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Six Ways to Save This Spring

Crawfordsville Electric Light & Power is thrilled that spring is finally here. The weather is getting warmer, and the days are growing longer. It's the perfect time to start those outdoor projects you've been planning and explore new ways to make your home more energy-efficient. The following home improvements and lifestyle changes will help lower your energy bills and reduce your environmental impact.

- 1. Spring cleaning

While you're chas- ing those dust bunnies around, look for ways to save energy. Clean under and behind your refrigerator to keep it operating efficiently. Dust light bulbs to get more light for your money. If you have a sliding glass door, wash the track. Dirt buildup can damage the door seal and create gaps where cool air can escape.

- 2. Check your cooling system

Hire a qualified professional to inspect and clean your air condition-

ing system. Replace the system's air filter and adjust thermostat settings for warmer weather.

If you haven't done so already, install a programmable thermostat. It will optimize savings and add convenience by adjusting the temperature to fit your schedule — automatically!

- 3. Install ceiling fans
- Ceiling fans circulate the air, making rooms feel cooler, which means you can raise the temperature setting up to 4°F without compromis-

ing comfort. Remember that ceiling fans only make you feel cooler, not the room. Turn them off in empty rooms to avoid wasting energy.

- 4. Seal air leaks

Gaps and cracks in doors and windows send conditioned air, and your energy dollars, outside. Weather-strip exterior doors and seal windows with caulk. Check for any gaps around outdoor plumbing and wiring access and seal with expanding foam insulation.

- 5. Plant some shade

Arbor Day is coming. Celebrate by planting a shade tree along the south- or west-facing side of your home. Trees help shield your home from the sun in summer, keeping you cool and reducing your energy bill. They are good for the environment, too. Remember to call 811 before you dig and consider the mature height of trees; select a location away from power lines.

- 6. Live greener

Spring is the perfect time to renew your

commitment to living a greener lifestyle. Walk or ride a bike instead of driving a car whenever possible. Start a compost bin for recycling kitchen and yard waste. Install a rain barrel to save water for landscaping. Also, remember to reduce, reuse and recycle whatever you can!

By taking these steps, you can save energy and live more sustainably this spring and all year long. Visit celp.com for additional energy-saving tips.



TODAY'S QUOTE

"I know worrying works, because none of the stuff I worried about ever happened."
- Will Rogers

TODAY'S JOKE

Why can't Elsa have a balloon? Because she will let it go.

TODAY'S VERSE

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Teach your kids to eat healthier by having them help pack their school lunch. Not packing a lunch? Many schools keep track of what kids are picking out in the lunch line — ask to review it.

Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Paper and online at www.thepaper24-7.com.



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Happy Easter, Montgomery County! God bless!



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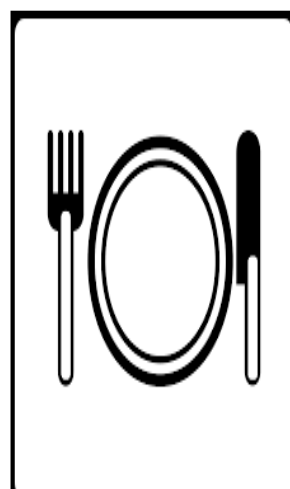
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Obituaries

Sunday, April 17, 2022

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Louan Louise (Jenkinson) Franklin

Sep. 8, 1948 - April 15, 2022

Louan Louise (Jenkinson) Franklin, age 73, of Lafayette and formerly of New Richmond, passed away on Good Friday, April 15, 2022 at Franciscan Health Lafayette.

She was born in Brazil, IN on Sep. 8, 1948 to the late Ernest Edward and Bonnie Blythe (Lord) Jenkinson.

Mrs. Franklin graduated from Otterbein High School in 1966. She married the love of her life, Jimmy Franklin, on May 12, 1973. She retired from Material Management at Purdue University, where she worked as a supervisor. Mrs. Franklin was very involved in Girl Scouts and the Special Olympics. She had a passion for reading, jeopardy, and going on vacations.

Survivors include her two children, Tammi Louan and James Clayton Franklin; grandchildren Robbie Soulliere IV, Zachary Hailey, Makaid Fisher, Zachary Franklin, Michayla Franklin and Kalishia Franklin; siblings Ernys-ta E. Flynn, Ernest E. Jenkinson, Theern T Veach, Deena D. Graves, Danell D. Rossi, Clayton K. Jenkinson and Mark M. Jenkinson; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband; grandson Brandon Hailey; niece Blair Rossi; siblings Bonnie B. Bisner, Nona N. Huff, Arlo A. Jenkinson and Jonathon J. Jenkinson; and her cockatoo, Dandy Franklin.

A celebration will be held at a later date. Sanders Shoemaker Funeral Care is entrusted with care.

Share memories and condolences online at sandersfuneralcare.com.



Mary Jane Albright Fay

April 13, 2022

Mary Jane Albright Fay, age 99 of Waynetown, passed away at 4 p.m. April 13, 2022 in Wellbrooke of Crawfordsville.

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

A version of this obituary ran in Friday's edition of The Paper of Montgomery County with a spelling error. The correct version is being run today with the correct spelling.

Marjorie E. Tribbett

March 24, 1933 - April 14, 2022

Marjorie E. Tribbett, 89, formerly of Linden and Darlington, peacefully transitioned from sleep to life everlasting in the comfort of her Crawfordsville home Thu., April 14, 2022

She was born March 24, 1933 in Montgomery County, the daughter of Arthur Pearson and Mildred Hudson Pearson.

Mr. Tribbett - or Marji Jo, as she was known to friends, was a beloved member of the Montgomery County Community. She dedicated 25 years to "making the best better" as a committed 4-H leader and lent her time and talents volunteering any way she could with the Darlington United Methodist Church for over 25 years. Her greatest joy, however, was her family. Mr. Tribbett was an excellent cook and took great satisfaction in delighting her family with new and classic recipes. She opened and operated the Christmas Cottage Tea Room and shared her gift of cooking and love of Christmas cheer with the entire Darlington community. She was active in the American Shorthorn Lassie Association, serving as national president and recognized as Lassie of the Year in 1978.

Ms. Tribbett always had an impeccable sense of style and an eye for beauty. She was a judge for 4-H consumer clothing throughout the state and served as chairman of the Montgomery County Queen Contest for several years.

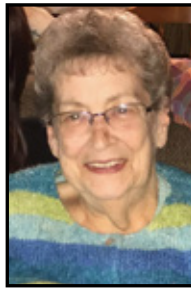
Later in life, she used her talent to craft magnificent bouquets at Earthworks, a time she cherished for sharing her gift and appreciation of beautiful flowers.

Survivors include her son Rex (Robin) Tribbett; grandchildren Hillary Tribbett and Jacob Chambers.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her daughter Elaine Chambers; and her sisters Mary Maltsberger, Marie Biddle and Kay Bryan.

Visitation is scheduled to be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wed, April 20, 2022 at Burkhart Funeral Home, Crawfordsville. Services are scheduled to begin at 1 p.m., led by Pastor Bryan Langdoc. She will be laid to rest at Greenlawn Cemetery in Darlington.

Donations may be made to the Darlington United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 86, Darlington, IN 47940 or 4-H, Inc, 400 Parke Avenue, Crawfordsville, IN 47933.



James M. Spencer

Oct. 14, 1940 - April 14, 2022

James Milton Spencer was born in Indianapolis on Oct. 14, 1940 to Ralph D. and Modessa V. Spencer. He grew up in Sheridan, Indiana where he graduated from high school and married the love of his life, Sharon Sue Padgett in 1958.

Mr. Spencer then earned his Bachelor's degree in Social Studies and Physical Education at Indiana State, followed by his Master's degree in American History at Purdue. He taught and coached at Darlington, Coal Creek Central, Northridge Middle School and North Montgomery High School for thirty-five years except for brief interludes in which he served as the Social Studies Consultant for the Indiana Department of Education in Indianapolis, as well as spending a year at Purdue University as their first Master-teacher-in-residence.

Following his retirement from public schools, Mr. Spencer became the founding Headmaster of Covenant Christian High School on the west-side of Indianapolis. During his ten years there, they were able to build a state-of-the-art building as well as being accredited by the State of Indiana and the Association of Christian Schools International. He was most pleased that in 2003, Christianity Today Magazine named Covenant the best private Christian school to work at in the nation.

Most of Mr. Spencer's summers as a school teacher were spent doing carpenter work, the highlight of which was working with his two sons to build their retirement home. Much of his retirement time was spent in his workshop building furniture for family and friends. He always had a love-affair with wood and has planted trees wherever they have lived.

Mr. Spencer also served as the founding pastor of Harvest Fellowship as well as interim pastor of a number of area churches. He spent over thirty years teaching Bible studies whenever and wherever he could as he was fascinated with the good news of the Gospel.

Survivors include his wife, Sue; children Steve (Julie) Spencer, Patti (Rick) Ehrhardt, Jill (John) Maxwell and Brad (Bethany) Spencer; eleven grandchildren; and eighteen great-grandchildren.

Visitation is scheduled to be held on Friday, April 22 from 4 - 8 p.m. at Burkhart Funeral Home, 201 West Wabash Avenue, Crawfordsville, IN 47933. Burial is scheduled for Sat., April 23 at 10:30 a.m. at the Spencer Cemetery, W 46th (N 1200 E) Sheridan, IN 46069. A Celebration of Life is scheduled to be held Sat, April 23 at 2 p.m. at Harvest Fellowship Church, 1618 West 500 South, Crawfordsville, IN 47933.

Send donations to either: Covenant Christian High School, 7525 West 21st Street, Indianapolis, IN 46214 or Harvest Fellowship, 1618 West 500 South, Crawfordsville, IN 47933.



Loretta Vaughn

March 13, 1932 - April 7, 2022

Loretta Vaughn, 90, passed away Thu., April 7, 2022, at Hunterdon Medical Center in Flemington, N.J., due to medical complications.

She was born March 13, 1932, in Miami County, Ind., the daughter of Thomas A. and Miriam B. (Dotterer) Horn.

Mrs. Vaughn married George C. Smith in Howard County, Ind., on June 18, 1950, divorcing on June 9, 1969. She married Lawrence M. Vaughn in Indianapolis, Ind. on June 4, 1971.

She was a resident of Linton, Ind., from the mid-1990s to 2016, and Crawfordsville, Ind., from 2016 to 2020, before relocating to New Jersey. Some of her favorite past times included attending auctions, gardening, food preservation, crafting, and fishing, and she was a lifetime member of the Coal City Fish and Game Club. Mrs. Vaughn regularly volunteered at the Recycle Center while living in Linton, and at the FISH food pantry and Trinity Life Ministry Outlet Store while residing in Crawfordsville.

Survivors include her children Deborah S. (Robert) File of Sanford, N.C., Brian C. (Barbara) Smith of Lebanon, N.J. and Charles D. (Rhonda) Smith of Colfax, Ind.; sister Evelyn B. (Jerry) Henderson of Jenks, Okla.; stepson Larry G. (Patti) Vaughn of Fishers, Ind.; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; and nine stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Lawrence M. Vaughn; and brothers Edward A. Horn and Jerry L. Horn.

A Celebration of Life for family is being planned for a later date. Internment will be at Marion National Cemetery, Marion, Ind.



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Number Stumpers

1. How many people in the county do not live in Rochester? \geq
2. How old is Fulton County? \leq
3. What is the population density of the county? \geq
4. How many total schools does the county have? \leq

Answers: 1. 14,618 People 2. 183 Years 3. Around 56/sq mi 4. 10 Schools

Did You Know?

- Fulton County was founded in 1836 and named after Robert Fulton.
- Rochester, the county seat, has a total population of 6,218 residents.
- The county has 3 middle schools, 3 high schools, and 4 elementary schools.
- Rochester's motto is "The City of Friendship and Pride."
- The county is 371.26 square miles and has a population of 20,836 residents.

Got Words?

Native Americans that previously lived in the county believed that a monster lived in Lake Manitou, so they never lived near the lake. After this many in the county called it the Devil's Lake. How do you think myths impact the way towns and events are viewed today?

Word Scrambler

Unscramble the words below!

1. IIFENHRSPD
2. NFLUTO TNUCYO
3. MHYTS
4. RECESRTOH
5. DRPEI

Answers: 1. Friendship 2. Fulton County 3. Myths 4. Rochester 5. Pride

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Gov. Holcomb Announces Commissioner Peter Lacy to Step Down from Indiana BMV

Peter Lacy has notified Gov. Eric J. Holcomb that he is stepping down from his role as the commissioner of the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) after more than six years. Gov. Holcomb today named Joe Hoage, the commissioner of the Indiana Department of Labor (DOL) and former BMV general counsel, as the new commissioner, effective May 28.

“Commissioner Lacy has delivered outstanding service to Hoosiers by investing in new technology and empowering employees to drive change,” Gov. Holcomb said. “The result is an agency that provides Hoosiers with great customer service and more choices about how they interact with the agency. Peter has prioritized efficiency in operations and always focused on quality.”

Lacy was appointed BMV commissioner in 2017 after serving as chief of staff for two years.

The BMV, under Lacy’s leadership, has:

- Maintained an average branch visit time under 20 minutes and a customer satisfaction rating over 98% across all transaction mediums
- Redesigned the Indiana Driver’s License and ID, bringing the most modern and strongest security features available to our state
- Increased BMV Connect kiosk transactions from 98,000 in 2016 to

more than 850,000 in 2021

- Grown Real ID adoption from 23% to 70%
- Launched Indiana Driver Employee Link (IDEL), a CDL employer notification system designed to quickly inform employers of change in the status of their CDL drivers

- Prioritized modernization of process and technology, including expansion of how the agency notifies customers of an upcoming renewal to include email and text

“The focus during my time with the agency has been on driving the state forward and thinking beyond the traditional expectations of a motor vehicle agency,” Lacy said. “I am grateful to Governor Holcomb for the opportunity to serve our state and for his support of the agency’s goals, which has enabled us to keep providing efficient, exceptional service to Hoosiers.”

Lacy’s last day as commissioner is May 27.

Hoage was general counsel for the BMV from 2017 until 2020, when he was named commissioner at DOL. He has also served as the state’s public access counselor, general counsel for the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, an attorney with the Indiana Gaming Commission and as a deputy prosecutor in Marion County.

“The Indiana BMV is one of the most innovative

motor vehicle agencies in the nation, and I know that progress will continue under Joe’s leadership,” Gov. Holcomb said. “He brings experience from across state government and is well respected. He has led the Department of Labor team through a challenging time during the pandemic.”

Under Hoage’s leadership, the agency has responded to more than eight times the normal volume of workplace concerns resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. The regulatory agency also launched the YES, or Youth Employment Services program, which modernized the way youth are registered for employment in the state. The new system has made it easy for thousands of employers and youth employees to register to work in Indiana.

“It’s been an honor to lead a hard-working group at the Department of Labor. I am humbled to be selected to serve as commissioner of the BMV and excited for the opportunity to build on the successes the agency has achieved under Gov. Holcomb’s leadership,” Hoage said.

Hoage earned his law degree from Valparaiso University School of Law and his bachelor’s degree from Franklin College.

The new commissioner for the Department of Labor will be named at a later date.

Celebrate National Volunteer Week with DNR



Every year more than 10,000 volunteers across the state contribute countless hours on Indiana Department of Natural Resources properties.

During National Volunteer Week, April 17-23, the DNR will thank and recognize those

volunteers for caring for Indiana’s natural and cultural resources, and salute their accomplishments on the Facebook pages of the divisions of State Parks, Fish & Wildlife, Forestry, and Nature Preserves.

Hoosiers can connect with Indiana’s natural and cultural heritage and the DNR volunteer community by donating their time and talents at their favorite DNR property.

To find out how you can help DNR properties and become part of DNR’s volunteer family, see on IN.gov/dnrvolunteer or contact your local DNR property to learn more.

A complete list of programs for April 17-23 is at calendar.dnr.IN.gov.

For more information or questions about volunteering for DNR, email DNRVolunteer@dnr.IN.gov.

Rokita Persists in Fight Against Dangerous, Unlawful Conditions at Apartment Complexes

Attorney General Todd Rokita filed a lawsuit today against JPC Affordable Housing Foundation, Inc. for their role in allowing certain Indianapolis apartment complexes in Indianapolis to fall into egregious disrepair, endangering the health, safety, and welfare of thousands of residents. The lawsuit was filed in conjunction with lawsuits by Citizens Energy and the City of Indianapolis against the same entity.

“Despite some fairly weak laws in Indiana for state government involvement in this area, we continue our efforts to protect tenants who are being unfairly treated and who are being subject to downright dangerous conditions,” said Attorney General Rokita. “A lot of this comes down to simple, honest leadership—bringing parties together to forge a solution—and our team has done a great job

with that multiple times in situations like this.”

In March, Attorney General Rokita announced \$7.5 million in relief for residents of Lakeside Pointe at Nora and Fox Club Apartments. Following the sale of those properties to another entity, the new owners committed to performing significant repairs and resolving existing emergency health department cases.

This new lawsuit raises similar allegations to those raised with Lakeside Pointe and asserts that JPC has not performed their legal duties as a nonprofit and failed to address dangerous and unlawful conditions at apartment complexes on the southside and westside of Indianapolis.

Citizens Energy alleges in their lawsuit that the corporate entities at these complexes have failed to bill their water bill, amounting to a significant

arrears. Citizens is a public charitable trust dating back to 1887 that services about 800,000 people throughout the Indianapolis area.

“There are many stakeholders and residents who are impacted by these allegations. The lawsuits filed by my office, Citizens, and the City will allow for the swift and efficient resolution of these important issues,” said Attorney General Rokita. “I am grateful for the hard work of Chase Haller, deputy attorney general, and the collaboration with Citizens and the City, in pursuing this solution.”

Tenants who have experienced problems during the course of their lease are encouraged to file a consumer complaint at www.indianaconsumer.com. Tenants and community advocates have played a crucial role in assisting with this important investigation.

Gov. Holcomb Leads Europe Trip to Highlight Indiana’s Global Economy

Governor Eric J. Holcomb and Secretary of Commerce Brad Chambers will lead an economic development trip to Sweden, the United Kingdom and Monaco from April 24 to May 1 to bolster strategic relationships and highlight Indiana’s leadership in industries of the future.

“There’s no substitute for thanking and meeting prospective investors in person,” said Gov. Holcomb. “We look to build upon Indiana’s ever growing global reputation already established by the recent record-breaking years of new job and capital investment commitments. We’ll use our upcoming time in Europe to both strengthen key existing relationships and to promote our state as an international embracer of the industries of the future.”

Europe represents one of Indiana’s largest regions for foreign direct investment and trade ties with more than 550 European-owned businesses in Indiana. Coming on the heels of the IEDC’s recently announced partnership with Avalanche Andretti, the trip will conclude with the Formula E World Championship race in Monaco. The Governor and Secretary will host key business prospects and showcase Indiana’s economy of the future connected to motorsports and emerging technologies including electric vehicles, batteries

and clean energy.

Gov. Holcomb, Sec. Chambers and First Lady Janet Holcomb and IEDC senior staff will depart for Sweden on Sunday, April 24, and finish the trip in Monaco, returning to Indiana on Sunday, May 1. The trip falls just weeks ahead of Indiana’s inaugural Global Economic Summit, during which Indiana will welcome delegations from dozens of international partners including Europe.

On April 26-28 in London, Gov. Holcomb and Sec. Chambers will meet with government officials, including Minister Penny Mordaunt, U.K. Minister of State at the Department for International Trade, and Greg Hands, U.K. Minister of State for Business, Energy and Clean Growth. Indiana and the U.K. share a strong trade relationship, as Indiana supports approximately 100 U.K.-owned business facilities across the state, making the U.K. Indiana’s second-largest European investor and third-largest globally. The Governor and Secretary will meet with Tate & Lyle, a global provider of food and beverage ingredients and solutions, to discuss how Indiana can continue supporting the company’s integrated energy system in Lafayette, where it has employed more than 500 people and invested approximately \$75 million in energy and operational

efficiency projects over the last two years.

Gov. Holcomb and Sec. Chambers will then head to Bristol on April 28 where they will meet with leaders from Rolls-Royce, which employs approximately 3,300 in Indiana, to discuss technology, sustainability and clean energy. In August 2021, Gov. Holcomb and Sec. Chambers joined local and federal leaders to celebrate the completion of Rolls-Royce’s \$600 million manufacturing campus revitalization in Indianapolis, housing high-tech, revolutionary advanced manufacturing operations and setting the stage for future growth.

On April 30, they will meet with His Serene Highness Prince Albert II of Monaco before departing for the Formula E World Championship race. At the race, the IEDC will engage existing and prospective leaders in international markets, discuss electric vehicle mobility, innovation, and start-up/scale-up businesses, particularly in the green economy space.

Sweden is a prime prospect for innovative companies across key sectors, including electric vehicles and tech, with a thriving entrepreneurship ecosystem. In Stockholm, Gov. Holcomb and Sec. Chambers will meet with executives from Saab, a Sweden-based global aerospace and defense

company, to discuss opportunities for continued partnership. In October 2021, Gov. Holcomb and Sec. Chambers joined company executives to celebrate the grand opening of Saab’s new advanced manufacturing and production facility in West Lafayette, which supports production of the U.S. Air Force’s next-generation T-7A trainer jet.

This marks Gov. Holcomb’s 11th international economic development trip as governor and is the third international trip with the IEDC for Sec. Chambers. The cost of the trip is being paid through private donations to the Indiana Economic Development Foundation.

The Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) is charged with growing the State economy, driving economic development, helping businesses launch, grow and locate in the state. Led by Secretary of Commerce Brad Chambers, @SecChambersIN, and governed by a 15-member board chaired by Governor Eric J. Holcomb, @GovHolcomb, the IEDC manages many initiatives, including performance-based tax credits, workforce training grants, innovation and entrepreneurship resources, public infrastructure assistance, and talent attraction and retention efforts. For more information about the IEDC, visit iedc.in.gov.

Holcomb Announces Tax Refund is on its Way to All Hoosiers

Governor Eric J. Holcomb announced today that Hoosiers should expect to begin receiving their promised \$125 Automatic Taxpayer Refund in the coming weeks, resulting in a 12 percent cut in the average Hoosier’s annual income tax liability.

“I’m beyond thrilled that this spring and summer we are returning money back into the hands of Hoosier taxpayers, where it belongs,” Gov. Holcomb said. “Our conservative fiscal leadership and pro-growth policies makes this tax refund possible for all Hoosier households.”

The Governor first announced in December that an estimated 4.3 million taxpayers will receive a \$125 refund after they file their 2021 taxes. An estimated \$545 million will be returned to Hoosiers. After the tax-filing deadline passes on April 18, the Department of Revenue in conjunction with the Au-

ditor of State’s Office will begin issuing the refunds via direct deposit or by mailing a paper check.

Refunds will begin in May through direct deposit for residents who have filed their income taxes and provided their banking information on their return. Direct deposits are expected to continue through July.

Paper checks will be issued beginning in late July and continue through August, with the goal of completing the refund statewide by Sept. 1.

Residents do not need to take any action to receive the refund. The refund is in addition to and separate from any refund Hoosiers may receive after filing their 2021 state income tax returns.

Hoosiers can visit the Department of Revenue website for information about when to expect to receive the direct deposit or paper check.

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WHIN Announces Rural Entrepreneurship Program

Thanks to \$798K in funding from the Wabash Heartland Innovation Network (WHIN) Regional Cultivation Fund (RCF), the ten-county WHIN region is getting a big assist in its efforts to boost entrepreneurship and support local businesses in rural communities.

“From the pandemic to a rapidly changing technological and economic environment, small and medium sized businesses in our rural areas have felt a lot of stress over the past few years,” says Johnny Park, CEO of WHIN. “But the forces that are challenging local businesses also present new opportunities to refresh business plans, find new markets, and better serve existing customers with

online platforms. As well, the time is right for new business startups. WHIN’s Rural Entrepreneurship (RE) initiative will help.”

According to Vice President for Engagement Pat Corey, WHIN has several goals for the RE initiative.

“The purpose of WHIN’s RE program is to help start-ups in rural communities through those difficult early stages as well as to give small and “Main Street” businesses a disciplined process for exploring new possibilities,” says Corey. “Consistent with WHIN’s overall focus on technology, the program will also help small and rural manufacturers create business plans around retooling, and assist businesses as they make the pivot to conduct-

ing more business online.”

There are specific skills that entrepreneurs and business owners need, according to Corey.

“Entrepreneurial thinking at any stage of a business, online and digital proficiency, and networking connections can all provide traction for ideas to take off,” she says.

But consistent with WHIN’s own core value of leveraging existing resources and assets, the RE program had to be delivered in a way that would help rural communities find and develop their own capacity to nurture startups and existing businesses.

WHIN sought a community partner who could implement RE as it was envisioned, and found in Lafayette’s MatchBOX the

right mix of well-tested programming, a platform for delivering that programming across the region, and, most importantly, a commitment to developing an infrastructure of expertise throughout the region.

“We already have relationships with other coworking studios and entrepreneurship partners in the region, including Iron Block, Fusion 54, RuralUrban Center, Benton 4 Business, OCRA, and WEGA,” says Amanda Findlay, Managing Director and Acceleration Lead for MatchBOX. “What we will be able to provide is a mentor-supported curriculum that addresses topics that we know from experience to be game-changing for both startups and

existing businesses.”

According to Juliana Casavan, Director of Operations for MatchBOX, the program will invest in local communities by funding local mentors when possible and paying for memberships to local coworking studios.

“Our goal is to distribute our expertise in a way that embeds it throughout the region and to increase participation in local programs,” says Casavan.

Corey says that what impressed the WHIN team besides MatchBOX’s commitment to regionalism was its record of success for both startups and existing businesses, in all types of businesses.

“That diversity was crucial to WHIN,” says Corey. “A coffee shop or

general market might mean the difference between viability and decline in a small town. Yes, we’d love to see that town produce the next Steve Jobs, but in the meantime, keeping the economic fabric of the community strong is just as important.”

Another plus for MatchBOX is that it has been awarded funding from the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) that it will also use for the program.

“Our region is very fortunate to have home-grown and highly successful programs like MatchBOX,” says Corey. “We are grateful that they were willing to step up and share what they have learned and accomplished with the entire region.”

Todd Rokita Invites Hoosiers to Visit IndianaUnclaimed.Gov to Look For ‘Easter Eggs’

Beginning this spring, seven Indiana Main Street communities will participate in Community Transformation Strategy Workshops, with the assistance of Main Street America consultants. The two-day workshops will help continue the advancement of each communities’ downtown area. The workshops are sponsored by the Office of Community and Rural Affairs’ Indiana Main Street Program and will be held from April through August 2022.

“These seven commu-

nities have established effective and successful Main Street programs. The workshops will further build on their strengths through targeted community development strategies,” said OCRA Executive Director Denny Spinner. “Through the workshops, these organizations have the ability to become examples for future main streets.”

The participating organizations include five Nationally Accredited Main Street organizations and two PreservINg Main Street grant awardees.

The five NAMS communities include Frankfort, Newburgh, Seymour, Shelbyville and Wabash. The two PreservINg Main Street communities are Brookville and Kendallville.

The workshops provide services to assist the Indiana Main Street organizations to define community-informed and market-driven strategies that can direct and strengthen their revitalization efforts.

“We believe these seven communities will be able to implement the

recommendations and demonstrate a measurable impact to be a case study for the other Main Street communities in Indiana,” said Matt Wagner, chief program officer of Main Street America. “Community engagement and enthusiasm will make for a dynamic and successful program!”

The visits will involve community input by a pre-visit self-assessment, research on market conditions, specific gaps and key opportunities that can strengthen the downtown district. For a workshop

agenda and meeting locations, contact Andrea Kern at akern1@ocra.in.gov or 317-607-4821. For more information on the Indiana Main Street program, visit in.gov/ocra/mainstreet or the National Main Street Center at mainstreet.org/home.

Main Street America has been helping revitalize older and historic commercial districts for more than 40 years. Today, it is a network of more than 1,200 neighborhoods and communities, rural and urban,

that share both a commitment to place and to building stronger communities through preservation-based economic development. Since 1980, communities participating in the program have leveraged more than \$89.57 billion reinvested, 154,435 businesses started, 687,321 jobs created, and 303,836 buildings rehabilitated. Main Street America is a program of the nonprofit National Main Street Center, a subsidiary of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Julia Wickard Appointed to Serve as USDA’s Farm Service Agency Indiana State Executive Director

The Biden Administration recently appointed Julia Wickard as the new State Executive Director (SED) for the USDA Indiana Farm Service Agency (FSA). Wickard joined the Indiana FSA team on April 11, 2022.

“Individuals selected to serve as FSA State Executive Directors are incredible public servants who have a proven track record when it comes to their commitment to advance their states and communities,” said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. “Each will serve on the frontlines, carrying out USDA’s mission at the state level and ensuring the voice of each and every USDA customer is heard. We are fortunate to have each of these talented individuals at this critical time for farmers and producers and rural communities across America.”

Wickard, her husband, and two children own and operate Wickard Livestock where they raise registered Angus cattle and Boer goats. Wickard embarked on a journey with the State of Indiana at the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) in April of 2017 as the Government Affairs Director and Agricultural Liaison. Just a few short

months following her arrival at IDEM, she was appointed as Assistant Commissioner in the Office of Program Support, while also maintaining her Agricultural Liaison role. Prior to IDEM, she served for eight years as the Indiana FSA SED. She served as the Executive Vice President of the Indiana Beef Cattle Association, Chief Operating and Marketing Officer and Environmental and Natural Resources Director at the Indiana Farm Bureau Inc. and was the Environmental and Natural Resources Director in the Office of the Commissioner of Agriculture. She has worked for the Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Inc. and served two members of Congress.

Wickard is a graduate of AgrInstitute’s Indiana Agricultural Leadership Program and currently chairs the board of directors. She is a recipient of Indiana’s highest honor from the Governor of the State, the Sagamore of the Wabash, and in 2019 was recognized as a Purdue University Agricultural Sciences Education and Communication Distinguished Alumni. She will receive the Purdue Ag Alumni Certificate of Distinction

in April 2022. Wickard is active in her community and enjoys spending time with family and exhibiting cattle and goats in the state and across the country.

As SED, Wickard will be responsible for overseeing the delivery of FSA programs to agricultural producers in Indiana. These commodity, conservation, credit, and disaster assistance programs ensure a safe, affordable, abundant, and nutritious food, fiber, and fuel supply for consumers.

“The State Executive Director is a pivotal leadership position for the Agency and for the agricultural producers we serve,” said Marcus Graham, FSA Deputy Administrator for Field Operations. “These leaders, appointed by the Biden-Harris Administration, bring a wealth of knowledge and expertise to their respective states. We are happy to have them on board and wish them much success.”

Farm Service Agency serves farmers, ranchers, foresters, and agricultural partners through the effective, efficient, and equitable delivery of federal agricultural programs. The Agency offers producers a strong safety net through the administration of farm

commodity and disaster programs. Additionally, through conservation programs, FSA continues to preserve and protect natural resources and provides credit to agricultural producers who are unable to receive private, commercial credit, including targeted loan funds for beginning, underserved, women and military veterans involved in production agriculture.

USDA touches the lives of all Americans each day in so many positive ways. In the Biden-Harris Administration, USDA is transforming America’s food system with a greater focus on more resilient local and regional food production, fairer markets for all producers, ensuring access to safe, healthy and nutritious food in all communities, building new markets and streams of income for farmers and producers using climate smart food and forestry practices, making historic investments in infrastructure and clean energy capabilities in rural America, and committing to equity across the Department by removing systemic barriers and building a workforce more representative of America. To learn more, visit usda.gov.

Applications Available for Court of Appeals of Indiana

Chief Justice Loretta H. Rush announced an upcoming vacancy on the Court of Appeals of Indiana. She encourages judges and lawyers in the First District of the Court of Appeals to consider applying. Applications are due by May 20 at 12:00 p.m. (Eastern).

The position on the state’s second highest court is available with the summer 2022 retirement of Judge Edward W. Najam, Jr., who is stepping down from the bench after 30 years as a judicial branch leader. Judge Najam was appointed to the Court of Appeals in 1992.

Applications to fill Judge Najam’s seat will be considered by the seven-member Indiana Judicial Nominating Commission. With Chief Justice Rush as chair, the Commission includes three lawyers elected by their peers and three citizen members appointed by the Governor.

A candidate for the vacancy must be an Indiana resident living in the first appellate district. Candidates must also be

a member of the Indiana Bar for at least ten years or served as an Indiana judge for five years. The application, which must be submitted through the Indiana Courts Portal and to the Judicial Nominating Commission, contains pertinent background information, writing samples, references, educational transcripts, and letters of recommendation.

In June, the Commission will conduct public interviews of qualified candidates and deliberate in executive session. The Commission will publicly vote to send the three most qualified names to Governor Eric Holcomb. The Governor will have 60 days to select Indiana’s next Court of Appeals judge from the three names submitted by the Commission.

Details on the Commission, including membership, are online. Those interested in applying may contact Staff Attorney to the Indiana Judicial Nominating Commission, Luba Gore at lyubov.gore@courts.in.gov.

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Meringue nests with vanilla bean whipped cream and strawberries

Swing Into Spring with a Special Easter Dessert

(Family Features) It's tough to top the joy of an Easter morning spent celebrating with family, enjoying a delicious brunch or snacking on sweet treats. With warmer weather and bright sunshine comes plenty of opportunities to enjoy favorite recipes.

Celebrating the occasion with eggs can bring loved ones together in the kitchen and beyond, from crafting classic desserts to serving up new delights. Plus, the versatility of eggs allows for nearly countless creations.

Boiled, scrambled, poached, baked and any other way you like them, eggs can be your kitchen superhero. As a natural source of vitamins and minerals, they're a delicious protein powerhouse with just 70 calories per large egg.

Make the day truly memorable with the power of eggs in a sweet dessert like these Meringue Nests with Vanilla Bean Whipped Cream and Strawberries, a perfect option for topping off a brunch feast or an afternoon meal.

Find more Easter recipe ideas and ways to celebrate the season at incredibleegg.org.

Meringue Nests with

Vanilla Bean Whipped Cream and Strawberries

Recipe courtesy of the American Egg Board and Sam Adler (@frostingandfettuccine)

Prep time: 15 minutes

Total time: 6 hours

Servings: 6

Meringue Nests:

1 1/4 cups granulated sugar

6 large eggs

1 teaspoon cream of tartar

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

2 teaspoons cornstarch

Garnish:

1 cup heavy whipping cream

1 teaspoon granulated sugar

1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract (or 1 vanilla bean, scraped)

1/2 pint fresh strawberries, sliced

To make meringue nests: Preheat oven to 200 F. On parchment paper-lined baking sheet, spread sugar evenly and bake 5-7 minutes to slightly heat. Remove sugar from oven then increase oven temperature to 225 F.

Carefully separate egg whites from yolks completely. In bowl of hand or stand mixer fitted with whip attachment, whisk egg whites on medium-low

speed until foamy about 1 minute.

Slowly add sugar 2-3 tablespoons at a time and mix on medium speed 2 minutes between each addition. Sugar needs completely mixed into egg whites to ensure success. Continue mixing on medium until mixed through and meringue does not feel gritty.

Add cream of tartar, vanilla extract and cornstarch. Increase to high speed and beat until stiff peaks form.

On two parchment paper-lined baking sheets, pipe or spread meringue with spoon into six 4-inch circular "nests."

Bake 1 hour, 15 minutes then turn off oven and let meringues cool without opening oven for at least 4 hours or overnight. The USDA recommends egg dishes be cooked to 160 F.

To make garnish: When ready to serve, in clean mixing bowl fitted with whip attachment, whip heavy whipping cream on medium speed. Slowly add sugar and vanilla. Continue mixing on high speed 2-3 minutes until stiff peaks form.

Dollop whipped cream on meringue nests and top with sliced strawberries.



Photo courtesy of Family Features

Chicken apple enchiladas



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Greek chicken bowls

5 Steps for Mastering Family Meal Planning

(Family Features) As you and your family embark on a mission to create delicious, nutritious meals all while saving money, it's key to remember meal planning is essential for success. From tracking a list of ingredients you'll need to noting your loved ones' favorite foods, there are some easy steps you can take to make dinners at home enjoyable and budget friendly.

Getting on track with your own plan can start with these tips from Healthy Family Project's Mission for Nutrition, which aims to help families find weekly meal success with an internationally inspired e-cookbook including grocery lists, recipe ideas and cooking hacks.

Work together. Before heading to the store or heating up the oven, sit down with your loved ones and make a list of easy-to-make recipes you all enjoy. Each time you discover a new favorite, add it to the list so you'll have a reference guide when it's time to plan a week's worth of meals.

Stick to a schedule. Set a day and time each week your family can meet and plan out dinners. This also offers an opportunity to bring to light any new-found favorites or fresh ideas while bringing everyone to the same room for quality time together.

Plan time-saving pro-

cesses. Think ahead while planning meals and consider the equipment you'll need. Saving time while cooking can be as easy as sticking to recipes that call for hands-off appliances like a slow cooker or pressure cooker and using a food processor rather than a knife and cutting board.

Schedule a "leftovers night." When you prep dinners that call for cross-over ingredients, it's easier to turn one meal into two. For example, buying sweet onions and chicken breast to make Chicken Apple Enchiladas means you'll have those ingredients on hand for Greek Chicken Bowls later in the week.

Make a list. Once you've decided on recipes for the week, create a list of all the ingredients you'll need. While you're at the store, stick to your plan and avoid impulse buys to help stay on track while getting in and out quicker.

Find more recipes and meal planning tips by downloading the free e-cookbook at healthyfamilyproject.com/mission-for-nutrition and join the conversation by following #missionfor-nutrition on social media.

Chicken Apple Enchiladas

Recipe courtesy of Healthy Family Project's Mission for Nutrition

1/2 sweet onion, diced

1 jalapeno, diced

1 Envy or Jazz apple,

diced
2 cups cooked shredded chicken

8 flour tortillas

6 ounces shredded Mexican blend cheese, divided

1 can red enchilada sauce

cilantro (optional)

Heat oven to 350 F.

In skillet, cook onions until translucent. Add jalapeno and apple; saute 2-3 minutes.

Add cooked chicken and mix well. Remove from heat.

Lay out tortillas and sprinkle cheese on each.

Add chicken mixture and roll. Place in baking dish and cover with enchilada sauce.

Bake 20 minutes, or until heated throughout.

Greek Chicken Bowls

Recipe courtesy of Healthy Family Project's Mission for Nutrition

1 cup cooked white or brown rice

1 grilled chicken breast, sliced

1 Real Sweet onion, sliced

1 cup cherry tomatoes

1 cucumber, cut into quarters

1/2 cup black olives

1 tablespoon feta cheese

2 tablespoons tzatziki sauce

Place cooked rice and chicken in bowls.

Top each bowl with sweet onions, tomatoes, cucumbers and black olives. Sprinkle each with feta cheese. Drizzle each with tzatziki sauce.

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Dahlia 'HS Flame'

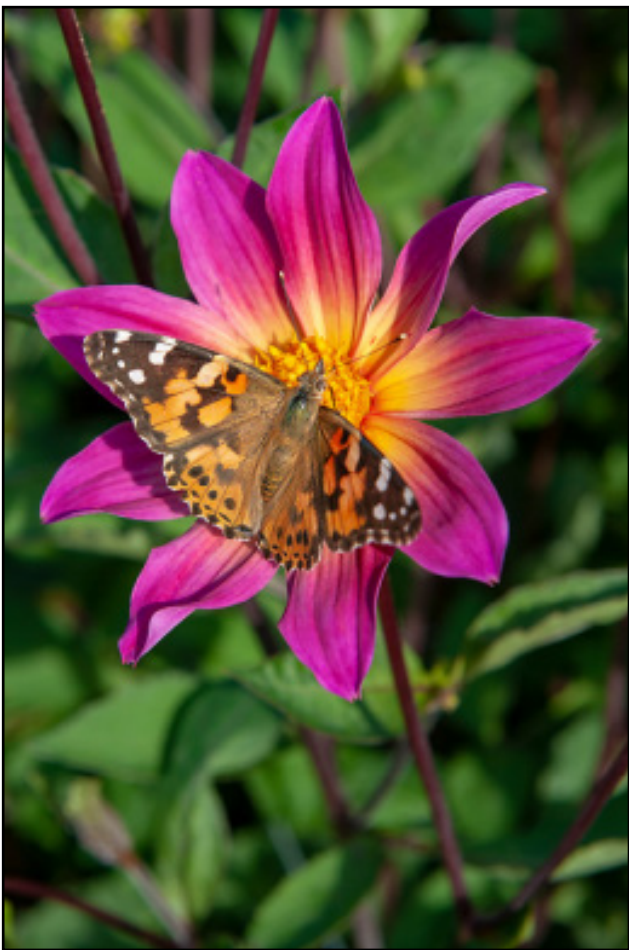


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Dahlia 'Bright Eyes'

Increase Biodiversity with Summer Bulbs

The gardening season brings the growth and flowering of many flowers. But flowers aren't just for our enjoyment; they are also very useful for insects.

Flowers add immense ornamental value to your garden. You will greatly enjoy a colorful sea of flowers. We may enjoy looking at flowers, but insects, such as bees and butterflies, need them for sustenance. The pollen and nectar serve as food. So, plant extra flowers in your garden. Summer bulbs are true flower producers and you can never have too many of them.

Summer flower bulbs are champions at producing lots of flowers and supplying nectar and pollen. Your best choice is blazing star (Liatris). Abyssinian gladiolus (Gladiolus callianthus), Crocosmia and open-hearted dahlias. With the masses of buzzing bees and fluttering butterflies, your garden will be a joy for the insects and for you.

Variety Just like humans, not all bees and butterflies eat the same things. That's why it is important to make sure that there is a variety of

food in the garden, in the form of nectar and pollen. You can provide this with a 'flowering arch'; a varied range of plants with different flowering periods. Summer bulbs are an excellent addition to the diversity. This will ensure that food is available year round.

Dahlias The Dahlia is a summer bulb that provides insects with food for a very long period. This is because they continue to bloom until the first frost, in other words, well into the fall. Dahlias produce new buds if you deadhead them. Once a flower has wilted, remove it so that new flowers and new food can grow.

Balance Biodiversity simply means diversity of life forms. No fish without plankton, no monkeys without trees, and no bees without flowers. The different varieties of animals and plants keep each other in balance. Combined, they form a living and productive nature. Together, we can help improve biodiversity, starting in the garden. Will you join us?

Do you want to find out more about summer bulbs? Then take a look at www.flowerbulbs.com.



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A garden of hostas beneath a Burr Oak tree.

Plant and Protect Trees in Honor of Arbor Day

by Melinda Myers Celebrate National Arbor Day, the last Friday in April, by planting new trees and caring for established ones in your landscape and community. This special holiday was first celebrated in 1872. Arbor Day celebrations continue to recognize the important role trees play in our environment and more recently their impact on our mental and emotional well-being.

These long-lived members of our landscapes and communities help combat flooding, shade our homes, reduce energy use, remove pollutants from the air and so much more. According to the USDA Forest Service, properly placed trees around buildings can help reduce air conditioning requirements by 30 percent and save between 20 to 50 percent on energy used for heating.

Trees also help improve water quality and reduce flooding. They lessen the impact of stormwater by intercepting rainfall, absorbing, and transpiring

moisture from the soil into the air. Their canopies intercept and slow rainfall's velocity before it hits the ground. This reduces runoff and erosion, allowing more water to be absorbed by the soil instead of overwhelming our storm sewers.

Spending time among the trees also helps boost our immune system. Studies reveal tree-filled landscapes help decrease domestic conflict, as well as aggression and violence at schools. A mindful walk through the woods, known as forest bathing, helps reduce blood pressure and stress. It increases focus, energy levels, improves sleep and much more.

When planting new trees make sure to select one that will fit in the space when mature and thrive in the growing conditions. Look for those that provide multiple seasons of beauty and support birds and pollinators as they deliver the many other environmental benefits.

Select a planting location away from overhead

and underground utilities to avoid future conflicts. Always call 811, a free underground utility locating service, at least three business days before putting the first shovel in the ground.

Water new plantings thoroughly when the top few inches of soil are crumbly and slightly moist. Use a soaker hose or drip irrigation to apply the water directly to the soil. Even established trees need to be watered during dry periods. Apply ten gallons of water for every inch of the trunk's diameter when the top four to six inches begin to dry.

Prevent hungry critters from dining on new and existing plantings. Apply an organic rain and snow resistant animal repellent like Plantskydd (plantskydd.com). This odor-based repellent deters animals before they take a bite out of your plants.

Protect new and existing trees from mowers and weed whips. Plant perennial groundcovers under

the tree or cover the soil with two to three inches of shredded bark or woodchips. Be sure to keep the mulch off the trunk of the tree.

Take time not only on Arbor Day but everyday to plant, tend and enjoy trees that provide beauty, shade and so many benefits to our daily lives and future generations. Get the whole family involved and help improve the tree cover in your hometown so everyone benefits.

- 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 *Tree World Plant Care* for her expertise to write this article. Her web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.



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Matchbox Programs and Companies Nominated For Prestigious Statewide Awards

On April 23, winners of the 2022 TechPoint Mira Awards will be announced at the state's largest event for technology startups and businesses in Indianapolis. The list of nominees includes five Greater Lafayette nods, all with ties to MatchBOX Coworking Studio, a shared workspace and acceleration studio.

Two of MatchBOX's acceleration programs, MBXax and Spark, were honored with nominations for the Community Impact Award. The category recognizes individuals and organizations that support the advancement of Indiana's tech community. Other area nominees include Neurava, Accent Consulting, and Skypack.

Both the MBXax and Spark program were designed by MatchBOX to help people start and grow businesses. MBXax courses work with existing and potential entrepreneurs for six to 12 weeks to move

their ideas forward. Spark is a year-long program for a cohort of 10 entrepreneurs to help grow BIPOC businesses in Greater Lafayette. Graduates of both programs have access to assistance with business branding, discounted software and services, and the opportunity to apply for microgrants to fund projects for their businesses. Around 50 founders or people with ideas go through the MatchBOX acceleration programs every year.

"The Mira Awards are well-known and widely respected throughout the state, and we're honored that TechPoint included two MatchBOX programs in the short list of Community Impact nominees. We've designed these programs to help build a better future for our communities. We've graduated over 100 founders and entrepreneurs since launching MBXax and Spark, and know that the impacts

are felt locally, regionally, and statewide," said MatchBOX Coworking Studio Executive Director Jason Tennenhouse.

Phil Wright, founder and CEO of Accent Consulting and IntelliHire, is a nominee for the Rising Entrepreneur Award, recognizing a class of passionate and creative entrepreneurial leaders thriving in Indiana. Wright is a graduate of the MBXax course and has been a staple in the Greater Lafayette entrepreneurial ecosystem for over a decade.

Amanda Findlay, managing director at MatchBOX, said of Wright's nomination, "Phil's eagerness to give back to entrepreneurs in our community really stands out. He's served on committees and spoken on panels, but he's also willing to offer answers and guidance and mentorship to other founders who are seeking the advice of someone with real, local experience.

He's incredibly supportive of area entrepreneurship and a leader in his field."

Neurava, a startup making wearable devices for patients with epilepsy, graduated from the Spark program at MatchBOX at the end of 2021. The founders recently raised a round of venture capital and aligned with strategic partners to move their technology to market. Neurava was nominated for Innovation of the Year, an award that celebrates a company that revolutionizes, advances, or creates new tech industries and fields.

Eric Davis, CEO of Skypack, was a MatchBOX member for years while working to grow the company in the digital course materials space. Skypack was nominated for the Tech Education Award, geared toward educators and education innovators inspiring positive impact on student achievement.

Tennenhouse shared that MatchBOX is looking forward to the awards ceremony but is honored just to be nominated. He said, "Five nominations for programs and businesses in Greater Lafayette is an achievement and cause for celebration, and these companies represent only a fraction of the over 150 currently working with MatchBOX. Greater Lafayette innovators are making waves, and we're thrilled to have had the opportunity to work alongside the entrepreneurs up for Mira Awards and other founders and small business owners in our community.

MatchBOX Coworking Studio is a nonprofit venture that draws together innovative and creative individuals pursuing new ideas, doing business in creative ways, or working remotely from downtown Lafayette, Ind. The 11,000 sq ft studio is full of desks with all the amenities

needed to get work done: 24-hour secure access, meeting rooms, super fast WiFi, MBXax acceleration courses, the MatchBOX Makerspace, workshops, networking, and an unlimited supply of coffee and snacks.

The studio is an office and meeting space to over 300 members and partners in a variety of sectors. MatchBOX hosts meetups and events that focus on networking, strategy, making, technology, business acceleration, mentorship, innovation, and more. Visit www.mbx.studio to learn more.

TechPoint is the nonprofit, industry-led growth initiative for Indiana's technology companies and overall tech ecosystem. The team is focused on attracting talent, accelerating scale-up companies, activating the community, and amplifying stories of success. For more information, please visit www.techpoint.org.

US Dept. of Labor Awards \$189M to Help Unemployed Workers Find Jobs

The U.S. Department of Labor has awarded more than \$189 million to workforce agencies in 49 states, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and the District of Columbia to operate their Re-employment Services and Eligibility Assessments programs. This award is a \$40 million increase over the previous year. Funding will strengthen states' unemployment

insurance programs and provide customized workforce services to support individuals' efforts to find employment through informed job searches.

RESEA is an evidence-based program to help individuals who are receiving unemployment benefits return to work more quickly by providing services such as individual assessments, reemployment services,

referrals to job opportunities and recruiting events, and information about other available workforce programs, training opportunities and services. The program is critical to states' broader workforce development strategies and is undergoing expansions to promote greater program equity and reach a larger share of individuals experiencing unemployment.

"Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessments programs provide essential work search assistance to individuals in need while also getting people back to work faster in higher quality jobs," said Acting Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training Angela Hanks. "These funds will help states grow their RESEA programs to bring more

services to more individuals in need and help states prepare and respond to current and future labor market changes."

At the beginning of the coronavirus pandemic, many states modified RESEA programs to increase the use of virtual and remote technologies. A vast majority of states intend to broaden RESEA availability by combining online and in-person

services. States and the department are currently studying RESEA programs, including innovations implemented in response to the pandemic, through an assortment of research and evaluation projects that will provide information on what re-employment services and strategies are most effective at supporting unemployed individuals quickly return to good jobs.

Financial Literacy for Business Owners Critical to Success

Finances are something we must contend with throughout our lives, yet very few people receive any sort of meaningful financial education throughout adolescence or adulthood.

Only 11 states mandate financial literacy education in high school and none are required to teach financial literacy specific to business ownership. It's no wonder so many Americans and business owners find themselves in debt. According to the Federal Reserve, American household debt hit a record \$14.6 trillion in the spring of 2021.

Lenore Horton, Founder and Chief Legal Strategist of Horton Legal Strategies says that "Financial literacy in business is not about how smart you are. It's about what you were taught by watching others, by trying things out, and by being trained on it."

Many successful business people and entrepreneurs

are doing well, but could be doing better if only they could grasp the financial side of things. That's where Lenore comes in. As an outside general counsel to closely-held corporations, she is responsible for managing legal spending budgets for businesses and providing legal advice in a way that meets the company's financial objectives.

Lenore has seen businesses suffer serious setbacks and even fail from:

- Paying employees incorrectly
- Not filing tax returns
- Not paying taxes
- Not understanding how to pay yourself
- Not understanding how you can pay your family
- Lax bookkeeping
- Falling prey to con artists
- Not understanding how smart spending ends up saving money

"So you started a business but are not financial-

ly literate?" She asks... "That's okay. Here's what to do next."

1. **Learn:** Invest in SBA courses, community college courses, or free online programs.

2. **Lean In:** Write down everything you don't understand. Every word or phrase. Every column of every spreadsheet. Every statement. Don't try to find the answers yourself via search engines. That means getting different explanations from different sources who come from different angles. Instead, take that to the people and community that can help you.

3. **People & Community:** Find someone who will mentor, lead, encourage, and/or walk part of the path with you. Find a community of support. This could be a group of connections, a group of people in the same situation, or

4. **Triage:** Start small, where you are. Think of 5 things happening with your

business money that you don't understand. Write down 2 questions for each of them. Write down what it will mean for you to have the answers to those questions. Will it help you make decisions? Feel more confident? Grow your profit margin?

5. **Money Mindset:** Start tapping into the link between what you learned about money your whole life, and what that means for your business. If you learned you have to save every penny, that might mean you are too scared to invest anything in your business.

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All About the Thyroid

Jill wants to know, “what’s a thyroid and what does it do?” We take care of a lot of problems in family medicine practices. For those like Jill who don’t know what the thyroid gland is or does, read on!

The thyroid is an endocrine gland found in the front part of the neck below and to the sides of the larynx or Adam’s apple. Endocrine glands make hormones that are secreted into the bloodstream and travel around the body where they interact with cells in different tissues signaling them to perform particular functions.

The primary job of the thyroid gland is to control metabolism (energy use) in our cells. It does this by producing two hormones, T4 (thyroxine) and T3 (triiodothyronin). Both of these hormones contain iodine which is why iodine is so important in our diets.

Our cells have hormone receptors protruding from their cell membranes that act as sensors to constantly monitor body functions and tweak them to maintain “homeostasis,” a balanced internal environment. Biochemical systems that maintain homeostasis are extremely elegant. Some work like a furnace thermostat that turns the furnace on or off based on the temperature in the room. Instead of using wires and electricity



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to communicate, the body uses the circulatory system and hormones as chemical messengers.

The hypothalamus, found near the bottom of the brain, serves as the thermostat in our body that interacts with the thyroid. When the hypothalamus detects the body is cold or requires more energy production, it will release the hormone TRH (Thyrotropin Releasing Hormone). This hormone travels to the pituitary gland, another endocrine gland just below the hypothalamus, where it stimulates the pituitary to secrete TSH (Thyroid Stimulating Hormone) into the bloodstream. The TSH then stimulates the thyroid gland to release T4 and T3.

Once the hypothalamus turns on the thyroid “furnace” via TRH and TSH, how does the system get shut off? The hypothalamus and pituitary also

monitor the levels of T4 and T3 in the bloodstream via a feedback loop; when the hormones reach a certain level in the blood they suppress the production of TRH and TSH.

Now that you know the physiology of the thyroid, hopefully it will make it easier to understand how things can go haywire. There are two main problems that can develop with the thyroid. The first is HYPOTHYROIDISM, a “low” thyroid state where too little T3 and T4 are produced. The other is HYPERTHYROIDISM a “high” thyroid state where too much hormone is released. Either one of these conditions can be very serious since homeostasis is knocked out of balance.

Hypothyroidism can result when there is an interruption in any step of the complex hypothalamic – pituitary – thyroid pathway. The hypothalamus may not detect the body is cold or in need of energy and/or may not produce or release TRH to stimulate the pituitary to secrete TSH. The pituitary may not respond to TRH or may not make or release TSH. Finally, the thyroid gland itself may not respond to TSH or make T3 or T4.

Common symptoms of hypothyroidism include fatigue, weight gain, water retention, intolerance to cold, brittle hair and nails, dry skin, muscle cramps,

joint aches, thyroid enlargement (goiter), low heart rate and constipation.

Hypothyroidism may result from a number of conditions involving the endocrine glands controlling the thyroid as well as the thyroid’s ability to make T3 & T4. The most sensitive way to diagnose hypothyroidism is by checking the level of TSH in the blood. Levels will be high in the blood because the pituitary is sensing the low levels of thyroid hormone and is trying to stimulate the thyroid to make more T3 and T4. Depending on the situation, blood tests for T3 and T4 may be checked in addition to TSH.

Treatment of hypothyroidism usually involves taking synthetic thyroid hormone pills. Monitoring is performed by checking blood levels of thyroid hormones on a periodic basis and adjusting the replacement medication dose accordingly.

Hyperthyroidism is caused by problems with excess thyroid hormone production. The most common cause, Hashimoto’s thyroiditis, results from a person’s immune system producing antibodies that mimic TSH that keep the thyroid in a constant “on” state. Other problems like thyroid tumors can also cause production of excess hormone.

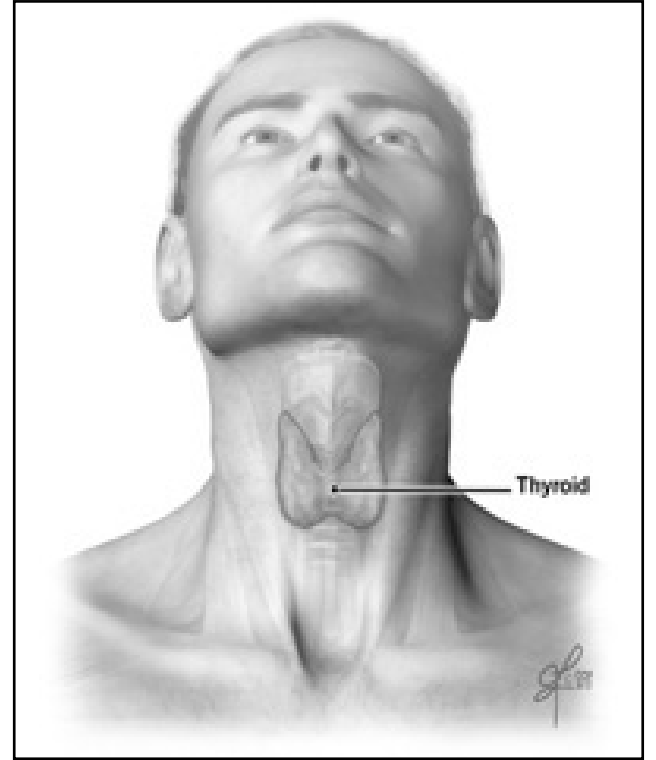


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The location of the thyroid.

Symptoms of hyperthyroidism include weight loss, anxiety, tremor, intolerance to heat, rapid heartbeat or palpitations, thyroid enlargement, apathy or depression, and sometimes bulging eyeballs.

Like hypothyroidism, hyperthyroidism is confirmed with lab testing. Usually the level of TSH is low since the pituitary sees plenty of thyroid hormone in the blood. The thyroid hormones T3 & T4 are usually elevated. Additional testing may include ultrasound or nuclear imaging of the thy-

roid to look for growths or other abnormalities.

The treatment of hyperthyroidism varies based on the cause. It may require taking medication to suppress hormone production or taking radioactive iodine to destroy overactive thyroid tissue. Surgery is sometimes performed. Over-treating hyperthyroidism sometimes results in hypothyroidism with the need to take thyroid hormone pills.

- Dr. John Roberts is a member of the Franciscan Physician Network specializing in Family Medicine.

The Role of Pharmacists is Evolving, Here is What You Should Know

(StatePoint) New research from the Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health finds patients and physicians share widespread trust in pharmacists. This is welcome news as pharmacists in the United States are poised to take on additional responsibilities to help fill the growing care gap expected from health care provider shortages in the next decade.

The Prescription of Trust report is the result of the largest and most comprehensive research study on the future role of pharmacists that incorporates the voice of patients, prescribers and pharmacists. The study was commissioned by Express Scripts Pharmacy, one of the nation’s largest and most experienced home delivery pharmacies, to understand the expanding role of pharmacists.

“The COVID pandemic has spotlighted pharmacists’ accessibility and the trust people have in them as health care professionals,” said Susan Peppers, RPh, chief pharmacist of Express Scripts Pharmacy, an Evernorth company.

Nearly 80% of patients see pharmacists as an integral part of their health care team. Doctors and other health care providers are already turning to pharmacists more often for support -- 72% consider pharmacists to be part of their health care team, working together to provide the best care for patients.

“As the shortage of doctors and nurses per-

sists, and as complex new therapies and digital health care technology solutions are developed, the role of the pharmacist will continue to evolve,” said John McHugh, MBA, PhD, an assistant professor in the Department of Health Policy and Management at Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health.

The Prescription of Trust: Key Takeaways.

- Taking on a bigger role: In some states, pharmacists can already prescribe certain types of medication. As physician and nurse practitioner shortages escalate, there is a growing movement for pharmacists to receive more training in diagnosing minor and acute conditions and prescribing medication to treat them.

- Beyond dispensing prescription medications and providing medication advice, many of our pharmacists are already specially trained in specific diseases, allowing them to discuss disease and medication management directly with a patient as well as in conjunction with their health care provider team,” explained Peppers.

- Counseling patients: Expect pharmacists to spend more time proactively counseling patients on medications and overall wellness. Telepharmacy is particularly conducive for this level of care as patients are often more comfortable asking questions about their medications from the privacy of home, and without the distractions at a pharmacy counter. Telepharmacists

can take time to answer your medication questions. In fact, according to the study, of pharmacists who use telepharmacy, more than a third say it gives them more time to interact with patients.

- Managing chronic diseases: Estimates predict that by 2025, 164 million Americans will have a chronic disease. As the need to support patients with chronic disease grows, you can expect pharmacists to step up to the plate by serving as specialists who advise patients, or by interacting with a larger health team to manage complex care. At the forefront of this trend are pharmacists in ambulatory clinics, hospitals and home delivery pharmacies. Indeed, Express Scripts Pharmacy is already supporting patients with such conditions as diabetes, HIV, and cardiovascular conditions through its Therapeutic Resource Centers. In these centers, pharmacists are trained to focus on the treatment and management of specific conditions.

For health care news, along with helpful tips from pharmacists on how to stay safe and healthy, visit Express Scripts Pharmacy at [express-scripts.com/pharmacy/blog](https://www.express-scripts.com/pharmacy/blog).

“On the medication front, your pharmacist is a member of your care team who can see you from a 360-degree perspective,” says Peppers. “For this reason, pharmacists have always been uniquely positioned to be a frontline member of your overall health care.”

How to Find the Right Doctor

(Family Features) Whether you’re rarely sick or have conditions that require frequent visits to the doctor, having a trusted and skilled health care provider is an important step in protecting your health.

Any number of reasons can result in needing to find a new doctor, such as moving to a new community, changes to your insurance, your old doctor retiring or needing a specialist.

These suggestions from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) can help you be more efficient and thorough as you look for a doctor who is right for you.

Ask for Recommendations

Talk to people you know about whether they have a provider they like. If you’re looking for a new provider because of a move or retirement, ask your current doctor for a recommendation. If you need to make a change with your primary care doctor but see specialists or other medical professionals you like and trust, you can also request referrals from them.

Check with Your Insurance Company

If you have health insurance, you may need to choose from a list of doctors in your plan’s network. Some insurance plans may let you choose a doctor outside your network if you pay more of the cost.

To find a doctor who takes your insurance, call your insurance company and ask for a list of doctors near you who are in-network or use the insurance company’s website to search for a doctor. It’s also a good idea to call the doctor’s office and ask for confirmation they take your plan. You should have your insurance, Medicare or Medicaid card handy in case the office needs your plan details.

Narrow Your Options

Some of the providers you consider may not be viable options for simple reasons, like their practice isn’t currently taking new patients or they don’t have office hours matching your schedule. You can also consider questions such as hospital affiliations and whether other providers can help if you need emergency care and your doctor isn’t available.

Take a Deeper Look

Online research can tell you a great deal about potential doctors, from biographical information and credentials to ratings by former patients.

When searching for a new provider, another important area to consider is financial relationships. One resource patients can consider is Open Payments, a national disclosure program within CMS that provides visibility into financial relationships between drug and medical device companies and physicians, and teaching hospitals. The government

requires pharmaceutical companies, device manufacturers and group purchasing organizations to report funds they give health care providers in the form of meals, entertainment, travel, gifts, consulting fees, research payments and more, promoting transparency and helping uncover potential conflicts of interest.

It’s important to know most health care providers receive payments. Just because financial ties are reported does not mean anyone has done anything wrong. However, patients can use the information to talk with their provider about why they recommend certain medications or treatments, including asking about generic options, which are equally as effective as name brands but typically less expensive. It’s also an opportunity to start a discussion with a provider about areas of professional interest and expertise based on research or consulting.

Listen to Your Gut

If you’re undecided, request an introductory appointment with a provider you’re considering. Look for a clinic where you are treated with respect and the medical team listens to your opinions and concerns. You should feel comfortable asking questions, and the doctor needs to be able to explain things in ways you understand.

Find more resources for your health care needs at [cms.gov](https://www.cms.gov).

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An April Reflection: We Must Fight to Preserve Religious Liberty

April is a month of religious observances. Christians celebrate Palm Sunday, Good Friday and finally Easter, when we give thanks for the risen Christ. During Passover, our Jewish friends commemorate the Israelites' liberation from slavery and deliverance from Egypt.

But all year long, at different times and in different ways, people of many different traditions celebrate the foundational role of faith in our lives.

Quite apart from the formal festivals and rituals, we Americans practice our faith across every aspect of our lives — at home, at school, at work and everywhere we go.

Here in America, we enjoy a rich heritage of religious liberty. We are free to live out our deeply held beliefs in whatever ways we deem appropriate so long as our conduct does not threaten the legitimate rights of others. The government may not establish a state or national church.

This is what the First Amendment promises.

And there's a reason religious liberty is the "first freedom" mentioned in the Bill of Rights.



TODD ROKITA
Indiana Attorney General

As Thomas Jefferson said in 1809, "No provision in our constitution ought to be dearer to man than that which protects the rights of conscience against the enterprises of civil authority."

But these liberties are constantly under attack. To preserve them, we must be willing to fight for them.

As Indiana's attorney general, that's exactly what I have been doing with a great team of talented lawyers who serve with servants' hearts.

On April 25, the U.S. Supreme Court is scheduled to hear oral arguments in a case pertain-

ing to these very issues.

The case arose in Bremer-ton, Wash., where Coach Joe Kennedy habitually knelt in quiet prayer for a few moments after each game. Then several players began joining him, huddling at the 50-yard line.

The motivation for his prayer, Kennedy once explained, was: "God, I'm going to give you the glory after every game, win or lose."

But as more players began kneeling with Kennedy, someone complained — and the Bremerton School District asked Kennedy to stop the prayers.

When Kennedy insisted on following his conscience, the district placed him on administrative leave and did not renew his contract.

So far, lower federal courts have rejected Kennedy's pleas to affirm his constitutional rights to engage in the on-field prayer.

But now the U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to hear the case.

On behalf of Hoosiers, I'm standing with 26 likeminded attorneys general imploring the justices in an amicus brief

to state loud and clear that in America we have the absolute right to voluntary prayer.

I am also working to protect religious liberty right here in Indiana.

This year, in two separate cases, I am defending the rights of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Indianapolis to uphold church doctrine on same-sex marriage at Catholic schools.

One case involves an educator dismissed from Cathedral High School after he married another man, and the other involves a guidance counselor fired from Roncalli High School after she married another woman. Many religious schools consider their teachers and counselors to essentially hold ministerial roles.

In the first case, I filed a brief with the Indiana Supreme Court. In the second, I led a 16-state brief filed with a federal appeals court.

The message of each brief is basically the same: It is up to the Catholic Church, not the courts, to determine Catholic doctrine.

As a Catholic myself, I certainly encounter those who disagree with our views on mar-

riage. I have met folks who consider odd, for example, the idea that priests and nuns are expected to be unmarried and celibate. Well, they have the right to their views — but we also have the right to ours. And I would fight equally as hard to defend any other faith in the same situation. In fact, the question we should ask is why aren't groups like the ACLU also fighting to defend this constitutional right?

We must remember that the framers of the Constitution sought to protect religion from government, not to protect government from religion.

Without exaggeration, we can describe the origins of religious liberty as uniquely American. To again quote Jefferson, it is "a liberty deemed in other countries incompatible with good government and yet proved by our experience to be its best support."

During this season of Easter and Passover, may we each commit to doing our part to protect the freedoms we cherish so much.

- Todd Rokita is Indiana's attorney general.

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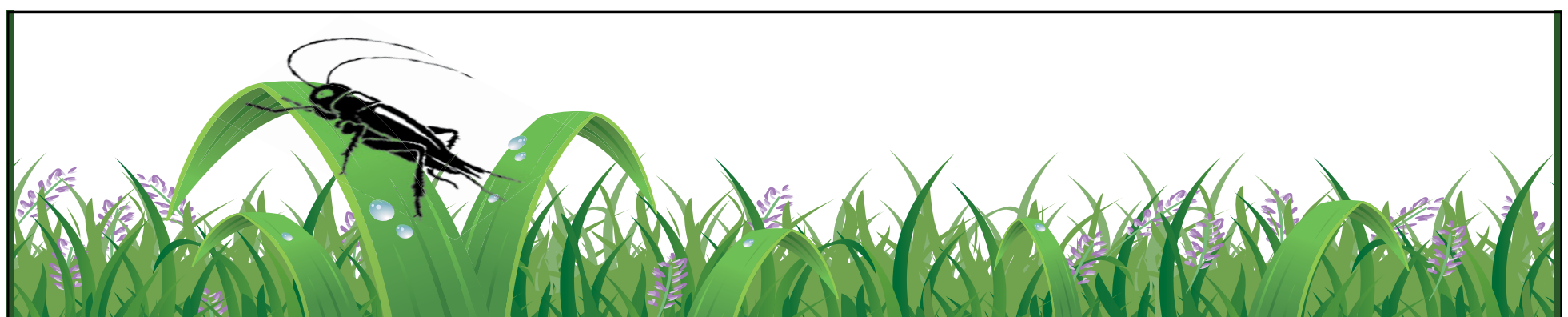
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Fruits Saga Continues & Karen Admits Jonathan is Her Favorite

When teaching, one of the hardest parts is not to have a favorite – fairly sure I didn't play favs, but in a few classes I had a fav, and I have to admit right here, right now, that Jonathan is my favorite of the large Fruits clan of Alamo George and wife, Catherine (Stonebraker) Fruits. Of course, there were good things that happened to him but many sad.

He was their 11th child born here in Montgomery County (Ripley Township) on May 16th in 1833. Growing up on the farm, he married two days after Valentine's Day in 1855 to Rebecca Adam Jones (who sadly passed away 1 Nov 1876 at just 47 years old). They farmed in the Ripley Township area and he was semi-active in Democratic politics. Sadly, three babies were born to them, dying at birth or shortly thereafter (Catherine, named for his mother, 1857-1857; Wallis 1860-1860 and George for father 1861-1861). Rebecca passed away 15 years afterwards, they never managing to get a child to grow. Sad, so very sad. In fact, it was with his second wife whom he married nine years after Rebecca passed when he finally had a son to grow to adulthood, Morton Linnis (mother was Elizabeth Keys)



KAREN ZACH
Around The County

but sadly she passed as well. Jonathan married again to Mary Louise Keys in 1885 and they too had a son the very next year, Raymond Grant, Mary Louise outliving Jonathan many years, at times living with her son and other times her beloved stepson.

The family lived in the Smartsburg area where the boys mainly grew-up then on to Greenwood, PA for a few years where Jonathan owned a large farm. Making a good profit on that farm, the family moved back to Clinton County where he had just moved to a home at Kilmore, not even having their goods unpacked when he became sick. It wasn't long before he was gone from lung fever and

brought to the Masonic Cemetery (Oak Hill Grant Avenue) in Crawfordsville for burial. Mary Louise Keys would join him there almost 42 years later. He had been in the Masons for quite some time as were his sons.

"Linnis" born in Boone County according to his death record, was described as being 5'10" tall and weight 155# with gray eyes and gray hair in the WWII draft listing. An interesting job, he began at quite a young age as was a Pinkerton Detective Agent even managing the agency in Indianapolis, spending most of his life in that capacity or other watchman areas, as well as a few years operating a service station. He was a member of the Scottish Rite, a 45-year-member of the Masons, as well as active in the Lebanon Methodist Church. He married at age 62 to Minnie Smith Clark, having lost his first wife, Helen whom he was buried with in Lebanon's Oak Hill Cemetery. No children by either wife. A fun little bleep about Morton Linnis is that he was bragging about his mother having raspberries on her farm near Lebanon. Thus, the Indianapolis Star 17 Nov 1931 p 13 showed proof dubbing the picture of him holding some as "Razzberries!" When he joined the Rotary club



three others joined with him and a super article (Indy Star 6 May 1931) had another bit of a razz about them all chasing each other – one was a safecracker – "er, pardon, a locksmith," one a florist, one a detective (Linnis) and the last the manager of the General Electric Company in Indianapolis.

Raymond Grant "Ray" was born in Montgomery County and served in not only WWI but for years in the Navy as an electrician. He also worked in the Frankfort City Light plant for several years. While in the service in Suffolk, Massachusetts he married Louisa (Park) Knobb. They were members of the Antioch Christian Church

and he in the American Legion. At one point (1920) he was manager of a toy factory, sounds fun, and two children were with them, Ruth age 15 and Alma, 11. These were Louisa's children, by William Knobb. Both their lives ended so sadly, Ruth marrying Roland Bogan and dying at age 23 (16 June 1927) due to a self-induced abortion. Her sister, Alma married Paul Michael and was killed in an auto accident two years later. Sadly, Ray lost his only two children, as both of the girls went by Fruits although I doubt were ever adopted. Both were born in Pennsylvania, but are buried in Frankfort.

Jonathan lost three children of his own, had the two boys with two wives and so sadly, there were no more 'lil Fruits in this family. Bless you all, especially my fav of all the Fruits children, Jonathan Fruits, son of Alamo George and Catherine (Stonebraker) Fruits.

- Karen Zach is the editor of *Montgomery Memories*, our monthly magazine all about Montgomery County. Her column, *Around the County*, appears each Thursday in *The Paper of Montgomery County*. You can reach her at karen.zach@sbcglobal.net.

Butch Says Coaching Little Kids is a Blast!



BUTCH DALE
Columnist

When I started at Purdue in 1966, I majored in Agricultural Economics. That next summer, I coached the Darlington Little League baseball team, which consisted of 11 and 12-year olds. I had so much fun that I decided to switch my college major over to Education so I could be a teacher and coach. Upon graduation, my former sixth grade teacher retired that same year, and I was fortunate to be hired to replace him at my old school! I taught 5th, 6th, and 7th grade Social Studies and coached basketball for those same grades. I loved it! I wanted to coach the little kids in

baseball during the summer, but back then a teacher had to earn a Master's degree within five years after they had received their Bachelor's degree...so it was college for me again during the next five summers. By the time I finished, a coach had been hired and I was out of luck.

In 1983, I joined the Sheriff's Department as a deputy, but since I worked the night shift, there was a short time period in which I could perhaps coach baseball again. And in 1986, the local Legion post needed a coach for the little kids' coach-pitch team. As it happened, one of my sons, Clark, was on that team. I was hired!

The best thing about coaching little kids is that the main emphasis is not on winning, but teaching the fundamentals, and letting the kids have fun and learn to play as a team. And I certainly did have some great kids on my team! There was no pressure from the parents to win, and all of the kids were able to play. Since I was the one who pitched the ball to them, I made sure they could hit the ball almost every time, and have a good chance of getting on base.



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Butch's Coach-Pitch Team 1986: (Front row, left to right) Megan Hampton, Tacy Olin, Crystal Bowles, Evan McManomy Gabe Olin, and Josh Bronaugh; (Back row, left to right) Noah Adams, Brian Devire, Ryan Mahoy, Clark Dale, Brandon Covault, and David Colter

The boys and girls really got along and worked well together. They cheered for each other and gave 100 per cent. We played ten games that summer, and the kids won every game. And they always congratulated the opposing team as good sports should. But even if they had lost every game, they still would have had fun. At that age, on a very hot afternoon, sometimes the kids'

attention would get sidetracked. During one game, I looked out in our outfield, and one girl was chasing a butterfly...while a boy had his baseball pants down around his ankles...while getting rid of some of the sweet tea he had consumed prior to the game! The parents sitting in their lawn chairs got a big kick out of that!

I coached this group for

another year until the boys and girls had their own separate teams, and then I coached the boys' team. Clark was the pitcher, and he was phenomenal... striking out almost everyone he faced. All of the boys played very well together and had another winning season, even though there was no pressure placed on them. They were just a special group of kids, and it was great to watch how the boys had developed their skills during that time.

But alas, my wife and I had our fourth child in 1988, and I needed another paying job to make ends meet. To my dismay, my coaching days ended, but I still have those wonderful memories of days past. If any of you folks want to have fun, and you enjoy working with kids, then please consider coaching a sport...whether it be baseball or any of the other sports here in Montgomery County. You will love it!

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Exploring John's 'In-Continents'



JOHN O. MARLOWE
The Good Sport

One thing that that the hot war between Russia and Ukraine has reminded me — aside from the stupidity and savagery of human destruction, and the utter hubris of tyrants — is of my less than ideal knowledge of world geography.

Now, I'm no Vasco da Gama, but I've always been able to hold my own when finding my way

'round a world map or globe.

For my younger readers, a globe is like Google™ Maps, glued to a cardboard sphere, suspended by a metal frame at the Earth's axes. We could spin the globe to locate countries, much like you scroll up and down your smart phone. It was stationary, and primarily used in the classroom, because for some reason the popularity of the pocket globe never took off.

Anyway, when Russia invaded Ukraine, I became curious. I was wondering if this might be the first time Asians invaded Europe since the Huns made their run in 370 AD.

Little did I know when I asked myself this question that I would be upsetting my entire world view worldview.

You see, for my entire life, I thought of Russia as an Asian nation. Although the vast majority of Russia's land mass lies east of the Ural Mountains — the traditional dividing line between Europe and Asia — most of the Russian Federation population is situated to the west. European

Russia has a 2020 population of 113 million people, making it the most populous country in Europe.

There's even a hunk of land west of Latvia and Lithuania that belongs to Russia.

That's because a shrewd real estate developer named Joseph Stalin convinced the United Kingdom and the United States after defeating the Nazis in World War II that he needed another seaport. The USSR (Soviet Union) was given the German port city of Königsberg, renamed Kaliningrad after being resettled by Stalin with Russians.

This split personality makes Russia one of only two truly transcontinental nations ... depending on who you ask.

The other transcontinental nation is Turkey. Remember from grade school? Turkey was called the "Bridge to Asia". It's even more true, today, since the nation just opened a new multi-billion dollar actual "mega bridge" crossing the Turkish Strait, the southern continental dividing line.

My confusion lies in the fact that boundaries between continents are somewhat a matter of geographical convention, and not by means of scientific measurement.

For instance, some consider the United States to be a transcontinental nation. To my knowledge, aside from an alien abduction in 2008, I've never been off of the North American continent. Yet, some believe that, although the USA's largest land mass resides in North America, tiny Hawaii belongs to the geographical sub-region of Oceania.

Oceania is a sub-region because you need a submarine to get there easily. Oceania consist of Australia, New Zealand, New Caledonia, Hawaii, and the -nesia sisters "Mela," "Micro," and "Poly".

French Polynesia is why some consider France to be a transcontinental nation. France also claims French Guiana (Africa), Guadeloupe and Martinique (North America), and Indian Ocean islands Mayotte and

Réunion (Africa).

Easter Island (Oceania) belongs to Chile. Panama (North and South America) makes sense. Even China is claiming holdings in Antarctica. Sixteen other nations are considered transcontinental by borders or treaties.

Plus, there are the subcontinents like Greenland and India, and the geopolitical regions, such as the Middle East or the Caucasus.

I'm telling you, I'm becoming quite lost. The other day, on a cooking show, the host wanted to explain to us after the commercial, where we get Bulgar wheat. "That's easy," I said. "We get it from Ramen-ia!"

For the curious, I count seven invasions of Europe by Asians: Persians (492 BC), Huns (370 AD), Avars (562 AD), Alans (600 AD), Bulgars (700 AD), Magyars (892 AD), Mongolians (1220 AD).

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Split Decision

While at a recent speaking engagement in Lafayette, I chatted with a man from nearby Otterbein, a dot on the map in northwest Indiana, with a population around 1,200. I wasn't familiar with the town, despite my having visited much of the state several years ago for a book I was writing, called *Indiana Curiosities*.



DICK WOLFSIE
Life in a Nutshell

"What county is Otterbein in?" I asked Town Administrator, Ron Shoup.

"Otterbein is in Benton County...and Tippecanoe County," said Ron.

When I first heard this, I remembered a story I wrote years ago about the town of College Corner, which is located on U.S. Highway 27 in eastern

Union County and is geographically split by the Indiana-Ohio state line. Today there are two distinct city governments, although these two tiny towns share some services. But in what has to be one of the most bizarre examples of multistate commerce, the trustees of West College Corner,

Indiana, and College Corner, Ohio, decided more than 50 years ago to build a high school overlapping the border.

And it gets weirder. Not only was the high school split in half, but the school gymnasium is half in one state, half in the other—which meant that when players traveled down the basketball court, they were running from one state to another and, during Daylight Saving Time, the clock used to change by an hour after every score because at one time Indiana did not recognize DST. In recent years, the high school was transformed into an elementary school, ending the traditional basketball rivalries, but the gymnasi-

um remains an oddity and attracts visitors from all over.

People in the area will tell you there used to be a tavern that was also split by the state line, creating a watering hole with two different drinking ages. We can't find any evidence of this, but it's a great story either way.

Now back to Otterbein. Let's make this simple (kind of). If you live in the city of Otterbein and want to go to the local high school, you'll be in Benton County. If you then cross Meadow Street, which runs north and south, you can enter the Tippecanoe County Courthouse. But remember, you'll still be in Otterbein. Nuts. I said I'd make this

simple. Let's try this. You're in Otterbein and want to go to the...

grocery store: It's in Tippecanoe County.

gas station: Fill 'er up in Tippecanoe County.

Ice Cream shop: Benton county. Enjoy.

hospital: Get well in Tippecanoe County.

drug store: Off to Benton County you go.

Nite Owl Pub: After about an hour, you won't care which county you're in.

Again. You have not left Otterbein.

Here's a warning for those with a lead foot: Don't try speeding through Otterbein. Be prepared to get a ticket from either the Otterbein Police, the Tippecanoe

County Police, or the Benton County Police. There could be Indiana State Troopers watching for speeders, too. I'm not sure why I'm telling you this. It's not like you'll have a choice who stops you.

I asked Ron if the Otterbein Town Council had to be made up of a certain number of folks from each county. "Heck no," said Ron, "they'll take anybody. They took me, didn't they?"

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Ask Rusty – Will My Wife Get a Spouse Benefit When I Claim at 70?

Dear Rusty: My wife started receiving her social security at 65 (her full retirement age) and she will be 69 years old this July. I was able to receive half of her social security under an older law. This April, I will turn 70 and will start to receive my own Social Security. I know I will no longer be receiving a spousal benefit at that time, but what I don't understand is will my wife be able to claim a spousal benefit and collect 50% of my Social Security. She presently is receiving about \$930 but 50% of my social security could be around \$1800. Can you provide any insight on this? Signed: Turning 70



ASK RUSTY
Social Security Advisor

Dear Turning: You are correct that you are now collecting your spouse benefit under an "old law," which was changed by the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015 and is no longer available to anyone born after January 1, 1954. You

are also correct that since you are now receiving a spousal benefit from your wife on a "restricted application for spouse benefits only," you can claim your personal SS retirement benefit to start at age 70, at which time your spousal benefit from your wife will stop. You can apply for your age 70 benefit now, prior to April, but just be sure to specify on your application that you want your SS retirement benefit to begin in April (to avoid a reduction). FYI, you can

Social Security Matters by AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor Russell Gloor

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do this online at www.ssa.gov - there is a question on the application which asks if you are now collecting benefits from anyone else, to which you should answer "yes" and provide your wife's Social Security number. To apply online, you'll need to first create your personal "my Social Security" account, which is easy to do at www.ssa.gov/myaccount. Of course, you can also apply by phone at your local SS office or by calling 1.800.772.1213 but ap-

plying online is by far the most efficient method.

After you have submitted your application for your own SS retirement benefit, your wife can apply for a spousal benefit from you, but her spousal benefit amount may not be precisely as you believe. First, your wife's spousal benefit will be based on the benefit amount you were entitled to at your full retirement age (FRA) of 66, not your age 70 benefit amount. Second, your wife was born in

1953 so her full retirement age is 66 (not 65). If your wife claimed her own SS benefit at age 65, she actually claimed a year early, so it was slightly reduced from her full benefit amount. That isn't a bad thing because it allowed you to collect your spouse benefit a year earlier, but it will slightly affect her spousal benefit from you and make it a bit less than 50% of your FRA benefit amount.

When a spouse takes their own benefit early their spousal amount will be less than 50% because of the way spouse benefits are calculated. Your wife's new benefit as your spouse will consist of two parts - her own benefit and a "spousal boost" to bring her payment to her spousal entitlement. Her "spousal boost" - which is the difference between her FRA benefit and half of your FRA benefit - will be added to her slightly

reduced age 65 benefit and the total becomes her spousal payment, but it will be a bit less than 50% of your FRA benefit amount. Nevertheless, you were smart to take advantage of an "old law" which permitted you to get a spouse benefit from your wife while your own benefit grew to maximum.

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Butch Says "Chores" Were Just a Way of Life

I see quite a few kids these days who complain they are bored and have nothing to do. Well, if you are a "baby-boomer" like me, I doubt that you had that problem. Our parents assigned chores for us to do each week, and growing up on a farm in those days required every member of the household to help out. I tagged along with my Dad when I was young, and I actually wanted to help do the farm work, just as many other farm boys did. I was not allowed to drive the Farmall tractor until I was 13 years old, but I cleaned out the barns, shoveled manure, fed the livestock, helped with the planting, baling, and harvesting, picked up rocks from the fields, and helped out in hundreds of other ways. And it wasn't just farm chores, because I helped my Mom hang up clothes, weed the garden, dust, sweep the carpet, and babysit with my little sister...just to name a few household duties.



BUTCH DALE
Columnist

Most of the time, I was never paid to help out. Once in a blue moon, Dad paid me a quarter to clean the barn, an all-day job...or mow the yard with the old push mower. Of course, he did give me money on occasion for candy, ice cream, and baseball cards when we went to Darlington. Otherwise, chores were my responsibility as a contributing member of the family. They became a regular part of the family routine and a way to give back to our parents all they had done for us.

To actually earn money, there were jobs I did for other people. I mowed seven yards in town. Each yard took about an hour to mow,

and the people paid me \$1.00 per yard, although one elderly lady only gave me 85 cents. However, another lady paid me \$1.25 if I would also sweep her sidewalk...and then go inside and have tea and cookies with her! I helped bale hay and straw for other farmers...starting out at 50 cents an hour and then making \$1.00 an hour as I got older. I also sold jars of honey for a neighbor, and with the sale of each \$1.00 jar, I earned 50 cents. And like many others, when I turned 13 years old, I detasseled corn for DeKalb Seed company in Crawfordsville, with an older neighbor boy taking me to work each morning. The pay was 60 cents an hour for sixty hours of work each week...a grand total of \$36.00 before taxes! I was rich!

It wasn't just farm kids that had chores to do. All of my friends who lived in town were expected to help their families, and many of the boys also worked for local farmers to earn money. I really



Photo courtesy of Butch Dale
Young Butch

believe those of us who grew up in those days actually LIKED to work and enjoyed helping our parents and others. There was a stronger connection to the family and community back then. Our parents were equipping us with the skills to function independently in the outside world and learn responsibility. I also gained a lot of self-esteem, patience, and commitment to finishing an assigned task. Although some parents today do assign chores for their

kids, many parents seem afraid they might "upset" their children by making them work, sometimes fearing the kids will be overburdened from schoolwork and chores combined. This is nonsense. Research has shown that involving children in household and farm chores has a positive impact later in life. Kids who help out are more responsible, have higher self-esteem, and are better able to deal with frustration...and delay gratification...all of which contribute to success in school and later on in a career.

I know my parents appreciated me, along with my four brothers and sisters, helping out at home. Here is a little poem I found that you might enjoy...written by Joy Allison many years ago...

"I love you, Mother", said little John; Then forgetting his work, his cap went on, And he was off to the garden swing, Leaving his mother the wood to bring.... "I love you Mother," said

Rosy-nel, "I love you better than tongue can tell;" Then she teased and pouted full half the day, Till her mother rejoiced when she went to play.... "I love you Mother," said little Fan, "Today I'll help you all I can; How glad I am that school doesn't keep!" So she rocked the baby till it fell asleep.... Then, stepping softly, she took the broom, And swept the floor and dusted the room; Busy and happy all day was she, Helpful and cheerful as child can be.... "I love you, Mother," again they said--Three little children going to bed; How do you think that Mother guessed, Which of them really loved her the best?

Let your kids have some chores to do. You will be glad you did... and when they are grown up, they will thank you!

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With Risk Increasing, Small Businesses Can Protect Themselves from Cybercriminals

By Jessica Campos, Center for Rural Affairs Women's Business Center Director

Many small business owners wonder how cybersecurity pertains to their business, or think they could never fall victim to cybercriminals.

But, according to the Small Business Administration (SBA), cyberattacks are a growing threat for entrepreneurs and the U.S. economy. In 2020 alone, the FBI

reported that the cost of cybercrimes reached \$2.7 billion.

While some small businesses have little to no financial resources to devote to professional information technology solutions, tools are available to help understand the risks and where improvements can be made.

The Federal Communications Commission, for example, offers a free planning and assessment tool for business owners

to develop a strategy based on their unique needs. There are also free online resources from the Department of Homeland Security, including a cyber resilience review, cyber hygiene vulnerability scanning, and supply chain risk management toolkit.

Additionally, resources are available for training employees, a key part of developing a cybersecurity plan. According to the SBA, employees and

emails are a leading cause of data breaches because they are a direct path into business systems. Training topics include using good browsing practices, avoiding suspicious downloads, creating strong passwords, and protecting sensitive information.

The SBA suggests businesses use and keep antivirus software updated, safeguard internet connections by using a firewall and encrypting information, and if

using Wi-Fi, making sure it's secure and hidden. Backing up data regularly, working with bank and card processors on a secure payment process, and preventing access or use of business computers by unauthorized individuals, can also improve security.

Being able to use technology is key for small businesses. Having a good plan and consistent practices will go a long way in protecting them from cybercriminals.

For more information and training resources, visit sba.gov and search "Stay safe from cybersecurity threats."

Established in 1973, the Center for Rural Affairs is a private, non-profit organization working to strengthen small businesses, family farms and ranches, and rural communities through action oriented programs addressing social, economic, and environmental issues.

To Stupidity and Beyond

by Dr. Richard D. Kocur

"To infinity and beyond!" In November of 1995, the first of four blockbuster animated films in the Toy Story franchise was released by Walt Disney Pictures to both audience and critical acclaim. With Toy Story, astute businesspeople at the Walt Disney Company created a cash-cow franchise capable of producing revenue for years to come by creating and delivering a product that appealed to their target audience of parents and children. Unfortunately, the Walt Disney Company's leap from a business focused on producing broadly appealing content to a business exemplifying the latest version of woke corporate activism, redefining the nature and use of a company's products, has taken the company to

the height of stupidity and beyond.

Disney is a long-time part of the landscape, literally and figuratively, in the state of Florida. The company's 2020 annual report indicates that of Disney's 203,000 global employees, nearly 40% are in the state of Florida; and a small but vocal minority of those Florida cast-members are not happy.

On March 28, 2022, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis signed House Bill (HB) 1557, Parental Rights in Education. According to the governor's website, the bill, "reenforces parents' fundamental rights to make decisions regarding the upbringing of their children." The bill also, "prohibits classroom instruction on sexual orientation or gender identity in kindergarten through 3rd grade and prohibits

instruction that is not age appropriate for students." The Walt Disney Company disagrees.

Let that sink in. Disney, a company whose legacy was built on producing entertainment for parents and their children, disagrees. After a small group of employees threw a tantrum normally akin to an exhausted six-year-old waiting in line for a turn to ride Dumbo the Flying Elephant, Disney's CEO Bob Chapek surrendered. The company issued a statement on Twitter stating, "Our goal as a company is for this law to be repealed by the legislature or struck down in the courts."

While the drift of companies towards activism in social causes is not new, Disney's stated goal for this piece of legislation not only runs counter to what

should be the goal of any publicly traded business—i.e., to create value for its shareholders—but crosses a line into territory that runs counter to rational business thought.

Organizations like Coca-Cola, Delta Airlines, Meta, and Major League Baseball have all taken public stances on social issues. These stances have alienated wide segments of their customers based solely on differences in political viewpoint. Through it all, the products or services of these companies remained neutral. The ingredients of Coca-Cola were not altered in an effort to promote the company's social agenda. In Disney's case, however, its stance on the Florida bill has the potential to alienate many of the organization's core customers (parents) precisely because

the product will no longer be neutral. Vocal Disney employees indicated in leaked internal meeting videos that the portrayal of Disney characters in television and film will be a vehicle for the promotion of LGBTQ+ lifestyles and identities. In other words, Disney's products will no longer be neutral but will be directed to serve a social agenda.

Disney's activism is a bridge too far even in the current day of woke corporations. Making donations to activist groups or voicing support for social justice or climate change is one thing, but using platforms designed to provide entertainment for children—children—to promote alternative lifestyles is a new layer of the woke stratosphere.

What are the potential consequences? Maybe

nothing. But maybe a substantial number of parents will see Disney's actions for what they are, an attempt to supplant parental control over what values are taught to their children and by whom. Maybe the forces of the free market will spring into action and new entertainment options will emerge to fill the market void left by Disney. And maybe, like Buzz Lightyear who mistakenly believed his wings would carry him to infinity and beyond, Disney will realize that forcing extremist values and ideals upon its customers simply will not fly.

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Moderation, Balance and Rigid Flexibility

Most doctors will encourage their patients to not overdrink alcohol. Too much might cause you to fall and impairs an individual's ability to make good decisions or drive an automobile.

Going on a binge of anything may not be a positive decision. Giving up food for a day will make you sluggish and probably irritable. Eating a buffet usually brings regret. Going to the gym to work out for three hours will just zap you for the rest of the day. Working 29 days out of the month will make you more money but when will



GLENN MOLLETTE
Guest Column

you be able to enjoy what you've earned? We need fruit and vegetables every day but you can overdo fiber. How much time do you have to keep so many relationships going? The Bible says a man of too

many friends will soon come to ruin.

There are lots of scenarios of too much. You can play too much, work too much, party too much, spend too much and even save too much. You can spend your life searching for love and being in and out of love. In the end, you are exhausted and drained. You can spend too much time in church and doing religious kinds of things. What good are you to the world and others if all you ever do is sit in church? Faith must be fleshed out and put into practice. The basketball team wants to do more

than just practice seven days a week. The exhilaration comes in playing the game.

You don't want to spend your life reading about the ocean. You want to go and see and swim in the ocean. You don't want to spend your life cooking in the kitchen. You would like to sit and savor some of the delicious food from the kitchen.

Life is about participating as much as you can, when you can, and as you are able. We all have limitations but we hope and dream. The hopes and dreams keep us going and trying. When we lose

these it's easy to give up. The cancer patient hopes for a cure and hangs on.

Moderation is the key to most of life. Work some, play some, love some, help others some, cultivate your faith, friends, family and diversify your diet. Yes, include fruit and vegetables and some exercise. Watch some television and news but don't live in front of the television. Most of the news is bad. The cable news channels and evening news are filled with the bad things of the day. Obviously bad news is what makes money.

If you work 50 hours

a week, then take stock of your blessing to have a job. Consider how you might do your work better and more effectively to help your employer and fulfill yourself.

Give some thought to aiming for balance in your life. A balanced tire always rides better. When possible, practice moderation in all things and try to utilize rigid flexibility. An inflexible life will eventually break.

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Strengthen the Day

Click, click, click, emanates from my sneakers as I walk along the hiking path ever hopeful that with each passing mile I am a little more fit and well on my way to losing the few pounds I am seeking to shed.

After opening boxes, and pulling jeans up only to find they will not close and a crowbar will be needed to get them back off.

I know there are people all over the world who find this same dilemma as they strive to improve their health and possi-

bly not have to pry into clothes that no longer fit.

The sun shines warm on my face and being in it seems to invigorate my sense of hope that there is more to do, more to try, more to achieve. I walk faster taking longer strides.

Sometimes I wonder what ever happened to the days when the pounds just slipped away easily. Now they just seem to hang in the places I don't want them to be.

I know that if I can just push ahead, keep walking, they will slowly and



RANDALL FRANKS
Southern Style Columns

surely peel away. Well, maybe not peel away but hopefully the pounds will get less and less.

Click, click, click, click, 30 minutes, 40

minutes, 50 minutes and still click, click, click. The perspiration from the sun now has my undershirt soaked, so I press on.

I can feel the pounds being beamed off me by the mythical Star Trek transporter. Well maybe not pounds, more like fractions of ounces, click, click, click, 60 minutes. My, I am getting hungry, let's see what can I eat? I am almost back to the car. Maybe a salad, no, perhaps protein, after exercise you need protein. A grilled chicken sand-

wich with a side of fries would be good.

With the bread and the fries, there comes those ounces back as Scotty pulls the switch on the transporter putting them back somewhere else.

My legs feel stronger but I know that I must bring my walk to a close soon, though I want to walk more.

Tomorrow is another day. More ounces to shave. Don't give up, make a difference in your life, get up and get active.

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His 2019 #1 CD release, "Americana Youth of Southern Appalachia," is by the Share America Foundation. He is a member of the Old Time Country Music Hall of Fame. His latest book is "A Badge or an Old Guitar: A Music City Murder Mystery." He is a syndicated columnist for <http://randallfranks.com/> and can be reached at rfrankscatoosa@gmail.com.

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Events Reminding Us All Why Montgomery County is Great

Spring time is the best, isn't it? A lot of us are worn out from the winter . . . tired of bundling up in 112 layers just to go out to get the mail . . . tired of worrying about pipes freezing . . . tired of wind-chill . . . tired of it all. Spring, that eternal time of rebirth, brings all (OK, most) of that to an end and we feel a little more optimistic . . . and better . . . so long as we don't watch the nightly news.



TIM TIMMONS
Two Cents

With that in mind, there are some events coming up that go hand in hand with feeling good. With an apology to the so-many other events that aren't included (just send me your info and it will be going forward!), here's a quick look at just a few of the great things that make Montgomery County a wonderful place to live, work and play!

CALLING ALL poets and poet wanna-be's! Athens Arts Gallery is sponsoring a poetry writing event to celebrate National Poetry Month. Launched by the Academy of American Poets in April 1996, National Poetry Month reminds the public that poets have an integral role to play in our culture and that poetry matters. Join fellow community

members in a group event led by Gwynn Wills, certified Amherst Authors and Writers Workshop Leader on Thursday, April 21, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Marie Canine Plaza. Participants will have the opportunity to write poems with inspired prompts from the AWA Method and artwork from local artists. The event is free to the public and an RSVP is recommended though not required. In case of inclement weather, the event will be held indoors at Fusion 54. Come on out and experience the joy of writing. Contact Gwynn at (317) 345-5306 or gwills6735@me.com to reserve a spot or to answer any questions.

And one other quick note on this event. A while back, someone offered a suggestion that much of the focus of Athens Arts was on painting and

sculptures and that sort of art, not the written word. Kudos to the powers that be at Athens for making this happen!

IT'S THAT TIME of year for Character Counts! And the Character Counts Board is now accepting nominations for the following awards. Please consider nominating a deserving candidate(s). Nomination forms must be submitted or postmarked no later than Friday, April 29. There are three easy ways to participate. Send nominations to Jennifer Coyle at 1010 Lane Avenue, Crawfordsville, IN 47933 or e-mail it to her at jecoyle@cville.k12.in.us. You can also nominate online at <https://forms.gle/HQPYczV9pLAPijvPA>. What are the categories? Oh, c'mon! We know these by heart now, don't we? They are:

Business/Industry Award: A business or industry that has demonstrated the Six Pillars of Character (Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, or Citizenship) in its professional culture and climate. There will be 1 business or industry honored.

Champion of Character Award: An individual, who has demonstrated the

Six Pillars of Character, made difficult choices, acted with generosity and self-sacrifice or performed community service.

Community Award: An organization that has developed an active community task force to support the Six Pillars of Character (Ex. Scouts, Honor Society, Service Clubs, etc.)

Educator of Character Award: An educator who teaches and models the Six Pillars of Character and has impacted students through innovative character development and education (possible examples: teacher, administrator, bus driver, secretary, etc.)

Pursuing Victory with Honor Award: An athlete or coach who demonstrates and models commitment to the Six Pillars of Character.

ONE GROUP that does a huge amount of good in our community and rarely gets an appropriate amount of recognition is the Volunteers for Mental Health. Well, let's rectify that right now and at the same time promote their one-day in-person training for Mental Health First Aid focused on assisting our youth. It is scheduled to take place Thursday, May 5 at Hoosier Heart-

land State Bank's Success Center on 231 South.

Any parent, teacher, provider, first responder or interested individual is invited! Pre-registration is required at least two weeks prior to the event. The registration fee of \$20 includes the training, all materials, snacks and lunch. Each participant who completes the course work will receive certification.

Two experienced certified trainers will lead the workshop, Alicia Criswell of Warrick County Purdue Extension and Carla Kidwell of Purdue Extension - Wayne County. Registration is open on-line and a maximum of 30 participants is permitted. To access the registration portal, visit <https://event.me/zkAaNw>. There's also a link on the VMHMC website (vmhmc.org) to complete the registration process. Questions concerning the program, registration, or scholarships may be directed to VMHMC Board President, Denise Booher Walker at (765) 275-2689 or by e-mail at dbw@vmhmc.org. Co-chair for the program, Chasity Surface of HHSB, can be reached at (765) 401-1922.

AND LAST BUT certainly not least, the Montgomery County Master Gardeners' popular Second Annual Plant Sale, which will include the popular Nucor Tree give-away, is scheduled a few days later on Saturday, May 7 from 8 a.m. to 1p.m. at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds.

A variety of flowering hanging baskets, tomato and pepper plants, flowers and herbs will be available to the public. The sale will be set up under cover of the poultry shelter, next to the show arena where Nucor will handle the tree give-away. Inside the 4-H exhibit hall will be demonstration booths, a kid's corner and booths with information regarding local non-profit organizations in our community.

What a great way to kick off the 2022 spring/gardening season

I'VE SAID IT before and will continue - ain't Montgomery County great!

- Two cents, which is about how much Timmons said his columns are worth, appears periodically on Wednesdays in The Paper. Timmons is the publisher of The Paper and can be contacted at ttimmons@thepaper24-7.com.

Yes, I Am My Brother's Keeper - and So Much More

For the first time in our lives, we have experienced a universal international event, known as Covid-19. The World Series doesn't come close to being a global event. The World Cup and the Olympics are much more global, but even these events bypass certain parts of the globe (and many around us have no interest in these sporting events). All of us, however, have been impacted by Covid-19. We have all, at times, been wearing masks, monitoring our social distancing, and discussing the pros and cons of various treatments and vaccines.

This pandemic has wrought tragedy in so many ways. We have seen more than six million

Covid deaths across the globe, with a disproportionate number in the United States, where we are approaching one million deaths. In addition, there was a surge in alcohol-related deaths in 2020. We have seen heightened levels of anxiety and depression associated with the social distancing, an increased sense of vulnerability, and a loss of perceived control. This has occurred in conjunction with issues of social justice, an opioid crisis, and Putin's attack on the country of Ukraine.

It is certainly a troubling time to be alive, yet my mother always said that above every cloud, the sun shines. Where can I find that silver lining?

Data collected from

individuals in about 150 countries through the Gallup World Poll, and summarized by the World Happiness Report, provides an answer to this question. In at least one way, we have changed for the better.

This survey, conducted annually since 2006, includes three questions about altruistic behavior. Respondents are asked to indicate their behavior in donating to charity, helping a stranger, and volunteering. Answers to all three questions, across every part of the globe, increased by about 25%. During these challenging times, we have become less self-focused, and behaved in ways that showed more love and concern for others.

I have observed such behavior as I saw people donating their stimulus checks to those who needed the money more than they did. I have seen offering numbers within my local church and across my denomination increase in unexpected ways. This survey indicates that we have become more willing, not only to help our brother, but also to help strangers. Yes, I am my brother's keeper, but also, "we are the world," and we have indicated that our concerns and behaviors have broadened to the helping of strangers at this difficult time.

Now, as we are anticipating yet another Covid wave in the United States, based on increases across Europe and

in certain parts of Asia, and as we see inflation approaching 10%, we realize that our struggles pale in comparison to the citizens of Ukraine. European countries in general, and Poland in particular, have risen to the challenge, welcoming refugees by the hundreds of thousands, even by the millions, demonstrating that not only are we our brother's keeper, but we are also a keeper of the strangers across the globe.

The Covid years have been a deadly era, and I speak as one who lost a close family member, and as one who grieves with students, classmates, church colleagues, and many friends. In comparison, the Ukraine invasion has totally disrupted the

lives of an entire region of Europe. This is an era that will live in infamy.

Yet, there is a silver lining. If we respond by reducing our radical individualism, to demonstrate more concern for our brothers, our neighbors, and the strangers around the world, there will be a lasting positive impact, in the midst of human tragedy. Let's all accept this challenge.

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Strength for the Fight: The Faith of Jackie Robinson

by **Dr. Gary Scott Smith**

"Everyone knows about the bravery Jackie Robinson exhibited in April 1947," declares Eli Lehrer, executive vice president of the History Channel, as he promotes its upcoming series titled "After Jackie." Most Americans do know about this aspect of Robinson's life. But many other aspects of Robinson's life are not well known, especially the depth and importance of his faith.

As Major League Baseball celebrates Jackie Robinson Day on April 15, the 75th anniversary of his first game with the Brooklyn Dodgers, Americans know that Robinson was the first African American to play professional baseball since the 1880s. Most Americans know that his courageous, pioneering efforts helped pave the way for black people to also play in the NFL, the NBA, and to participate in major tennis and golf tournaments and other sports.

But do most Americans know about Robinson's troubled childhood, his court martial by the Army during World War II, the full extent of the obstacles he faced in integrating MLB, the many contributions he made to American society after his retirement from the Dodgers, or the impact he had on the

larger civil rights struggle?

Growing up with his mother Mallie and four older siblings in Pasadena, California, Jackie experienced grinding poverty and extensive discrimination. He joined the multi-racial Pepper Street gang whose members were rowdy and mischievous but not violent.

Mallie was a devout Christian whose faith directed her life and empowered her to improve her family's circumstances. "I often wonder what would have happened to me and the rest of our family," Jackie asserted, "if it hadn't been for her faith." Nevertheless, despite his athletic achievements in high school and at Pasadena Junior College, Robinson was frequently detained at the Pasadena police station for his delinquent acts and was heading down a path more likely to lead to prison than baseball stardom.

As Jackie turned 19, a new, young minister, Karl Downs, became the pastor of the Scott Methodist Church in Pasadena where Robinson had been reared but was no longer attending. Their relationship transformed Robinson's life. Downs convinced the athlete to leave gang life and strongly influenced his worldview and response to discrimination. Downs persuaded Robinson to return to church, helped

him develop a strong faith, and recruited him to teach Sunday school.

In 1944, a civilian bus driver ordered Robinson, a second lieutenant in the Army, to move from the middle to the rear of the bus. Aware of the federal policy that prohibited segregation on Army buses, Robinson refused to move. Robinson's subsequent defense of his actions led to his being charged with insubordination, conduct unbecoming an officer, and disturbing the peace.

Robinson and his supporters sought help from the NAACP, California's two U.S. senators, and the black press to ensure that his trial received national attention. Robinson's talented defense counsel, his own articulate testimony, the Army's recognition of the widespread interest in the proceedings, and the soundness of the military justice system led military judges to acquit him of all charges.

Robinson's composure during his military trial sprang in large part, biographer Arnold Rampersad argued, from "his faith in God; he said his prayers on his knees at night before going to bed, as he would for many years to come." Had Robinson been convicted, Branch Rickey, the general manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers, would not have chosen him to integrate

Major League Baseball. Rickey, a devout Methodist, decided that Robinson was the best candidate to break MLB's color barrier because of his temperament, athleticism, life experiences, and their shared Christian faith.

During the 1947 season, Robinson's faith helped him endure the jeers, catcalls, and race-baiting taunts, the beanballs and cleats launched at his shins, chest, and chin, the tomatoes, watermelon slices, rocks, and Sambo dolls hurled at him from the stands, the discrimination off the field in hotels and restaurants, and the death threats to him and his wife Rachel. Every night of his rookie season, Rachel reported, her husband knelt in prayer beside his bed to ask God for strength. Jackie told a teammate, "Many nights I get down on my knees and pray to God for the strength not to fight back."

Robinson's faith helped give him the moral foundation and courage to battle social injustice in both baseball and American society. He insisted that the essence of Christianity was "people having faith in God, in themselves and in each other and putting that faith into action." Robinson lived out his own faith by helping others. He raised funds for numerous charitable causes, participated in

many religious activities, and spent many hours during the off season as a coach and counselor with the Harlem YMCA.

After retiring from baseball in 1956, Robinson arguably broke more barriers than he did as a player. Through his civil rights, religious, and political activism and his business positions and enterprises, Robinson helped provide many opportunities for people of color. Motivated by his faith, Robinson became a prominent civil rights spokesperson and activist during the last 16 years of his life. He helped lead several civil rights marches, wrote hundreds of columns on social and political issues for the New York Post and the New York Amsterdam News, gave dozens of speeches and sermons, participated in numerous Republican Party political campaigns, and labored energetically to provide better schools, housing, and jobs for African Americans.

Robinson often stressed that God suffered with the oppressed, victims of racial prejudice, the vulnerable, and captives. He spent much of his post-baseball years fighting to improve the welfare of these groups. Robinson contended that the church had a pivotal role to play in the battle to procure black rights and frequently

praised the work of African-American ministers.

Robinson's faith clearly helped sustain him as he faced the taunts, insults, and the immense pressure involved in integrating MLB. "I believe in God, in the Bible," he declared, "and in trying to do the right thing as I understand it." His faith, nurtured and nourished by his mother, Branch Rickey, Karl Downs, and other minister friends, helped shape his character and motivated many of Jackie Robinson's actions in both the baseball and civil rights arenas.

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Leading Travel Insurer Releases Data Around 2022 Summer Travel Trends

Seven Corners, a leading travel insurance and specialty benefits company, has released data demonstrating how travelers are changing the way they think about and plan their summer vacations in 2022 compared to pre-pandemic times. The company shared relevant data highlighting changes in the number and length of summer trips, travelers' concerns about summer travel while coming out of a pandemic and preferences for traveling within or outside of the U.S.

Americans are planning more summer trips: More than half of travelers are planning to take more trips this summer than they did pre-pandemic. COVID-19, however, continues to impact many of their decisions and concerns when it comes to travel.

Among the 58% of respondents who are planning to take more trips this summer than in the summers prior to the pandemic, most are making a modification to the way they traveled in the past. For example, close to 16% are taking trips in the summer instead of throughout the year, and close to 10% are traveling more in the summer

because of concerns that COVID-19 will return and restrict travel.

Approximately 10% of summer travelers are focusing on micro-cations for a change, and another ~10% plan to travel more this summer because they are tired of being at home due to travel limitations in place the past two years. This supports data from Seven Corners' 2021 travel trends research conducted in January, which found that, based on policies sold by Seven Corners, micro-cations grew in popularity in 2021. The company saw a 74% increase in these vacations lasting fewer than five nights compared to 2019 and a 66% increase compared to 2020.

Increasing travel costs concern American summer travelers:

For Americans who are planning to travel this summer, many of them — nearly 46% — plan to spend the same amount of money on travel as they typically did prior to the pandemic. Almost 39%, however, plan to spend more on travel this summer.

Of those planning to spend more, 26% said it was because of the increase in the cost of

travel. Only 16% said they'll spend more to treat themselves, while 11% said it's because they've saved money for travel and are ready to spend it.

When it comes to the cost of travel, 49% of those planning to stay in the U.S. and 14% of those planning to go abroad said their biggest concern this summer was increasing travel prices. Additionally, some domestic travelers specifically highlighted rising gas or fuel prices. The rising cost of travel far outpaced domestic travelers' other leading concerns: fear of contracting COVID-19 (20%) and flight delays (13%).

Travelers are divided on whether to travel internationally:

Close to half of respondents (49%) are planning to remain in the U.S. when they travel this summer. When asked if their choice of destination differs compared to before the pandemic, 31% said there was no difference. However, of those who did report a change in destination, 21% are planning to stay in the U.S. because they are not comfortable traveling abroad.

On the other hand, 13% of respondents whose destinations changed plan

to travel internationally because they couldn't during the pandemic. Of all respondents who plan to travel abroad, some of the leading concerns about going overseas were tied closely to COVID-19 and its various effects on travelers.

Following the rising cost of travel as the top concern for those planning to travel internationally, fear of getting stuck in another country if they test positive for COVID-19 (13%) and difficulties keeping up with and following COVID-19 testing requirements (9%) ranked second and third, respectively.

Travel insurance can increase travelers' confidence:

Although Americans are more willing and able to travel this summer than in the last two years, the concerns that remain can have a very real impact on travelers' financial investment and health.

Travel insurance can help protect the money spent for a trip, which may give travelers greater confidence when booking flights, hotels and excursions if they are concerned they might need to cancel or interrupt their

trip and don't want to lose money on nonrefundable items.

Travelers concerned about getting stuck in another country if they test positive for COVID-19 should choose travel insurance that includes quarantine as a covered reason. For example, Seven Corners' RoundTrip Choice plan can provide reimbursement for meals, local transportation and lodging (if not paid by a common carrier or other party) if someone insured is delayed at least six consecutive hours because they are quarantined. Travel insurance with COVID-19 coverage can also help with expenses related to medical care.

For those travelers whose travel decisions — if they should go and where — are impacted by fear of travel, Cancel for Any Reason (CFAR) coverage is an optional benefit worth adding to their trip protection plan. Cancelling due to a fear of travel is not a covered reason in trip protection plans; however, CFAR would provide reimbursement for a percentage of nonrefundable trip expenses should they need to cancel their trip due to fear of travel. Because

you can use CFAR to cancel for any reason you wish, it would also allow travelers to cancel their trip due to financial hardship, which could appeal to those concerned they may need to cancel their trip due to rising trip costs.

Optional Interruption for Any Reason (IFAR) coverage would also provide reimbursement for a stated percentage of trip expenses if the traveler chose to interrupt their trip and come home early for any reason they wished, including fear of travel or being uncomfortable with safety protocols at their destination.

Founded in 1993, Seven Corners, Inc. is an innovative and service-focused travel insurance and specialty benefit management company that serves a global market. Based in Carmel, Ind., the company offers a variety of customized travel insurance solutions to domestic and international travelers with award-winning customer service and leading-edge technology. Seven Corners also administers benefits for U.S. government programs. To learn more, visit www.sevencorners.com.

LANY Announces Summer Forever Tour plus Special Guests Surfaces at TCU Amphitheater on August 8

Today, Los Angeles superband LANY have announced they will be hitting the road with special guest Surfaces for their Summer Forever Tour. The 34-city tour kicks off in August and will make stops across North America including a stop in downtown Indianapolis at TCU Amphitheater at White River State Park on Monday, August 8, 2022 as part of the Jack Daniel's Concert Series. Tickets go on sale to the general public on Friday, April 15 at 10 AM local time at www.livenation.com.

Nominated for Pollstar's 2021 "Best Pop Tour", LANY's global fan base continues to expand, with over +3.5 billion in streaming, 750 million in video views and +500,000 in worldwide tickets sales, this latest announcement continues LANY's forward momentum following their highly successful gg bb xx fall 2021 tour which included sold out Forum and Radio City dates and the release of their tremendously successful pop focused gg bb xx album in September 2021. This latest announcement also comes off the heels of Surfaces' Good 2 Be Back summer 2021 tour which coincided with their Pacifico album released last June.

In June of 2021, LANY released gg bb xx, their fourth consecutive studio album. gg bb xx showcased a return to their infectious pop sound collaborating with an array of notable songwriters

and producers including Andrew Goldstein (Maroon 5, Katy Perry, Lauv), John Ryan (Shawn Mendes, Charlie Puth, Harry Styles), David Hodges (Ed Sheeran, 5SOS, Blink 182), Tobias Jesso Jr. (Adele, Sia, HAIM), Dan Smyers of Dan + Shay and more. The albums lead track was the +5 million video views hit "dancing in the the kitchen"—which Uproxx says "showcases the group's knack for penning relatable pop tunes, emphasizing the importance of enjoying life's little moments over a joyous beat." These new songs follow LANY's first new music of 2021, "I Quit Drinking," a duet with country superstar Kelsea Ballerini which debuted with a live performance at this year's CMT Awards. gg bb xx's release immediately followed 2020's critically acclaimed mama's boy—which debuted at #7 on the Billboard 200 and #1 on the Alternative Albums sales chart with more than 300 million streams to date—LANY's breakthrough came with their 2017 self-titled debut, which built an international fanbase and led to sold out arenas across the world. The heartbreak anthems on their 2018 follow-up MalibNights cracked the Billboard Album Chart and connected in a huge way across the globe, with their 2019 collaboration with Lauv, "Mean It," garnering further attention. Fronted by

songwriter, lyricist and producer Paul Klein, LANY have a social media following of +9 million people, have sold more than 500,000 tickets worldwide and played sold-out shows from L.A.'s Greek Theatre to London's Brixton Academy. Their songs have been streamed over three billion times with more than 750 million video views to date.

Surfaces is a Texas-based duo comprised of Forrest Frank and Colin Padalecki. Forming in 2017, with Forrest manning vocals and production, and Colin handling writing and arrangements, they released their debut album later that year titled Surf.

Quickly capturing the attention of fans, they followed in 2019 with the release of Where the Light Is, catapulting them into stardom with breakout smash "Sunday Best." The RIAA double-platinum certified track went on to surpass 2.5 billion streams, break into the Top 20 on Billboard's Hot 100, reach #9 at Pop Radio and led to performances on The Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon, Late Night with Seth Meyers, The Late Late Show with James Corden, and The TODAY Show. The band continued their momentum with the release of Horizons, in early 2020, featuring "Take It Easy," followed by their collaboration with the legendary Elton John on "Learn To Fly" and, most recently,

the release of their 2021 album, Pacifico, featuring stand out singles "Wave of You" and "Come With Me" featuring Salem Ilese.

Now, Forrest and Colin focus on the next chapter of their musical career. Redefining their sound and perfecting their craft, the two isolated themselves in a house in Joshua Tree to experiment with new sounds and record. Inspired heavily by the likes of Tame Impala and Tom Misch. Kicking things off with "I Can't Help But Feel," the duo continue to carve their path and hint at more to come.

Sponsors: 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, Jack Daniel's, Coors Light and more.

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

Tickets: Tickets 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.

Indiana Humanities Will Host Best-Selling Author

Join Indiana Humanities and best-selling author Robin Wall Kimmerer on June 14 for a special INconversation event at the Eiteljorg Museum. Kimmerer is a scientist and award-winning author of Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teaching of Plants.

In her writings, Kimmerer brings both her scientific knowledge as botanist and indigenous wisdom as an enrolled member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation to ask and answer questions about our relationships with the more-than-human world. Through these lenses, she asks readers to envision a more reciprocal relationship with the earth, grounded in listening and learning from the plants that surround us.

The evening will feature a reading, a moderated conversation with Felicia Ahasteen-Bryant, director of Purdue University's Native American Educational and Cultural Center, an audience Q&A and book-signing opportunity.

This program is presented by Natalie Clayton, co-founder & broker, Maywright Property Co. The discussion is part of Indiana Humanities' Unearthed programming, a multiyear initiative encouraging Hoosiers to discover and discuss their relationships with the natural world.

"We're excited to bring this opportunity to Hoosiers," said Megan Telligman, director of programs at Indiana Humanities. "Robin Wall Kimmerer's insights reveal the beautiful complexity of the natural world and help us envision new relationships with the plants and animals

that surround us.

This event is free and open to the public, but tickets are required. Tickets are available at INconversationkimmerer.eventbrite.com. The program will also be livestreamed. ASL interpretation will be provided. The event is supported in part by the Eiteljorg Museum and the Religion, Spirituality, and the Arts Program of the IUPUI Arts and Humanities Institute.

Indiana Humanities connects people, opens minds and enriches lives by creating and facilitating programs that encourage people to think, read and talk. Learn more at [Visit www.IndianaHumanities.org](http://Visitwww.IndianaHumanities.org). To learn more about their mission and future programs.

The Eiteljorg collects, conserves and exhibits outstanding Western art and Native American art and cultural objects. The Eiteljorg Museum is the only museum of its kind in the Midwest, and one of only two museums east of the Mississippi that explore both Native America and the American West. Visit www.eiteljorg.org for more information and to see upcoming events and exhibits.

The Religion, Spirituality, and the Arts (RSA) is a program of the IUPUI Arts and Humanities Institute that brings together artists, religious leaders, religious communities, humanities experts, and a broad range of publics from diverse backgrounds and disciplinary perspectives for sustained study, analysis, and discussion of religious texts in a classroom environment. Visit <https://www.culturalecologies.org/rsa> for more information.

Five Finger Death Punch Drop New Single 'AfterLife' and Announce Oct. 1 Show at Ruoff Music Center

Today, multi-platinum hard rock powerhouse Five Finger Death Punch released "AfterLife," the title track from their highly anticipated forthcoming new studio album. The band's longtime collaborator Kevin Churko (Ozzy Osbourne, Papa Roach, Skillet) helmed the producer duties of the ninth and arguably most diverse record of the band. The band also announced its 2022 summer tour that includes a stop at Ruoff Music Center on Saturday,

October 1 as part of the Coors Light Concert Series. "AfterLife" is now available to stream and download across platforms HERE.

The track's release coincides with the band's announcement today of their upcoming 2022 North American headlining tour presented by Live Nation, kicking off in Portland, Oregon on August 19th. The tour will span over 30 dates, closing out on October 15 in Salt Lake City, Utah. The band will be joined on tour by rock

icons Megadeth, with additional support from The HU, and Fire From The Gods, promising an intense multi-faceted night of heavy rock music. Tickets go on sale starting Friday, April 15th at 10am local time at FiveFingerDeathPunch.com. A portion of ticket sales will go to charity, for which further details will be revealed in the near future.

Coinciding with today's announcement, 5FDP is also launching the official Five Finger

Death Punch Fan Club. Fans joining will have exclusive first access to presale tickets before anyone else starting today at 10am local time. The Fan Club is available as a stand-alone app in the Apple, Android and Google Play app stores and is both a community for the most diehard fans, as well as the official one-stop shop for the latest 5FDP news. Premium Members of the Fan Club will receive numerous additional perks throughout the year.

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WonderRoad Indy Announces Line-Up for June 11 and 12 Shows

Elevation Festivals, creators and producers of WonderStruck in Cleveland and the WonderBus Music & Arts Festival in Columbus, OH will present WonderRoad in Indianapolis on June 11-12, 2022. The brand new, multi-day music festival will be produced in association with the Indianapolis-based, independent concert promoter MOKB Presents.

WonderRoad will take place at Garfield Park utilizing three different stages and featuring a lineup including weekend headliners Vampire Weekend and Lord Huron, plus English band Bastille, Scotland's Chvrches, German group Milky Chance, Hippo Campus and many more.

A limited amount of Single-Day Festival Passes are on sale now at www.WonderRoadfest.com or HI-FI box office located at 1043 Virginia Avenue in Fountain Square. Full weekend tickets, VIP passes and specially-priced kids (ages 3-10) tickets are also on sale. Children 2 years of age and under are admitted free-of-charge.

Additionally, a very limited amount of On-Site Parking Passes are now also on sale. Fans are encouraged to take advantage

of Indy's expansive public transit options, including Red Line Rapid Buses, Indianapolis Cultural Trail, Pleasant Run Trail and various Rideshare services. There will be a dedicated Rideshare pick-up and drop-off area at the festival site.

For all additional festival information, including lineup and ticketing, click www.WonderRoadFest.com.

"We are excited at the opportunity to host WonderRoad in our city," said Mayor Joe Hogsett. "Indianapolis is known for its thriving arts community, as well as a tradition of musical excellence and innovation. WonderRoad is a great fit within that rich history, and we look forward to extending Hoosier hospitality to those attending from across the country and neighborhoods right here at home."

"Indianapolis is an important part of Elevation's history. Our company was built around music and motorsports and I am proud to say that we have been a part of two Indy 500 victories," stated Elevation president Denny Young. "As we continue our expansion of highly curated festivals that include top global acts, a

fan-friendly environment plus local artistic, civic and corporate involvement, Indianapolis is the best next market for us. MOKB's Dan Kemer is one of my closest friends, who happens to be the very best concert promoter in this region. To have Dan, Josh (Baker) and the entire MOKB team by our side is a massive advantage."

In addition to hosting the festival at Garfield Park, WonderRoad has announced a \$25,000 grant to Indy Parks. As a part of the festival launch, the grant will underwrite the 2022 Indy Parks Summer Concert and Movie series, an annual showcase of jazz, hip hop, funk, rhythm and blues, movies, and other performances in parks across the city.

"Parks are known for being welcoming places for people to relax, exercise, and enjoy activities and special events with their families and friends," said Phyllis Boyd, Indy Parks director. "We are thrilled to host WonderRoad as we invite park visitors to explore Garfield Park while enjoying an impressive display of artists and music."

Created in 2002 by former IMG senior exec-

utives Denny Young and Steve Lindecke, the Elevation Group is comprised of seven different companies operating in the United States, Canada, Australia, The United Kingdom and Ireland. Elevation is a recognized leader in music & sports event production, talent management, content development, experiential marketing tours and sponsorship activation. Elevation is based in Cleveland, OH.

Elevation Festivals is a partnership between the Elevation Group and investors Cliff Chenfeld (co-founder and former owner of leading indie record label Razor & Tie Music and Kidz Bop) and businesswoman/philanthropist Michelle Wesley. The company owns Ohio's two largest contemporary music festivals - WonderStruck in Cleveland and the WonderBus Music & Arts Festival (Columbus). In a few short years, the company's music events have been recognized by The Cleveland Plain Dealer, Ohio's largest newspaper, as "the Midwest's (USA) top music festivals." Both festivals feature a wide variety of upscale culinary options, include robust artisan villages and showcase

the very best Alternative, Indie-Pop, Funk and Jam bands. Featured artists have included chart-toppers Keshia, AJR, Foster The People, Lewis Capaldi, Portugal. The Man, Walk the Moon, Hozier, Wilco and more. Grammy Award-honorees Sheryl Crow, Black Pumas, Brandi Carlile, Gary Clark Jr., Stephen Marley and Trombone Shorty have also performed at Elevation's festivals.

Since its inception in 2008, MOKB Presents has produced more than 2,500 of Indiana's top entertainment events. As Indiana's top independent concert promoter, MOKB Presents annually produces and consults over 300 events per year. In addition to producing events across the state of Indiana, MOKB Presents oversee operations for HI-FI Indianapolis, HI-FI Annex and LO-FI Lounge. As an exclusive talent buyer, MOKB Presents represents a variety of statewide venues including Nickel Plate Amphitheater (Fishers), The Pavilion at Pan Am (Indianapolis) and The Clyde Theatre (Fort Wayne). MOKB Presents has been instrumental in the development and resurgence of Garfield

Park as a viable concert venue with the creation of the MOKB Summer Concert Series and Holler on the Hill Music Festival. For over a decade, MOKB Presents has built its company on an artist development foundation by helping foster the careers of artists like The Lumineers, Alabama Shakes, Tyler Childers, Sturgill Simpson and Band of Horses. As a key contributor to the cultural and economic development of Indianapolis, MOKB Presents established the Indy Music Strategy (2018) and Indiana Independent Venue Alliance (2020) to help foster the national profile of the city's music sector.

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Make Your Dream Vacation a Reality with These Cost-Cutting Tips

(StatePoint) After more than two years of the pandemic, you're probably eager to get out and explore the world. But as desire and demand for travel skyrockets, so do the prices to get there. Here are some great ways to maximize your savings, so you can make your dream vacation a reality:

1. Be flexible: If your travel dates are not set in stone, being flexible with timing can help you save substantially. Traveling at off-hours or mid-week can trim your plane or train fare, as can avoiding holiday weekends. This same flexibility mindset can even help you at the airport. If a flight is overbooked, airlines often ask for volunteers to give up their seat in exchange for vouchers, credits and other perks.

2. Bank smart: Consider new online banking solutions, which can help you keep more money in your wallet. For example, T-Mobile MONEY is an FDIC-insured account that offers its customers zero account fees, (no monthly account fees, no minimum balance fees, no overdraft fees and no transfer fees) as well as industry-leading interest rates that can help you invest in the things you want and need, like plane tickets, gas and dining. Plus, customers receive 1.00% Annual Percentage Yield (APY) on all balances, which means more money back in your pocket and more savings for your next vacation.

Globetrotters will also appreciate access to over 55,000 Allpoint no-fee ATMs worldwide.

3. Book wisely: Look for exclusive travel deals available from T-Mobile MONEY to help you cut travel costs. Customers who use their T-Mobile MONEY card via the T-Mobile Travel site can get up to 50% off hotels and up to 45% off car rentals.

4. Do as the locals do: The areas of a town or region where tourists congregate tend to have the most expensive restaurants and stores. For higher-quality shopping and dining and more authentic experiences, do as the locals do.

After seeing the must-see sights, be sure to get recommendations and insights from your hotel concierge, rental host, restaurant servers and other locals for the best ways to get off the beaten path.

5. Eat in: Depending on the type of travel you're doing, it may make sense to eat some of your meals in to save some money. If there is a small kitchen or grill where you're staying, make use of it. Visiting a nearby grocery store can actually be an interesting way to take in the local flair of your destination and sample some of the best food the area has to offer.

Don't let money matters wreck your travel plans. With a few smart strategies, you can take the summer vacation you imagined, affordably.

Pink Droyd Live in Concert at Sweetwater Pavilion

Pink Droyd is bringing their A Tribute to the Sights and Sounds of Pink Floyd show to Fort Wayne, Ind. on Friday, September 23 at the Sweetwater Performance Pavilion. The appearance of Pink Droyd has become an annual event at Sweetwater complete with a laser light show and a night full of timeless Pink Floyd hits and deep cuts.

Tickets go on sale to the public this Friday, April 15 at 10 a.m. and can be purchased at the Sweetwater campus located at 5501 US Highway 30 West and online via www.sweetwaterpavilion.com and www.ticketmaster.com.

For more than four de-

acades, the amazing music and live concerts of Pink Floyd have entertained and mesmerized audiences around the world. Their live performances were both aurally astounding and visually brilliant. Today, Pink Droyd, a tribute to Pink Floyd, brings the look, feel, and sound of those shows to audiences both young and old around the country. Their show is both accurate to Pink Floyd music and visually stunning with their robotic, intelligent light show, digital video accompaniment (including the Pink Floyd traditional circular video screen) and amazing laser show.

Pink Droyd brings to

life the music of Pink Floyd by including theatrical performances of some of Pink Floyd's most memorable songs. From building "The Wall" to visiting "The Dark Side of the Moon," Pink Droyd spans the Pink Floyd catalog including the most memorable hits and some beloved obscure tracks. With a combined Pink Floyd tribute band experience of more than 50 years this all-star cast brings the music and experience of Pink Floyd to audiences at a time when the appreciation of Pink Floyd has never been greater!

For more information about Pink Droyd, please

visit www.pinkdroyd.net.

The Sweetwater Performance Pavilion is a covered outdoor music venue, located on the south end of the Sweetwater campus in Fort Wayne, Ind. Features of the venue include: custom-designed, state-of-the-art sound system, free on-site parking, air-conditioned on-site restrooms and food, soft drinks, beer and wine available for purchase. The Sweetwater Performance Pavilion is located in the Southwest corner of the Sweetwater campus at 5501 US Highway 30 West in Fort Wayne, Ind. Visit sweetwaterpavilion.com/ for more information.

6 Popular Hotel Amenities for 2022

(Family Features) If you haven't planned a trip in a while, you aren't alone. Many Americans haven't taken a proper vacation in almost three years. In that time, many travelers' preferences have changed.

"The pandemic impacted nearly every aspect of our lives, including how we search for our next hotel stay," said Mel Dohmen, senior brand manager at Hotels.com. "The amenities we love and are looking for in 2022 reflect everything we've felt and experienced over the past few years."

To identify some of the most in-demand (and out of touch) amenities so far this year, Hotels.com analyzed searches on its site and mobile app from the past three years as part of its 2022 Amenity Report.

When booking your next stay, be on the lookout for hotels with these amenities:

Stress-Free Soaking
Hotels with bathtubs were the most-searched amenity during the peak of the pandemic. As travelers are looking for self-care options while on the go, searches for hotels with bathtubs and spas have grown more than 25%, compared with 2019.

Prioritizing Time off the Clock

While travelers prioritized properties with remote work amenities pre-pandemic, searches for hotels with free Wi-Fi and business facilities have fallen 40% or more so far this year compared with 2019.

Focusing on Family Time

Many families missed out on quality vacation time together the past several years. Looking to make up for lost time, searches for hotels with cribs, child care and connecting rooms have increased by double-digit percentages compared with 2019. Four-legged family members are also included, as interest in pet-friendly stays is up 35% this year.

Bringing Back Breakfast

Once one of the top amenities, free breakfast buffets fell a few pegs amid the pandemic in favor of pre-packaged grab-and-go items. This year, however, searches for hotels with free breakfast are up 75%.

Working Out While on the Go

Working out really wasn't a top priority for many travelers during the height of the pandemic. In 2021, searches for hotels with gyms were down more than 30% compared with 2019. However, in 2022, year-over-year searches for gyms increased by 65% as travelers are getting back into their wellness routines.

Parking for Free

As travelers continue to favor destinations within driving distance, searches for free parking are up 70% this year. For those who are taking to the skies, properties with free airport transfers are up 105%, as well.

To book your next stay and find a hotel with amenities that suit your travel preferences, visit Hotels.com or download the app.

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BBB Scam Alert: Charged for an iPhone You Didn't Buy? Don't Panic



This phishing scam looks like an honest mistake, but it's not. BBB Scam Tracker is getting reports of phony emails and texts that appear to be receipts for a new iPhone you didn't purchase. Scammers are hoping you'll panic and

contact them to correct the "error."

How the scam works:

You receive an email or text message saying you purchased a new iPhone, and your Amazon account, bank account, or credit card will be charged. But you didn't buy a new phone! Eager to reverse the charge, you call the customer service number included in the email. The email may even specifically say: "Didn't make this purchase? Contact us at..." or "If you feel you are receiving this message in error, contact us immediately."

When you call the number, you speak to a helpful customer service representative who says they can

fix the problem. However, you must act immediately before the charge posts to your account.

An Indianapolis consumer reported to BBB Scam Tracker after having received a text message on WhatsApp from an unknown number claiming to be a FedEx agent. The alleged agent said they have a package containing a laptop and iPhone, but demanded the consumer give them their name. The consumer refused and reported the incident.

Con artists also told victims their accounts had been hacked. In these cases, the "customer service rep" asked for credit card or bank information, claiming they need it to

cancel the sale. No matter what scammers say, don't fall for it. Remember, con artists often stoop to scare tactics to trick you into action.

How to avoid phishing scams:

- Double check the sender's email address. Phishing emails are usually designed to look like they come from a reputable source like your bank or Amazon. Look closely at the sender's email to see if it's really from an official source.

- Check your bank for charges first. If you receive an email claiming you made a purchase, check your bank or credit card account. If the change isn't there,

it's likely a scam. Don't contact the scammers. Instead, erase the email and block the sender.

- Never click on suspicious links. It's best not to click on links in unsolicited emails you receive from unknown senders. These links could download malware onto your computer or mobile device, making you vulnerable to identity theft.

Discover more ways to protect yourself from scams in general by going to "10 Steps to Avoid Scams" on BBB's website and learn how to identify fake emails. Become a skilled scam spotter by visiting BBB.org/SpotaScam and report any suspicious activity to BBB.

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Stay up to date on the latest scams by subscribing to BBB's weekly Scam Alerts email.

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.

Graduating This Spring? Reasons to Consider a Home Healthcare Career

(StatePoint) Those graduating in the spring of 2022 and other job seekers should take note -- industry experts say that not only are home healthcare caregivers needed more now than ever before, but this industry offers many rewarding career paths.

"A growing number of families and medical professionals are discovering that home healthcare is a great option -- and not just for seniors. Home healthcare can be used to treat medical needs across a full continuum of care," says Jennifer Sheets, president and chief executive officer of Interim Healthcare Inc., which is actively recruiting caregivers nationwide.

According to Sheets, here are three of the top reasons home healthcare caregivers are in such high demand today:

1. It's a safe alternative: The pandemic shifted the spotlight to home healthcare as a means to keep loved ones safe. What's more, at-home caregivers are supporting hospital burnout by keeping acute care patients at home, allowing hospital staff to focus on the most critical patients.

2. The role of home caregivers has expanded: The scope of care and services that can be delivered at home has greatly expanded. There are more diverse care needs today,

requiring a diverse set of caregivers to fill those needs, including ventilator care, speech therapy, palliative care and more.

3. It can fill a necessary gap: The physical, mental and emotional demands of caring for family members can be overwhelming, and with the healthcare worker shortage, family caregivers need additional help at home.

Why Home Healthcare?

It is an employees' market when it comes to working in the home healthcare industry and these positions are very desirable for a number of other reasons, especially for new graduates. Here are just a few:

- With on-the-job training

available, a helping career such as a home care aide is emotionally rewarding, and home healthcare provides that same opportunity to make a difference in other people's lives, albeit in a less hectic, more personal environment. Even for current licensed medical professionals, 74% say they have considered a career shift to home healthcare at one point in their medical career, according to an Interim Healthcare study. The COVID-19 pandemic only intensified these considerations for professionals, many of whom in the same survey say home healthcare would be a way to reconnect with why they got into healthcare in the

first place.

- Clients depend on caregivers to manage their health and achieve the best results. They appreciate the help, support, care and connection that comes with home care. Caregivers get one-on-one time with clients so they're able to focus on the care of one individual at a time, and in many cases, they become part of the family.

- The healthcare industry is changing rapidly, which means that home caregivers have continual opportunities to learn new professional skills based on their interests that will help them meet the needs of the industry.

- Careers in home

healthcare are dynamic, interesting and meaningful. They're also flexible, giving those in the industry the choice of part-time or full-time work, as well as flexibility in location and availability.

Major providers of home healthcare are actively hiring for those with healthcare experience and those without, including Interim HealthCare which has locally owned and operated franchises nationwide. To learn more about home care careers, visit ihcmade-forthis.com.

"At a time when families are struggling to find at-home care, you can answer that call for help," says Sheets

Survey Reveals Optimism Among Business Owners, Despite Challenges

(StatePoint) Supply chain issues top the list of concerns for small business owners over the last six months, but they see those pressures easing by mid-year, according to new research. In the meantime, inflation is expected to continue impacting business owners, with a majority planning to further raise their own prices.

The latest PNC semi-annual Economic Outlook survey of small and mid-size business owners and executives is a good gauge of the overall economy, however analysts point out that the situation in Eastern Europe that's unfolded since has likely intensified some of the sentiments expressed by respondents.

"The events in Ukraine were not on the minds of business owners when the survey was conducted in January," says PNC chief economist, Gus Faucher, "There was concern at that time about rising prices, and that worry has likely intensified, given the rapid increase in energy prices, among other factors."

In January, 34% of owners who rely on a supply chain said timeliness had worsened in the previous six months and 28% of businesses that rely on inventory are faced with the challenge of not having enough supply to meet expected demand. However, 57% expect these issues to improve in the next six months.

"Supply chain problems have been a big contributor to the highest inflation the

U.S. has seen in almost 40 years. But it's encouraging that most small businesses see this easing soon," Faucher said. "The wild card now is how long inflationary factors due to the Ukraine crisis last."

Rising prices also are on the minds of business owners -- 51% expect to increase their prices in the next six months and 34% percent say their prices have already gone up in the past six months.

"Six months ago, businesses were raising prices because demand was strong enough that they could. Now it appears higher costs are forcing them to," Faucher said.

Turnover and Hiring Impacts

Forty-three percent of business owners report losing staff since the start of the pandemic, which they agree is bad for business. Top reasons for employee departures are illness or death (50%), worker concerns over health or safety (46%), and changes in lifestyle or priorities (36%).

Among businesses with employees, 26% say it's become harder to hire qualified personnel. Businesses are responding to recruiting challenges, most notably through improved work conditions, like health and safety improvements, allowing more flexible work arrangements, and increasing compensation. In the meantime, businesses are coping with worker shortages by increasing existing employees' workloads, having owners or managers cover

shifts and by increasingly relying on technology or automation.

Other key survey findings include:

- Vaccine boosterism: Fifty-six percent of business owners say a majority of their workforce has a COVID-19 booster vaccination. Sixty-five percent have taken some action to encourage boosters through a requirement (31%), assistance and/or education (29%), incentives (22%) or restrictions for those who choose not to receive the booster (19%).

- Tempered optimism: Business leaders' expectations about their own companies remain strong with 47% feeling highly optimistic and only 2% feeling pessimistic. However, their outlook for the national and local economies has shifted to cautious.

- Business adaptation: Small and mid-sized businesses have made dramatic, lasting changes to adapt to the pandemic environment. Ninety-two percent have made at least one change to policies, processes, operations or use of technology, and almost all of those owners expect one or more of the changes to become permanent.

For full survey results, visit pnc.mediaram.com.

Labor and supply shortages continue to plague small and mid-sized businesses. Despite these challenges, there's prevalent optimism, which experts say is an encouraging sign of what's to come.

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.

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- 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.

Montgomery County's Most Wanted

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