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SPRING BRINGS FESTIVALS, FLEA MARKETS AND FUN TO INDIANA

Spring has sprung in Indiana and that can only mean one thing: festivals and flea markets are returning. Hoosiers everywhere are preparing for a new festival and market season after the COVID-19 pandemic, and that means lots of options and lots of opportunities. Below is a list of the festivals that you can find happening throughout the spring, up until May 31st. For more information on what festivals, markets and events you can find around Indiana, visit <https://indianafestivals.org/> or <https://visitindiana.com/>.

1. The Indiana Hot Luck and Fiery Foods Marketplace
 - There will be a regular, 3 day Indiana Hot Luck and Fiery Foods Marketplace! Details to follow, but The Hot Luck will definitely be Friday evening starting 7 p.m. Saturday will be the Fiery Foods Exhibition, with the Steinhart heating and A/C's Big Geen Eggs, vendors of chile-laden products, and the thunder of Jerry King and the Rivertown Ramblers at 8 p.m.! Thank you and stay tuned - and keep it hot!
 - 04/08/2022 - 04/10/2022
 - Madison (Jefferson, South Central)
 - The Thomas Family Winery
2. Wine Walk
 - Local wineries set up tasting in shops and businesses throughout Historic Downtown Corydon for the annual Wine Walk. Enjoy the beautiful town of

3. Welcome to Fairyville
 - Fairies have taken over downtown Noblesville and you are invited to join in on the fun and mischief! All Ages!
 - 04/20/2022 - 04/23/2022
 - Noblesville (Adams, Central)
 - Noblesville Cultural Arts District
4. Wakarusa Maple Syrup Festival
 - The 53rd Annual Wakarusa Maple Syrup Festival is a Family Favorite! FREE Popcorn, Parade, Magician, Animal, Music Acts, Pedal Pull and so much more! Fair Food Galore! Carnival Rides! Craft Vendors! Held in Quaint Downtown Wakarusa! Come Make Family Memories!
 - 04/22/2022 - 04/24/2022
 - WAKARUSA (Elkhart, North)
 - Historic Downtown Wakarusa
5. Turkey Run Women's Wellness Retreat
 - Three days filled with fun classes ranging from wood carving, candle making, wine tasting, and lots more. Staying overnight at the Inn is optional.
 - 04/22/2022 - 04/24/2022
 - Marshall (Parke, West)
 - Turkey Run State Park
6. Orleans Dogwood Festival
 - 53rd annual festival

7. Corydon Extravaganza
 - An astonishing array of handmade items and antiques comprise the Corydon Extravaganza, an event held three times a year at the historic Harrison County Fairgrounds.
 - 04/23/2022 - 04/24/2022
 - Corydon (Harrison, South)
 - Harrison County Fairgrounds
8. Perry County Dogwood Festival
 - Tour beautiful Perry County for Dogwood trees while enjoying food vendors, flea markets, craft booths, quilt shows, sassafras tea, petting zoo and live music.
 - 04/23/2022 - 04/24/2022
 - Tell City (Perry, South)
 - Several locations around Perry County
9. Flower & Garden Show of Carroll County
 - Think Spring! Annual event featuring flowers, hanging baskets, vegetable plants, perennials, garden art, supplies and more! Door prizes. Kids' activities. Food available for purchase.
 - 04/23/2022 - 04/23/2022
 - Delphi (Carroll, West)
 - Flora Town Park

10. Rock the Block Run
 - 10K (timed), 5K walk/run (timed and/or family-friendly), and a free Kids Run. The event includes scenic courses, food, music, vendors and awards.
 - 04/23/2022 - 04/23/2022
 - Greenwood (Johnson, Central)
 - Center Grove High School
11. Sassafras Tea Festival & Civil War Living History
 - Civil War reenactments, mock battles, parade. Demonstrations in old time arts, woodcarving, spinning. Working blacksmith shop, delicious hot meals, hundreds of homemade pies and breads.
 - 04/23/2022 - 04/24/2022
 - Vernon (Jennings, South Central)
 - Town Square and Historical Society
12. ISFA Spring Workshop
 - Learn how to make your community's event even better! FREE for ISFA & INAF Members! \$30 for non-members (includes lunch). Seminars, presentations & marketing ideas. ISFA Board Meeting following Spring Workshop. Presentations on ISFA Facebook and IDDC update.
 - 04/23/2022 - 04/23/2022
 - Mitchell (Lawrence, South Central)
 - Spring Mill State Park Inn
13. Crossroads Acoustic Music Festival
 - Enjoy regional and national artists at multiple venues.

14. Metamora Mandolin Gathering
 - Full day of workshops offered at the MPA Opry Barn in Indiana's Canal Town. Instructor led jams. Evening show showcases the instructors and features a band from the region. Food available for purchase all day. Info & online registration on website & Facebook.
 - 04/30/2022 - 04/30/2022
 - Metamora (Franklin, South Central)
 - MPA Opry Barn
15. Garden Gate: Jazz, Wine, & Craft Beer
 - Enjoy the sounds of Jazz music while sampling wine and craft beer in the heart of Historic Downtown! Enjoy tasty food. Run/Walk the JazzedUp 5K in the morning! Visit 4th Street, and shop unique specialty and antique stores.
 - 04/30/2022 - 04/30/2022
 - Huntingburg (Dubois, South)
 - Market Street Park
16. Bridgeton Rendezvous
 - 1878 grounds. Living history reenactment (1750-1840). Trading posts, black powder

17. Tri-State Antique Market
 - Indiana's largest antiques and vintage market. 2022 dates: May 1, June 5, July 3, August 7, September 4, October 2; the event happens 6 times each year on the first Sunday of the month from May through October. Held the first Sun. of the month, May through Oct. Rain or shine. Over 200 dealers selling on each Market day. Local food and refreshments available. \$4 adult admission, attend pets and children welcome for no fee.
 - 05/01/2022 - 05/01/2022
 - Lawrenceburg (Dearborn, South Central)
 - Lawrenceburg Fairgrounds
18. Shippshewana Flea Market
 - Tuesdays and Wednesdays from May through September plus extended dates for Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, as well as, 2 special weekends in June and August from 8 am - 4 pm; Enjoy 700+ open-air booths on 40 acres at the Midwest's Largest Flea Market.
 - 05/03/2022 - 09/28/2022
 - Shippshewana (LaGrange, North)
 - Shippshewana Flea Market Grounds

Wrapping Up Readers' Choice 2022

Want MORE?

Please turn to page A5 and A6 for the winners, runner ups, and honorable mentions in the **FOOD** category and page A6 and A7 for the **MEDICAL** category. Stay tuned for these categories: **SERVICE** and **ENTERTAINMENT** next week!

Readers' Choice is wrapped up for another year, and once again, The Paper's annual promotion to recognize your favorites in a multitude of categories was a huge success. Back when our company was founded, the staff at The Paper brought Montgomery County this fun and good-natured promotion that features local businesses, people, products and more and gives

you, our readers, the opportunity to vote for your favorites. We often joke that this is like Chicago politics and encourage you to vote early and vote often. You see, this has never been about the rigidity of the process. Instead, it is designed to be an absolutely fun and very positive way for our readers to cast a good light on their favorites. And oh, how you

have responded! We annually see ballots that number in the hundreds of thousands - so many in fact that we had to find a way to automate the counting process. This year, rather than unveil all the winners at one time like we have in the past, we are revealing several categories a day. Today's categories can be found inside and a quick list is also provided here. When the

final winners, runner-ups and honorable mentions are revealed, we will compile all of them into one keepsake edition that will stay posted on our website for the entire year. Lastly, we encourage you to pay attention to the many businesses who are saying thank you with their ads. Without those supporters, local news and specifically your daily edition, wouldn't be here.

TODAY'S QUOTE

"So, this is my life. And I want you to know that I am both happy and sad and I'm still trying to figure out how that could be."
- Stephen Chbosky

TODAY'S JOKE

What do you call a pony with a cough? A little horse.

TODAY'S VERSE

1 Peter 5:6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time.

TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

You can't spread poison ivy, oak or sumac to another person once you have washed with warm soap and water. 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.



HONEST HOOSIER

Is there any chance the powers that be will bring back one-class basketball?



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SUNDAY

Obituaries

Sunday, March 27, 2022

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Gordon W. Foster

Feb. 28, 1937 - March 21, 2022

Gordon "Gordy" William Foster, 85, Hillsboro, passed away with loved ones present on Monday, March 21, 2022 at 11:27 a.m.

He was born on Feb. 28, 1937 at 107 Miller Avenue in Joliet, Ill. He was the son of the late Francis William and Blanche Lavaughn (Gordon) Foster.

Mr. Foster was raised in Joliet, Ill. and later moved to Galesburg, Ill., graduating from Galesburg High School in 1955. He attended Browns Business College and Wickes Management Training. Following graduation from high school Gordon enlisted in the Illinois National Guard and served until May of 1961. At the time of his honorable discharge from the Illinois National Guard he had attained the rank of Sergeant E-5.

Gordon worked with Wickes Lumber from 1962-1972, including years at Galesburg, Ill., Breese, Ill., Bloomfield, Ind. and finally as manager at Hillsboro. He retired from CLB Development in 2003.

He was a people person, enjoying a good conversation, whether it be regarding antique autos or fighting fires. He served as a volunteer fireman for the Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Department for over 50 years and in 2020 was awarded his fifty-year pin by the Indiana Volunteer Fire Fighters Association in Indianapolis. He was active in the town of Hillsboro, serving two terms on the Town Council and also served as Justice of the Peace before the office was eliminated. He was active in the Hillsboro Booster Club. He was a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church and had served on the Parish Council of the church. A large part of his life was service to others. Following his retirement he assisted the Shelby Funeral Home in Covington and the Maus Funeral Home in Hillsboro and Attica up until his death.

He had a great passion for antique autos and was Past President of the Illiana Antique Auto Club.

He was very fond of the community of Hillsboro and when he decided to stay in Hillsboro he built the home that he was presently living in until the time of his death.

On June 28, 1958, he married Sharon "Sherry" Lynne Johnson by Father Alphonsus A. Curran in the Corpus Christi Catholic Church in Galesburg, Ill.

Survivors include his wife, Sherry of nearly 64 years; his four children, Jody (Tom) Fishero of Hillsboro, Shelley Mitchell (Doug Barthalow) of Westville, Ill., Darcy (Bradley) Quakenbush of Martinsville, Ind. and Danny (Rachel) Foster of Veedersburg; thirteen grandchildren, Jessica Fishero (Ed Stewart) of Linden, Gary (Amanda) Fishero of Crawfordsville, Wesley (Megan) Fishero of Hillsboro, Maggie (Jake) Winchester of Lafayette, Lillianne Fishero of Hillsboro, Tyler (Kristin) Taylor of West Lafayette, Carley Taylor (Justin Skolek) of Peoria, Ill., Alexis Dowers of Cayuga, Jayci Furr (Blake Minnicus) of Mellott, Colin Furr of Chicago, MacKenzie Foster (Josh White) of Mackinac Island, Mich., Julia Foster (Mitchell VanCleave) of Kingman, Gabriella Foster (Dylan Popp) of Veedersburg; eight great-grandchildren, Braylin and Brantlee Dowers, Thomas and Lucille Fishero, Gibson and Lenora Taylor, Madison and Joshua Fishero.

He was preceded in death by an infant son, Timothy Gene Foster; and his parents.

Friends may call at the Maus Funeral Home, Hillsboro on Friday, March 25th, from 4 - 8 p.m., with Rosary Services beginning at 3:45 p.m. and a State IVFA (Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association) Service beginning at 8 p.m. A funeral service will be held at the funeral home on Saturday, March 26th at 11 a.m., with Rev. David Rasner officiating. Burial will follow in the Rose Hill Cemetery, Hillsboro with a "Final Call" following the service. Memorial contributions are preferred to be made to the Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Department, 302 Murphy St., Hillsboro, IN 47949.

Condolences may be sent online to www.mausfuneralhome.com.



Marie Lena (Hornyik) Pickerill

April 24, 1970 - March 21, 2022

Marie Lena (Hornyik) Pickerill, of Pueblo West, Colo., passed away suddenly on March 21, 2022 while on a trip with girlfriends in Pagosa Springs, Colo.

She was born on April 24, 1970 in Blacksburg, Va. to Karl & Irene Hornyik and grew up in Corvallis, Ore.

She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in political science from Tulane University and ultimately earned a PhD in Athletic Training from Oregon State University. She met John while working at Purdue University and they married in 2004. They had their two children, Jonas and Maddie and raised them in Crawfordsville, Ind. until moving the family to Pueblo West, Colo. in 2017 so that she could pursue a position teaching Athletic Training at Colorado State University-Pueblo.

Mrs. Pickerill loved skiing, camping, hiking, her cats and decorating the house at Christmas. She and John really enjoyed gardening together and preserving their harvests to share with family and friends, especially spaghetti sauce. She was an amazingly outgoing, intelligent person who could strike up a conversation with a total stranger and make friends in minutes. She was active at St. Paul's Catholic Church. She had a beautiful voice and loved to sing at Mass.

Survivors include her husband, John Pickerill; their children, Jonas (15), Maddie (12) and step-son Jack (age 26 of Harrisonburg, Va.); mother, Irene of Corvallis, Ore.; her sister, Galena (Chris) of Sandy, Utah; brother, Karl (Neysa) and their girls Beyza (15) and Lydia (16) of Seattle, Wash.; uncle, Chester and aunt, Daiva; and, cousin Ingrid of Chicago, Ill.

She is preceded in death by her father, Karl; and cousin, Andrea.

There will be a Rosary Saturday, March 26 at 9:30 at St. Paul's Catholic Church, followed immediately by a funeral Mass, with a private interment to follow in Chicago. A reception will follow the Mass at the church. Arrangements are being made by Montgomery & Steward Funeral Home with online condolences available. Donations can be made in honor of Marie to the Heart Health Foundation (hearthealthfoundation.org).



Justin James Mink

March 25, 1988 - March 20, 2022

Justin James Mink, age 33 of Kingman, passed away on Sun., March 20, 2022 from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

He was born in Indianapolis on March 25, 1988 to Jay W. Mink and Trina Marie (Wriston) Schindler.

Mr. Mink graduated from Brownsburg High School in 2006 and Lincoln Tech in 2008. He had a passion for welding, worked at Rowe Trucking Equipment in Otterbein, loved tearing things apart, fixing things with his kids, and taking care of his family. On May 13, 2017 he married the love of his life, Heather Marie Davidson.

Survivors include his wife Heather; children Faith Kay Mink, Chloe Ann-Marie Mink and Jesse James Mink; mother, Trina (Ed) Schindler; sister, Alyssa Marie Mink; mother-in-law, Eileen Davidson; grandparents Janette Erwin, Bonnie Davis and Jim & Ann Wriston; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jay W. Mink; his sister, Alex Nicole Schindler; and grandparents Monte Davis and Bill & Lauramae Schindler.

Cremation was chosen with a visitation at Sanders Funeral Care, 203 S 1st Street, in Kingman scheduled for Thu. March 31, 2022 from 5:00 p.m. till the time of the memorial service at 7:00 p.m. Burial of cremains will be at Coal Creek Cemetery at a later date. The service will be recorded which can be viewed on his obituary page at www.sandersfuneralcare.com. Memorial donations may be given to the funeral home to assist with funeral expenses. Envelopes with be available at the funeral home or you may donate online by clicking on the donation button at the top of his obituary page.

Sanders Funeral Care entrusted with care. Share memories and condolences online at www.sandersfuneralcare.com.



Heidi Rosina Fry

Sep. 22, 1961 - March 23, 2022

Heidi Rosina Fry, age 60, of Crawfordsville passed away into the presence of the Lord on March 23, 2022.

She was born on Sep. 22, 1961 in Bloomington, Ind.

A very special Christian couple, Raymond and Charlotte Lutz, adopted her and nurtured her into the fine woman she became.

Mrs. Fry became a member of the First Baptist Church of Crawfordsville enjoying the fellowship of youth groups, Bible studies of the Word of Christ, and participated in many different choirs all directed by Joyce Fry and supported by her husband Joseph Fry whom later became her loving in-laws.

She graduated from North Montgomery School Corporation in Crawfordsville, IN. She married Jeffrey C. Fry on June 7, 1986 and was blessed with 35 years of marriage until she passed away after a long struggle with Huntington's Disease.

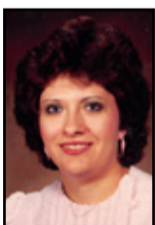
Mrs. Fry was a dedicated homemaker, a sweet and loving wife, and caring mother of three children and two grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband Jeffrey; children Joshua C. Fry, Kyle J. (Bertie B.) Fry and Amanda R. Fry; and grandchildren Jackson A. Fry and Madelyn P. Fry.

Visitation are scheduled to be at Sanders Priebe Funeral Care, 315 South Washington Street, in Crawfordsville on Tue., March 29, 2022 from 12:00 p.m. till the time of the funeral service at 2:00 p.m. with Pastor Todd Randles of First Baptist Church in New Market officiating. The service will be live-streamed and recorded which can be viewed on her obituary page at www.sandersfuneralcare.com Burial will follow at Harshbarger Cemetery in Ladoga.

Please make donations to Huntington's Disease Society of America, <https://hdsa.org>.

Share memories and condolences online at www.sandersfuneralcare.com



Patsy Joan (Lowe) Gleason

April 10, 1936 - March 15, 2022

Patsy Joan (Lowe) Gleason of Crawfordsville passed away March 15, 2022 in her home at the age of 85.

She was born April 10, 1936 to the late Clarence and Maude (Cason) Lowe in their Crawfordsville home and was one of 14 siblings.

She married Donald T. Gleason on Jan. 16, 1954, they celebrated 54 years of marriage prior to his death on September 5, 2009.

Mrs. Gleason enjoyed playing guitar alongside her husband at local events in addition to entertaining many friends and family members over the years. She was a loving grandmother who was known to be very supportive in the creative endeavors of her grandchildren.

Survivors include her siblings Wanda Shelley, Emory Lowe and Sam Lowe; children Terry (Sondra) Gleason, Rhonda (Howard) Smith, Vincent Gleason and Steve (Melissa) Gleason; six grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren.

At Mrs. Gleason's personal request, there will be no service.



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Did You Know?

- Floyd County is the second smallest county in Indiana with only 148.96 square miles.
- New Albany, the county seat, experienced the Ohio River flood in 1937, leaving the town drenched in over 10 feet of water.
- The county was founded in 1819 and named after Brigadier General John Floyd.
- Floyd County has a population of 75,283 residents.
- New Albany is 15.11 square miles and has around 36,372 residents.

1. How old is Floyd County?

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2. What percentage of the county does New Albany make up?

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3. What is the population density of the county?

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4. How long ago did the Ohio River flood take place?

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%

Answers: 1. 200 Years 2. About 10.14% 3. Around 505 per square mile 4. 82 Years

Got Words?

Fayette County was a vital supply and medical center during the Civil War and was a stop in the Underground Railroad. How do you think the county has been influenced by its critical, historical role in the United States?

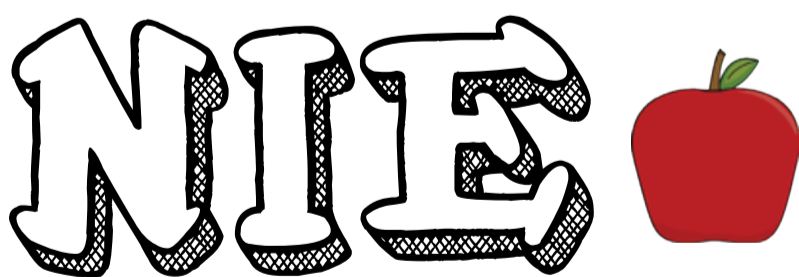
Word Scrambler

Unscramble the words below!

1. WEN LYNBAA
2. DOFYL YTUCON
3. OOFDL
4. LIIVC AWR
5. IOOH RIRVE

Answers: 1. New Albany 2. Floyd County 3. Flood 4. Civil War Era 5. Ohio River

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Readers' Choice 2022 Results - Food Category

- **Bakery**
Winner – Jack's Donuts
 Runner Up – Maxine's on Green
 Honorable Mentions – Warehouse Bakery, Kroger, Wal-Mart, Casey's General Store

- **Banquet Facility**
Winner – Stone Creek Lodge
 Runner Up – Crawfordsville Country Club
 Honorable Mentions – Historic Ladoga – Old Normal, Cochran's, Eagles, Hidden Hollow Farms

- **Bar and Grill**
Winner – Backstep Brewing Co.
 Runner Up – Applebee's
 Honorable Mentions – Canning Factory, Barefoot Burger, Waveland Pub, Francis and Mount

- **Caterer**
Winner – The Juniper Spoon
 Runner Up – Maxine's on Green
 Honorable Mentions – Cochran's Catering
 & Cakes, Bon Appetit, Robin Pirtle, Francis and Mount, Miller Quality Meats, Harry's Hideout

- **Chinese/Japanese Restaurant**
Winner – Beijing
 Runner Up – China Buffet
 Honorable Mentions – China Inn, Yamato's

- **Coffee Shop**
Winner – Joshua Cup
 Runner Up – Good To Go Xpresso
 Honorable Mentions – 1832 Brew, Jack's Donuts, Starbucks

- **Fast Food Restaurant**
Winner – Culver's
 Runner Up – Wendy's
 Honorable Mentions – Steak n Shake, Beijing, Buffalo Wild Wings, Subway (US 231)

- **Ice Cream Place**
Winner – Dari-licious
 Runner Up – Culver's
 Honorable Mentions – Big Dipper, Lindy Freeze, Dairy Queen,
 Steak n Shake, Emporium 109

- **Italian Restaurant**
Winner – Brother's Pizza
 Runner Up – Valentino's
 Honorable Mentions – Pizza Hut, Mama Fazio's, Italian Pie & Bakery, Greek's

- **Liquor Store**
Winner – Ken's
 Runner Up – Malt Shoppe
 Honorable Mentions – Kork & Keg

- **Meat Processor**
Winner – Four Seasons Market
 Runner Up – Moody Meats
 Honorable Mentions – Miller Quality Meats, This Old Farm, Back 40 Amish, Ladoga Frozen Foods

- **Mexican Restaurant**
Winner – Little Mexico
 Runner Up – El Charro
 Honorable Mentions – Rancho Bravo, Mi Corcel, Aki Les Voy Takeria

- **Best Omelet**
Winner – The Breakfast Co.
 Runner Up – Forum
 Honorable Mention – Neighborhood Café

- **Best Tenderloin**
Winner – Sunoco
 Runner Up – Culver's
 Honorable Mentions – Alice's Restaurant, Francis and Mount, Creekside, Neighborhood Café

- **Best French Fries**
Winner – McDonald's
 Runner Up – Culver's
 Honorable Mentions – Barefoot Burger, Steak n Shake, Arby's, Alice's Restaurant

- **Best Milk Shake**
Winner – Dari-licious
 Runner Up – Big Dipper
 Honorable Mentions – Culver's, Dairy Queen, Steak n Shake, Lindy Freeze, Emporium 109

- **Best Onion Rings**
Winner – Sunoco
 Runner Up – Culver's
 Honorable Mentions – Applebee's, Buffalo Wild Wings, Arby's, New Ross Steak House

- **Best Cup of Coffee**
Winner – Good To Go Xpresso
 Runner Up – Joshua Cup
 Honorable Mentions – 1832 Brew, Mary Lou, Jack's Donuts, Starbucks

- **Dine-In Restaurant**
Winner – Applebee's
 Runner Up – Little Mexico
 Honorable Mentions – Cracker Barrel, Creekside Lodge, Barefoot Burger, Cozy Corner

- **Best Donut**
Winner – Jack's Donuts
 Runner Up – Warehouse Bakery
 Honorable Mentions – Casey's, Kroger, Wal-Mart

- **Best Burger**
Winner – Culver's
 Runner Up – Barefoot Burger
 Honorable Mentions – Crawfordsville Country Club, Creekside, McDonald's, Steak n Shake

- **Best Chili**
Winner – Wendy's
 Runner Up – Arni's
 Honorable Mentions – K&K Café, Neighborhood Café

- **Best Cookie**
Winner – Subway
 Runner Up – McDonald's
 Honorable Mentions – Steak n Shake

- **Best Bagel**
Winner – The Breakfast Co.
 Runner Up – Forum
 Honorable Mentions – Neighborhood Café

- **Pizza Place**
Winner – Arni's
 Runner Up – Brother's Pizza
 Honorable Mentions – Pizza Hut, Ladoga Pizza King, Little Caesar's, Pizza Pie & Bakery

Ken's Liquor Store



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Readers' Choice 2022 Results - Medical Category

- Audiologist
Winner – Beltone
Runner Up – Hearing Care Professionals
Honorable Mentions – Crawfordsville Audiology

- Podiatrist
Winner – Dr. Chae
Runner Up – Dr. Hiskes

- Home Health

- Winner – C'Ville Docs
Runner Up – Crawfordsville Home Health Care
Honorable Mentions – Franciscan Home Care

- Hospital/Medical Center
Winner – Franciscan Health Crawfordsville
Runner Up – St.

- Vincent
Honorable Mentions – IU/Arnett Health, Witham

- Nursing Home
Winner – Wellbrooke
Runner Up – Whitlock
Honorable Mentions – Bickford Cottage, Lane House, Ben Hur, Hickory Creek, Williamsburg

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- Physician
Winner – John Roberts
Runner Up – Scott Douglas
Honorable Mentions – Barry Mathison, Joshua Krumenacker, Kyle Graper, Katie L. Towles

- Nurse Practitioner
Winner – Jamie

- Barton
Runner Up – Aimee Barnett
Honorable Mentions – Stephanie Ross, Jennifer Mertl, Corinna Cain, Jill Reisman, Penny Husnberger

- Pharmacy
Winner – CVS
Runner Up – Walgreen's
Honorable Mentions – Kroger, Wal-Mart

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- Optometrist
Winner – Dr. Boyd
Runner Up – Sugar Creek Eye Center – Dr. Scheidler
Honorable Mentions – Dr. Ledgerwood, Pearle Vision

- Orthodontist
Winner – All Smiles
Runner Up – Dr. Aaron Altschul

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White River State Park Nominated for USA Today 10Best City Park

USA Today 10Best editors and a panel of experts have chosen White River State Park as a nominee for their 2022 Best City Park Readers' Choice award. The polls are now open, and Hoosiers are encouraged to vote every day until April 11.

The 2022 Best City Park Readers' Choice award celebrates the best of the best public spaces in North America. Other nominees include: San Diego, CA; Boston, MA; Greenwich, CT; New Orleans, LA; Philadelphia, PA; Sioux Falls, SC; Baltimore, MD; Portland, OR; St. Louis, MO; Savannah, GA; Seattle, WA; Tulsa, WA; Houston, TX; Dallas, TX; Hilo, HI; and Denver, CO.

"White River State Park is a great place to take a bike ride. It offers well-maintained paths along the river, wide-

open spaces, public art, and expansive views of the city skyline, making it a one-of-a-kind way to experience our city," says Zach Hall, a frequent visitor of The Park.

In addition to extensive trails, White River State Park is an excellent place for weddings, social gatherings, and corporate events. "Having this beautiful green space in the heart of downtown is such an incredible benefit, especially for those who work here. I spend countless lunch breaks running and enjoying the views around White River State Park. That short escape to the outdoors does so much for my overall health, and it helps me feel rejuvenated and refocused for the rest of my day," adds Carla Knapp.

Hoosiers can only vote once a day. Category winners will be announced on

the USA Today 10Best website on April 22.

For more information on how you cast your vote, go to <https://www.10best.com/awards/travel/best-city-park/white-river-state-park-indianapolis/>.

White River State Park, located in downtown Indianapolis, boasts world-class attractions and destinations that offer distinctive experiences for every visitor. Green-spaces, trails, trees, and waterways co-mingle alongside cultural, educational, and recreational attractions across 250 beautiful acres. Attractions at White River State Park include TCU Amphitheater, IMAX Theater, Indianapolis Zoo, Indiana State Museum, Eiteljorg Museum, NCAA Hall of Champions, Canal, and Indians Baseball at Victory Field.

Braden Named Executive Vice President, Chief Marketing Officer for Purdue, Purdue University Global

Charged to further enhance Purdue University's reputation as one of the most innovative universities in the world and advance Purdue's growing portfolio of online educational offerings tailored to address different adult learning needs, Ethan Braden has been promoted to executive vice president and chief marketing and communications officer for Purdue University and Purdue University Global.

Purdue President Mitch Daniels announced the promotion on Wed., March 23.

"The progress we perceive in the professionalism, coherence and overall effectiveness of Purdue's communications has been validated by an abundance of outside evidence, and Ethan has been central to this progress," Daniels said. "We now need to achieve similar improvement in the very different realm in which Purdue Global and Purdue Online operate. It's a large and critical assignment, but Ethan has shown an ability to handle those, and we're optimistic about this new set of challenges."

As executive vice president and chief marketing and communications officer for Purdue University and Purdue University Global, Braden will oversee brand strategy, marketing, market research, digital experience, strategic communications and media relations across Purdue's entire portfolio, including its flagship West Lafayette campus, Purdue University Online and Purdue University Global.

The move further signals Purdue's commitment to the millions of working adults in the U.S. who have different educational needs by providing access to affordable yet high-quality and relevant online education to upskill and keep pace with rapidly changing workplace needs while balancing school, work and family. Founded in 2018, Purdue University

Global is Purdue's public, nonprofit, online university with a mission of helping working adults leverage the skills they have and develop the skills they need to achieve their career goals. Among Purdue University Global's 32,000 students, more than 60% are over the age of 30, a majority are the first in their family to pursue a college education, 42% are underrepresented minorities, and nearly a third are serving or have served in the U.S. military. With more than 4,000 students enrolled, Purdue University Online, part of the flagship West Lafayette campus, provides working professionals and full-time students the opportunity to advance their careers with a Purdue education, whether for one course, a graduate certificate or a degree.

"I am so grateful to the Board of Trustees, President Daniels, my predecessor Dan Hasler and our entire central marketing and communications team for this opportunity to lead at the next and highest level here at Purdue," Braden said. "For 152 years, Boilermakers have taken small steps and giant leaps in all fields, head down, focused on being and bringing their very best. For the last three years, our team and marketers across the system have worked to cultivate, excite and unite a world-class marketing community, as well as deliberately position, promote and protect the Purdue brand worldwide. Moving forward, with this iconic brand, sought-after residential undergraduate and graduate experiences, and a growing portfolio of online degrees and certificates that students and employers trust, Purdue can become the land-grant university of the 21st century. We are among the most innovative, prestigious and accessible public institutions in the world, providing a proven and valued education for a growing range of students, no matter where they live

or where they are today in their educational journey."

In 2021, Purdue University was named one of Fast Company Magazine's Brands That Matter, the only university and the only organization from Indiana included in the inaugural list, joining renowned brands including Nike, McDonald's, Ford, 3M and Yeti. The list honors companies and organizations that give people compelling reasons to care about them, offer inspiration for others to buy in and authentically communicate their mission and ideals, according to Fast Company editors.

In 2020, Braden was named Marketer of the Year for Higher Education by the American Marketing Association, the same year the Purdue Marketing and Communications team was named Marketing Team of the Year for Higher Education by the AMA.

Before Purdue, Ethan worked for more than a decade at Eli Lilly & Company, where he served in a variety of senior marketing and sales leadership roles, managing some of Lilly's and the pharmaceutical industry's most successful and life-changing brands. He has been featured in Fast Company magazine, the Washington Post, AdAge, The Hechinger Report and The Morning Brew.

Braden teaches personal branding to student-athletes in Purdue University's Optimizing Personal Brand and Image class, part of an innovative partnership between Purdue's School of Management and Purdue Athletics to proactively equip students to navigate new NCAA rules that allow them to profit from their names, images and likenesses.

Braden is a graduate of Willamette University and has a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Notre Dame.

Visitors to campus should follow standards set in Protect Purdue guidelines.

New Agtech Robot Announced Today Through Solinftec And GROWMARK Partnership

Solinftec, a global leader in agricultural digitalization, has today announced that it will expand upon its partnership with GROWMARK, Inc., one of North America's largest agricultural cooperatives, with a collaborative project focused on a new cutting-edge AgTech robotic device.

With more than 15 years of experience developing digital ag solutions throughout various geographies and crops around the world, Solinftec's new robot is state-of-the-art technology built to scan and monitor fields. This, connected with Solinftec's ALICE platform, works together to orchestrate machine operations. Programmed with a neurological network featuring a complex detection algorithm, the new in-field robotic device has the ability not only to scan for crop health and nutrition, insects, and weeds, but is built to monitor the entire field ecosystem and provide real-time insights.

The goal is to provide farmers and agronomists a new level of information to increase yields, improve inputs usage, lowering environmental impact.

GROWMARK will collaborate with Solinftec to run the robot throughout the entire 2022 season where it will fine-tune the technology of agriculture operations in North America from planting to harvesting.

Over almost 100 years, GROWMARK has developed trusted relationships and expertise within its vast system, which provides tremendous value for technology startups and ultimately benefit our respective customers. This is a natural evolution of GROWMARK's AgValidity trial and testing program, along with its new omnichannel platforms that deliver custom solutions for GROWMARK/FS customers whenever, wherever, and however they choose to do business, from the cab of a tractor to their home offices.

"GROWMARK and our System of FS Cooperative members are recognized as cutting-edge partners by the Farmer of the Future," says GROWMARK Innovation Director Heather Thompson. "We believe in leading the market with products and technologies customers didn't know they needed but can't imagine their operation without."

"We are looking at the future of farming," adds Lance Ruppert, GROWMARK's director of agronomy marketing technology. "We have been working with and utilizing Solinftec's leading agricultural technologies for over three years and are excited to partner on a project with the potential to change farm practices for the better of the industry and environment."

The goal is to have the robot commercially available for the 2023 season.

"We're taking our robot directly to the fields for practical implications," said Daniel Padrão, Solinftec's chief operating officer. "This cutting-edge technology will help develop agricultural solutions and support sustainable farm practices. We are honored to have such a progressive partner as GROWMARK to move forward with this first launch as we continue to work together to support farmers on seizing the opportunities in agriculture."

With the launch of its new AgTech robot and current ALICE technologies, Solinftec continues to be committed to protecting and respecting its users' privacy, abiding by core data privacy principles to protect data. Farmers and users maintain ownership of their data and may choose to share results at their discretion.

"I'm proud to see our company leading the evolution of new agriculture technology," said Britaldo Hernandez, Solinftec's chief executive officer. "For the past 15 years, we've been dedicated to evolving agriculture prac-

tices hand-in-hand with farmers. There has always been a pull between ag operations and the field's ecosystem, but we are excited to build new technologies that orchestrate bringing these together and democratize the knowledge."

A technology company built exclusively for agriculture, Solinftec continues to invest and research industry advances. In 2018, the company introduced ALICE, a first of its kind artificial intelligence data science assistant specifically designed to work with production farmers to integrate and process data from machinery, people, climate and relevant external inputs. ALICE calculates producers' ultimate needs/objectives and delivers real-time actionable recommendations.

Solinftec is a technology provider built exclusively for agriculture. Across 22 million acres and growing, Solinftec's technology captures greater value in every corner of the field. Today, customers can predict upcoming conditions, solve problems and plan with efficiency previously unseen in agriculture. Solinftec, which is headquartered in Aracatuba, São Paulo, Brazil and West Lafayette, Indiana, USA, was founded in 2007 and now employs more than 700 individuals globally. As the operating system of the farm, Solinftec connects dots across the field and into the future. For more information, visit solinftec.com.

GROWMARK is an agricultural cooperative serving almost 400,000 customers across North America, providing agronomy, energy, facility engineering and construction, and logistics products and services, as well as grain marketing and risk management services. Headquartered in Bloomington, Illinois, GROWMARK owns the FS trademarks, which are used by licensed member cooperatives. More information is available at growmark.com.

Channel Catfish Stocked in Urban Fishing Lakes

The DNR recently stocked selected urban fishing locations with more than 2,000 channel catfish ranging from 10 to 14 inches with an average of 12 inches. Fish were stocked here, with county listed in parentheses.

- Diamond Valley Park Pond (Evansville, Vanderburgh) – 225 fish
- Dobbs Park Pond (Terre Haute, Vigo) – 200 fish
- Dubarry Park Ponds (Indianapolis, Marion) – 200 fish
- Garvin Park Lake (Evansville, Vanderburgh) – 200 fish
- Krannert Lake (Indianapolis, Marion) – 225 fish
- Meadowlark Park Pond (Carmel, Hamilton) – 100 fish
- Munger Park Pond (Lafayette, Tippecanoe) – 150 fish
- Northeast Lakeside Pond (Fort Wayne, Allen) – 300 fish
- Robinson Park Lake (Hobart, Lake) – 300 fish
- Washington Township Park Pond # 2 (Avon, Hendricks) – 100 fish

These lakes receive three stockings total each spring, typically between late March and the first

week of June. The catfish daily bag limit is 10 per angler with no size restriction. DNR's urban fishing program offers an exciting and safe way for families and anglers to experience the fun of fishing. Find out more about urban fishing opportunities and future stockings at wildlife.IN.gov/fishing/urban-fishing. Anglers 18 and older must have a valid Indiana fishing license to fish at these locations, but those 17 and younger do not. Licenses can be purchased at on.IN.gov/INhuntfish.

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Lt. Gov. Crouch, IHCDa Announce \$90M in Multifamily Bonds, Low-Income Housing Tax Credits

Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch and the Board of Directors for the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA) today announced five developments have received awards from the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program, in conjunction with Multifamily Tax Exempt Bonds. This funding is used to incentivize private developers to fund the construction, acquisition and rehabilitation of affordable housing communities throughout Indiana.

“These awards are major investments in Indiana’s infrastructure,” Crouch said. “These five properties will greatly benefit their communities and the Hoosiers who live there. Preservation and creation of affordable housing is critical to ensuring long-term affordability that allows residents to thrive in neighborhoods and to

maintain consistency in their neighbors, schools, jobs and healthcare.”

These investments represent a variety of housing types including new construction, preservation of existing housing, family housing and affordable assisted living for seniors. Below is a breakdown of the awards:

Vita of Greenfield, developed by Vita Investment Holdings, LLC, will receive \$21M in multifamily bonds and \$799,296 in tax credits annually for 10 years for the construction of 110 rental units for seniors of mixed income. In addition to helping to meet the need for affordable senior housing, this investment will provide a continuum of care by offering assisted living services for those who need assistance with activities of daily living.

Vita of New Whiteland, developed by Vita Investment Holdings, LLC, will receive \$21M

in multifamily bonds and \$864,236 in tax credits annually for 10 years for new construction of mixed income housing that will offer assisted living services for seniors ages 62 and older. These services will include assistance with bathing, grooming, dressing, toileting, personal hygiene, ambulating, meals, shopping, medication delivery and reminders, transportation, housekeeping and laundry.

Barrington Village will receive \$30M in multifamily bonds and \$1.5M in tax credits annually for 10 years to preserve and rehabilitate 172 units of affordable housing. Millennium Housing Development, Ltd. is acquiring and rehabilitating Stonekey Apartments on the southeast side of Indianapolis. The renovation of the property will afford significant upgrades to each unit. Community upgrades include a picnic pavilion

and community building where residents will have access to services such as a resident liaison, resident activities programming and neighborhood watch.

Carriage House of Kendallville will receive \$9M in multifamily bonds and \$565,183 in tax credits annually for 10 years to preserve 150 units of affordable housing. The Gene B. Glick Company project consists of 1-bedroom garden style units and 2- and 3-bedroom townhome-style units throughout 18 buildings. The scope of rehabilitation includes replacement of siding, windows and roofs; replacement of HVAC systems; replacement and upgrades to cabinets, appliances and plumbing and bathroom fixtures.

Beechwood Court will receive \$8.7M in multifamily bonds and \$876,204 in tax credits annually for 10 years to create 83 units of affordable housing in

New Albany. Southern Indiana Community Housing Corp. will build on the vacant land of an existing public housing site that will be demolished to make way for the redevelopment. The development will feature a mix of single-family detached homes, duplexes, single-family/duplex combos and one three story multifamily units. This neighborhood-campus style development will also be home to a fully accessible park, picnic shelters, commercial-grade playground and accessible community garden.

IHCDA receives applications for Housing Tax Credits and Multifamily Bonds under the Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP). The QAP, which is unique to each authoring state, details selection criteria and application requirements for the LIHTC program, Multifamily Bonds, HOME funds

Development Fund and the National Housing Trust Fund in conjunction with tax credits. It also contains all deadlines, application fees, restrictions, standards and requirements.

“IHCDA is committed to providing affordable housing for the residents of Indiana,” said Jacob Sipe, Executive Director of IHCDA. “These tax credits for the development of housing provide safe, affordable options for Hoosiers and their families and will also create economic activity for these communities.”

The Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA) administers and manages the federal tax credits which provide incentives for the creation and preservation of affordable housing units in Indiana.

Go to <https://www.in.gov/ihcda/developers/rental-housing-tax-credits-rhtc/> for more information regarding IHCDA or the LIHTC program.

Spirit Airlines Launches New Nonstop from Indy to Newark

The Indianapolis International Airport (IND) has another new, nonstop flight to boast about, as Spirit Airlines announces it will offer its first-ever flight from Indianapolis to Newark/New York City metro area beginning June 22.

The nonstop flight to Newark (EWR) will leave out of Indy once daily and operate year-round.

“Newark is a convenient gateway into New Jersey and New York City for travelers, and Spirit’s new nonstop flight will provide the first ultra-low-cost option into that market from Indy,” said Mario Rodriguez, executive director of the Indianapolis Airport Authority.

Newark airport combines with La Guardia and John F. Kennedy airports in the New York City metropolitan area to make up the largest airport system in the United States. The New York/Newark area is a major destination, well known for tourist attractions along with art, music, shopping, sports, history, and other sightseeing.

The new Spirit nonstop flight also provides a great

opportunity for Hoosiers who have moved to the NYC/Newark area to return home and visit Indy family, enjoy sporting events like college playoff games, the Indianapolis 500 Mile Race, the Brickyard, and other fun activities at an ultra-low-cost price.

Spirit Airlines also offers flights from Indianapolis into Ft. Lauderdale (FLL), Las Vegas (LAS), Orlando (MCO), Pensacola (PNS), Ft. Myers (RSW), and Tampa (TPA). This May, Spirit will also resume their nonstop flight from Indy to Myrtle Beach (MYR), a route last served by the airline in 2019.

“Residents of the Circle City have embraced Spirit’s high value low fare service proposition,” said John Kirby, vice president of Network planning at Spirit Airlines. “We are excited to add another popular destination to our growing Indianapolis portfolio of service.”

To book a flight to Newark on Spirit Airlines, visit spirit.com

The Indianapolis Airport Authority owns and

operates Indiana’s largest airport system in the Indianapolis metropolitan area. In addition to the Indianapolis International Airport (IND), its facilities include the Downtown Heliport, Eagle Creek Airpark, Hendricks County Airport-Gordon Graham Field, Indianapolis Regional Airport and Metropolitan Airport. IND generates a \$5.4 billion total annual economic impact for Central Indiana – without relying on state or local taxes to fund operations. More than 10,000 people work at the airport each day, and 22,600 area jobs have a connection to the airport. In 2021, IND served more than 7.1 million business and leisure travelers. IND is consistently ranked, year after year, as the best airport in North America and the nation, based on ease of use, passenger amenities, customer service, local retail offerings and public art. The airport is home of the world’s second largest FedEx operation and the nation’s eighth-largest cargo facility. For more information, visit IND.com

Thousands of Indiana High Schoolers Earn College Credit Before Graduation

More than 7,500 Hoosier high school students over the past five years have earned the Indiana College Core or an associate degree while still in high school, continuing Indiana’s strong support of students taking early college credit with the benefit of students saving time and money toward postsecondary education and training.

Recent data show more than 1,800 students earned the Indiana College Core, and almost 500 students earned an associate degree in 2020 – all while still in high school. Created in 2012, the Indiana College Core is a 30 credit-hour block of general education college-level coursework that transfers to all Indiana public colleges and universities and some private institutions. Indiana students can earn up to a full year of college for \$750 or less when they earn the Indiana College Core while in high school.

To continue building awareness around the benefits of the Indiana College Core with high school students, the Indiana Commission for Higher Education and Indiana Department of Education released today a comprehensive digital guide and toolkit. The materials are designed to equip educators, especially school counselors, with the information and tools needed to help students make knowledgeable decisions about earning the Indiana College Core.

“The popularity of the Indiana College Core has

grown since its creation with thousands of students earning it each school year,” said Indiana Commission for Higher Education Teresa Lubbers. “Our new educator guide and toolkit will increase awareness of the Core and the benefits of earning it. Working in partnership with the Indiana Department of Education, we are making these materials available to high school educators and counselors around the state so more students can take advantage of this opportunity.”

Nearly 94 percent of Indiana College Core earners from the class of 2018 went on to attend college. Once at college, those students can focus on major-specific courses earlier than their peers and pursue additional opportunities such as adding a minor and studying abroad. Additionally, they’re more likely to graduate on time or early and could pursue graduate school ahead of their peers who didn’t earn the Core while in high school.

Indiana College Core Logo While more students are earning the Indiana College Core, gaps remain. Far too few Indiana high schools offer the Core – the Commission estimates that it’s currently available at just one in five high schools. The educator guide serves as an informational resource for school administrators to learn how their school can become a provider. It also instructs counselors on how to assist students with earning and

transferring the Core.

“It’s important that every student has access to pathways throughout their K-12 education that prepare them for what’s next after high school – whether that’s employment, enrollment or enlistment leading to service,” said Indiana Secretary of Education Dr. Katie Jenner. “Completing the Indiana College Core while still in high school can help our students open doors by earning a degree or credential, saving them time and money. Expanding access to the Indiana College Core at all Indiana schools – rural, urban and suburban – can be a game-changer for our students while also strategically setting the foundation for increasing educational attainment in communities across our state.”

The toolkit features plug-and-play resources such as an email template, social media posts, a short informational video and website content to be used to explain the Indiana College Core to students and parents. Counselors also have access to a fillable course offering list, making it clear to students and parents which courses qualify for the Core.

The guide and toolkit are located on LearnMoreIndiana.com, along with a variety of other resources designed specifically for K-12 counselors and educators.

For more information about dual credit and credit transfer, visit TransferIN.net.

Rokita Warns Hoosiers of Dangers With Rent-To-Own

Many Hoosiers dream of buying a home but may not have a good credit score or enough savings for a down payment to take a traditional loan. So, what if a landlord or a company offered the chance to eventually own the house you are renting? Be aware, while rent-to-own may be a feasible option, it is not always as sound as renting or buying a home. Rent-to-own deals may have more than one catch.

“Some companies may look to take advantage of individuals who don’t qualify for a traditional loan, but do not want to rent forever and want to achieve the American dream of homeownership,” Attorney General Todd Rokita said. “Our office is committed to making sure Hoosiers are aware and prepared to avoid unfair, abusive, or deceptive business practices.”

How rent to own works: You sign a lease contract that includes clauses with an option to buy, usually at the end of one to three years of leasing period. You will pay a premium on top of your monthly rent which does not count towards your down

payment. A well-arranged rent to own deal provides time to build or repair your credit while you gain equity on your future home thus speeding the process to obtain ownership. However, be aware that usually you will still have to get a mortgage on the remaining balance when the lease ends.

Rent-to-own is sometimes regarded as a great chance to “stop throwing money away on rent.” But what may look like a genuine path to owning a home may end up being a financial burden down the road—these deals can end up being scams. Consumers should do their research and due diligence before entering into a contract or rent-to-own agreement. Sometimes too late, the tenant/buyer finds out:

- The “seller” doesn’t really own the property
- Property taxes have not been paid
- The house has major issues (lead, asbestos, hidden damages) or is in terrible shape
- After the contract is signed the seller does not perform promised repairs, or

• The house is in process of foreclosure

Besides these possible risks, and even in legitimate rent-to-own transactions, the contract terms are not always clear nor convenient for the buyer—or may even be flat out tricky. Consumers should be on the lookout for nonrefundable upfront fees, higher rent payments, “miss a payment and you lose the deal” terms, an obligation to buy the property, or being locked into paying more than what the home is worth. Also, once you opt to buy the home, not qualifying for a mortgage may force you to forfeit any monies you paid on top of your rent. If you are not sure of your ability to get financing in time, avoid rent-to-own homes.

If you believe you are victim of unfair, abusive, or fraudulent business practices, please report your encounter to the Consumer Protection Division of Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita’s Office, which works every day to safeguard the rights of Hoosiers. Visit www.IndianaConsumer.com for more information.

AG Todd Rokita Takes on Delaware’s Efforts to Impose Nationwide Global Warming Ideologies

Leading a 17-state coalition, Attorney General Todd Rokita is defending Hoosiers against an attempt by Delaware to use its own state courts to impose climate change policy on Indiana and the rest of the nation.

Citing common-law public nuisance claims, Delaware is seeking to sue numerous fossil-fuel companies on the premise that the companies’ activities have contributed to global climate change.

“It is unreasonable that a single state would try to dictate its leftist ideologies for the rest of the country

and Hoosiers won’t stand for it,” Attorney General Rokita said. “We should have our common sense say on nationally consequential endeavors such as striking a productive, achievable, and effective balance between economic stability and environmental protection. Using public-nuisance laws to punish fossil-fuel companies is not the correct approach and smacks of leftists who want to curtail the liberty of people by driving up costs of fuel while reducing their choices for various types of fuel.”

Attorney General Rokita also has led multistate coalitions

against similar efforts by several U.S. cities to use their own state courts to exclude other states from the climate-change policymaking process. Those cities include Hoboken, in New Jersey, and the cities of San Francisco and Oakland in California.

“Hoosiers and all Americans are best served when we continue to follow the cooperative federalism model that our country has long used to address environmental problems,” Attorney General Rokita said. “No state has the rightful authority to commandeer the process.”

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A Savory Meal for *Spring Celebrations*

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From picnics and family reunions to al fresco meals on the patio, flavor and freshness can make springtime dishes truly mouthwatering. As you plan your spring menu for time with loved ones, think outside the box with recipes that can feed a crowd.

One easy way to elevate your warm weather entertaining is with a lean, delicate protein like grass-fed lamb available at Whole Foods Market from Atkins Ranch, a leader in environmental stewardship and one of the first members of Land to Market, which advocates for regenerative agriculture — a type of outcomes-based land management that seeks to heal landscapes instead of degrading them. In fact, many of the lamb ranchers set aside areas for conservation purposes to focus on regenerating land and water to keep the environment as pristine as possible.

The lambs are raised just as nature intended: 100% grass-fed and free to roam on pastures in fresh air and sunshine, culminating in a result that's better for you, the animals and the planet.

As the first lamb producer in the world to achieve Non-GMO Project verification, Atkins Ranch is also the first to achieve Global Animal Partnership Step-4 certification for their animal welfare. If you're unfamiliar with lamb, consider these cooking tips and pairing options for a deliciously diverse spread at your next springtime soiree.

How to Cook Lamb

For cuts like legs, chops, shoulder roasts and stew meat, slow cooking is the answer. This Herb-Crusted Bone-In Leg of Lamb, for example, is roasted for about 3 hours to reach a juicy tenderness complemented by fresh herbs and a meat sauce.

Turn to the grill or stovetop for a quicker cooking method with cuts such as chops, rack and ground lamb. Cooking over an open fire allows the smokiness to meld with lamb's naturally rich flavor.

What to Pair with Lamb

With its rich, meaty flavor, lamb is a perfect main course for spring meals. Try balancing it out with these sides:

- **Salad** — Like many proteins, lamb is complemented well by fresh greens. Toss baby spinach with a light vinaigrette and fresh fruit, like strawberries, for a true springtime salad.
- **Sweet Potatoes** — The subtlety of a sweet potato dish is nearly a must to pair with lamb. Sweeten the meat even further by marinating with orange juice and zest for a lightly tangy side.
- **Appetizers** — A classic side for many spring meals, roasted asparagus is easy to prepare whether in the oven or on the grill.

Find more grass-fed lamb cooking tips and recipes at AtkinsRanch.com.



Herb-Crusted Bone-In Leg of Lamb

Prep time: 3 hours
Cook time: about 3 hours (depending on size and doneness)
Servings: 10

- 1 Atkins Ranch bone-in leg of lamb (about 8 pounds)
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 8 cloves garlic, finely minced
- 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 2 tablespoons kosher salt
- 1/4 cup white wine

Herb Crust:

- 2 large egg whites
- 2 tablespoons minced rosemary leaves
- 2 tablespoons minced thyme leaves
- 2 tablespoons ground peppercorns
- 1 tablespoon kosher salt

Fresh meat sauce, for serving

About 2 hours before preparing, remove leg of lamb from fridge to ensure even cooking. Remove gland to prevent gassiness during cooking.

Preheat oven to 325 F on convection setting. Score skin of both sides of leg of lamb.

In bowl, whisk olive oil, garlic, Dijon mustard, salt and white wine. Brush onto both sides of lamb, pressing into scored crevices. Place leg in roasting pan on roasting rack. Insert cooking probe into thickest part of meat, not touching bone. Cook about 1 hour and 20 minutes, or until internal temperature reaches 95 F.

Reduce oven temperature to 300 F and cook to desired doneness. For medium-rare doneness, remove lamb once probe reaches 125 F. To make herb crust: In bowl, whisk egg whites until evenly foamy with tiny bubbles. Stir in rosemary, thyme, peppercorns and salt.

In separate small bowl, mix remaining thyme, peppercorns and salt. Press herb crust mixture onto areas brushed with egg whites. Place back in pan and cook about 5-7 minutes until crust is formed and browned. Remove from oven and rest 10 minutes.

Carve lamb, arrange on platter and serve with fresh meat sauce.

Get to the Grill for Fresh, Homemade Flavor



Grilled Quinoa Parilla

Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 30 minutes
Servings: 6

- 2 bags Success Tri-Color Quinoa
- 4 eggs chicken broth
- 1 cup drained diced tomatoes
- 1 cup frozen peas
- 3/4 teaspoon toasted paprika
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1-1/2 teaspoons black pepper
- 1 onion, sliced into 1/2-inch rounds
- 1 red bell pepper, halved
- 4 basil leaves, sliced; chicken thighs
- 1/2 success medium shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 2 cured chorizo sausages
- 1/4 cup finely chopped fresh parsley
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice

Preheat grill to medium-high heat; grease grate well. Prepare quinoa according to package directions, substituting chicken broth for water. Drain, reserving 1 cup chicken broth.

In large saucepan, stir diced tomatoes with reserved chicken broth, bring to boil. Cook 3-5 minutes, or until thickened slightly. Stir in quinoa, peas and smoked paprika. Cook 1 minute. Cover and let stand 10 minutes.

In small bowl, mix olive oil, garlic, paprika, salt and pepper. Brush marinade over onion and red pepper. Toss half of remaining marinade with chicken and remaining marinade with shrimp.

Grill chicken 6-8 minutes per side, or until well-marked and internal temperature reaches 165 F. Grill sausages, turning occasionally, 6-8 minutes, or until well-marked and heated through. Grill shrimp 2-3 minutes per side, or until well-marked and cooked through. Grill red pepper and onion 2-3 minutes per side, or until well-marked and tender.

Chop chicken, sausage, red pepper and onion into bite-size pieces. Stir into quinoa mixture. Stir in shrimp, parsley and lemon juice. Serve warm or at room temperature.

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Once the weather warms and the patio beckons, it's time to break out the grill for home-cooked meals in the great outdoors. When your family tries of baked dishes and stovetop recipes, the smell of fresh flavors on the grill offers the reprieve of something new.

For your next cookout with loved ones, enjoy all the flavor and some of the hassle with Grilled Quinoa Parilla. Made with Success Tri-Color Quinoa and its hot-to-bag process that takes just 10 minutes, you can celebrate more moments around the grill and spend less time in the kitchen.

If you're the kind of person who struggles deciding between proteins, this recipe is for you as it's loaded with chicken, chorizo sausage and shrimp. Combined with an array of veggies, it's ideal for sharing with family and friends.

When the occasion calls for a meatless meal, this Mexican Grilled Corn Salad serves as a crowd favorite at barbecues or as a simple weeknight dinner. Grilled corn, sour cream, mayonnaise, feta cheese and chili powder are tossed with sweetly aromatic Success Jasmine Rice that cooks up soft and fluffy for a uniquely delicious flavor.

Find more inspiration to light up the grill at SuccessRice.com.

Mexican Grilled Corn Salad

Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes
Servings: 4

- 1 bag Success Jasmine Rice
- 1 ear corn
- 1/4 cup lime juice
- 2 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons sour cream
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 1 teaspoon lime zest
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/2 cup finely crumbled feta cheese
- 2 green onions, thinly sliced

Prepare rice according to package directions. Set aside and allow to cool completely.

Preheat grill to medium-high; grease grate well. Grill corn 10-12 minutes, or until well-marked and tender. Allow to cool slightly. Slice corn kernels from cobs and reserve.

In medium bowl, stir lime juice, mayonnaise, sour cream, garlic, chili powder, lime zest, salt, pepper and cumin. Add rice, corn, feta and green onions. Toss well.



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Photo courtesy of Purdue University/Xing-Qi Huang

Natalia Dudareva, Distinguished Professor of Biochemistry in Purdue's College of Agriculture, and postdoctoral researcher Xing-Qi Huang use petunias to discover the molecular recipe for the valuable flavor compound benzaldehyde. The compound is found in the aroma of many fruits, as well as the petunia.

New and Improved Cherry Flavor Courtesy of the Petunia Flower

That cherry flavor you enjoy in candy and soda is likely a combination of aromatic and flavor compounds discovered through the study of plants in laboratories far from cherry trees. It and the sweet scent of your almond extract may actually be courtesy of a petunia flower.

Some flavors and aromas are more elusive than others, and a team of Purdue University researchers recently found the molecular recipe for one of the most coveted compounds by the flavor industry: benzaldehyde. It may not sound tasty, but it is key to some of the most popular flavors including cherry, almond and raspberry. It is second only to vanillin in terms of economic value to the food industry.

"Benzaldehyde is what gives that pleasant almond-like scent and is part of the aroma of many fruits," said Natalia Dudareva, Distinguished Professor of Biochemistry in Purdue's College of Agriculture, who led the team. "That scent attracts pollinators

and, in addition to those fruits, it is found in other plants, including petunias."

Biochemists track down the molecular recipes, called biosynthetic pathways, that make these compounds and allow them to be bottled into different flavors for the products we enjoy. When steps in the molecular recipe are missing, chemicals outside of the natural processes are used in commercial production, she explained.

"When chemical reactions are added in to fill the gaps, it can be a problem," said Dudareva, who also is director of Purdue's Center for Plant Biology. "It is much better and safer to use an entirely natural pathway to a flavor compound, but it is difficult to discover all of the steps. Benzaldehyde has an especially puzzling biosynthetic pathway, and it wasn't completely revealed until now."

Dudareva and her team studied the scent of petunia flowers to discover the molecular recipe for benzaldehyde. The work is

detailed in a paper in Nature Communications, and a patent on the process is pending.

"The goal is to have the natural process found in plants, and this discovery makes that possible for a very important flavor compound," Dudareva said. "The alternative to synthesis is truly extracting a compound from plants, but only 1.5% of the benzaldehyde in worldwide production is obtained this way."

The biosynthetic pathway will likely be genetically transferred to yeast or other microbes to incorporate it into the fermentation process widely used in food and beverage production, she said.

The team found that synthesis of benzaldehyde in petunia petals involves an enzyme consisting of two subunits that must combine in equal amounts to activate, said Xing-Qi Huang, an author of the paper and postdoctoral researcher in Dudareva's lab.

"The gene directly responsible and enzyme needed for

benzaldehyde synthesis were a mystery," he said. "We tried newer techniques, but it took a classical approach to reveal it."

This was because of the enzyme's uncommon need for two subunits to function, or heterodimeric structure, he said.

Because of this, earlier analysis methods looking for a single component appeared to fail.

"We estimate the size of the protein we are hunting in addition to other things we have learned about the pathway," he said. "We weren't finding a good indication of a single protein within that estimate. However, we noticed the presence of two components of half the size of our estimate, and we thought maybe there are two subunits."

Further proteomic and genetic testing confirmed their idea and revealed the genes involved. Their work found the protein subunits have an interesting

structure, as well. They form what

is called the Rossmann fold, named after the late Purdue professor and renowned structural biologist Michael Rossmann.

"Purdue is all over the petunia," Dudareva said. "This discovery is the most recent. We now have mapped out almost all of the genes and pathways responsible for petunia scent compounds. To also see within it proteins that embody a structure discovered by and named after a fellow faculty member adds a special connection. It is beautiful."

In addition to Dudareva and Huang, Renqiguang Li and Jianxin Fu participated in the research and are co-authors of the paper.

The National Science Foundation (IOS-1655438) and the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture (Hatch Project number 17784) funded this research.

Start This Year's Garden Preparation with a Soil Test

By Melinda Myers
Growing a beautiful landscape starts with the soil under your feet. The best place to start building a healthy soil foundation is with a soil test. The results will tell you what type and how much, if any, fertilizer is needed for the plants you are growing. Using the right type and amount of fertilizer is also good for your budget and the environment.

Test the soil when starting a new garden or one that is struggling. Since soil and fertilization practices vary greatly, collect and submit separate samples for each garden bed or landscape area to be tested. Repeat every four or five years to check on your garden maintenance.

You can take a soil test anytime the ground is not frozen and you have not recently fertilized. Early spring and fall are good times since you can make needed changes when preparing your garden.

Contact your local Extension service for details on submitting a sample. If they don't have a soil testing lab, they will likely recommend a state certified lab that tests home lawn and garden

soils, or you can search the internet for a certified lab near you.

Taking a soil test sample is simple. Use a clean trowel and bucket to gather a soil sample.

Slide away any mulch or debris on the soil surface. Use a trowel and remove a slice of soil that is four to six inches deep and right where the plant roots grow.

Take several samples throughout the garden you want to test. Collect samples from each edge and several throughout the middle of the bed. Mix them together and place about a cup of the soil in a plastic bag or the one provided by the lab. Be sure to complete and include the submission form. This includes a place to list the types of plants that will be grown in the area being sampled. The lab uses this and test results to make the fertilization recommendations. Send the sample and form together to the soil testing lab.

Allow several weeks for the test to be completed and the results to be returned. Most basic soil tests report the amount of phosphorus and potassium in the soil. Phosphorus promotes flowering,

fruiting, and root development. Potassium promotes drought tolerance, disease resistance and hardiness. Many soils are high to excessive in these plant nutrients. You cannot remove the excess but should avoid adding to the problem. Soil test reports can help you do just that.

Most labs do not measure the amount of nitrogen in the soil since the levels change quickly and are not easy to test accurately. Instead, they make nitrogen recommendations based on the plants you are or will grow in the area being tested.

Soil pH is also measured in most soil tests. Acidic soils with pH below neutral (7.0) are often referred to as sour, while alkaline soils with a pH above 7.0 are called sweet. Soil pH influences which nutrients in the soil are available for the plants to absorb and utilize for growth. Blueberries, azaleas, and red maples are examples of acid-loving plants. Clematis, crabapples and spirea are a few of the alkaline tolerant plants.

Always use soil test results when trying to change the pH. Lime

is used to sweeten soils while sulfur is often used to lower pH. Using too much or the wrong amendment can negatively impact the health and productivity of your garden. Undoing misapplications can take years to correct. Growing plants suited to the soil pH may be the best solution for those with acceptable, although not ideal, soil pH.

Include soil testing when planning new gardens or helping those that are struggling. Understanding your soil can help you create a strong foundation important to the health, longevity and beauty of your gardens and landscapes.

- Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including *The Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition* and *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything"* DVD series and the nationally-syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment* TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and was commissioned by *Summit* for her expertise to write this article. Her website is www.MelindaMyers.com.



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Low Tuition Rate Increases, Generous Financial Aid Positively Impact Students

Most Hoosier students do not pay the full price to go to college due to efforts from Indiana's public institutions to maintain some of the lowest tuition rate increases in the nation and from state lawmakers to provide generous financial aid resources, according to the Indiana Commission for Higher Education's latest College Costs and Financial Aid Report.

Description automatically generatedThe Commission's first-of-its-kind report provides an analysis of the total cost of attendance at all Indiana public institutions, which includes tuition, mandatory fees, books, room and board, transportation and other needs. The report also analyzes the average debt load for college graduates and the impact state and federal financial aid has on reducing the cost for Hoosier students and families.

"Cost is one of the most important factors for anyone considering education and training beyond high school and the findings in this report will help students and families make informed decisions regarding their higher education pathways and bring awareness to the financial aid opportunities available in Indiana," said Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Teresa Lubbers.

Each year, the State of Indiana makes \$385 million in grants and

scholarships available to students. When combined with federal financial aid, on average, Hoosier financial aid recipients receive more than \$8,000 in grant and scholarship aid per year. Additionally, tuition rate increases for both two- and four-year institutions in Indiana are lower than the national average (7.5 percent for four-year institutions, compared to a national rate of 11 percent).

While Indiana has been committed to increasing its financial aid expenditures, higher education appropriations as a percentage of the state budget have decreased over a decade and lag the national average by nearly \$2,000. Higher education appropriations fund programs such as Indiana's public institutions' operations and state financial aid support.

"Insight into the true costs of college has never been more important as the college-going rate in Indiana and nationally has continued to decline over the past several years," said Lubbers. "We need to provide assurances to Hoosiers that higher education can be an affordable option."

State aid keeps the cost of higher education within reach for Hoosiers with financial need

Indiana ranks first in the Midwest and fifth in the nation in providing need-based aid, and these

resources help bring college within reach for many low-income Hoosier students and families. After grants and scholarships, students from families with a household income of less than \$30,000 pay just over a quarter (30 percent) of the average college costs per year.

One example of Indiana's need-based aid is the 21st Century Scholarship. The program, which requires students to apply while they are in seventh or eighth grade, offers income-eligible Hoosiers up to four years of paid tuition at a participating Indiana college or university.

"The 21st Century Scholars program eliminates the largest cost of college - tuition - for low-income Hoosier students," said Lubbers. "By decreasing financial barriers, we are seeing Scholars go to college at higher rates than their peers, including students from high-income households."

Indiana's outcomes-based funding formula pays for what the state values

For nearly two decades, state policymakers have embraced an outcomes-based funding formula for public institutions that rewards completion and places a large premium on on-time completion. The formula includes an on-time graduation rate metric which recognizes

the value of 2- and 4-year institutions increasing students' likelihood of success by graduating on time while reducing the overall cost per degree. Extended-time completion leads to unnecessary costs for students. Two additional years in college can cost \$50,000 or more in lost wages, tuition and related costs.

"The most cost-effective degree is an on-time degree," said Lubbers. "Indiana's outcomes-based funding formula drives dollars to colleges based on student success outcomes that ensure personal prosperity and economic mobility. The Commission has reviewed and updated the formula over time to respond to and reflect changes taking place for learners and for the state's needs."

Recommendations

The Commission releases recommendations with each of its reports, offering strategies aligned to its strategic plan, Reaching Higher in a State of Change, which calls for a decrease in the cost of college and a reduction in the reliance on student debt to increase completion and promote lifelong success. Recommendations include:

- **Increasing college readiness with high school students** by encouraging greater access to dual credit opportunities and requiring all high

school seniors to file the FAFSA (with opt-out provisions embedded)

- **Continuing to make college more affordable** by urging Indiana public institutions to adhere to the Commission's non-binding tuition and fee recommendations, continuing to incentivize students and institutions for on-time completion through an outcomes-based funding formula and encouraging institutions to use Open Educational Resources to reduce costs

- **Supporting low-income and first-generation students** by advocating for all institutions to provide transparent information about financial aid opportunities available to first-generation students and explore options to offer financial support for socioeconomic barriers such as food, transportation, housing and childcare

- **Increasing financial literacy with students and families** through partnerships with community organizations such as INvestEd which work directly with K-12 students so they make informed, responsible borrowing decisions to limit excessive debt after college

Read the full College Cost and Financial Aid Report at che.in.gov. Data come from the Indiana Commission for Higher Education, Indiana State Budget Agency, U.S. Department of Education and

The Institute for College Access & Success.

Explore resources available to help students plan, prepare and pay for college at www.LearnMoreIndiana.org.

Indiana's College Costs and Financial Aid Report is part of a series of reports provided by the Indiana Commission for Higher Education to clearly define Indiana's progress in preparing Hoosiers for college and the workforce. The report provides an analysis of the total cost of college at all Indiana public institutions and analyzes the average debt load for college graduates and the impact state and federal financial aid has on reducing the cost for Hoosier students and families. Read the full report at che.in.gov and all the Commission's reports at che.in.gov/reports.

Created in 1971, the Indiana Commission for Higher Education plans, coordinates and defines Indiana's postsecondary education system to align higher learning with the needs of students and the state. The Commission also administers Indiana's financial aid programs, including the 21st Century Scholars early college promise scholarship, which celebrated 30 years in 2020. Learn more about the Commission's Reaching Higher in a State of Change strategic plan at www.in.gov/che.

AmEx, National Trust for Historic Preservation Announce \$1 Million Grant Program to Support Historic Small Restaurants

American Express (NYSE: AXP) today announced the next installment of its Backing Historic Small Restaurants Grant Program, which will once again award \$40,000 grants, administered by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, to 25 historic small restaurants across the country.

Now in its second year, the Backing Historic Small Restaurants Grant Program will again award 25 historic U.S. small restaurants with \$40,000 grants.

The campaign will support restaurants that have contributed to their neighborhood's unique history as they manage ongoing challenges because of the pandemic.

This initiative complements American Express' dedicated Shop Small campaign launched earlier this month to support independent restaurants.

The past year has continued to pose challenges for restaurant owners as they navigate the impacts of the pandemic, including the ebb and flow of foot

traffic as new coronavirus variants emerged. According to the National Restaurant Association's 2022 State of the Restaurant Industry, more than half of restaurant operators surveyed have indicated that it would be a year or more before business conditions return to normal. Further, 96% of restaurant operators surveyed have experienced supply delays or shortages of key food or beverage items in 2021, and these challenges will likely continue in 2022.

To address these challenges, American Express is again working with the National Trust for Historic Preservation to bring back the Backing Historic Small Restaurant Grant Program, first launched in February of 2021, to help small restaurants that have contributed to the fabric of their communities so they can better serve their customers, financially recover, and grow their businesses. The focus of the program will be on historic small restaurants that have been dispro-

portionately impacted by the pandemic.

"Historic restaurants have long been some of the most important establishments in our communities," said Jennifer Skyler, Chief Corporate Affairs Officer at American Express. "They are places where families and friends gather, build relationships, share meals, and celebrate. While their future looks bright, many of these restaurants are still carrying the weight of the pandemic, and we are here to support them through this next phase of recovery."

"American entrepreneurship is a defining aspect of our nation's heritage, and historic commercial landmarks are essential to community identity and economic vitality," said Katherine Malone-France, Chief Preservation Officer for the National Trust for Historic Preservation. "This initiative acknowledges that legacy restaurants are not only welcoming spaces where people share their traditions and

foodways, but also gathering places where history is made in meaningful ways, small and large, over and over again."

One 2021 grantee, Neir's Tavern, located in Queens, NY, said of their grant, "Learning that we were a recipient of a Backing Historic Small Restaurants grant during this bleak time gave us hope, and played a big role in our pandemic recovery. It allowed us to move forward with the much-needed outdoor renovations, including new signage and an awning. We also purchased new tables and chairs. Neir's Tavern and the entire community are incredibly grateful for this generous grant."

Now in its second year, this program builds on American Express' ongoing Backing Small initiative to provide economically vulnerable small businesses with financial support and other resources to address their critical needs and challenges, which include Small Business Saturday and

grant programs like the Coalition to Back Black Businesses and the recent Services That Back Us program.

Independent small restaurants that have been in business for over 25 years and that operate in historic buildings or neighborhoods are eligible to apply for grants. Restaurant owners can learn more and apply for the grant program here. Additionally, restaurant enthusiasts can nominate their favorite establishments that fit the criteria for consideration. Formal applications and public nominations will be accepted beginning at 10 a.m. ET on March 21, 2022, through 11:59 p.m. ET on April 4, 2022.

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The Season of Sneezing

It's once again time to run my annual column on allergies. Some of our readers may already cursing the annual return of allergy symptoms. Tree pollen levels (Oak, Cedar/Juniper, Nettle) in Indiana have been high recently. Spring allergy symptoms can make it even more difficult to differentiate who might have lingering COVID-19 symptoms or just run of the mill allergy symptoms.



JOHN R. ROBERTS, M.D.
Montgomery Medicine

Seasonal allergies are a major problem for many people. When allergy sufferers are asked about their quality of life, they generally rate allergies as more bothersome than heart disease and sometimes even cancer. Many different things cause allergies; I want to focus on the seasonal type.

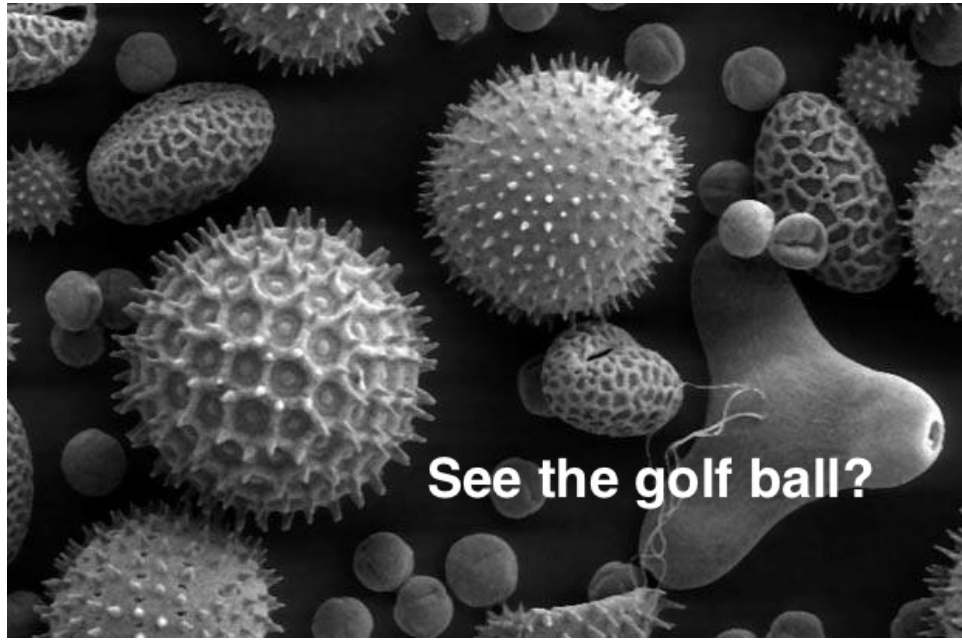
Seasonal allergies are caused by pollen. Pollen contains the male genetic material of plants; it is analogous to sperm in animals. The key to survival of any biologic organism is to disseminate its genes as far and wide as possible to combine with that of others in the species. Pollen is an exquisite vehicle to accomplish this task.

There are two main categories of pollen – anemophilous (wind-loving) and entomophilous (insect-loving). Anemophilous pollen is very lightweight which allows it to move great distances, particularly on windy days. Anemophilous pol-

len is produced by trees, grasses and weeds. Golf ball engineers have used biomimicry of pollen grains to design the dimples on the balls to allow them to fly farther.

Entomophilous pollen is produced primarily in plants that bear flowers. It is much heavier and stickier, allowing it to be picked up and spread by insects such as bees. The loss of pollinating insects due to things like insecticide use and climate change is a real threat to these types of plants. Entomophilous pollens are much less likely to cause allergies since they are not typically inhaled or blown into noses by the wind.

Plants produce and release pollen at various times of the year, hence the seasonal nature of allergies. Trees in Indiana start pollinating in late February and usually end sometime in May. Each species of tree pollinates for around one to two weeks.



Grasses start pollinating in April and continue through May. Hoosiers then get a little break until about mid-August when ragweed starts up and continues until sometime in October. The allergy season has become longer over the past two decades, starting two to three weeks earlier and lasting two to three weeks longer. This is very likely due to warming from climate change.

Pollen grains contain proteins on their surfaces that attach to the tissues on the inside of the nose. In order to develop allergies, a person's immune system must be genetically programmed to recognize these proteins as foreign invaders. This occurs in about 40 percent of people.

A person's immune system reacts to these

proteins by creating a specific class of antibodies called immunoglobulin E (IgE). The process of developing IgE in sufficient quantities to cause problems can take anywhere from two to ten years. This is why people often don't develop allergies until they have been exposed to an allergen for a number of years (the family dog's skin dander for instance).

When IgE is produced it attaches to the surface of specialized mast cells where it sits, waiting to do its job. When pollen finds its way to a mast cell coated with IgE programmed to react to it, it binds to the IgE and causes the cell to release various substances that cause allergy symptoms.

One of the most common molecules released by mast cells is

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histamine. It causes the typical nasal symptoms of congestion and watery discharge as well as red, itchy, watery eyes, and perhaps wheezing. These physical effects are all designed to do one thing – cough, sneeze, or flood the allergen out of the body.

Diagnosing pollen allergies is fairly straightforward. The offending agent can often be determined based on the time of year a patient develops symptoms. Sometimes the services of an allergist are required to do skin or blood tests to identify the specific offender(s).

There are numerous treatments for allergies. Avoidance is the most important prevention strategy – stay indoors when possible, particularly on windy days, and run the air conditioning instead of

opening windows. Saline (salt water) rinses can be very effective at rinsing pollen out of the nose. This can be done using commercial products such as a Neti Pot or squeeze bottle such as Sinus Rinse® manufactured by NeilMed.

Antihistamines are also a mainstay of treatment. These medications block the release of histamine by mast cells. There are numerous antihistamines available both off the shelf and by prescription. Older antihistamines like Benadryl® (diphenhydramine) often cause drowsiness, but remain very effective. Newer medications like Claritin® (loratadine), Allegra® (fexofenadine), Zyrtec® (cetirizine) and XY-ZAL® (levocetirizine) are generally less sedating but tend to be a bit more expensive.

Other treatments are also available such as nasal steroid sprays like Flonase® (fluticasone) and sprays to prevent mast cells from releasing histamine. Severe allergy sufferers, or those who fail other therapies, may need to move on to allergy injections under the skin or drops under the tongue to reduce the severity of allergy symptoms.

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Celebrate Spring and Help Save Lives by Giving Blood

It's officially spring! As the weather warms up and the latest COVID-19 surge continues to slow, many people are looking forward to meeting up with family and friends. At the start of this new season, the American Red Cross encourages the community to play an important role in helping save lives by making blood donation part of their spring plans.

The Red Cross is grateful to the hundreds of thousands of individuals who have rolled up a sleeve to give in early 2022. It's important to remember donated blood has a limited shelf life, so supplies must be constantly replenished. In the days and weeks ahead, it's critically important to maintain a readily available blood supply. Donors can make an appointment by downloading the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

While getting back into the stands to watch the home team play this spring, donors can join a team of their own – Team Red Cross! As a thank-you, all who come to give April 1-18 will receive an exclusive Red Cross T-shirt, while supplies last.

The Red Cross is testing blood, platelet and plasma donations for COVID-19 antibodies. The test may indicate if the donor's immune system has produced antibodies to this coronavirus after vaccination or past exposure, regardless of whether they developed

symptoms.

Plasma from routine blood, platelet and plasma donations that have high levels of COVID-19 antibodies may be used as convalescent plasma to meet potential future needs of COVID-19 patients with weakened immune systems.

The Red Cross is not testing donors to diagnose infection, referred to as a diagnostic test. To protect the health and safety of Red Cross staff and donors, it is important that individuals who have been asked to quarantine or believe they may be ill with COVID-19 postpone donation until they are symptom free for 10 days and feeling well and healthy.

At a time when health information has never been more important, the Red Cross is screening all blood, platelet and plasma donations from self-identified African American donors for the sickle cell trait. This additional screening will provide Black donors with an additional health insight and help the Red Cross identify compatible blood types more quickly to help patients with sickle cell disease. Blood transfusion is an essential treatment for those with sickle cell disease, and blood donations from individuals of the same race, ethnicity and blood type have a unique ability to help patients fighting sickle cell disease.

Donors can expect to receive antibody testing results and sickle cell trait screening results, if

applicable, within one to two weeks through the Red Cross Blood Donor App and the online donor portal at RedCrossBlood.org.

Each Red Cross blood drive and donation center follows high standards of safety and infection control, and additional precautions – including face masks for donors and staff, regardless of vaccination status – have been implemented to help protect the health of all those in attendance. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at the drive.

Donors can also save up to 15 minutes at the blood drive by completing a RapidPass. With RapidPass, donors complete the pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of donation, from a mobile device or computer. To complete a RapidPass, follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

To donate blood, individuals need to bring a blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification that are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also must meet certain height and weight requirements.

5 Tips to Manage Historic Stress Levels

As we approach April's Stress Awareness Month, here's a look at Life Designer Ashley Bernardi, trauma and postpartum depression survivor. She is the author of the award winning new book "Authentic Power: Give Yourself Permission To Feel" (The Collective Book Studio. Available Now).

American stress levels are reaching new highs, according to a recent poll released by the American Psychological Association. More than 80 percent of those surveyed are experiencing stress brought on by rising prices, supply chain issues, Russia's invasion of Ukraine, and the potential for retaliation against the U.S.

Bernardi, whose book just won a GOLD Literary Titan Award and Mom's Choice Award, herself has experienced very dark days. For years, she ignored the trauma, grief, and guilt from the horrifying experience of witnessing the death of her dad as a child, and in her 30s, she suffered from a debilitating mystery illness that left her bedridden and unable to care for her three young children. But it was then in that state of hopelessness that Ashley began to find the true

healing and growth she had been searching for her entire life.

"I wrote my book because it was the book I wish I had when I was experiencing my lowest lows," she said. "My life story is a testament to what happens when we bury or ignore trauma feelings and emotions."

Drawing from practical techniques from over 20 healing luminaries and her personal story of surviving trauma, here are her tips for managing stress, including:

- Live in the NOW - One of the most important techniques I've learned is to access the power of living in the now. Focusing on the past can cause regret while focusing on the future can cause worry and anxiety. When you become an observer to your mind, access your breath, and become present to the moment, it is a powerful reminder that this moment is the only one that matters. Take a deep breath and relish in the now.
- Listen to your body. We hold stress and trauma in our bodies, and stress can negatively impact our immune system. Get curious about where trauma and stress are showing up

in your body physically. Are your shoulders tense? Is your stomach upset?

The body is a messenger to what could possibly be going on emotionally in your inner world.

- Turn off the noise. In a world where we are constantly updated with wars, protests, or a pandemic, take time to set boundaries and turn off the noise. This includes social media, the news, and your text messages. Turn off notifications and set your phone on "Do Not Disturb" and see how you feel after.

- Lean into the power of connection: If you are feeling helpless about events of the world, connect with others in your community and ignite change and action. Contact your local church, shelters, and donation sites to mobilize the power of people doing good.

- Breathe. One of the simplest yet most profound acts of healing is through breath. We often forget to breathe, especially in moments of stress and trauma. You don't need to be a meditator to access the power of breathwork. Start by taking 10 deep breaths in silence and see what you notice and how you feel afterward

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Timmons Back And Wandering Around

Notes scribbled on the back of an EKG printout . . .

TO PARAPHRASE the late Jerry Garcia, what a long and strange trip it's been . . . although I'm relatively certain we're talking two very different kind of trips.

The short answer to the question so many of you have asked is that I am recovering nicely from the heart attack and ensuing quadruple bypass surgery. It sounds trite, but I really am getting a little better each day. Without going into the gory details, the (rather large) incision is healing and so are the smaller ones. My chest feels like it was cracked open like a lobster tail on a Friday night at Joe's Crab Shack. But that, too, is healing.

While I wouldn't wish this on my worst enemies, it has been an eye-opening experience for me. To say it's been life



TIM TIMMONS
Two Cents

changing is an understatement. I have started losing weight again, thanks to an avoidance of sugars and salts. My sincere hope and goal is that I won't fall off that wagon like I did once before (if trainers Denise or Tonya see this, I will try harder this time - promise!).

At the risk of being repetitive, please bear with me while I once again say thank you. It has simply been overwhelming - and more

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than a little humbling - as to how many of you have reached out, and continue to do so. I appreciate you reading the babblings of a newspaper vagabond more than I can possibly say.

AS YOU probably guessed, the recovery comes with instructions not to drive. I didn't think much about that until I found myself being chauffeured everywhere we go. I got to figuring and I think this is the longest stretch of not driving for me since I started back in 1972. Funny how little things like that make a difference. It also made me think of parents and in-laws who lost their own

abilities to drive. Puts everything in a whole different perspective.

ONE OF the fun parts of this has been the grandpups. As some of you know, we have seven (soon to be eight), six of them boys and all under the age of 11. Just below my "zipper" scar on my chest are three horizontal holes from where the drainage tubes were. I may have hinted to the little ones that Grandpa got shot by a machine gun and for a quarter they could see the holes. My wife and daughters just shake their heads.

GOOD GOSH, is there anything of quality on TV anymore? If so, I haven't found it and I've been looking. A lot!

CHECK THAT. The Chosen is a series that is pretty outstanding.

Come and see.

WHILE WHAT is happening in Ukraine is awful, it's been nice to see young people around the U.S. showing their support for President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. We haven't seen a big show of patriotism out of them before, so perhaps this is a step in the right direction. It's also good that they are seeing the Soviet Bear in the same light many of us long have.

Peace is a precious commodity and keeping it, as is so dramatically evident, requires strength and vigilance. Let's hope that our society keeps that in mind.

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Fruits Saga Continues – Catherine #8 Up Today!

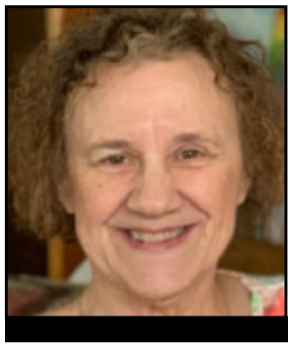
Catherine Fruits was born while Alamo George and Catherine (Stonebraker) Fruits were still in Ohio (Butler County according to her death record) but grew-up in the Alamo area with the large group of brothers and sisters I hope you have been learning about the last few weeks. Named for her momma, she took after both the old folks and lived to be 90 years, 9 months and 19 days old. Her death occurred from asthma, heart exhaustion and “old age!”

Very odd but no marriage shows up anywhere anytime for Isaac J. Barlow and Catherine Fruits but it would have to be late 1844 or early 1845. Then, they moved to Marshall County, Indiana but for many years thereafter lived in Howard County where she passed away 15 Jan 1915 (thanks to “Linda” FindAGrave contributor #47047115 for the partial photo of her stone). They are buried in Greenlawn Cemetery, Greentown, which seems to be IOOF oriented. Isaac was a pump maker, quite astute at the form of art and made other miscellaneous machinery. His birth occurred on Christmas Day in 1821, passing 17 April 1911, also at a nice age. Would guess that Catherine’s brother George (in last week’s Saga) married Isaac’s sister Elizabeth Barlow (17 Dec 1846 in MoCo) but since she passed so young and I couldn’t find Isaac and Catherine’s marriage do not know for sure, but thinking it’s a logical assumption, anyway.

By the 1900 census, Catherine

is tallied as having had eight children with only four living. One of those having passed was their oldest son, George W., born December 21, 1845 in Marshall County. He fought in the Civil War, Co E, 12th Indiana Cavalry. He had married Elizabeth Hendricks in 1862 and Isaac and Catherine were living with his family which also included their two first grands, Frances and George. His wife must have remarried, as Catherine was receiving her son’s pension by 1900. Couldn’t find out his cause of death – accident, ague, consumption or ? But, I do wonder if perhaps it was war-oriented. Did get a smile that instead of three George Fruits together, there were three George Barlows as besides their son, George, his son George, there was also a cousin, George there in 1870. Three of Isaac and Catherine’s youngest also lived with them, so it was a full-house!

With four and a half years’ difference in George and Nancy, I would guess that perhaps one of the children who passed was born in here and another one yet had to have died, although in other census records, she is listed as having seven



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Around The County

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Photo courtesy of Karen Fruits

Catherine Fruits

vs. eight children, and I’d seem to go for that, at least I would say she likely had this one and another, passing very young, plus George.

Nancy Ann was their next child born 3 April 1849 and still living in 1930 – Nelson, Cloud County, Kansas where she was 82 and living with her son Isaac Gardner. Nancy married Elijah Gardner 10 April 1866. The Gardners had at least one other son, Robert. Could be more! She died in 1936 and she and Elijah are buried in Rice, Cloud County.

The Mystery comes next, sometimes found as Laura J or Lora Jennie or Zorah J. yet nothing really about her. According to census records, she would have been born about 1852. Someone had her in their Family Tree on Ancestry as passing in 1869, but she is still

living in 1900 with her sister, Nancy. What happened to her after that is definitely a mystery to me at this date, anyway!

Katherine (Katy – some also have her mother listed as Katy but I never saw her mentioned anywhere in a record other than Catherine – did the daughter, though). She was born 16 Sept 1854 in Marshall County and died there in Plymouth 8 Jan 1925. She had a stroke and passed nine days later. Her husband was William Jones (1848-1939) passing at a much greater age (91) compared to Katy at 70. Several children blessed the Jones’ family: Irene (called Rena); Artrella (found most often as Trella). along with Charles, Willard, Barbara and possibly others. She had several grandchildren, as well.

Jerusha Lou came into the world 13 April 1857 at Greentown when they were still living in Howard County. Have also

found her name as Norah. She married Joe Gerard, a laborer his whole life, but not sure what type. He was 21 years older, and believe one child listed with them, Daisy (born 1872 is likely his from another marriage since they hitched in December of 1874). Olive Luella “Lula” lived to be about 80 quite active in the Methodist Church, living in Marshall County her whole life. Do believe Jerusha passed young or divorced as he is with another wife married 15 years in the 1900 census, thus Lula may be her only child and Jerusha is likely the other child of Catherine’s who died.

Definitely, their sixth child to adulthood would be Isaac Wesley Barlow, born in Marshall County 29 Sept 1862 and passed away in Howard County 21 Nov 1947. He married Clara Joh and is buried with his parents. He was a long-time farmer four miles east of Greentown. Don’t believe there are children in this family, either.

The Barlows were married about 66 years and although six children grew to maturity, there really was not a plethora of grands. Yet there were a few to add to Gpa’ George’s ever-growing family tree! Way to go, Catherine Fruits Barlow!

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Do You Remember The Little Schools’ Nicknames And Colors?

When you attend a sporting event at a Montgomery County school today, it’s easy to remember the teams’ nicknames and colors as there are only three schools...the Crawfordsville Athenians (blue and gold), the Southmont Mounties (red and gray), and the North Montgomery Chargers (blue and orange). But prior to consolidation in 1972, there had been twelve small high schools here in our county. Below is a list of the little schools. See if you can recall the nicknames and colors of their athletic teams. (I will provide the answers at the end of this column.) Alamo, Bowers, Coal Creek (consolidation of New Richmond and Wingate), Darlington, Ladoga, Linden, New Market, New Ross, Waveland, and Waynetown.

Most of these little schools had mascots, often portrayed by the elementary or high school students who dressed accordingly. Our school had mascots as early as 1917. Many of the fans dressed in the school colors when they attended the games. At tourney time in the Crawfordsville gym, one could easily determine where the students and fans were located, just by picking out the colors of a seated section.



BUTCH DALE
Columnist

To the residents of Montgomery County, basketball game night was usually the high point of a week’s activities, and the high school was the center of action. And when their team won the County Tourney or Sectional, who was there to celebrate with a bonfire, parade, horn-honking, and back-patting? Almost everyone! And the small schools savored the “underdog” role, especially when they played against Crawfordsville. Some fans wore the school colors for several days to show their pride.

My wife and I attended some North Montgomery high school and middle school basketball games this winter, as two of our grandkids play. I knew very few of the other players personally. Back before consolidation, I knew every player on the Darlington team, and I knew their siblings and parents. In fact, I knew just about



Photo courtesy of Butch Dale

Darlington Mascots from 1955 to 1970. Top row: Bob Hole, Jim Ryker, Bruce Runnels, Donnie Threlkeld and Terry Cain. Bottom row: Mark Cochran and Nancy Weliever, Hobe Mennen and Terri McCauley, Jack Cain and Marsha Lough, Todd and Beth Weltner, and Sue Stout.

every student in the school! I think fans in those days took more interest in the games because of that.

Here are some of the nicknames of some of the small schools outside Montgomery County: Clarks Hill Hillers, Colfax Hickories, Dayton Bulldogs, East Tipp Trojans, Jackson Township Rockets, Jamestown Little Giants, Kingman Black Aces, Klondike Nuggets, Marshall Bobcats, Mellott Derbies, North Salem Blue Devils,

Pinnell Purple Dragons, Richland Township Red Devils, Roachdale Hawks, Russellville Bees, Stockwell Warriors, Veedersburg Green Devils, Wainwright Mustangs, and the Wallace Peppers.

Now, let’s take a look at our county schools: Alamo Warriors (red and white), Bowers Blackshirts (black and gold), Coal Creek Bearcats (red and black), New Richmond Scappin’ Cardinals (blue and red), Wingate Spartans (blue and gold), Darlington Indians (red

and white), Ladoga Cannors (green and gold), Linden Bulldogs (black and gold), New Market Purple Flyers (purple and white), New Ross Blue Jays (blue and white), Waveland Hornets (red and white), and the Waynetown Gladiators (red and white).

I never understood why New Market teams were called the Purple Flyers, but there were other schools around the state that also had strange names... such as the Plainville Midgets, Poseyville Posies, Summitville Goblins, Advance Osceoleons, Burlington Polar Cubs, Deer Creek Crickets, Raleigh Sir-Walters, Smithville Skibos, and the West Baden Sprudels. And when our little community of Mace here in Montgomery County had a high school many years ago, their teams were called the Galloping Guys.

I enjoy watching the three schools here play against each other, and I support North Montgomery, but I will always be a Darlington Indian to the day I die...Go red and white!

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A Letter To Losers

Dear Athlete,

We see you out there, young man. We see you with your head cradled low. We see you daughter. We see the tears collecting in your eyes, eyes that you shield from us, so we cannot sup-pose weakness in your humanity.

We see your hand tremble, as you reach out in weedy approbation; to shake the very hand that snatched your dream from beneath your pillow.

Everything seemed so right, just one week ago. Now? Now, everything couldn’t possibly be more wrong.

All that you ever envisioned, at least as far as your young eyes can see into the future, is gone in a blink, in a jot, in a second.

Time is gone.

With time, you held in your hands the power to melt mountains, to turn steel to dust, to grind hard stone to meal. However, time slipped through

your fingers -- right before us. We watched intently. We are witness. We saw it happening to you, right before our eyes. Yet we still not know how.

You molded time tightly in your hands, and in utter control of it, shaped it to your needs. But now it is no more, and you must endure watching it puff and waft gently into the ether of your youth.

Oh, it wasn’t your fault -- although you want to blame yourself. Blame someone.

You don’t owe us an apology. You don’t owe us a thing. The debt is ours.

That’s just the brutal irony of sport. Of life. All players want to play on. However, we find



JOHN MARLOWE
With the Grain

fairness in the integrity of the game. We honor the rule. The end comes when a whistle, a number, a clock, a buzzer -- a doctor’s report -- some contrivance, obstructs the path to dreams, and says, “beyond here, you may not go”.

And we don’t go.

We sense your pain, athlete, although we can’t really feel it. Not the way you do, anyway.

We do understand your frustration. We saw what your opponent did to you. We saw their shadow cast upon you. We watched things happen to you that wouldn’t happen again in a month of Sundays, or in a Blue Moon, rarely, and almost never. Your adversary strode unrelent-ingly, as if escorted by an entourage of divine hands,

brushing you aside. Are they better? Or blessed?

That, too, hardly matters. Time is up.

Your opponent is respected, but we cannot love them. That’s for others to do. We allow ourselves only to marvel. We only admit to our shock, not awe.

We saw what they did to you. To us. Often, we saw it coming even before you did, and therein lies the woe. That’s the original sin of being your fan. We are not allowed to act on your behalf. We are only allowed watch. And talk. And talk we surely will.

Hopefully, we will talk with fondness, although that’s not guaranteed. We will rely on the human brain, programmed to recall good times more quickly than the bad. There were plenty of good times. And there will be more. For you and for us.

We will move on. We will likely move on even faster than

you.

That’s because we feel no shame in letting you hold onto the baggage of what might have been, to let it reign over the realm of “what if’s” in our lifetimes.

As fans, we will satisfy our own longings again through others. We will claim our share of an-other family’s son or daughter for another term. We will exhaust them, just as we did you. Did generations before we.

We will latch on again.

We will let them do all the work, like we let you. All the study. We will let them put in the extra shots, the laps, the sprints, the drills, like we did you.

We are parasites.

And as such, we are grateful you took us along for the ride.

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Focus On Carl

I lost a friend and colleague this week. I visited Carl Finchum the day before he passed. The bond between a photographer and a reporter is like a marriage, with some ups and downs as well as zooms and pans. Our working relationship lasted a decade, from 1994 until about 2004. Much of the success I had during those years was due to Carl's expertise at his job, his flexibility with my method of reporting and patience with my erratic style. He was a true professional.

At his funeral, most of the eulogies included remembrances about Carl's faith, his passion



DICK WOLFSIE
Life in a Nutshell

for cars and his love of Laurel and Hardy. I had no idea about that last part. I wanted to share some favorite memories, but time ran out and the service ended. Here's one of my recollections:

In about 1997, we were doing a remote shoot right

down Meridian Street from WISH-TV at the old advertising agency Caldwell Van Riper (CVR). They were promoting some sporting events and wanted to highlight upcoming Pacers games. CVR was right next door to WRTV (Channel 6), a fierce competitor with my station (Channel 8). If you remember, I had a Beagle companion named Barney who accompanied me on every shoot. Barney was always escaping and running away while I did my segments.

That morning we were taping on the front lawn of CVR, so I tied Barney's leash to a flagpole. As always, he managed to

get loose. Carl was in his usual position, pointing the camera at me, ready to go live. He never knew what I was going to do. And neither did I.

Out of the corner of my eye, I saw that Barney had wandered over to the Channel 6 front lawn, and was sniffing their signage. Carl saw Barney, as well, and realized that the sign was just too easy a target for a Beagle. I motioned to Carl to pan his camera over to Barney, who I knew was about to leave his mark on the WRTV logo. Carl thought this was an unwise thing to do, number one because it would showcase a

competitor; and number two...well, let's just leave it at number one for now, although I was pretty sure Barney would leave number two, as well. Carl just kept shaking his head "no," fearing that both of us would get in serious trouble if the boss saw this.

Finally, live on camera, I said, "I'm asking Carl to show what Barney is doing and I want our general manager to know I take total blame for this." Carl shrugged his shoulders, flashed a huge grin and panned over just in time to catch Barney in the act. No, both of the acts.

On the way back to

the studio, I thought about what we had done. "Carl," I said, "I think we are in deep doo-doo." Carl burst out laughing: "Yeah," he said, just like the Channel 6 sign."

Later, there was a note in my mail slot from the boss. "Funniest thing I have ever seen," he said. "You guys are a great team." Yes, we were. Like Laurel and Hardy.

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Ask Rusty – Do Immigrants Get Social Security Benefits?

Dear Rusty: I am 90 and a long time Social Security recipient - I signed up at age 62, which I now know was not wise, but I digress. We see from various sources that immigrants, legal and illegal, get Social Security benefits merely by attained age, regardless of contributions. Is that true? Signed: Curious Nonage-narian



ASK RUSTY
Social Security Advisor

Social Security Matters

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either a Permanent Resident Card ("green card") or who have subsequently acquired U.S. citizenship. It's also possible to obtain an "Employment Authorization Document" which grants a foreign citizen temporary authority to work in the U.S., mainly used by citizens of other countries who work in the U.S. (typically those working for an international corporation which has a U.S. presence). In all cases, however, only legal residents who work, earn, and contribute sufficiently to Social Security from their earnings, or who are a legal dependent of

someone who is collecting Social Security, can receive Social Security benefits.

The criteria for Social Security eligibility are very strict and those without legal U.S. residency status are not eligible to collect benefits. Especially on today's social media outlets, we often see uninformed people espousing the belief that illegal immigrants enjoy access to Social Security benefits which is simply not true. That's not to say there are no instances of fraud, but rest assured that those cases are vigorously sought and eventually

found and prosecuted by Social Security's Inspector General's office.

FYI, there is another category of federal benefit known as Supplemental Security Income ("SSI") which has somewhat different eligibility criteria but still requires either legal residency as I've defined above, or another special residency status which defines them as a "qualified alien" (e.g., certain Indian tribes, refugees and those granted asylum, victims of human trafficking, etc.), as defined by the federal government. SSI is, essentially, a general disability benefit for

needy seniors, minors, and disabled adults with very little income and very few assets. Federal SSI benefits are paid from the general Treasury, not from Social Security funds, and do not detract from Social Security's finances. SSI is administered by each state, which usually provide other assistance in addition to the relatively small federal monetary benefit (\$841 per month for 2022).

As you are undoubtedly aware, all U.S. States have separate laws which may provide benefits to all state citizens, regardless of their federal residency status, but that is entirely outside the realm of Social Security and does not affect Social Security's financial structure. To receive Social Security benefits, one must have either earned the right to do so by contributing sufficiently to the program or be the legally present dependent of someone who is (or was) collecting Social Security and meet all other

eligibility criteria for the benefit claimed.

Regarding your decision to claim at 62, remember that life expectancy is always an unknown factor and deciding when to claim always includes a large degree of uncertainty. We should all be comfortable knowing for certain that Social Security will be there for us until the end.

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Butch Says Maybe You Can Run For Congress

Have you ever considered running for Congress? For the House of Representatives, you must be at least 25 years old and a U.S. citizen for at least seven years. For the Senate, you must be at least 30 years old and a U.S. citizen for at least nine years. No license is required. Doctors, teachers, beauticians, plumbers, electricians, lawyers, and hundreds of other occupations require training and a license. So why not members of Congress? After all, the decisions and laws they come up with greatly affect all of us. So to solve this dilemma, I have come up with



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Columnist

a test that will determine if a potential candidate can meet the standards of our current Congress. I call it the "S-C Politician Test." You must answer "YES" to the following questions:

1. I have frequent tem-

per tantrums

2. I start many sentences with "I need..."
3. I am unwilling to compromise
4. I lash out if I don't get my way
5. I demand special treatment
6. I am manipulative
7. I have a sense of entitlement
8. I don't care if my behavior inconveniences others
9. I only care about myself
10. I never offer help unless it will benefit me

If you answered "yes" to these statements, then you qualify as a potential candidate for Congress.

You can now announce your intentions to run, and use the following speech:

"Fellow citizens, I am here today to announce my candidacy as a representative to Congress. I am running for this position because I want to become wealthy, have free healthcare, and earn a fabulous pension. I failed junior high math and have never balanced my checkbook. I have no conscience and can lie out of both sides of my mouth. I am willing to take bribes and keep my mouth shut. I can talk about any subject for over an hour and never say

anything of substance. I enjoy going to fancy dinners and parties. I support the police, but will also side with any group who feels they were wronged, as long as I can have my own personal bodyguards. I am not racist, and I will promote diversity...while living in my gated community. I will promise anything and everything to get elected...again...and again...and again. Thank you, and God Bless America!"

Now you are on your way to a great life. And oh, yes...those ten statements of the "S-C Test" in which you answered "yes"....I obtained those

from an article entitled, "Traits of a Spoiled Child." And the great thing is...that once you are elected, the money will really roll in and you will have it made for life! So why work for a living when you can become a member of Congress? The people in there now aren't any smarter than you. They are just naturally spoiled nincompoops.

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Utility Bills, Gasoline Prices and Ukraine

Most of us simply want peace in our lives, nation and world. We enjoy resting in a warm or cool house, with something to eat, free from worry and stress. Peace is not always easy. This winter, chances are that your heating bill was chomping on your checking account and taking a huge bite out of your income. You may have turned your thermostat down and wore extra layers hoping to cut back on literally burning up your money.

People have reported gas and electric bills from \$500 to over a \$1,000 for



GLENN MOLLETTE
Guest Column

one month of trying to stay comfortable in their homes.

While you are attempting to stay warm or cool, you are wondering if you can afford to start your

car. Americans are seeing gas prices dance between \$4.00 and over \$6.00 for one gallon of gas. Filling up my old truck is pushing toward \$150 at a time. When my wife goes to the grocery store the same staples seem cost more every time she goes.

The current inflation is not only expensive but is chipping away at our peace. Peace? It's hard to have peace if you go into cardiac arrest every time your utility bill arrives, you buy gasoline or go to the grocery store. If you are renting a place in America then you have

a further burden as some Americans are paying over \$2,000 a month to rent a house. If they can find one to rent.

Russia has destroyed Ukraine and has become a major player in driving up our cost of living. We were already experiencing inflation but the entire planet is reacting to what Russia is doing to Ukraine. Do you remember when we heard the news that Osama Bin Laden had been shot by one of our seal teams? When and how will the murderous rein of Vladimir Putin end? We must

hope and pray for an end to this evil.

Unfortunately, the world is a difficult place for peace. The Bible assures us that in the last days there will be wars and rumors of wars. There will be pestilence, famine, and our hearts will fail us from fear. Thus, our peace must come from God who is greater than our problems. There is an internal strength and peace that comes when we focus our minds on Him. Currently millions of Ukrainians have nothing left but the shirts on their backs and

whatever internal resolve and fortitude that is keeping them going.

Our peace in America is very unsettling but compare your situation to millions of Ukrainians today. Pray for them and let us all give thanks for what we have.

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When Life Hurts

When life hurts, how do you find your way to around the pain?

I have communicated with numerous friends of late who have expressed that they were going through some painful moments in their life.

Some moments were personal emotional issues, some were related to career elements, some were relationship connected, and some were rooted in medical problems. No matter the source of the pain, it is very real to those who are experiencing it. Thus, we should never try to minimize to



RANDALL FRANKS
Southern Style Columns

the speaker what one tells us about their own issues.

What do we do? How do we share comfort? Often times all we can do is just be there. We can hold a hand, lend an ear, share

a word of encouragement.

Pain is sometimes a way of tempering our internal steel in hopes we can stand against the storms that are yet to come. We can only pray that when it hits us, we have the ability to weather the gale force winds of pain upon our soul or body.

It is those who share our lives, whether in passing or day-to-day who often provide the extra measure of hope needed to overcome the darkness that rise from within in various circumstances that confront us.

I would say most of us,

no matter how much we have been blessed to do in following life's dreams have thoughts and concerns that can cause us pain.

I know I do. The pain of what if's can swallow time, happiness, and hope when we should be focusing on what will ...

The only thing that gets beyond the bending of that weight is redirecting my thoughts: What will I do today to encourage some one? What will I do to find my path?

Obviously, we all have the same basic needs. Once we have the path

in place that meets those needs then we can spend the rest of our time fulfilling the promise of the dreams that God provides us.

However, pursuing dreams does not equal achieving dreams. That is not in our hands, we simply must draw our satisfaction in the pursuit. Thus, the wisdom of our founders giving us the ability to live in a country where the pursuit of happiness is possible.

Use some hours to make the world a better place, if you are in pain, find someone who is suffering

also and help uplift them and you will find your pain less severe.

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What Is the Proper Policy Response to Today's Inflation?

by Dr. Mark W. Hendrickson

If you get depressed easily, you may wish to skip this article. Our country has suffered inflationary bouts to various degrees throughout our history, with perhaps the most severe having occurred during the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, and the 1970s. Sadly, we have never found a quick, clean way to escape inflation. As those of us above a certain age learned in the early 1980s, the end of a period of inflation can be protracted, problematical, and painful.

A big part of the inflation problem is as much psychological as economic. People start thinking, "I had better buy what I want now, because if I wait, it will cost more and it might not even be available." This shifts demand from the future to the present and contributes to the basic inflationary problem of more money chasing the same or fewer goods. The Wall Street Journal posted a story on Feb. 7 titled "Two Years Into Pandemic, Shoppers Still Hoarding."

Inflation is a huge liability for the political party in

power. President Biden has tried to assure Americans that his administration will successfully tackle inflation, but actually there is very little that they can do. In fact, what we have seen so far from Team Biden are examples of things NOT to do.

By far, the most important DON'T at his juncture is: Don't keep increasing federal spending, especially at a time of record deficits. That would pour more fuel on the inflationary fire. Yet, increasing federal spending has been President Biden's policy priority for much of the last year as he tenaciously sought passage of his trillion-dollar-plus Build Back Better plan. Thank goodness, two Democratic senators, Kyrsten Sinema of Arizona and Joe Manchin of West Virginia, realized the inflationary damage that the federal spending splurge has been causing. They refused to supply the necessary votes to pass BBB despite being cruelly badgered and persecuted by fellow Democrats. Instead, they placed the country's welfare above partisan victory, and for that we all owe them our thanks.

President Biden has cited

some very real problems with supply chains, but then has adopted and advocated policies that will further crimp supply. These policies include: imposing costly regulations on businesses (an additional \$200 billion of costs in just his first year as president), hinting at price controls, continuing (in spite of gasoline prices having risen 40% over the last year) to impede production of fossil fuels, proposing to contain rising drug costs by imposing "steep" taxes on pharmaceutical companies, etc.

One particularly silly policy proposal to fight inflation was President Biden's announcement on Jan. 3 of a plan to lower meat prices by channeling \$1 billion in subsidies to smaller meat processors and ranchers. The stated goal was to help them compete more effectively with larger competitors. The actual impact will be to put upward pressure on prices as subsidies always do.

By the way, the current high inflation provides a useful opportunity to take a closer look at Modern Monetary Theory, which is all the rage among progressives. MMT's prescription

for an outburst of inflation such as we have today is to raise taxes on the private sector so as to reduce private demand, thereby reducing the amount of competition government faces when bidding for economic goods. Yes, for the advocates of MMT, what government wants is more important than what private citizens want. That of course, is the everyday reality of socialism.

In fact, the aforementioned Senator Joe Manchin—one of the heroes who saved us from Build Back Better—urged fellow Democrats on Feb. 10 to gut the Trump-era tax cuts to combat inflation. Now think about this for a minute: The average American worker, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, has seen real wages fall 1.7% over the past year and the middle class is getting priced out of many housing markets. Do you agree with Senator Manchin that increasing taxes should be central to the Biden administration's plan to combat inflation and rein in the deficit? Manchin and friends will claim that they will only raise taxes on the rich, but there aren't enough rich people to drive

the prices of housing, food, fuel, used cars, etc. higher. It takes tens of millions of people to do that, and so Manchin is endorsing the MMT theory that the way to curb rising prices is to raise taxes on the middle class. Do you want to pay higher income taxes this year with prices soaring? I don't think so.

As a young economist, I thought the proper response to inflation might be a deflationary policy whereby the central bank contracted the supply of money. My wise mentor, Grove City College legend Hans F. Sennholz, said something to this effect: "Inflation is like being shot through the front. Would you try to fix those injuries by shooting the person through the back (deflation)?" Both policies are harmful. Sometimes the best thing you can do is simply let the economy make the necessary adjustments and heal over time.

I will close on a sobering note. We are a long way from the Fed's decade-long policy of aiming for 2% inflation per year. But even under that policy (with the actual rate averaging 1.63%) since the year 2000, the dollar has lost about 39 cents of its pur-

chasing power. The reality is that as long as we allow our government to continue engaging in deficit spending and piling up more debt, we are sentencing ourselves to future inflation. Rather than default outright, we will service our debts with ever-depreciating dollars. It will fall to future generations of Americans to abandon the treachery of fiat currencies, the destructiveness of a politicized central bank equipped with fiat currencies, and the immorality of deficit spending.

Postscript: This was written before Russia invaded Ukraine. I wrote last week about some of the economic repercussions of the invasion. The resulting shortages are likely to cripple production (recessionary) while driving prices of key goods higher (inflationary) all of which portends a return to the stagflationary economic conditions of the late 1970s and early 1980s.

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What Do You Think About?

By Bryan Golden

"Change your thoughts and you change your world." -- Norman Vincent Peale

Your mind is constantly filled with thoughts. Are you aware of what you are thinking about? Are your thoughts random or are they directed by you? Do you think about what you can do or what you can't do? Are your thoughts positive or negative?

The only thing you have total control over is what you think about. Successful people think about their goals and how to accomplish them. When faced with problems, they think about solutions. Their minds are constantly thinking about where they are going and how to get there.

Your mind works 24 hours a day processing your thoughts. Although your mind doesn't care whether your thoughts are positive or negative, the resulting impact on your life is striking. Your mind is a magnet that attracts whatever you think about. Positive thoughts attract positive situations and people, while negative thoughts attract just the opposite.

Your thoughts may be much more negative than you realize. You are influenced by your past experiences as well as by the people around you. It's common to accept negative thinking as normal. Over the years, your thoughts may have become more negative than you realize. You

accept your progressively negative thoughts as ordinary because this process happens so gradually.

Although your mood is directly affected by what you think about, you are rarely taught to direct, monitor, and be aware of your thoughts. Instead, you see all the wrong examples of people around you thinking negatively.

A change in thinking always precedes a change in results. In order to make any changes in your life, you must first alter what you think about. Before you can change your thoughts, you must first be aware of what they are.

Start making a conscious effort to monitor what you are thinking about. You want to

establish a link between your thoughts and your mood. What are you thinking about when you feel good? What are you thinking about when you feel down?

Next, decide how you would like to feel and what goals you would like to attain. What do you need to think about in order to accomplish this? Now you are in a position to change your thoughts as needed.

Your thought patterns are well engrained. Persistent effort is required to change them. Don't worry if at times you revert to your old negative ways of thinking. When you catch yourself regressing, immediately adjust your thoughts to get you back on track.

This system isn't magic. It's proven and time tested to work. Unfortunately, you won't be able to readily get support because not enough people understand this process and how it works. However, you may receive a fair amount of criticism from those you share this with.

People become comfortable with their negative thinking and don't believe there is any reason to change. Furthermore, they don't recognize any cause and effect relationship between their thoughts and what is happening in their lives. It's difficult, if not impossible to convince these people otherwise.

You don't have to prove anything to anyone.

All you need to do is apply this concept to your life and you will see results. Don't get frustrated. Changing any habit takes time and effort. You control your life through your thoughts.

Get started today thinking about what you want to achieve rather than reasons you can't do it. Your mind works on whatever you think about. Be vigilant to ensure your thoughts are positive. Keep at it in order to reach any destination you desire.

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Machine Gun Kelly Live at Ruoff Music Center on Thu. Aug. 11

On March 21, Machine Gun Kelly has announced his international Mainstream Sellout Tour, a colossal 52 arena run across North America and Europe. The genre-bending performer has amassed over 15.5 billion streams online and sold over 10 million album units, and will include a stop at Ruoff Music Center in Noblesville, Indiana on Thu. Aug. 11, 2022 with special guests Travis Barker and WILLOW, as part of the Coors Light Concert Series.

Produced by Live Nation, the North American leg of the tour kicks off this June at Moody Center in Austin, making stops in Miami, Boston, Phoenix, Los Angeles and more be-

fore wrapping up in Cleveland at FirstEnergy Stadium on Aug. 13th. The 15-stop European leg kicks off on Sep. 17th at the Lanxess Arena in Cologne, making stops in Prague, Paris, London and more before wrapping up in Amsterdam at AFAS Live on Oct. 12th.

Tickets go on sale starting Fri., March 25 at 10 a.m. local time at Ticketmaster.com. All dates, acts and ticket prices are subject to change without notice. Ticket prices are subject to applicable fees.

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Outlaw Music Festival 2022 Announced: Willie Nelson, Nathaniel Rateliff & More at the Ruoff Music Center June 26

Willie Nelson, Mark Rothbaum, Keith Wortman, Blackbird Presents, Live Nation, and the Outlaw Music Festival Tour are thrilled to be back on the road again. Willie will be live and in concert with his family and friends, including Nathaniel Rateliff & The Night Sweats, Jason Isbell and the 400 Unit, Charley Crockett and Brittney Spencer for a stop at Ruoff Music Center located in Noblesville, Indiana on Sunday, June 26, 2022 as part of the Coors Light Concert Series.

Tickets for the general public go on sale Friday, March 25, at 10 a.m. local time. VIP packages including great seats and exclusive festival mer-

chandise will be available. All dates, acts and ticket prices are subject to change without notice. Ticket prices are subject to applicable fees.

Citi is the official card of the Outlaw Music Festival. Citi cardmembers will have access to presale tickets beginning Tuesday, March 22, at 10 AM local until Thursday, March 24, at 10 PM local time through the Citi Entertainment program. For complete presale details visit www.citientertainment.com

"The Outlaw Music Festival Tour has always been about family and friends coming together for a great day of music and fun, and with the amazing group of

artists joining us, this year promises to be our most special Outlaw Tour to date. I just can't wait to get back on the road again" says Willie Nelson.

"Our annual Outlaw Music Festival Tour has grown to become this incredible family of artists that deliver must-see performances every night", said Keith Wortman (Co-Founder Outlaw Music Festival Tour), we are honored to present these once in a lifetime lineups all over the country."

Mike's Hard Lemonade Seltzer will also be joining the 2022 Outlaw Music Festival Tour as the "Official Hard Seltzer" hosting pop up experiences, giveaways and more at

select dates.

The inaugural Outlaw Music Festival made its debut in 2016 in Scranton, PA. The sold-out show was so well received that Blackbird and Nelson have developed it into one of North America's biggest annual touring franchises. Musicians such as Robert Plant, Neil Young, Bob Dylan, Van Morrison, Eric Church, Bonnie Raitt, Luke Combs, Chris Stapleton, Sheryl Crow, Sturgill Simpson, The Avett Brothers and many more have been a part of the Outlaw Tour, sharing unforgettable music memories and unique vendor villages with local food, drinks and shopping in Live Nation amphitheaters across the country.

Buddy Guy & John Hiatt Show at TCU Amphitheater in Indianapolis July 27

Multi-Grammy Award winning blues icon Buddy Guy and ten-time Grammy-nominated Americana/folk/blues collective John Hiatt & the Goners featuring Sonny Landreth will hit the road together this year. The duo will stop in downtown Indianapolis at TCU Amphitheater at White River State Park on Wednesday, July 27, 2022. Tickets go on sale to the general public on Friday, March 25 at 10 AM local time at www.livenation.com.

The title of Buddy Guy's latest album says it all: *The Blues Is Alive and Well*. The legendary blues artist's eighteenth solo LP and follow-up to 2015's *Born to Play Guitar*, and that same year he hit the road for a U.S. tour opening for Jeff Beck. A truly restless and energetic performer, *The Blues Is Alive and Well*

is the latest triumph in an already-legendary career.

And even as Guy pushes forward with his astounding career, he's careful not to forget his late contemporaries who inspired him along the way. "I went to sleep yesterday and woke up and all the great blues players are no longer with us. Muddy, Wolf, B.B.—they're all gone. Before they passed away, when they were in their prime, we used to have a drink and a laugh and talk about how when one of us is gone, the others have to keep it going. I'm trying to do something to keep this music that I love so well alive." And with *The Blues Is Alive and Well*, it's clear that the music—and Guy himself—isn't going away anytime soon.

John Robert Hiatt is one of America's most respected and influential singer-songwriters. "You know how writing goes for me," John Hiatt says, offering a glimpse into his creative process. "I get a couple of lines going, and then I just tag along as the songs start to reveal themselves. You've just gotta jump inside and take the ride." Hiatt has been on that ride — as have we all, tagging along right

beside him — for more than four decades now. In fact, since the release of his 1974 debut, *Hangin' Around the Observatory*, rarely has more than a year or two passed without a new Hiatt collection hitting the shelves. Since 2000 he's been on a remarkable late-career run, releasing nine acclaimed studio albums and embarking on numerous tours in the U.S. and abroad.

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Tickets go on sale to the general public on Friday, March 25 at 10 AM local time at www.LiveNation.com. All dates, acts and ticket prices are subject to change without notice. Ticket prices are subject to applicable fees.

The 2022 concert series at the TCU Amphitheater at White River State Park is made possible through the generous support of its sponsors including TCU, Coors Light, and more.

Bon Jovi Gives Local Bands Chance to Be Opening Act at Indianapolis Show April 19

Rock and Roll Hall of Fame band Bon Jovi announced today the chance for local bands across the country to perform on the highly anticipated Bon Jovi 2022 Tour, produced by Live Nation and sponsored by Hampton Water. Bands are encouraged to submit an audition video of original music for the chance to open for the band at a concert stop on the tour. One local band will be selected for each tour date, including the tour stop in Indianapolis on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at Gainbridge Fieldhouse. For more information and to upload a submission, visit www.bonjovi.com. Submission deadline is Friday, April 8.

The Bon Jovi 2022 Tour will launch this spring in

arenas nationwide. Tickets are on sale now at LiveNation.com.

Bon Jovi spent much of the past two years recording and releasing new music, while also creating livestream performance content and launching Bon Jovi radio for their fans. Bon Jovi's 2020 was one of the most critically acclaimed album releases of that year with USA Today calling it "BRILLIANT" and Associated Press highlighting the depth of lyrics within the songs that "chronicle pain, loss, fear and death from the coronavirus, police killings and mass shootings."

Bon Jovi remains one of the most prolific and sought-after tour tickets in live music today, and getting back on tour was a top

priority for the band. "We have all missed touring and we know that nothing can replace the energy of a live show for the fans or the band," said Jon Bon Jovi.

Over an illustrious career spanning more than three decades since their formation in 1983, Bon Jovi has earned their place among global rock royalty and was inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame as well as the Songwriters Hall of Fame. With over 130 million albums sold worldwide, and extensive catalog of hit anthems, thousands of concerts performed in more than 50 countries for more than 35 million fans, and ticket grosses well over \$1 billion around the world in the last decade alone. Bon Jovi is the consummate rock and roll band.

Rock Supergroup Kings of Chaos, Grammy Winner Rick Springfield to Headline Carb Day Concert May 27

Rock's ultimate supergroup Kings of Chaos and legendary Grammy Award winner Rick Springfield will co-headline the Miller Lite Stage inside Turn 3 of the IMS oval, a new location this year.

Legendary funk and R&B band Morris Day and the Time will open the concert, followed by Springfield and Kings of Chaos. The show starts at 3:30 p.m. on the Miller Lite Stage inside Turn 3 of the IMS oval, a new location this year.

Tickets are on sale now at IMS.com, by calling 800-822-INDY (4639) or 317-492-6700, or by visiting the IMS Ticket Office at the IMS Administration Building.

General admission tickets start at just \$30. A limited number of concert pit tickets that include general admission are available for \$50. A very limited supply of exclusive VIP platform tickets also is available for \$250, including concert pit access, snacks, two complimentary drinks and dedicated bars. Ticket prices will increase as the concert draws closer, so fans are encouraged to buy now.

All general admission, concert pit and VIP Deck concert tickets include admission to the concert and

to on-track activities that day at IMS, which include the final practice for the 106th Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge and the INDYCAR Pit Stop Challenge.

"It will be fantastic to see fans enjoying live music on Miller Lite Carb Day for the first time since 2019," IMS President J. Douglas Boles said. "As everyone comes back home again to IMS this May, Kings of Chaos, Rick Springfield, and Morris Day and the Time will shift Race Weekend into top gear by performing hit after hit at one of the biggest parties of the year in the Midwest."

Kings of Chaos, formed by Grammy-winning and Rock & Roll Hall of Fame member Matt Sorum (Guns N' Roses, Velvet Revolver), features a killer lineup of rock and roll royalty performing the biggest hit songs from the bands that made them global superstars. The band is comprised of Sorum, Sebastian Bach (Skid Row), Jack Blades (Night Ranger, Damn Yankees), John Waite (Bad English, The Babys, solo), Lita Ford (The Runaways, solo), Gilby Clarke (Guns N' Roses), Warren DeMartini (Ratt) and Sean McNabb (Great White, Dokken).

The band's setlist includes such hits as "Sister

Christian," "(You Can Still) Rock in America" and "Don't Tell Me You Love Me" (Night Ranger), "Youth Gone Wild" and "I Remember You" (Skid Row), "Change," "Missing You," "Midnight Rendezvous" and "Head First" (Waite/The Babys), "Kiss Me Deadly," "Gotta Let Go" and "Cherry Bomb" (Ford/The Runaways), "Paradise City" and "Knockin' on Heaven's Door" (Guns N' Roses), and "Round and Round" and "Lay It Down" (Ratt).

Over the past four decades, Australian-born Springfield has worn many hats as an entertainer and performer. He's the creator of some of the finest power-pop of the '80s, a Grammy Award-winning singer, songwriter and musician who has sold 25 million albums and scored 17 U.S. Top 40 hits. In 2019, Springfield released his 17th studio album, "Orchestrating My Life," a career-defining revisit of a lifetime of hits. The album is a collection all the hits the public loves rerecorded with an electrifying mix of rock and accompanied by a full orchestra. It also includes a new song, Irreplaceable, a song dedicated to Springfield's mother, who passed away in 2017.

Indianapolis Immigrant Welcome Center Announces Signature Annual Fundraiser 'Live Local Think Global' at the Cyrus Place April 21

Immigrant Welcome Center (IWC) is pleased to announce that tickets for its signature annual fundraising event Live Local Think Global (LLTG) scheduled for April 21, 2022 are now on sale. The event brings together business and community leaders, philanthropists, and nonprofit professionals, donors, and champions to support the organization's mission of helping immigrants thrive in Central Indiana.

LLTG 2022 will be hosted at The Cyrus Place (237 N East Street) located in downtown Indianapolis.

Built by a German born architect in 1882, The Cyrus Place is owned and operated by a long-time Indianapolis resident and immigrant from Iran, Cyrus Jafari.

This year's event will include food tastings, cultural experiences, henna (mehndi) application, music, salsa dancing, and storytelling. All funds raised through this fundraiser support IWC programs that are designed to address the needs of our immigrant neighbors. The event will start at 6 p.m.

"We are proud of our diverse community," said

Gurinder Hohl, Chief Executive Officer of IWC. "Our mission is to help every immigrant who calls Indiana home to thrive. We believe that when immigrants thrive, our community thrives."

In addition to individual tickets, multiple levels of sponsorship are available for businesses, foundations, organizations, and individuals who are interested in supporting this event and IWC's mission. Tickets and sponsorship details are accessible on the IWC website at immigrantwelcomecenter.org/events/.

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BBB Scam Alert: A Wrong Number Can Lead to a Bad Romance Scam



Better Business Bureau Serving Central Indiana (BBB) is advising area residents to be wary of unsolicited text messages appearing to come from

wrong numbers.

How the Scam works

You receive a text message out of the blue from an unknown number, often with a photo of an attractive female attempting to elicit a response from you. These communication attempts often appear to be from a young woman trying to text a friend. They may be a premise to a more sinister “romance scam” attempt, or a way for con artists to simply collect working cell phone numbers for future scam attempts.

A Fishers, Indiana consumer reported receiving

a text message stating, “It’s been a while since you messaged, do you want me yet?” and sent a photo of a woman. The consumer immediately blocked the number and reported the attempt to BBB Serving Central Indiana via Scamtracker.org.

How to spot this scam

- **Be skeptical.** Strangers on the internet can pretend to be anyone. Question motives behind both solicited and unsolicited messages.

- **Check for spelling and grammatical errors.** While not all scammers have poor

grammar, many fraudsters located offshore do. Carefully check over messages and analyze them for any inconsistencies.

- **Guard personal information and photos.** Scammers may try to solicit personal information through methods such as cold calls, text messages or emails. Also remember, any photo uploaded on social media can be stolen and used by a scammer.

Better Business Bureau recommends individuals who have been scammed via a text message to report the incident immedi-

ately to Scamtracker.org, law enforcement and the Federal Trade Commission.

For more information

For additional romance scam resources visit BBB.org/romance. Additionally, victims can report scams, regardless of whether they’ve lost money, to ScamTracker.org. These reports can help others avoid falling victim to fraud.

If you’ve been the victim of this or a similar scam, report it to BBB Scam Tracker. Your report can help educate other consumers by raising awareness of scam-

mers’ tactics.

The Better Business Bureau has empowered people to find businesses, brands and charities they can trust for over 110 years. In 2021, people turned to BBB more than 200 million times for BBB Business Profiles on 6.3 million businesses and Charity Reports on 25,000 charities, free at BBB.org. Local, independent BBBs can be found across the United States, Canada, and Mexico, including BBB Serving Central Indiana, which was founded in 1916 and serves 46 counties.

Closing the Wealth Gap, One Woman Entrepreneur at a Time

(StatePoint) Women represent the majority of all entrepreneurs today. In 2020 alone, women started 2,000 small businesses nationwide and of those, 64% were founded by women from diverse backgrounds, according to Fundera statistics.

While this trend is encouraging, a recent study conducted by the Nasdaq Entrepreneurial Center, Penn State University and Fair Pay Workplace shows that pay, ownership and valuation disparities are compounding the already large gender wealth gap.

Barriers to profitability and pay equity. According to the study, access to capital is the number one barrier impacting the profitability of women entrepreneurs. The top three reasons women entrepreneurs don’t seek additional funding are:

- They don’t want to accrue debt.
 - They don’t think they’d be approved by a lender.
 - They decided to wait until their company hit a milestone to be in a stronger position to raise funds.
- The second barrier identified by the study is declining sales, followed by the unpredictability of business conditions. Fif-

ty-nine percent of women entrepreneur respondents said their income varies from month to month, and 53% said they’re spending equal to or more than their income. Additionally, more than half of early-stage women entrepreneurs (55%) do not pay themselves for the work they do for their company.

On average, women pay themselves \$53,000 less than men. Men who are entrepreneurs earn an average salary of \$232,659 versus women entrepreneurs, who earn an average of \$179,444. According to the 2018 Inc Women Entrepreneurship Report, the broader workforce pay gap shows that among entrepreneurs, women earn 77% of what men earn.

Investment disparity. Additionally, data reveals a significant gender gap in the venture capital (VC) system. According to the Angel Resource Institute, nearly 75% of investments in 2019 and 2020 went to white men, and less than 2% went to women of color. Additionally, the Center for Venture Research finds that:

- Only 5% of accredited women investors have access to invest in VC funds, even though women

control 50% of wealth today.

- Only 1.8% of VC investments go to solely women-led startups. There are no large funds focused solely on women founders.

- Only 5% of general partners in VC firms are women.

The total impact of these pay and investment disparities added up to a \$140 billion gap in 2020, according to Crunchbase. If the current growth trajectory of women entrepreneurs continues, the Global Gender Gap Report 2021 calculates that it will take 135.6 years to close the gender gap worldwide.

Closing the gap and empowering women entrepreneurs. Closing the gender wealth gap starts with education and awareness, empowering women to break the cycle of debt, and equipping them with the tools and financial knowledge to start their own businesses and be successful entrepreneurs, say experts.

“Acknowledging the gender gaps that exist today is one of the first steps toward eradicating inequalities,” said Jenny Flores, head of Wells Fargo Small Business Growth Philanthropy. “By bringing more awareness,

additional resources, and key connections and conversations to the table, we can create more avenues to capital, more equality, and help more women reach their full potential.”

According to Flores, these are actions women entrepreneurs can take to support the growth of their businesses:

- Start with a strong foundation to support business decisions and strategic planning, and to help build wealth that can be reinvested into scaling the business over time.
- Connect with mentors and experts to exchange knowledge, share best practices and learn from each other.
- Utilize resources that guide business owners to getting to a place where they’re paying themselves a fair wage.
- Gain knowledge and support critical business decisions by turning to trustworthy resources.
- For additional tips, visit wellsfargo.com.

While women are founding new enterprises every day, data reveals there’s still a long way to go toward ensuring they have equal opportunities to be successful. Fortunately, there are resources to help.

7 Ways to Pay Less on Auto Insurance

(StatePoint) Inflation is driving rising costs on everything from gasoline to groceries. And recent research shows that auto insurance is expected to rise for most policyholders this year too. While you can’t control how insurers price their policies, you can avoid shouldering higher costs.

Here are a few ways to directly reduce your car insurance rates or mitigate increases:

- **Reduce coverage.** Look at your insurance policy to see if you could forego any add-ons, such as roadside assistance. If you have an older vehicle, consider all your options to see if paying for collision and comprehensive coverage is worth it.

- **Increase your deductible.** You may be able to lower your insurance premium by choosing an increased deductible (the amount you spend for repairs before insurance kicks in). Although increasing your deductible could save you money now, it could result in you paying more out of pocket if you have an accident down the line.

- **Use driver tracking programs.** Insurers typically base your premium on the information you provide them that indicates the level of risk they take on by insuring you. By using a driver tracking program, you’ll provide your insurer additional information on your driving habits, which—if you are a careful and safe driver—could reduce your cost by 25% or more.

- **Check for discounts.** Depending on where you are in life, you may be eligible for new savings opportunities like senior/retirement or good student discounts. Ask your insurer about the various discounts you may be eligible for to see how you can save even more on your premium.

- **Compare quotes.** Comparing quotes from different insurance providers can help you save money and lock in the best possible deal. Using price comparison websites can help simplify this process, allowing you to compare

personalized quotes from multiple providers in real time. For example, Experian’s auto insurance comparison service leverages technology to compare quotes from over 40 top providers in minutes. Its average user saves more than \$900 on auto insurance each year. Plus, the service offers free active rate monitoring, scouring the market on an ongoing basis to make sure you are getting the best rate among the Experian network of providers.

“Right now, consumers are looking for ways to maximize their budget. Our tool allows them to do in minutes what used to take hours, as well as possibly save hundreds of dollars,” says Rod Griffin, Sr. director of Public Education at Experian.

To learn more, visit www.experian.com/save.

- **Improve your credit score.** Some insurers consider your credit-based insurance score when determining your premium. These scores use information in your credit reports to look at the likelihood that you’ll file a claim so insurers can raise or lower your rates accordingly. To find out where you stand, you can check your credit report and score for free. Think about using services like Experian Boost to add positive payment history for utility and telecom accounts as well as video streaming services to your Experian credit report, which can potentially increase your FICO Score in real time.

- **Pay off your loan.** If you’re still paying off your current vehicle, your lienholder may require that you hold a higher level of insurance, such as comprehensive and collision. If manageable, paying off the loan could help you eliminate extra coverage expenses from your policy—lowering your monthly insurance payment.

With inflation and interest rates on the rise, finding savings on big-ticket costs like auto insurance could make a significant impact on your budget. Fortunately, new tools and smart strategies can help you save.

How to Make Tax Season a Breeze

(StatePoint) While filing taxes can be anxiety-provoking, there’s no need to stress. The right digital tools, along with smart strategies can make tax season a breeze:

File Faster

There are many services to help you e-file your taxes, walking you through each step for a quick, painless way to get your tax return faster. In some cases, you may be able to file for free, or for just a small fee. More accurate than paper filing, e-filing through a service such as TurboTax or TaxAct can offer peace of mind for an audit-free tax season.

Watch for Scams

Scammers are known to use seasonal moments like filing taxes in the spring or insurance enrollment in the fall to prey on unsuspecting people, and these scams are on the rise. In fact, recent T-Mobile network data showed over a 116% increase in scam attempts from 2020 to 2021. Here’s how to protect yourself:

- **Be suspicious of unexpected calls.** The IRS will never demand imme-

diately payment over the phone or threaten action from law enforcement. You have the right to dispute any charges with the IRS.

- **Don’t answer unknown numbers.** Even if the number on your phone looks legitimate, if you suspect it’s a scam, let it go to voicemail. If it sounds too good to be true, it might be a scam. If you need to return the call, don’t call the number provided, instead, locate the customer service number online.

- **Beware of Facebook messages.** Scammers can also contact you by email, text and social media. Know that the IRS will never contact you through these channels.

- **Get scam call protection.** Today, most major wireless providers have tools to help customers prevent scam calls. For example, T-Mobile gives customers free scam identification, free scam blocking and free Caller ID with Scam Shield. Scam Shield is built into the heart of the T-Mobile network and updates every

six minutes as new threats are detected, keeping customers better protected and identifying or blocking an average 1.8 billion calls monthly. T-Mobile and Metro by T-Mobile customers can download Scam Shield in the Google Play or App Store. Sprint customers can get scam protection through the Call Protect app.

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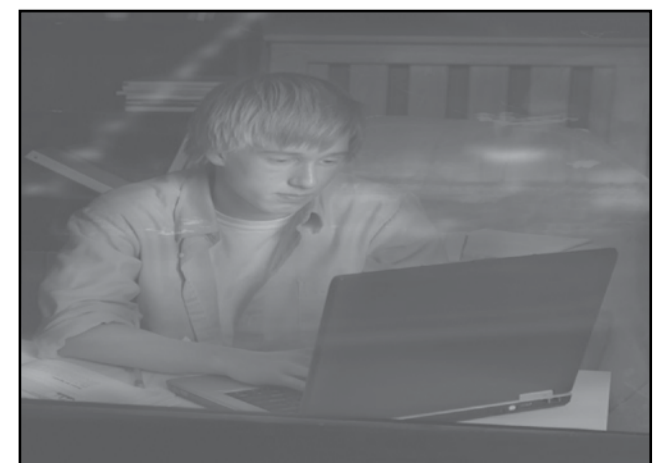
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Apple TV+ as well as free stuff and discounts every week with T-Mobile Tuesdays.

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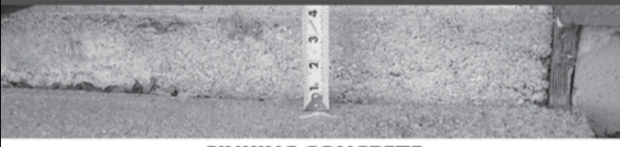
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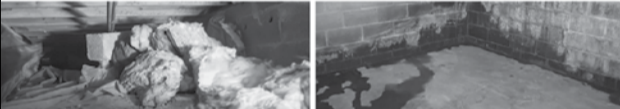


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