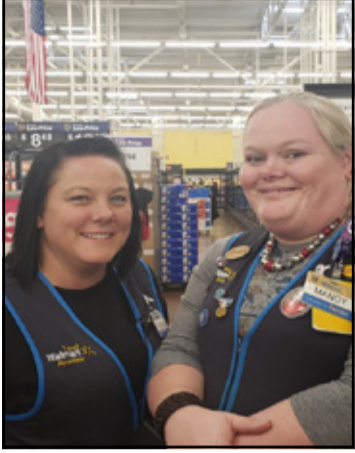


**➤ TODAY'S VERSE**

*Psalm 127:1 Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.*

**➤ FACES OF MONTGOMERY**

People who call our community their own.



Courtney Garrett, Mandy Raffignone smile happily trying to help find the right car seat. Thank you for your smiles!

**➤ THREE THINGS You Should Know:**

**1** Many people are not familiar with how the court, county and human services systems unnecessarily hinder father family involvement. On behalf of the children who lose out on their chance to have their fathers involved in their lives, organizations such as the Dads' Resource Center are shedding light on the impediments placed on dads struggling to be in the lives of their children. Because of their dedication and hard work, Pennsylvania is on the path to establishing a committee that will bolster father family involvement by identifying and addressing these types of barriers that exist in the state. Pennsylvania HB 1731 would establish the Pennsylvania Advisory Committee on Greater Father Involvement. The committee will identify and make recommendations to remove barriers to sustained, purposeful and positive involvement in their children's lives that fathers face. Other states are considering similar or different measures to help support fathers, including HB 803 in Texas, which focuses on equal parenting time. Florida recently passed legislation to support fatherhood in the state.

**2** Does your child have a curious stuffed animal friend who loves adventures, new experiences, and making new friends? If so, make plans to send it to Teddy Bear Camp, May 8-14. Run by the DNR Division of Historic Preservation & Archaeology (DHPA), this second-annual "camp" is for stuffed animals belonging to kids ages 5-12 who live in Marion, Hamilton, Hancock, Shelby, Johnson, Morgan, Hendricks, or Boone counties.

**3** The image of the family meal, where everyone is gathered around the table eating and chatting, is one that we as a society love. Yet the reality is that it's not something that most families are engaging in anymore. The American College of Pediatrics reports that family mealtimes spent together declined 30% in the last three decades, and one-third of families with 11-18-year-olds only eat one or two meals a week together. This decline in family mealtime raises concerns because everyone benefits when the family eats together.

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## Butch Recalls a Great Player... "The Chopper"



**BUTCH DALE**  
Columnist

Here's a question for you Montgomery County basketball historians...What Darlington player had the highest single season scoring average in the school's history? Perhaps you might guess Rich Douglas (1970), who scored the high-

est total number of points in his four years. How about Dan Nichols (1970), Donnie Threlkeld (1969), Jerry Gick (1963), Bob Mullen (1958), Winston Wilson (1961)...or yes, maybe even yours truly, Butch Dale (1966). Well, you would be wrong on each one, because the highest single season scorer was Terry "Chopper" Cain, who graduated in 1971 and averaged 25.9 points per game his senior year.

I'm not sure how Terry earned that nickname, but I do know that when he was a youngster in 1960, he was the Indian mascot for the high school team. Before one game, a player on the opposing team kept pestering Terry as he stood at center court during the pre-game warm-ups. Well, enough

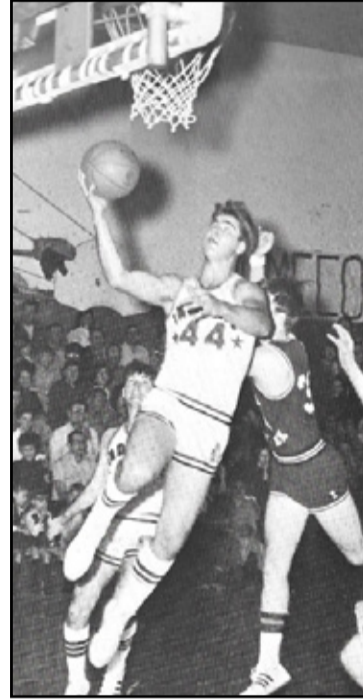


Photo courtesy of Butch Dale

was enough, and Terry chopped that dude on the hand with his play wooden tomahawk! Those

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## Almost Never Say Always



**JOHN O. MARLOWE**  
The Good Sport

I'm never a person big on making New Year's resolutions. That's probably a good thing, since it is mid-April. I always complain

that my life is still in the same ol' rut. Yet, I never seem to change the habits that hold me back almost every time.

This year, I'm concentrating on removing three words from my vernacular, and you should, too. Each word is detrimental to effective communication.

The words are "almost," "always," and "never".

All three words are considered adverbs, and describe in what manner something occurs. Those of you who write or speak -- either professionally or for pleasure -- know that adverbs are on their way out. Almost.

But let's get back to the sub-

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Photo courtesy of the Linden Library

The Linden Library, with a donation of gardening kits from Valero Renewables in Linden, was able to provide a fun opportunity for Mrs. Endicott's first grade class from Pleasant Hill Elementary School. Students listened to "If You Plant a Seed", by Kadir Nelson, learned some fun seed facts, guessed different types of seeds, and discussed how seeds are dispersed. The Linden Library would like to thank Valero, Pleasant Hill's Principal Jennifer Moseley, as well as the first grade teachers Amanda Clark and Hillary Endicott. Pictured above are the Pleasant Hill first graders during their visit, along with Amy King from the Linden Library.



Photo courtesy of Jessica Leahy

Snow!? In April!? That is unusual, even for Indiana. But this is not the latest snowfall the city has ever received. According to date collected by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the latest snowfall to hit Crawfordsville came on May 4, 1917. Now that is late! But no need to worry - temperatures are predicted to climb back up this week. According to the National Weather Service, temperatures are expected to climb steadily through the week, with a high near 60 on Wednesday, near 70 on Thursday and 73 on Friday before finally reaching a high of 79 on Saturday. Sunday will see a slight dip back down, with a high of 74, but it seems winter has landed its last blow before falling victim to the warmth and sunshine of Indiana's spring.

**➤ HONEST HOOSIER**

OK, so our taxes are now over and done with for another year (knock on wood). Still, I miss when tax day was the same every year. Doesn't it seem like the whole world is a lot grayer now? I miss black and white.



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**➤ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP**

Basic weight training helps you build muscle that speeds your metabolism.

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.



**➤ OBITUARIES**

Lawrence Gene Cassida  
Edward J. Moyer  
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Robert L. Snyder

The Paper appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank Joseph Jeffries for subscribing!



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**➤ THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE**

**Want To Go?**

West Central Indiana Career & Technical Education will hold their annual Spring Awards Ceremony and induct new members into the National Technical Honor Society on Wednesday, April 20th at Western Boone Junior-Senior High School auditorium. The program will begin at 7 p.m. Students who will be recognized are from Crawfordsville High School, North Montgomery High School, Southmont High School, and Western Boone. They will also present program awards.

**➤ TODAY'S QUOTE**

"Working hard is important. But there is something that matters more, believing yourself."  
- Harry Potter

**➤ TODAY'S JOKE**

What is the resemblance between a green apple and a red apple? They're both red except for the green one.

**13 WTHR** 7 DAY FORECAST

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## OBITUARIES

### Lawrence Gene Cassida

July 6, 1948-April 16, 2022

Lawrence "Larry" Gene Cassida, New Palestine, IN went into the arms of our Lord on April 16, 2022.

He was born July 6, 1948. He was 73 years young.

Mr. Cassida was a veteran and honorably served his country in the United States Marine Corp (USMC). He was also a member of the USMC basketball team. He was a New Market High school graduate and retired from RR Donnelley's and Sons.

Mr. Cassida loved his family, children, and grandchildren and enjoyed meeting new people. He never met a stranger. He was happiest driving his Mustang and vacationing in Alabama with his wife and kids whom he referred to as the "General and Colonel".

He was a great cook, loved sports, and working on Debi's HGTV honey-do lists. He will be greatly missed, but he is now reunited with his love.

Survivors include daughters, Crystal (Greg) Kottlowski and Charity Mahurin; brother Ed (Norma) Cassida; sister, Tammy (Sam) Jeffrey; sister-in-law, Brenda (Buck) Stonebraker; brother-in-law, Rick Moore (Betsy) Moore; grandchildren, whom he spoiled, Katelyn and Carter Kottlowski and Ty and Tenley Mahurin.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 50 years, Deborah Jane Cassida who passed away on April 5, 2022. They were married on April 8, 1972. It was true love. Not life nor death would keep them apart. He was also preceded in death by his mother Evelyn (Cassida) Thomas; his father Edgar Cassida; sister Debbie Williams (Ernie White); sister-in-law Tina Truax; father-in-law Dick Moore; mother-in-law Betty Douglas; and grandchildren Miley and Mitchell Mahurin.

Visitation is scheduled to be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Wed., April 20, 2022 at Burkhart Funeral Home. Services are scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. with military rites followed by a funeral, led by Pastor Mark Havel.

Please consider donations to the Multiple Sclerosis Society or Special Olympics of Hancock County.



### Edward J. Moyer

July 15, 1938 - April 6, 2022

Edward J. Moyer, 83, of Hillsboro, passed away on April 6, 2022, at Franciscan Hospital in Crawfordsville, Ind.

He was born on July 15, 1938, at home, in Ardmore, a small community just outside South Bend, Ind., the youngest of three children of Joseph Harold and Velma Irene Mays Moyer, the others being Loretta Ann and Jeannette Irene.

Mr. Moyer graduated from James Whitcomb Riley High School in 1956. Following graduation, he attended Indiana University-South Bend for one year. In May 1957, he enlisted in the U. S. Air Force for four years, with assignments in Texas, Korea, and Andrews AFB, Maryland, just outside Washington, D.C. Following his honorable discharge, Mr. Moyer enrolled in IU Bloomington for another year, having also attended classes at the University of Maryland during his military career.

He met Barbara Felty on a blind date on New Year's Eve, 1961. They married on Aug. 11, 1962, at Lydick United Brethren Church. From this marriage, two children were born: Edward Moyer Jr. and Margaret Irene Moyer.

Mr. Moyer and his family came to Hillsboro with his promotion in 1979 to the local Wickes Lumber Yard manager. Upon its closing in 1984, he worked for several companies, including Furrow Bldg. Materials and the Videoland chain of stores in Lafayette, where he served on their corporate staff. He and his wife were avid vendors at flea markets throughout Indiana and Illinois. For decades during the summer months, they pursued their passion and made many friends, two of which endured over 40 years, notably Carol and Harvey Evans, from Merrillville, Ind.

Mr. Moyer was an avid fan of genealogy and computers, taking pride in helping others in both of these areas. Having worked with computers since the mid-1970s, his experience benefited many people over the years. He also enjoyed gardening and working around the house.

Mr. Moyer was active in local politics, serving as the Democrat Precinct Committeeman of Cain Township for many years. After being appointed to serve out the term of a previous Hillsboro Town Council member, he was elected to two additional terms in his own right. His deteriorating health caused his resignation early into his second term; his son was appointed to complete that term.

Survivors include his son, Ed Jr.; daughters-in-law Holly and Kelly; grandchildren Hannah, Benjamin, Mitchell Jr., Olivia, Jason and Ellyssa; great-grandchildren Wylie, Lewis and Vera; many nieces and nephews, grandnieces and nephews, and great-grandnieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife Barbara in Dec. 2020 and their daughter Meg in October 2001; parents; sisters Loretta Ann (Ernest) Laureys, of New Carlisle, Ind. and Jeannette Irene Allen Nickerson of Phoenix, Ariz.

On July 30th, 2022, both Mr. Moyer and his wife are scheduled to be laid to rest in the Kingsbury Cemetery in LaPorte County, Ind. A celebration of life is scheduled to be held for Mr. Moyer the following day at the D'Alier Center in Veedersburg, Ind.

Memorials may be directed to the family at PO Box 402, Hillsboro, Ind. 47949, to help offset final expenses.



### Margie K. Gosnell

June 18, 1941 - April 17, 2022

Margie K. Gosnell of Crawfordsville passed away Sunday morning at Ben Hur. She was 80.

She was born on June 18, 1941 in Lincoln County, Kentucky, the daughter of Eddie Payne and Annie Burgess Payne.

Mrs. Gosnell was a graduate of New Ross High School. She worked in quality control at Lithonia Lighting. She liked going to yard sales, flea markets and playing bingo.

Mrs. Gosnell married James Robert "Jim" Gosnell on Nov. 16, 1965. He passed away Nov. 22, 2018.

Survivors include daughter Luanne Sherman; son Russell Gosnell; grandchildren Mackenzie and Gabby Sherman; sister Rosie Chapman; and brothers Joe Payne and Dennie Payne.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; brothers Edward, Russell and John T. Payne; and sister Nancy Russell.

Visitation is scheduled to be held Thu., April 21, 2022 from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Burkhart Funeral Home. Services are scheduled to begin at 2:30 p.m., led by Pastor Vernon Dowell. Burial will follow at the Mace Cemetery.

Online condolences may be made at www.Burkhart-FH.com.



### Robert L. Snyder

Dec. 10, 1938 - April 17, 2022

Robert L. Snyder of Crawfordsville passed peacefully with his family by his side on Sunday morning at IU Health Arnett. He was 83.

He was born on Dec. 10, 1938 in Crawfordsville, the son of Robert A. Snyder and Edith Meyers Snyder.

Mr. Snyder graduated from Crawfordsville High School in 1957 and attended Purdue. He married Carolyn Surface on June 18, 1967.

He worked at J.C. Penney, Loeb's Department Store and was appointed to the Governor's Commission for a Drug Free Indiana. Mr. Snyder also had an antique business for 25 years. He served his country in the U.S. Army at Fort Sill Oklahoma.

He was a member of First Christian Church his whole life. He became a deacon on June 18, 1967, then was an elder for several years. Mr. Snyder served two terms as the Chairman of the church board, two terms as Treasurer and was the church Historian for over 30 years. He was also a member of Kiwanis International, where he was a past President and the district Lt. Governor in 1988-89. Mr. Snyder volunteered at the local food pantry, was on the original board of the Carnegie Museum and the board of the Youth Service Bureau.

Survivors include his wife Carolyn Snyder; son Jamie (Tammy) Snyder; daughter Susan Moschella (Jay Vaughn); grandchildren Samantha Snyder, Teddy Snyder and Aidan Cuebas; sister Deanna (Marv) Schaad; brothers R.C. (Teresa) Snyder and Jerry (Teresa) Snyder; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Visitation is scheduled to be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, April 22, 2022 at First Christian Church, 211 S. Walnut Street. Services are scheduled to begin at 1 p.m., led by Pastor Darla Goodrich.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Montgomery County Free Clinic, P.O. Box 86, Crawfordsville, Ind. 47933 or The FISH Food Pantry at St. Bernard Catholic Church and the First Christian Church.

Online condolences may be made at www.Burkhart-FH.com.



## The Quiet of the Morning



**SLIM RANDES**  
Home Country

There's something so satisfying about getting out of bed when the world is still dark and quiet and resting. Making the coffee gives us time to scratch and think. Well, scratch, anyway. Most of that thinking will start after about the third cup of coffee.

But it's a quiet time. A private time. When the world is dark, and there isn't yet a hint of pink over the eastern mountains, it's very good. We can relax. No one is expecting anything from us right now. Our guilt can take some time off, and we can listen to music or work a crossword puzzle or turn on the TV and watch the weather guy discuss millibars and troughs.

Soon enough, we'll have to be out there living for others: our bosses, our customers, our animals, our fields. But right now no one needs

us except the dog, and she does well on kibbles and an ear rumble.

We can look out the window at the eastern glow and wonder what will happen in the hours until our world turns dark again. People will be born and people will die. People will win honors and people will go to jail. People will create things today that live past them and people will disappear forever. Some people will write about these things and other people will read about these things.

And then the world will go dark on us again and we'll think about what happened in our tiny portion of this huge moving amalgam and hopefully we'll sleep easily tonight. Then, when we arise tomorrow and head for the coffee pot, we can think about what happened today, and how it has made us slightly different for taking on the next tomorrow.

Come to us, Daylight. Bring us the new day. But do it gently, please, and slowly enough for one more cup.

- Pick up "Home Country: Drama, dreams and laughter from the American heartland" www.lpdpress.com.

## Letters

### Fulwider Makes Endorsement in Township Trustee Election

Dear Editor

The 2022 Primary election is upon us. You will have the opportunity to cast your vote for Union Township Trustee. There will be two choices, and both are good people living in our community.

The current Trustee is running for re-election. She understands the duties and responsibilities of the office she has been elected too.

I have had the opportunity to work with her on many occasions involving local government. She has performed her duties well and tried to do the best for the township and the people she serves.

Sally Evans Molin has the experience. She has proven she has the ability to run the Office of the Union Township Trustee according to the laws established by the State of Indiana. She takes care of the resident's needs in Union Township.

I am endorsing Sally Evans Molin, and encourage you to cast your vote for her as well. This will allow us to maintain experience in the Trustee's office and continue the dedicated service for the people of Union Township.

Jim Fulwider  
Montgomery County Commissioner

## Community Forum

APRIL 20, 2022 4 PM

Crawfordsville City Building  
300 E. Pike St. Crawfordsville, IN 47933

The public is welcome to come out and voice their concerns or suggestions for the community with Mayor Barton.

## Mayor Barton to Host Community Forum

This Wednesday, April 20, 2022, Crawfordsville Mayor Todd Barton will host a community forum at the city building at 300 E. Pike St. Crawfordsville, IN 47933. The forum will run from 4 to 5 p.m.

Mayor Barton is looking for Crawfordsville

residents to give their input, concerns and suggestions, and to answer questions, about the state of the city. The event is free to the public and no registration is required. Simply show up and speak with your mayor about the issues that most directly affect your life.

Mayor Barton has hosted these monthly forums every month since first taking office in 2012.

Crawfordsville is home to more than 16,000 residents and is the county seat in Montgomery County, Indiana. About an hour west of Indianapolis, the growing city is

known for its state and nationally recognized paramedicine program, extensive outdoor recreational opportunities at Shades State Park and Sugar Creek River, and is home to the Ironman Lucas Oil AMA Pro Motocross Championships and Wabash College.

Obituary deadline

The Times publishes obituaries daily at [www.thetimes24-7.com](http://www.thetimes24-7.com), and in its print product every day with the exception of Sundays and Tuesdays. All obituaries must come from a funeral home. A photo may be included and should be sent as a high-resolution JPEG. Daily obituary deadline is 4 p.m. for the following day's print publication. To read more obituaries, visit [www.thetimes24-7.com](http://www.thetimes24-7.com).

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# Gov. Holcomb Announces \$189 Million for Broadband Expansion



Gov. Eric Holcomb

Governor Eric J. Holcomb today announced \$189 million for 154 broadband infrastructure expansion projects across the state in the third round of the Next Level Connections Broadband Grant Program.

“This record-setting investment in broadband is another game-changer for Hoosiers who now, more than ever, need affordable, reliable internet,” Gov. Holcomb said. “With this third round, we take giant steps in leveling the playing field for our residents regardless of where they choose to live, work or go to school.”

The Next Level Broadband Grant Program is the largest single state investment in broadband. In total, rounds one, two and three of the program have awarded \$268 million for broadband infrastructure for more than 74,800 homes and commercial locations. When combined

with private and local investment, over \$580 million has been leveraged since 2018. Projects will have been completed in 83 of Indiana’s 92 counties through the three rounds of the awards. Click here for a map showing the coverage provided by all three rounds.

This third round of funding will provide broadband infrastructure to more than 52,900 homes and commercial locations in 80 counties. For example, 810 homes and 362 businesses or organizations in Cass and Fulton counties will gain broadband access with a \$4 million grant to RTC Communications. In Franklin, Jefferson,

Jennings, Ohio, Ripley and Switzerland counties, 292 homes and 18 businesses or organizations will gain access through a \$1.5 million grant to Southeastern Indiana REMC. A list of the awards can be found here.

In addition to the \$189 million awarded today, the 35 telecommunications providers and utility cooperatives contributed more than \$239 million in matching funds, resulting in more than \$429 million total investment for broadband in the third round.

The program allows broadband service providers and utility cooperatives to apply for up to \$5 million to expand service

to unserved areas if they provide at least a 20 percent match.

At Governor Holcomb’s request, Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch, along with the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs, administers and oversees the program. OCRA will be working with service providers in the coming weeks on next steps in the grant process.

“Our Next Level Connections program continues to bridge the digital divide throughout our state,” Lt. Gov. Crouch said. “This investment will vastly grow economic opportunities in unserved areas and brings us closer to connecting all Hoosiers.”

Next Level Connections Broadband Grant Program is part of Governor Holcomb’s \$1 billion Next Level Connections infrastructure program, which accelerates the completion of major highway projects, expands access to rural broadband services, creates more nonstop flights and pursues the expansion of rail projects in north-west Indiana. After the initial \$100 million dedicated to broadband expansion, Governor Holcomb worked with the General Assembly on an additional \$250 million appropriation to continue the Next Level Connections Broadband Grant Program.

## Indiana’s FAFSA Filing Deadline Yesterday, Financial Aid Now First-Come, First-Served

Indiana’s filing deadline for the 2022-2023 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is today, April 18. Students and families should submit the form at FAFSA.gov as soon as possible to ensure maximum financial aid consideration.

Students need to complete the federal form to be eligible for most financial aid. State financial aid programs such as the 21st Century Scholarship and the Workforce Ready Grant require students to have a current FAFSA on file in order to maintain their scholarship and grant funding.

The number of Hoosiers filing a FAFSA has steadily declined over the past several years. The

overall FAFSA filing rate as of April 10 is down 14.18 percent from the same date in 2021. For the state’s high school class of 2022, FAFSA filings are down roughly 2 percent.

Students should still file the FAFSA if they miss the April 18 deadline. However, once the deadline passes, financial aid funding will only be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Indiana Commission for Higher Education’s eight outreach members are available by phone and email to help Hoosiers complete the form. A full list of counties and associated phone numbers can be found here. Additionally, INvestEd, a local nonprofit, is available

any time at (317) 715-9007 for free assistance with the FAFSA.

¿Necesitas ayuda en español? Llame al 317-617-0318.

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

## DNR to Host Second Annual ‘Teddy Bear Camp’ May 4, 5



Does your child have a curious stuffed animal friend who loves adventures, new experiences, and making new friends?

If so, make plans to send it to Teddy Bear Camp, May 8-14. Run by the DNR Division of Historic Preservation & Archaeology (DHPA), this second-annual “camp” is for stuffed animals belonging to kids ages 5-12 who live in Marion, Hamilton, Hancock, Shelby, Johnson, Morgan, Hendricks, or Boone counties.

During camp, DHPA staff will take the stuffed animals to a variety of sites to learn about history, architecture, and historic preservation. Photos of the visits will be posted to DHPA’s Facebook page (Facebook.com/INDhpa) during the week, and a digital photo album will be emailed to parents/guardians. Each stuffed animal and their child owner will be certified as an “Indiana Junior Preservationist.”

For your child’s stuffed animal to participate, drop your child’s stuffed animal at one of three partner locations, at the dates and times shown below. Please bring the completed registration

form with you. It can be found on the DHPA’s website [dnr.IN.gov/historic-preservation/public-outreach/historic-preservation-month/](http://dnr.IN.gov/historic-preservation/public-outreach/historic-preservation-month/).

- Indianapolis: Indiana State Museum, 650 W. Washington St, inside the main level doors, May 4, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
  - Danville: Royal Theater, 59 S. Washington St, inside the lobby, May 4, 3 -5 p.m.
  - Fishers: Conner Prairie, 13400 Allisonville Road, inside the Welcome Center, May 5, 8-10 a.m.
- The program will conclude with owners picking up their stuffed animals at the drop-off location on May 18.

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## Purdue Takes First Steps to Welcome Ukrainian Scholars Seeking Refuge from War in Ukraine

Purdue University has extended an invitation and matched 11 faculty members and scholars from war-torn Ukraine with campus hosts, providing refuge in the United States so they can continue their academic pursuits here.

The university is working with another 15 scholars from the Eastern European country whose requests are either in review or being processed to potentially be a part of Purdue's Ukrainian Scholars Initiative.

"If we can make a home, at least temporarily, here for these outstanding talents in academics, that's what America has always done throughout its history. Purdue feels a deep calling to create this opportunity for our Ukrainian academic colleagues on our campus, which already has one of this nation's most globally diverse faculty," said Purdue President Mitch Daniels.

The goal is for Purdue to host up to 20 Ukrainian scholars who have been

displaced by Russia's invasion of Ukraine that began Feb. 24 and is now in its eighth week.

"We will be able to accept more than 20 scholars if the research interests of prospective Ukrainian scholars continue to match up well with Purdue faculty expertise," said Mike Brzezinski, dean of international programs at Purdue.

In total, inquiries have come from nearly 50 scholars expressing a desire to be a part of Purdue's Ukrainian program in chemistry, engineering, cybersecurity, physics, health and human sciences and other areas, he said.

With the logistics and travel accommodations from a country in the midst of war, he said it likely would be late spring or early summer before any scholars from Ukraine would arrive at the Purdue campus.

Through the initiative, those directly impacted by the war who have faculty positions at Ukrainian universities and who are

engaged in academic programs or research could resume their scholarship activities at Purdue. Additionally, Ukrainian students enrolled in doctoral programs who are at the dissertation research stage of their degree program would be welcomed.

Purdue's initiative is designed to directly help those faculty members and scholars in Ukraine whose academic pursuits have been derailed by the conflict. But the effort also will benefit Purdue students, the broader academic community and Greater Lafayette.

"Simply by their presence at Purdue, these Ukrainian scholars will personify the quest for freedom and be living reminders to many of our students who have never seen what real oppression looks like and how precious and fragile true freedom really is," Daniels added.

While at Purdue, Ukrainian visiting scholars could either engage in their own research or sup-

port research conducted by Purdue faculty members. The goal is to accommodate the visiting scholars and their dependents (spouse and/or children), Brzezinski said.

Each visiting scholar would be assigned a tenure-track faculty sponsor within their academic area who would serve as a mentor and advisor. Visiting scholars will hold J-1 visa status, but they would not be eligible to enroll in any degree-granting program.

The intended program length is one calendar year, but an extension may be possible depending on the circumstances in Ukraine.

Visiting scholars would receive a monthly stipend, plus financial assistance for dependents (spouse or child under age 21).

Purdue would cover visa expenses and round-trip transportation costs, and scholars also would be offered health insurance through Purdue's benefits program.

"The response and connections we have made since announcing the preliminary details for our Ukrainian Scholars Initiative two weeks ago has been overwhelming," Brzezinski said.

"Clearly, there's a tremendous amount of interest from U.S. universities desiring to do everything within their power for our Ukrainian academic colleagues whose research and scholarship have been disrupted by the invasion. We are heartened that Purdue will be able to offer at least a temporary refuge to several Ukrainian scholars during this very difficult

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## Crouch and OCRA Announce Next Level Connections Round 3 Awards Totaling \$189 Million for Broadband Expansion

Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch and the Office of Community and Rural Affairs today announced the Next Level Connections Broadband Grant Program is awarding \$189 million for 154 broadband infrastructure expansion projects across the state in the program's third round.

"Our Next Level Connections program continues to bridge the digital divide throughout our state," Lt. Gov. Crouch said. "This investment will vastly grow economic opportunities in unserved areas and brings us closer to connecting all Hoosiers."

The third round of funding will provide broadband infrastructure to more than 52,900 homes and commercial locations in 80 counties. A list of the awards can be found here.

In addition to the \$189 million awarded today, the 35 telecommunications providers and utility cooperatives contributed more than \$239 million in matching funds, resulting in more than \$429 million

total investment for broadband.

The program allows broadband service providers and utility cooperatives to apply for up to \$5 million to expand service to unserved areas if they provide at least a 20 percent match.

At Governor Holcomb's request, Lt. Gov. Crouch, along with the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs, administers and oversees the program. OCRA will be working with service providers in the coming weeks on next steps in the grant process.

"The expansion of broadband across the state will have a great, positive impact on Indiana," said OCRA Executive Director Denny Spinner. "This will increase the opportunity for Hoosiers to work and learn remotely and enhance health care access, especially for those living in rural areas."

The Next Level Broadband Grant Program is the largest single state investment in broadband. In total, rounds one, two and three of the program have awarded \$268 million for

broadband infrastructure for more than 74,800 homes and commercial locations. When combined with private and local investment, over \$580 million has been leveraged since 2018. Click here for a map showing the coverage provided by all three rounds. Projects will have been completed in 83 of Indiana's 92 counties through the three rounds of the awards.

Next Level Connections Broadband Grant Program is part of Governor Holcomb's \$1 billion Next Level Connections infrastructure program, which accelerates the completion of major highway projects, expands access to rural broadband services, creates more nonstop flights and pursues the expansion of rail projects in northwest Indiana. After the initial \$100 million dedicated to broadband expansion, Governor Holcomb worked with the General Assembly on an additional \$250 million appropriation to continue the Next Level Connections Broadband Grant Program.

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Darlington Indian mascots are tough little fellers! As a sophomore, Terry didn't get to play much on the varsity, although he undoubtedly would have been on the starting five of just about every other team in the county. The next year, as a junior, he was a valuable sub, but did not start very often. Why? Well, during those two years, Darlington fielded perhaps one of the best teams in Montgomery County history, going undefeated during those two regular seasons, winning the County Tourney each year, and winning their first and only Sectional Tourney in 1969. The team scored over 100 points in many of their games, once defeating Ladoga 126-63... and this was without the 3-point shot. The Darlington B-team, in the opinion of many fans, could have defeated several of the county varsity teams during that time. Although Terry and two or three other players could have been 3-year starters at another school, he said there was no hard feelings, as he and the others knew the outstanding talent of the 1969 and 1970 teams. All of the boys got along fine and were close friends... and they remained good friends all of their lives. After all of the starters

of the 1970 team graduated, Terry took over the leadership of the 1971 team. With fellow team members such as Steve Apple, Jim Tribbett, Charlie Warren, and Garry Hole... and under new coach Gene Morrison, the Indians compiled a 17-3 record. Terry led the team in scoring and rebounds, and along with Garry Hole, was a dominant force under the basket. No one pushed Chopper around! In a game against Williamsport, Terry was on fire, and he scored 41 points...another school record! And if opponents closed off his shooting in a game, he passed the ball out to his teammates for easy outside shots. Terry was named to both the All-County and All-Sectional Tourney teams, even though they were defeated by the Daryl Warren-led Linden team and the Ron Bruner-led Waveland team in each tourney. The Indians got revenge though as they ended up as the last team in possession of the County Keg, defeating Linden on February 5, 1971. Terry graduated from



Photo courtesy of Butch Dale

Purdue and has been one of the county's outstanding farmers and a local community leader his entire life. He has served in many capacities, and still maintains friendships with former players and opponents alike. Terry has been married to the former Amy Harper for 46 years, and they have four kids and ten grandkids. Well, that's the "Chopper"...one of Darlington's finest!

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

**MARLOWE** From Page A1

ject. (I'm always doing that.) Almost, always, and never are not just any adverbs. Grammarians call these words "adverbs of frequency". They let you know how regularly something happens. But do they? In the case of "almost," nothing really occurs at all. For instance, if you tell your friend that you "almost got a speeding ticket," you didn't get a speeding ticket. You anticipated getting a speeding ticket, but didn't. Almost never happens. Almost get your taxes finished? Nope, you didn't. Almost complete the daily crossword? Better look again. By using "almost" in our conversations, we are nearly always (oops) inviting conflict. It is a means for denying something without admitting that we failed to live up to our commitments. For instance, let's take a look at Johnny: "Did you clean up your room, Johnny?" mom asked.

"Almost." Trust me, Johnny is not going to get a pat on the back for this. The pat will be a little lower, and significantly harder. Similarly, the word "never" provokes conflict, and isn't needed in a sentence. The use often opposes, or at least camouflages the intended meaning of the communication. When the wife screams at her husband, "You never take the trash out when I ask you!", she knows that the declaration is unlikely to be true. Surely somewhere along the way, hubby actually did what he was asked to do. What she really means is that, "When I see the trash heaping over the can, I feel like you don't respect my wishes, and don't love me anymore." I'm sure that her husband loves and respects her. He's just tired. Okay, he's lazy. But the point is still the same. The man can start in tomorrow, take the trash out every time, and the whole meaning of her original

lament is lost. Never assumes that nothing can change. Never do that. Three years ago I had the most amazing woman tell me that she wanted to marry me, and that she'd always love me. Four weeks later, I was living under the interstate overpass, reading Keats to stray cats. I can still remember how I felt when she said, "I never want to see you again." That's because almost, always, and never aren't simply linguistic conveniences, they are emotional add-ons. In today's world, where we value histrionics over history, emotion over comprehension, we should be careful how we use words that aren't even needed. In that way, people will always say what they mean, and audiences will never be confused by what people say. Well, almost. - John O. Marlowe is an award-winning columnist for Sagamore News Media.

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