda Frier and they had two of their four sons and two daughters before he went off to war where he served as a Sgt. His family moved to Cowley County, Kansas.

The second child of Sebastian John Merriott Fruits and Matilda May Wray was Sebastian Merriott (called Ott) also born in Montgomery County marrying Mary Spidler 27 Jan 1861 in Page County. Sadly, he passed away two years later, I believe in the Civil War, but don't quote me on that one!

George William was born April 25, 1839 in Montgomery and passed away 5 January 1893 buried Butler Cemetery in Shambaugh. He married Elizabeth Journey and they had several children, including Sebastian, Charles, John, Albert, George and Henrietta; however, I don't know what happened to Elizabeth or any



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Around The County

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Photo courtesy of Karen Zach

Sebastian Fruits

of the children, but son John born 22 April 1870 in Clarinda, Iowa died March 6, in 1939 at the Park County, Iowa County Poor farm from hypertension, myocarditis and other complications.

Minerva "Jane" Fruits was born 3 August 1842 in MoCo, died Page Co 22 Aug 1923 and married George Bix, who was born in Bodham, Norfolk, England. Died Page Co Jan 1912. Don't believe they had children but at his death, he supplied Jane with a mighty fine inheritance, also leaving money to their church and a friend, as well as part of his property to a Bix nephew whom he dearly loved!

Sebastian's daughter, Matilda Ann Fruits was born about 1843 also in Indiana not long before they likely left this great place. She never married, found in the

census records with her parents. Do believe she had a heart condition, sadly.

Mary Catherine was often called Mary C, Catherine or Kate in records. She was their first born in Page County, Iowa where she grew to adulthood. On May 18, 1866 in Page County, she married Solomon

Beery. Solomon was the son of Joseph and Anna Beery, one of ten children. His father deeded him 80 acres of land not far from the Fruits family.

The family engaged for a dozen years or more on the farm, but then he decided he wanted to go into the merchandising business in Shambaugh. That they did. Their children numbered eight: Lorenzo, David M (named for her brother, David Marshall Fruits), Anna, Mary E and Esta F, as well as Joseph, Evaline, and Earle who passed young. They were extremely respected community members and were active members in the Church of Christ in Shambaugh.

The next sister, Sarah Elizabeth, married Emanuel Beery. They lived in the Clarinda, Iowa area and were blessed with five children: Martha M, Lizzie, Minerva, Earnest and Peter born between 1870-1881.

Martha Caroline, was born in Page County 8 June 1851 and passed away in Shambaugh on

26 Oct 1912, buried in the Butler Cemetery. She married a Putnam County, Indiana boy born there 19 April 1848, (George William Harrison) died 2 June 1930 Boise, Idaho – they had four children, Robert Sebastian, George William, Frances Mary and Julia Williams (died one year old). Note: although it often makes for confusion when doing genealogy, I personally love how you see George and Sebastian throughout this Fruits family.

Julia Ann Nevada – odd, some of these Fruits have three or four unusual names while others have one or no more than two plain ones. Julie passed away on 7 July 1932 in Shambaugh. She is buried in the same cemetery with her parents and husband, another Beery, James. Solomon and James Beery were brothers but not sure how Emanuel is relation, I would guess a 1st cousin. I believe four children were born to this Beery clan – Loren, May, Roy and Noah Ben.

Thus you have more fruits from the best-known Fruit, old John George Alamo Fruits and his fourth child, (John) Sebastian. And, just think had he stayed here, someone in your family might have married into Alamo George's. Ya' just never know. Rest in peace, Sebastian, and all!

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Darlington Basketball Super Star Center Dan Nichols

The Darlington Indians went undefeated during the regular season in both 1969 and 1970, also winning their first and only Sectional in '69, and certainly one of the players who helped them achieve that feat was Dan Nichols, their all-star center, who had transferred to DHS from New Ross to play for coach Dave Nicholson. Dan could do it all. Not only was he a proficient scorer, but he was an excellent rebounder and assist man. The run-and-gun fast break Indians depended on him to get things rolling after a defensive rebound. When Dan grabbed the ball, the fans knew what was going to happen next...a pass out to Don Threlkeld, Fred Warren,



BUTCH DALE
Columnist

Rich Douglas, Jim Gable, or Gary Dale for an easy lay-up or chip shot at the other end...and no opponent could stop them!

Dan had the ability to know who was open, and he was able to deliver the ball to anyone on the court. But he also had the "soft



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Dan Nichols

touch," averaging 18 points per game during his last two years, in addition to hauling in an average of 15 rebounds per game! In fact, during a game against Granville Wells, Dan scored 33 points and grabbed 30 rebounds...amazing! His most memorable game, however, was when the Indians defeated Speedway in the final game of the Sectional at Lebanon in 1969 to claim the championship...

the greatest victory in Darlington basketball history...and no, they could not have done it without Dan Nichols. In 1970 he was voted as the team MVP, along with Rich Douglas, who was Dar-

lington's all-time leading scorer. Dan led the team his senior year in rebounds, assists, and field goal percentage, also being named to the All-County, All-Sectional, and All-Regional teams.

Many colleges had their eyes on Dan upon graduation, and he ventured south to play for the University of Evansville. During his freshman year, he started at forward and was the team's leading rebounder. Because of knee surgery, Dan had to lay out his sophomore season. In his junior year, Dan tore a ligament in his ankle, and that unfortunately ended his playing career with the Purple Aces.

Dan taught and coached high school for a few years, and then entered the business world, working for Lithonia Lighting here in

Crawfordsville before transferring to their facility in Georgia. Sadly, Dan had some health problems later in life, and he passed away in May of 2020 at the age of 67. Being a Darlington graduate myself, I compiled a book several years ago, which has all of the players listed, along with their accomplishments. And I can say this with no uncertainty, Dan "Dan-O" Nichols was the greatest center to ever play for the Darlington Indians. In 1971, Dan was named by voters in Montgomery County to the All-Time Modern team as one of the best to ever play the game.

John "Butch" Dale is a retired teacher and County Sheriff. He has also been the librarian at Darlington the past 32 years, and is a well-known artist and author of local history.

IRS; You Are Not

My friend is having trouble with the Internal Revenue Service. We'll call him Mr. Farmer, because – one; it's the IRS, and two; well, they already know his real name. They know it far too well, as far as he's concerned.

First, a little background. Mr. Farmer is known among friends and strangers alike as the epitome of honesty and integrity. He and his wife own a small family farm down the road from me, and aside from the occasional help he gets to vaccinate his small herd of cattle in the Spring, he operates the farm on his own. He buys his farm implements used, and makes any repairs himself. The last piece of new equipment he purchased was a 1990 Holland hay bine, and the only reason he bought that new was because it was the only model that fit the power takeoff of his forty-year-old 1979 John Deere 4440.

In this age of high-tech agribusiness, the most sophisticated piece of technology he owns is his smart phone. He owned a flip phone until 2019, when his wife made him upgrade, because the hinges on the phone broke off, causing him to "pocket dial" her accidentally throughout the day.

He goes to church every Sunday. He is generous with his treasure. I personally have seen him

seek out a local landlord in order to pay – anonymously, of course – the back rent for a single mother of two. He had heard she was having trouble paying her rent, running the risk of eviction. Heck, he even loaned me a sizable chunk of money long ago, of which I'm making payments – once a decade or so. He never says a word about it when I see him.

He does let a curse word fly every once-in-awhile, when he cracks his knuckles on something he's working on, but even then it seems appropriate for the occasion. The last time he blurted one out in public, his 96-year-old mother, who still lives with the Farmers, sent him to bed without supper.

By all accounts, he is the salt of the earth he farms ... and the IRS hates him.

Seven months ago, out of the blue, he received a letter from the IRS, demanding that he pay \$23,129, because – they claimed – he failed to pay his taxes in 2019. He had ten days to make good ... or else.

Now, you have to understand that the last time Mr. Farmer was so much as late with a tax payment was when President Nixon



JOHN MARLOWE
With the Grain

resigned office in 1974. Mr. Farmer believed there was a good chance that the government might not even exist by the time his check got there.

Sure enough, a quick examination of his personal records, revealed that all was paid. He even had the canceled checks, endorsed by the IRS proving receipt. Problem solved, he thought.

He called the toll free IRS number listed on the demand notice for appeals and disputes, and the automated phone system explained that "because of significant staffing shortages" his call would be answered in FOUR HOURS!

Well, since \$23,129 divided by four hours is still a considerably large sum of money, Mr. Farmer stuck it out. He was assigned a case number and a case manager – Mrs. Sims – beginning a relationship outlasting many marriages.

Mrs. Sims, evidently unaware that some people do pay their taxes on time, had difficulty understanding Mr. Farmer's complaint. Finally, Mrs. Sims grasped the issue.

"Yes, now I do see that you made the payment, Mr. Farmer," she assured him. "I will take care

of that here. We are always here to help you."

Two weeks later, Mr. Farmer received notice in the mailbox that if he didn't pay \$23,129 in ten days the IRS has the authority to remove the amount from his bank account without announcement or further indication.

For Mr. Farmer, few things are more immoral than touching another man's money. He was quickly on the phone, enduring another four hour wait to talk to Mrs. Sims.

"Don't forget, we are always here to help you," she said. This time she directed Mr. Farmer to send copies of the canceled checks to an IRS address, and that would solve the issue for good.

Two weeks later, Mr. Farmer received notice that his account was paid. However, the letter explained, he was still responsible for the \$5,344 he owed in interest and penalties – on taxes he didn't owe!

Mr. Farmer was furious, and was on the horn again to Mrs. Sims. This time the wait was seven hours, but if he liked, he could call when the IRS opened in the morning at 7:30 AM.

At 7:33 AM Mr. Farmer called, and the automated phone system explained that there were only 356,345 callers ahead of him in the phone queue!

Two hours later, Mrs. Sims

– who Mr. Farmer describes in his notes documenting his calls as "stupid, with a willingness to help" – confirmed that the canceled checks were indeed received and in the system. She assured Mr. Farmer that she would personally transfer monies manually, thereby crediting his account properly.

"We are always here to help you," she echoed.

Two weeks later, Mr. Farmer received another IRS notice in the mail. This time the letter demanded that he pay \$32,493, because he failed to pay his 2020 taxes! Somehow, Mr. Farmer figures, in discharging his 2019 taxes, the IRS transferred monies assigned to his 2020 taxes.

Wednesday, Mr. Farmer called the Taxpayer Advocate Service. The independent unit of the IRS was established by Congress in 1979 to advocate for taxpayers who run afoul of the IRS bureaucracy. Mr. Farmer didn't like playing tough, but this was getting ridiculous.

After waiting two hours on the phone, a familiar voice came on the line. "This is Mrs. Sims. I'm away from my desk, and won't be back until Monday. We are always here to help you."

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High On Humor!

Over the years, several of my sports heroes have had their careers tarnished following allegations they were using performance-improvement drugs. During the recent Olympics, several athletes were similarly accused.

As a newspaper columnist, I am proud of what I have written, unassisted by any humor-enhancing drugs or whimsy-producing substances. Many humor columnists have on their shelves at home, Milton Berle's Personal Jokebook, the 12-volume Complete Works of Henny Youngman and the Acapulco Gold of humor: Bob Hope's Greatest One-Liners (unabridged). Yes, I was once a weak person, making it tough to deal



with temptation over the years. There was a period in my life when I constantly wondered where my next laugh was coming from. I found myself in a kind of comic abyss. I hung around Barnes and Noble and Borders. I haunted Books-A-Million, where I knew I could buy cracks at a good price.

At one point, I even toyed with Half-Price Books, but you never know what you are buying at a place like that. Is the humor pure, or is it cut with bad stuff? I had a friend who overdosed on The Pocket Rodney Dangerfield back in the '70s. He finally got caught doing Dangerfield jokes in a stand-up routine in a Louisville comedy club. He was kicked off stage. Talk about no respect.

Others may look at my work and wonder: How did he stay on top of his game for so long? He's 75 and has been writing his column for almost 25 years. Maybe he's hooked on something. Tom Brady is hanging up his pads. Maybe Wolfsie should hang up his gags.

Once you are dependent on other people's humor, it's hard to kick the habit. You may think you have conquered your demons, but before long you are hiding Woody Allen quips on index cards in your office desk drawer or sticking Post-It Notes with Jeff Foxworthy wisecracks on your desk lamp. That was me some 20 years ago.

When I first appeared on TV, I also watched old Jerry Lewis movies and I mimicked a few of his routines on camera. Then one day I just stopped. I went cold jerky.

As I write my 1,100th column, I am proud of what I have accomplished. There were times when I almost peeked at an Andy Rooney compilation of essays. I

once took a Dave Barry book off my shelf, but I never opened it.

Other humorists have emailed to ask me for advice on how to quit pilfering jokes. I created a short quiz to assess their susceptibility to stealing from others. Here are two sample questions, to assess their chances of a relapse.

I just got back from a pleasure trip.

a. I went to Vegas.
b. My wife and I cruised to Bermuda.

c. I took my mother-in-law to the airport.

My wife ran after the garbage truck. "Am I too late for a pick-up?" she screamed.

a. Yes, and we are not permitted to turn around.
b. No, just set it by the

curb.

c. Of course not, jump in.

Anyone who answered C to both questions is on a slippery path. They are apparently too weak to resist cheap zingers and one-liners, often stolen from legendary humorists. As of this week, I will have not yielded to temptation for 6,752 days. But tomorrow I am going to begin reading Mel Brooks' autobiography.

Wish me luck.

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Ask Rusty – About Survivor Benefits for Minor Children

Dear Rusty: My nephew died suddenly at 50 years of age and left 2 children, ages 17 and 14. He was divorced, but they were married for more than 10 years, and his ex-wife works as a nurse. My nephew worked for more than 10 years during his lifetime. I want to know if the children are eligible for survivor benefits and the amount of benefits they will receive, and if their mother's income will affect their eligibility.

Also, will my nephew's ex-wife be eligible for survivor's benefit as she is taking care of a child younger than 16 years old? She did not remarry. Will her income affect her survivor's benefit? Signed: Helpful Relative

Dear Helpful Relative: Our condolences on your nephew's sudden and untimely passing. From what you've shared in your email, your nephew's minor



children are eligible for Social Security benefits based on his earnings record (assuming he worked in a job where he paid SS FICA taxes on his earnings). However, because they are divorced, his ex-wife is not eligible for early "child-in-care" spousal benefits. Child-in-care spousal benefits are not available to divorced spouses under age 62.

Your nephew's minor children are eligible for

Social Security Matters

by AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor
Russell Gloor

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benefits and their mother's income won't affect their survivor benefit from their father. Both minor children currently qualify for a survivor benefit from their father, and the benefit for each could be as much as 75% of the benefit their father had earned up to the month he died. They will remain eligible for this benefit until they reach 18 years of age (or 19 if still in high school). It's possible that Social Security's "Fam-

ily Maximum" may slightly reduce each child's survivor benefit to a bit less than 75%, but any such reduction for the 14 year old will disappear when the 17 year old turns 18 and becomes ineligible for child survivor benefits).

The children's mother should contact Social Security as soon as possible (at her local SS office or at the national security center number - 1.800.772.1213) to apply for survivor ben-

efits for her children. She may need to provide their father's death certificate (although SS may have already received that from the funeral director) as well as the children's birth certificates.

If your nephew's ex-wife doesn't remarry before age 60, at that time she will become eligible to collect a survivor benefit from her deceased ex-husband. But claimed at age 60 that survivor benefit will be reduced by 28.5% from what it would be if she waits until her full retirement age (FRA) to claim it (a survivor benefit reaches maximum at the survivor's FRA but is reduced if claimed earlier). If she claims her survivor benefit prior to reaching her FRA and she is working, Social Security will impose an earnings limit which, if exceeded, could result in the loss of some of her survivor

benefits. Earnings limits for future years aren't yet known, but the 2022 earnings limit is \$19,560. The earnings limit will no longer affect her Social Security benefits after she reaches her full retirement age.

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Butch Remembers His Neighbors ... Forrest And Mary

When I think back on my youth, I remember all of our great neighbors who lived on County Road 400 North, southeast of Darlington. Just across the road was my aunt and uncle Ruthie and Lloyd Wells and my cousins Kendall and John. Immediately to the west was the Devon Moffitt family, with children Minnie May, Sam, and Steve, and down the road from them was the Wally Peebles family, with children Sandy, Peggy, Dave, and John... followed by the Dick Weliever family and their large brood... Charlie, Bob, Betty, Mary Lou, Donna, Nancy, and Susie. All of these families were good, honest, hard-working, and community minded... and would offer their help any time it was needed. My family... my parents Bill and Millie, and my siblings, Gary, Julie, Sarah, and Mike... would do the same for them.

Just to the east of our farm was an older couple, Forrest and Mary Flaningam. They lived in a little brick house that was built in 1876. Forrest's grandfather, Archibald, was one of the first settlers in Franklin Township, arriving here in 1830, farming in the Lutheran neighborhood, marrying Catherine Kashner in 1845, and raising twelve children,



Photo courtesy of Butch Dale
Forrest and Mary in 1910

nine of whom grew to adulthood. Forrest was born in 1885 and attended Darlington school, where he fell in love with Mary Ellen Woody, two years his junior... a beautiful girl who graduated in 1906. After finishing her studies at DePauw University, they married in 1910, with Forrest subsequently farming the 80 acres he had purchased, and Mary becoming a housewife and the mother of two boys... Dwight, born in 1913, and DeVon, born in 1916.

When I was growing up in the 1950s, I spent many hours over at the Flaningam place. Forrest and Mary were two of the nicest people you could ever meet. Both of their sons had graduated from Darlington in the 1930s, and had also graduated from college, which was somewhat rare during those Great Depression years. Since both of their sons had left home and started their careers, I think that Forrest and Mary kind of took me in and treated me as one

of their own. Forrest was a hearty soul with a raspy voice and a big smile. He always seemed to be in good spirits and had a funny laugh. Mary was somewhat reserved, but was very kind and always had a smile. During the time that I knew her, she was always in poor health and was often in a wheelchair. I didn't know it at the time, but she had undergone several surgeries during her life for intestinal problems. Each time I spoke with her, she liked to hold my hand and ask me questions about school and my sports. Mary's hands always seemed cold to the touch, but she had a warmth and kindness in her eyes that I will never forget. Forrest was very caring and protective of Mary, who always spoke highly of Forrest. Even at my young age, I knew that they loved each other very much.

Forrest had several honeybee hives on the east side of his home, and he let me help with the beekeeping. I



Photo courtesy of Butch Dale
Forrest and Mary in the 1960s

wore his special white coat and hat with the netting. One summer he told me I could collect the honey and sell it in Darlington. We loaded up about thirty quart jars of honey, and I pulled my little red wagon around town, selling it for \$1.00 a quart... with my take at 50 cents a jar. I thought I was rich! I even spent a dollar at Arthur Friend's drug store and bought an entire box of Topps baseball cards... WOW! I wrote a letter to Forrest and Mary, thanking them for letting me become an enterprising businessman.

When I was a teenager in the 1960s, Dad took me over to visit one afternoon, and said that Mary wanted to see me. Before I entered, Forrest let me pick some flowers from his large flower garden, which he planted for Mary each year on the west side of their house. She was laying in what appeared to be a hospital type bed in the living room. Mary looked very tired, but

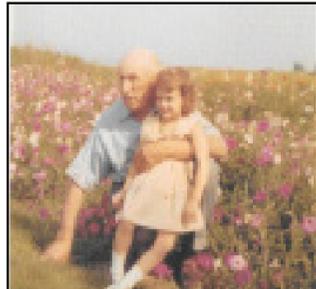


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Forrest and his granddaughter, Martha

her eyes brightened up when she saw me with the flowers. As she thanked me and held my hand, Forrest stood by her side. He was smiling, but not the same big smile and laugh as usual. As I walked home that afternoon, I felt sad... thinking that Mary might not recover this time around.

Mary passed away on October 21, 1963. She was only 76 years old. She was buried at the St. James Lutheran cemetery about a mile north of their home. After her death, Forrest was just not the same. I think that he loved Mary so much... and missed her so much... that he just didn't want to go on with his life. Forrest died exactly two years later... on October 21, 1965. They were now together again.

When I drive down my old road again, I think of all of those neighbors and all of the fun times we had back in the 1950s and 1960s. The house in

which I grew up is gone... just a cornfield now. But Forrest and Mary's little brick home is still there. Zach Cain and his family now reside in the Flaningam house. When I pass by it, I can still see myself helping Forrest with his honeybee hives and hear his jolly laugh, and I can see Mary smiling at me as she holds my hand. And I know that Forrest and Mary are still in love with each other in God's heaven. A love like that goes on forever... it never dies.

A few years after Forrest and Mary's son, DeVon, passed away, his wife called me at the library and told me that she had found something I might want to see. Yes, it was the letter I had written to Forrest and Mary when I was about 9 years old. They had saved my letter all of these years. And guess what? I gained a new neighbor a few years ago who lives just a couple of miles away from my home... Martha Ellen Flaningam... Forrest and Mary's granddaughter!

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A Little Funny To Uplift

One of my readers said that I needed to share a bit of comedy in my column to raise the spirits of the folks back home. Well I don't know if I can do that but I'm willing to take aim at it.

One of my favorite places to find funny comments or situations is in church and sometimes the funniest thing you find relates with youngin's and church thinkin'

I remember a few years ago my nephew asked me if he had a guardian angel. I told him "Sure you do. Your guardian angel is always with you."

"Does he eat with me?" he asked.

"Sure," I said.

"Does he sleep with me?"



RANDALL FRANKS
Southern Style Columns

"Sure," I said.

"That must have been who kicked me out of bed last night," he said.

Now I won't take credit for this next one, its one I heard from an older feller which will remain nameless:

Do you know where radio was invented?
Where?

The Garden of Eden. What?

God took Adam's rib and made the first loud-speaker.

A little known fact about Noah's Ark: There were three camels on board.

The first was the camel many people swallow while straining at a gnat.

The second was the camel whose back was broken by the last straw.

And the third was the one who shall pass through the eye of a needle before a rich man enters the kingdom of Heaven.

Farmer Jud and his wife Jeweldine, a childless farm couple prayed to have a child.

As an answer to

the prayer, the couple received the blessing of triplets.

The preacher commented as to how their prayers were answered.

Jud said, "Yep, but I never prayed for a bumper crop."

A lady searched endlessly to find the love of her life with no success so she finally turned to prayer:

"Oh Lord, I am not asking for a thing for myself but please send mother a son-in-law."

A father asks a prospective son-in law "Can you support my daughter in the manner she is accustomed to?"

He replies "She ain't gonna move is she?"

I have always heard that

bread cast on the water always returns. Bread cast on the water, may return but all the bread we send overseas sure doesn't.

Laughter has always been an important part of life in our family mainly because of the nature of our ancestors to lean towards being stoic in their approach in life. That approach comes even more naturally to me than laughter does. I am often asked "Why don't you smile more." My answer is sometimes "I am smiling on the inside." Moments of joys and laughter are even more cherished to me. May laughter always fill your days because God does have a sense of humor otherwise, he would

have never made someone quite like us, would He?

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We All Face Challenges

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Everyone will face insurmountable challenges in life. The price of longevity is heartache, opposition, failures, grief and life events that come out of nowhere. Life is filled with the death of loved ones, financial ups and downs, daily health challenges and world events that impact us whether we like them or not.

Russia is going to invade Ukraine. Most of us don't like Russia anyway but we have to sit here and watch what they are doing to someone else while it negatively affects our energy, financial stability, our military, and our everyday lives. We don't like it; we don't want it but we will be impacted by the evil decisions of Russia's leadership. Can you imagine how the people of Ukraine feel?

We despise what Covid-19 has done to all us. Mask wearing, vaccinations and the fear of gathering have tormented us. The loss of family and friends who went into Intensive Care Units and never came home haunts us. Can we begin to imagine how they felt as they struggled to breathe on respirators their last few days of life?

We have all faced news



GLENN MOLLETTE
Guest Column

that a loved one was killed on the battlefield, or someone died suddenly of a heart attack, or received news of terminal cancer.

Typically, we ask why? We ask God, "Why has this happened?" or "Why me, God?" Often there is rarely a good answer. We can analyze and say, "This could have been prevented. Or, this is how he or she should have lived their lives." Sports fans making suggestions from their recliners while watching reruns always see how the play could have been run better.

Life is always in motion. We make decisions. We react to situations differently. We don't always do the right thing and emotions often overturn commonsense.

The reality is that we all face and walk through fires. Most of the time we're hopeful that everything will work out

alright. Often, things do. Unfortunately, everything doesn't always work out alright. If we manage to survive, that's when we have to help others who are crushed in spirit, who can't see the light of day for the darkness in their lives.

Ukraine needs their allies or they will never be the same. It can't be all the United States. We can't save everyone and have proved it over and over again from Afghanistan to Iraq to Vietnam.

There are always those around you who need your emotional and spiritual support. If nothing else, friendship and a word of kindness and support are always meaningful.

Most of the time, we feel as if we face our greatest challenges alone. A lonely place of desperation is a dark place to be.

Don't ever go there. Look to God. When money, friends, education, hospitals, doctors and the church can't fix what you are facing God can see you through. He never leaves us or forsakes us. His hand is strong and nothing can pull us out of his mighty hand.

Hear Glenn Mollette every weekday morning EST at 8:56 on XM radio 131

Customer Service Experience

Has this ever happened to you?

I wanted to reorder a product last week, so I called the company's toll-free phone number.

A cheerful recorded voice wished me a good morning (it was afternoon), and told me how much she valued my call, my time, my loyalty, and my impressive humanness.

She reminded me that it was spring, and that their company offered several items to not only enhance my life, but to improve my ordinary appearance.

She asked for my 18-digit customer number. How should I know? I barely remember my address.

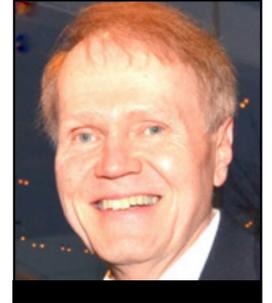
So, she then connected me to the automated system. It first asked me to press numbers for my zip code, my street

address, then for the day, month, and year of my birth. It next asked me to press 1 if I was a returning customer, 2 if I was a new customer, and 3 if I didn't know what I was.

The voice told me I was only two minutes away from my live contact. While waiting, I listened to unidentifiable musical notes. I did not know the song, but I discovered I could not dance to it.

Finally, a real person greeted me. I'm sure he was live, because I asked him if he was a robot, and he said no. "Please be aware that this call may be recorded for quality purposes," he instructed.

I told him the product I wanted, and he said, "That item has been discontinued. But we appreciate your business,



RIX QUINN
Quinn Summary

and we invite you to call back next week." But I will not...for quality purposes.

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Lincoln Amphitheatre Recognized For 35th Anniversary

The Indiana General Assembly recently presented two resolutions commemorating the Lincoln Amphitheatre's 35th anniversary year of serving Hoosiers and out-of-state guests with entertainment and educational opportunities.

Located in Lincoln City, the Lincoln Amphitheatre is one of the largest roofed amphitheatres in the nation with a capacity of more than 1,500 guests. The venue first opened in 1987 inside of Lincoln State Park

amongst the woods where Abraham Lincoln spent his most formative and foundational years (age 7-21). Today, in addition to an annual summer Lincoln theatrical production, the Lincoln Amphitheatre hosts a diverse variety of musical acts ranging from rock and roll, country, classical and more. The Lincoln Amphitheatre recently announced its 2022 Performance Series and tickets are on sale now at LincolnAmphitheatre.com.

State Sen. Mark Mess-

mer (R-Jasper) authored Senate Resolution 24 and House Resolution 14 was offered by State Rep. Steve Bartels (R-Eckerty). Both resolutions were presented to Lincoln Amphitheatre Director Marc Steczyk and Indiana Destination Development Corporation Secretary and CEO Elaine Bedel.

"As we prepare to kick off the 2022 performance series in May, we have a tremendous line-up scheduled and are excited to welcome back visitors to the Lincoln Amphithe-

atre," Steczyk said. "We are very thankful to the Indiana General Assembly for their support and celebrating this milestone year with us."

The 2022 Lincoln Amphitheatre performance series marks the seventh summer of a unique partnership and management agreement between the Indiana Destination Development Corporation (IDDC) and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR). IDDC is part of Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch's family of

business.

"For 35 years, Lincoln Amphitheatre has been an iconic landmark offering Hoosiers in southern Indiana and beyond unique and diverse art and music experiences," Crouch said. "These resolutions not only commemorate the venue's legacy and history but also look to the future, where we expect to see even more growth moving forward."

Tickets for the 2022 performance series are on sale now at LincolnAmphitheatre.com.

About the Lincoln Amphitheatre

As one of the largest fully-covered amphitheatres in the United States, Lincoln Amphitheatre is a majestic 1,500-seat venue located within Lincoln State Park in Lincoln City, Indiana—the boyhood home of Abraham Lincoln. The venue is under the management of the Indiana Destination Development Corporation. For additional information, call 812-937-2329 or email lincolnamphitheatre@visitindiana.com.

Chris Stapleton Confirms New 2022 Tour Dates

Chris Stapleton's "All-American Road Show" will continue throughout 2022 with newly added stops at L.A.'s The Forum, Detroit's Comerica Park, DC's Merriweather Post Pavilion, Long Island's Northwell Health at Jones Beach Theater, New Orleans' Smoothie King Center and Fort Worth's Dickies Arena among many others. The tour will make a stop at Ruoff Music Center located in Noblesville, Indiana on Friday, July 22, 2022 as part of the Coors Light Concert Series with special guests Elle King and Madeline Edwards.

Tickets for the Live Nation produced shows go on-sale next Friday, February 25 at 10:00am local time. Stapleton's fan club will have early access to tickets with pre-sale starting Tuesday, February 22 at 10:00am local time through Thursday, February 24 at 10:00pm local time. Full details can be found at StapletonFanClub.com. Citi is the official card of Chris Stapleton's All-American Road Show. Citi cardmembers will have access to pre-sale tickets beginning February 22 at 10:00am local time until Thursday,

February 24 at 10:00pm local time through the Citi Entertainment program. For complete pre-sale details visit www.citientertainment.com.

The new performances add to yet another monumental year for the 5x GRAMMY Award-winning singer, songwriter and musician, who is nominated for three more awards at the 64th Annual GRAMMY Awards—Best Country Album (Starting Over), Best Country Song ("Cold") and Best Country Solo Performance ("You Should Probably Leave")—as well as five awards at this year's 57th ACM Awards: Entertainer of the Year, Male Artist of the Year, Single of the Year ("You Should Probably Leave," as artist and producer) and Video of the Year (Taylor Swift's "I Bet You Think About Me (Taylor's Version)").

Moreover, Stapleton's current single, "You Should Probably Leave," reached #1 on both the Billboard Country Airplay and Mediabase/Country Aircheck charts last week—his third #1 as an artist following 2021's "Starting Over" and 2018's "Broken Halos." Stapleton also earned

Best Country Tour at last week's 33rd Annual Pollstar Awards and was recently the subject of an in-depth profile at CBS' "60 Minutes."

Released last fall on Mercury Records Nashville (stream/purchase here), Starting Over is an album of startling prescience, featuring fourteen tracks that examine life's simplest joys and most serious struggles. Once again produced by Grammy Award-winning producer Dave Cobb, the record debuted at #1 on Billboard's Country Albums chart and landed on several "Best of 2020" lists including NPR Music, Rolling Stone, Billboard, Esquire, Vulture, The Tennessean and The New York Times, who declares, "Chris Stapleton's roar isn't designed to scare you off. It's regal, an announcement of an alpha figure asserting his primacy...on this, his fourth album, the thrill is back."

Kentucky-born Stapleton is a 5x Grammy, 14x CMA and 9x ACM Award-winner and one of the country's most respected and beloved musicians. Following 2015's quintuple platinum breakthrough solo debut album Traveller,

Stapleton released two #1 albums in 2017. Both From A Room: Volume 1 (certified platinum) and From A Room: Volume 2 (certified gold) take their name from legendary RCA Studio A, where they were recorded with Cobb. Released to overwhelming critical acclaim, The Tennessean praises, "Both are rich with the textures of Stapleton's vocals that make him one of country music's most beloved artists, classic country sounds and thoughtful articulate lyrics about love, life and pain." He was also recently announced as the first-ever "Artist-Songwriter of the Decade" recipient by the Academy of Country Music.

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Whiskey Myers 'Tornillo Tour' 2022

Country-rockers Whiskey Myers have announced their new album "Tornillo" to be released on July 29th along with a 41-date tour which includes a stop in downtown Indianapolis at TCU Amphitheater at White River State Park on Friday, May 20, 2022. Tickets go on sale to the general public starting Thursday, February 24 at 10 AM local time at www.livenation.com. The show will feature support from Shane Smith & The Saints and Goodbye June.

ABOUT WHISKEY MYERS

Genre-bending band Whiskey Myers have played more than 3,000 live shows to ever-increasing crowd sizes since their emergence in 2007. Their self-produced fifth studio album, WHISKEY MYERS, debuted at No. 1 on both the Country and Americana/Folk sales charts, at No. 2 on the Rock chart and No. 6 on the all-genre Billboard 200 chart. The self-titled project follows their previous album, Mud, which reached No. 1 on the iTunes Country chart with single "Stone" hitting Top 10 all-genre. In total, Whiskey Myers have sold more than 1.2 million albums and amassed over 1.5 billion streams while earning three RIAA Gold certifications.

USA Today describes the band led by frontman Cody Cannon as "a riff-heavy blend of Southern rock and gritty country that has earned

comparisons to the Allman Brothers Band and Led Zeppelin," with Rolling Stone noting "it's the seminal combination of twang and crunchy rock & roll guitars that hits a perfect sweet spot." The band known for their high-energy live show and unique sound has also earned sync success with features (and an appearance) in Paramount Network's hit show "Yellowstone" as well as the Renée Zellweger-led Netflix series "What/If," the Angelina Jolie film "Those Who Wish Me Dead" and hit CBS series "SEAL Team."

For more information, visit www.whiskeymyers.com and follow on social media @WhiskeyMyers.

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VIP PREMIUM SEATS: Be a VIP and take your concert experience to the next level! With a full-service VIP Club & Restaurant, VIP parking and prime seats, it's the only way to see a show. For full and mini-season ticket information, contact 317-829-5147 & IndyPremiumSeating@livenation.com.

TICKETS: Tickets are available at www.LiveNation.com. All dates, acts and ticket prices are subject to change without notice. Ticket prices are subject to applicable fees.

New Locations And Prizes Added To The Indiana State Nature Passport

The Indiana Destination Development Corporation (IDDC) and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) launched the Indiana State Nature Passport last year. To date, over 17,000 travelers have signed up for the passport. There are 22 new locations to discover and additional prizes are now available for outdoor adventure-seekers.

"From State Parks to forests and lakes, the

passport now includes 81 outdoor locations to explore," said Lt. Governor Crouch. "The more you visit, the more you earn."

The free "digital passport" encourages visitors to discover new places and enjoy the outdoors. Participants sign up online for the passport and receive prizes for visiting multiple parks and properties across the state. Visitors need to check in from their smartphone

at one of the designated passport locations.

Passport prizes Participants can claim prizes with more visits:

- 10 check-ins, a pair of sunglasses
- 25 check-ins, a water bottle
- 40 check-ins, a hat
- 59 check-ins, a backpack

"If a person visits all 81 locations, they will receive a custom passport completion pin," Elaine Bedel, IDDC's

Secretary, and CEO said. "Those who complete all 81 locations will also qualify for special grand prize giveaways throughout the year." QR code

For more information go to VisitIndiana.com/Explore or scan the QR code. To follow on social media, Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram.

*The passport does not replace the entrance fee for a state property.

**All prizes are available while supplies last.

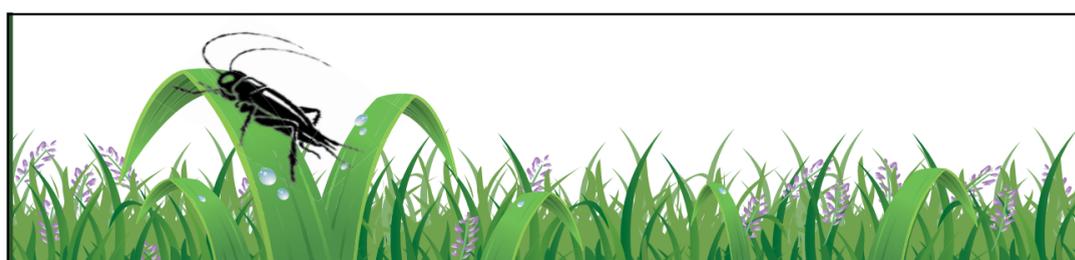
Jay County Fair '22

The Jay County Fair board is ecstatic to announce the grandstand entertainment for the historic Sesquicentennial Fair in Jay County! This year the fair has pulled out all the stops! There will be monster trucks, a demo derby, harness races, autocross, concerts, micro wrestling, a carnival, and more!

The music headliners kick off on Thursday, July 14, 2022, with the Christian Music group CAIN! The group, who is made up of 3 siblings, has over 100 million music streams and has been named by Billboard, BDS, and Mediabase as the Most Played Artist on Christian radio. They will be joined that night by Vernon Piercey. Headlining the grandstand on Friday, July 15th is the Grammy-Nominated multi-platinum rising country superstar Cole Swindell, who in the last several

years has raked in over 1 BILLION streams, had over 10 number 1's, and has won multiple awards. He will be joined that night by Tyler Rich and Ashley Cooke!

Tickets for the concerts will go on sale to the general public on Monday, July 21, 2022, at 8 AM EST. Fair Stockholders can prepurchase their tickets at the fair office this year. The office will be open for stockholder sales on Friday, February 18th from Noon to 6 PM and on Saturday, February 19th from 8 AM to Noon. Grandstand tickets, box seats, seated track tickets, and party pit tickets will be available online starting Monday, February 21, 2022, at www.JayCountyFair.com for both nights. Concert goers can also pick up tickets at the Jay County Fair Office, during normal business hours.



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What To Do If You're Behind On Your Mortgage

Although the pandemic has impacted the financial lives of millions, one of its largest effects has been on individuals' housing situations. Since the onset of the pandemic, Americans have missed a combined \$83.9 billion in mortgage payments, according to the Mortgage Bankers Association, creating undue stress and anxiety about their futures.

"Even as governments across the country begin to lift lingering pandemic restrictions, the effects on housing instability remain a critical issue for millions of homeowners," said Michael Sullivan, a personal financial consultant with Take Charge America, a nonprofit credit and housing counseling agency. "If you've fallen behind on your mortgage — or soon will — there are several steps you should take to protect

yourself and improve the chances of staying in your home."

If you're behind on your housing payments or struggling, Sullivan suggests the following actions:

- Contact your lender. Don't wait to call your lender until you have missed a payment. Be up front and honest about your situation, asking about potential programs or options they may have available, such as mortgage forbearance or loan modification. The sooner you contact your lender, the more options you'll likely have available.

- Research housing assistance programs. Nonprofits and government agencies at both national and local levels support individuals struggling with mortgage payments. Homeowners can check out the Fannie Mae website to find information and possible resources

for assistance.

- Consider a refinance. Exploring a refinance on your mortgage could potentially make your payment more affordable either through a lower interest rate or extending the timeline to pay off your balance.

- Seek legal help. Depending on the severity of your situation, you may want to find legal assistance to act on your behalf with your lender and negotiate any potential agreement to resolve the issue.

- Get it in writing. Document all your communication with your lenders, banks or servicers. You'll also want to request any agreements you come to with them in writing. Properly documenting everything will help you if a dispute arises.

- Seek nonprofit housing counseling. If your situation is overwhelm-

ing, nonprofit housing counseling agencies, like Take Charge America, can provide you with one-on-one guidance and tailored resources to help you determine the best path forward.

For additional housing resources and assistance, explore housing counseling services from Take Charge America.

About Take Charge America, Inc.

Founded in 1987, Take Charge America, Inc. is a nonprofit agency offering financial education and counseling services including credit counseling, debt management, student loan counseling, housing counseling and bankruptcy counseling. It has helped more than 2 million consumers nationwide manage their personal finances and debts. To learn more, visit takechargeamerica.org or call (888) 822-9193.

Five Tips For Buying Life Insurance

(StatePoint) More and more people are realizing that adding life insurance to their financial plan can provide a measure of security for their loved ones. In fact, according to a survey by the financial services trade association LIMRA, the first six months of 2021 saw the highest number of U.S. life insurance policies sold since 1983, and nearly one in three Americans said they were more likely to purchase coverage due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Whether you're buying life insurance for the first time or reviewing your policy to make sure you have the right coverage, here are five tips to help guide you in the right direction:

1. Know the difference between term and permanent life insurance. Term life insurance coverage lasts for a set amount of time — most policies are for 10 to 30-year terms — while permanent life insurance covers your entire lifetime. There are advantages and disadvantages to both, but some prefer term since it has a lower premium compared to permanent; it can be tailored to the length of time it's needed (such as long enough for your mortgage or your children's college educations to be paid for). On the other hand, permanent policies often have cash accumulation and can be tailored to last your lifetime.

2. Determine how much you need. There are several factors to consider, including your age, debts, monthly expenses and number of children. Did you know that even stay-at-home parents and student loan cosigners could have a definite need for life insurance? An insurance agent can help you figure out who and what you need to protect. To estimate your coverage needs, use the free Erie Insurance life insurance calculator found at www.erieinsurance.com/life-calculator.

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3. Purchase sooner rather than later. If you hold off buying term life insurance until age 50, the rate can be up to 212% higher compared to buying at age 30. So don't wait. Policies are more affordable than you may think. Permanent policies can also drastically change over time. For example, a \$250,000 Erie Family Life policy could cost less than \$15 a month, or about what you might spend on three or four coffee shop drinks.

4. Talk with a trusted advisor. An insurance agent can help answer any questions you have, walk you through the process, lay out the options that make sense for your life and budget, anticipate your needs and make the process efficient. In many cases, your advisor can tell you how much you need and how much it can cost in just a couple of minutes.

5. Choose a proper beneficiary. In other words, decide who you want your benefit to go to when you pass away, such as a spouse, close family member or grown child. There's also the option to leave it to a charity, school or church. It's important to make sure you think through who your beneficiaries are and if any proceeds meant to benefit a minor should be held in trust. When selecting a beneficiary, a policy owner must select someone with "insurable interest" in the life of the insured. Insurable interest generally means that the beneficiary will incur some type of loss should the life insured pass away.

"Insurance is a critical part of any financial plan," said Louis Colaizzo, senior vice president of Erie Family Life. "This is why we're continuing our efforts to educate customers about the importance of having adequate coverage that ensures their loved ones are protected."

BBB Scam Alert: Tech Support Scams

A tech support rep calls and offers to fix a computer bug you haven't even noticed, or a popup warning appears on the screen instructing you to dial a number for help. In this con, scammers pose as tech support employees of well-known computer companies and hassle victims into paying for their "support."

Within the last year BBB Serving Central Indiana has received numerous Scam Tracker reports from consumers losing more than \$5,000 to tech scams.

How the Scam Works: A call comes through on the Caller ID, a popup on the computer screen or you receive an email from someone claiming to be with tech support from a well-known software company. Microsoft, Comcast, Norton and Dell are all popular choices. The scammer ceases a sense of urgency—the computer is sending error messages, they've detected a virus, or your computer is about to crash causing a massive loss of data!

Rest assured the tech support employee can fix the problem but only if they're allowed to remote access the troubled machine. Once access is granted, the caller will often run a "scan" and claim the computer is infected with viruses. The offer is made to fix and repair the machine for a fee. That may not be the

end of the scam. If you allow remote access, malware may be installed on your machine. Malware often scans files in search of personal information, which scammers then use to commit identity theft.

According to a recent BBB Scam Tracker report, a Bloomington woman reported losing \$1,400 to this tech scam. She called the number in a pop-up message after her computer screen went black. At the time, she believed she was speaking to a technician at Microsoft. "He then told me that he will download an ad blocker Adguard and cleaner and charged me \$699 for the software - I thought this was a good way for me to protect my information online, so I wrote out a check for \$699." Later, she realized additional charges had been taken from her account and that's when she knew she had been scammed. She is now taking steps to shut down her bank account and file a police report.

Tips to spot this scam:

- Never give control of your computer to a third party unless you are absolutely certain it is the representative of a computer support team you initiated contacted.

- Legitimate tech support companies don't make unsolicited phone calls. A popular way for thieves to get in touch with victims is through cold calls. The callers

often claim to be from a tech company. Scammers do and they can spoof official looking phone numbers, so don't trust Caller ID.

- Look out for warning screens: Nearly half of tech support scams begin with an alert on the victim's computer screen. This pop up will have a phone number to call for help. Instead, disconnect from the internet and wi-fi connection by shutting off the device and restart it with an antiviral scan.
- Be wary of sponsored links. When searching online for tech support, look out for sponsored ads at the top of the results list. Many of these links lead to businesses that scam consumers.

- Avoid clicking on links in unfamiliar emails. Scammers also use email to reach victims. These messages point consumers to scam websites that launch pop-ups with the fake warnings and phone numbers.

If you are a victim of a tech support scam:

- Contact the bank immediately to report the incident and describe exactly what happened.

- Take the laptop, tablet, mobile device, or computer that was infected to a trusted local business and have it checked out.

- Remove any software that authorized remote access to the device.
- Change all of the

passwords used to access bank accounts, social media and other websites that contain personal information.

- File a report with BBB Scam Tracker and with law enforcement authorities, such as the FTC

Learn how to protect yourself, go to "10 Steps to Avoid Scams" and sign up for scam alerts.

Learn more about BBB Accreditation Standards and BBB Standards for Trust.

Read BBB's complete study with more details on who is behind tech support scams, how they are requesting money, and whom they are victimizing, as well as BBB's recommendations for dealing with the problem.

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Montgomery County's Most Wanted

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Caleb J. Mathews
Born 1984
Charge: P/V Dealing Methamphetamine (Level 3)

WANTED



Wyatt W. Hunt
Born 1996
Charge: FTA Resisting Law Enforcement/Criminal Confinement (Level 5)

WANTED



Mario G. Ortega
Born 1977
Charge: Sexual Misconduct with a Minor (Felony 4)

WANTED



Robert E. Butler
Born 1984
Charge: Possession of a Firearm by Serious Violent Felon (Level 4)

WANTED



Devin R. Post
Born 1990
Charge: FTA Possession of Methamphetamine (Level 6)

WANTED



Amanda J. Fry
Born 1987
Charge: P/V Theft (Felony 6)

WANTED



Thomas W. Farley II
Born 1991
Charge: FTA Possession of Methamphetamine/Carrying Handgun w/out license

WANTED



Cole M. Williams
Born 1995
Charge: P/V Escape

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Stephen C. Shaffer
Born 1992
Charge: Domestic Battery (Level 5)

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Tasha L. McCray
Born 1991
Charge: FTA Fraud (Felony 6)

Please Read Our Disclaimer:

All warrants are the property of Montgomery County, Indiana. This list of wanted suspects is updated on a daily basis, but all warrants need to be verified through the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office Warrants Division before any action is taken. If you feel a warrant is listed in error, please contact the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office.

Notice:

If you have information about the whereabouts of any of the listed suspects, please contact the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office at the numbers provided, or contact your local law enforcement agency. The issuance of a warrant by no means indicates that a person is guilty of a crime, only that probable cause exists to believe that person has committed a crime.

DO NOT ATTEMPT TO APPREHEND ANY OF THESE SUSPECTS AS THEY MAY BE ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

PUBLIC NOTICES

City of Crawfordsville, Indiana
Notice to Taxpayers of Hearing on Proposed Cumulative Capital Fire Fund under I.C. 36-8-14
Notice is hereby given the taxpayers of Crawfordsville, Montgomery County, Indiana that the Crawfordsville Common Council will consider the reestablishment of a Cumulative Capital Fire Fund under Indiana Code Section 36-8-14 for all uses set out under that statute at its regular meeting place, Council Chambers, 2nd floor, City Building, 300 East Pike Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana, at 6:00 P.M., on the 14th day of March, 2022.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING:
Maintenance assessment hearing
Attention All Landowners
On the Phillip Dewey #584, Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.
Montgomery County Courthouse
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Notice to Taxpayers of Hearing on Proposed Cumulative Capital Development Fund under I.C. 36-9-15.5
Notice is hereby given the taxpayers of Crawfordsville, Montgomery County, Indiana that the Crawfordsville Common Council will consider the reestablishment of a Cumulative Capital Development Fund under Indiana Code Section 36-9-15.5 for all uses set out under that statute at its regular meeting place, Council Chambers, 2nd floor, City Building, 300 East Pike Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana, at 6:00 P.M., on the 14th day of March, 2022.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
Notice is hereby given the Taxpayers of Montgomery County, Indiana, that the proper legal officers of Montgomery County will consider the following additional appropriations in excess of the 2021 Budget Order from the DLGF at the regular Council meeting on March 8, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at 100 E Main Street, Room 103, Crawfordsville, Indiana and also virtually at: GoTo Meeting - details to be available on County website prior to meeting.

Table with 7 columns: Fund, Fund Description, Dept #, Dept. Description, Account, Account Description, Additional Amount Requested. Rows include County General, Riverboat, Cumulative Bridge, Local Road and Street, Bridge Improvement Note, LEPC Grant, and Grand Total.

Taxpayers represented virtually at such meeting shall have a right to be heard. The additional appropriations as finally made will be referred to the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF). The DLGF will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations made within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a Certified Copy of the action taken.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING A PROPOSED LEASE BETWEEN THE FISHERS TOWN HALL BUILDING CORPORATION, AS LESSOR, AND THE FISHERS REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, AS LESSEE
Pursuant to IC 36-7-14-25.2, the Fishers Redevelopment Commission (the "Commission"), the governing body of the Department of Redevelopment of the City of Fishers, Indiana (the "City"), will hold a public hearing on March 7, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. (local time), in the Central Conference Room of the Fishers City Hall, One Municipal Drive, Fishers, Indiana, concerning a proposed lease, between the Fishers Town Hall Building Corporation (the "Corporation"), as lessor, and the Commission, as lessee (the "Lease").

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New Richmond Civil Town, Montgomery County, Indiana
Cash & Investments Combined Statement - 2021
Table with 7 columns: Local Fund Number, Local Fund Name, Beg Cash & Inv Bal Jan 1, 2021, Receipts, Disbursements, End Cash & Inv Bal Dec 31, 2021. Rows include GENERAL FUND, WASTEWATER, WATER, and Total All Funds.

Crawfordsville Civil City, Montgomery County, Indiana
Cash & Investments Combined Statement - 2021
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Darlington Civil Town, Montgomery County, Indiana
Cash & Investments Combined Statement - 2021
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CERTIFICATION State Of Indiana SS: Montgomery County, I Michelle Cash, Clerk Treasurer of the Town of Darlington, Montgomery County, Indiana, do solemnly affirm under the penalty of perjury that the preceding report is complete, true and correct: that the sum with which I am charged in this report are all of the sums received by me, and that the various items of expenditures credited have been fully paid in the sums stated; that such payments were made without express or implied agreement that any portion thereof shall be retained by or remitted to me or to any other person and that copies of such annual report are in the custody of the Clerk Treasurer, Town Council Board and the State Board of Accounts. Said report is subject to inspection by any taxpayer of the town. Michelle R. Cash Treasurer of the Town of Darlington, Telephone: 765-794-4496. This report is to be published by February 27, 2022, subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) before the Darlington Town Council board at its annual meeting, February 3, 2022, by Nicole Parker, Town Board President, Board Members, Nick Riddell, Noelle Sauter, Marilyn Cohee.



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