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Jamari Washington (center) in the Wabash Theater production of Where Is Our Beloved Community?

Wabash Theater Asks: Where Is Our Beloved Community?

A little over a year ago, a glass bottle crashed through a residence hall window – through a pane that had a Black Lives Matter poster on it – into a room housing Black students.

The repercussions of that incident can still be felt today in all corners of the Wabash College campus, but perhaps more than anything, the events of that night helped focus a spotlight on what it means to be a racial minority on the Wabash campus.

When the curtain rises in Ball Theater this week, the Wabash Theater Department will ask a fundamental question: Where Is Our Beloved Community?

In five performances running Wednesday through Sunday, real stories will be shared about what it's like to the only student of color in class; how it felt to see shards of glass scattered across the floor of your dorm room; what it means when someone assumes you are Chinese when you are Korean or Mexican when you are Nicaraguan.

"I got this idea from class last spring when a student started talking about the incident," says the production's director, Heidi Winters Vogel. "It was important and useful to hear how he was feeling. When there was a call for Equity and Inclusion Fellows, I thought we might use that as an opportunity to gather stories like these and make a play about them in an attempt to provide understanding; to answer the question, 'Where is our beloved community?'"

That kernel of an idea took shape and not long after the start of the spring semester, Professor Vogel, along with seniors Sammy Lebron and Sebastian Wang, started collecting stories. Lots of them. And those stories – personal experiences and feelings of anger, heartbreak, and frustration – came from students, staff, faculty, and alumnic

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"There was a huge range of sentiment shared," Vogel said, "from, 'Hey, Wabash is the best possible place for me to be,' to 'I don't feel heard and I don't belong here.' This took us on a journey to use these stories to greate a script."

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Because these are real experiences of real Wabash people, it's taken some heavy lifting to get to a place where they

can be shared with the larger community. The cast and production crew talked about how to communicate the stories without making them an attack on certain people or, perhaps worse, an attempt to provide

salve for still-healing wounds.

Nearly all of the 28 people who shared their stories will be identified by name and video clips of the interviews conducted with them will be woven into the fabric of the theatrical piece. Instrumental music performed by Robert Borland will underscore and link the individual stories.

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"Our goal with this production is to give the audience a sense of deep listening – without judgment," Vogel added, saying she hopes the audience will think about how each of us can play a role in building this community. "As a White woman, I have to step up and listen – and recognize that things are not always as I perceive them."

The journey, though, from lived experiences to creative performance has taken time, patience, and most of all trust. Professor Vogel says that participants broke up into pairs and small groups to build

the trust necessary to share and understand their stories. There were regular check-ins to make sure everyone was comfortable; to make sure everyone was listening and understanding.

Some students will be acting out their own stories, while other actors will step in as performers. The devising and performance team includes students Dario Banuelos, Malik Barnes, Walter "Josh" Campbell, Khoi Truong, Alex Rotaru, Jamari Washington, Elijah Weddington, and K'tren Wilson, along with local actor Chenel Darby and teaching assistant Alba de la Cruz Gonzalez Vasquez.

It was Darby who helped build a bridge that allowed all of the performers the confidence necessary to pull off the production.

"Some people were really excited to share their stories, but others were not," Vogel explained. "Chenel said, 'These people were brave enough to share their stories. We need to be brave enough to act them out.'

"It's deep and rich; some stories are very difficult to hear," the director added. "Many of these people had never shared their stories before, and in doing so, they made discoveries of themselves... And there was always a sense that, 'Wow, it felt so good to finally share that with someone.'"

The "Restoring Hope, Restoring Trust" grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. is supporting the production, including hiring a guest lighting designer, Erica Lauren Maholmes, whose work illuminates the simple, yet beautiful stage designed by Adam Whittredge. Andrea Bear is the costume designer.

Sebastian Wang caps off his impressive Wabash theater career by serving as the Stage Manager and Assistant Director. Ace Dzurovcik, also a senior, has designed the sound, while Sammy Lebron designed the projections used in the production, including video clips of the storytellers.

Performances are free and open to the public, but should be reserved through the Fine Arts Center Box Office. Performances are scheduled Wednesday through Saturday nights, April 27-30, at 8:00 p.m.

TODAY'S QUOTE

"The trouble with having an open mind, of course, is that people will insist on coming along and trying to put things in it." Terry Pratchett

⇒ TODAY'S JOKE

How does the moon cut his hair? Eclipse it.

⇒ 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." (NIV)

TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

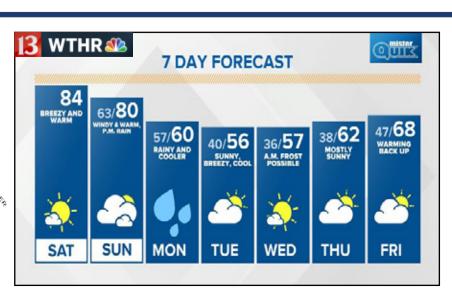
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Could Barbra Streisand really be 80? Yup, Happy Birthday Babs!





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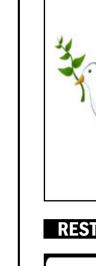
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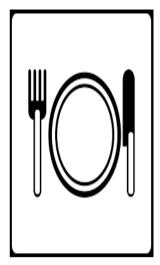


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Edward J. Moyer

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.

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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.

Rev. Joe Mack Miller Sep. 10, 1927 - April 17, 2022

Rev. Joe Mack Miller (Daddy, Papaw, Uncle Joe), 94, went home to Jesus peacefully Easter morning, April 17, 2022, with family by his side.

He was born on Sep. 10, 1927 in Spencer County Indiana.

Mr. Miller lived a full life. He was a farmer who received the calling and continued his education through ministry, serving congregations as a United Methodist Minister for over 60 years,

in churches that include the United Methodist Church in Rockport, Indiana; United Methodist Church in Jacksonburg, Ohio; Mt. Zion United Methodist Church in Crawfordsville; Faith United Methodist Church in Indianapolis; United Methodist Church in Seymour, Indiana; and Fairlawn United Methodist Church in Evansville, Indiana.

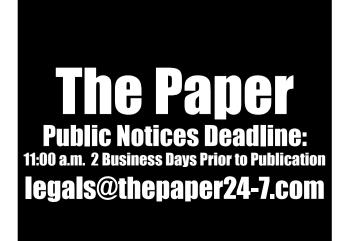
Mr. Miller lived his faith in service to others. He and his wife opened their home to over 50 foster children over the years. Enjoying his retirement in Evansville, and then moved to Crawfordsville for the last few years, he was able to spend more time with family, playing cards (especially UNO), tinkering and fixing things for those he knew and loved, and spending time with his granddaughters and great granddaughters, his pride and joy.

Mr. Miller asked that you love and cherish your family as he did his.

Survivors include his wife of 73 years, Janice Miller; son Joe L Miller; daughter Carla (John) Schetzsle; granddaughters Kali Schetzsle (David Rigdon) and Kristi Schetzsle (Bill Stull); great granddaughters Aailyah Keys and Brielle Stull; sister-in-law Dianna Enlow; nieces Sandra (John) Roberts, Mary Jo (Charlie) Patterson and Francy Miller; and nephews Wally Murphy, and Matthew (Gayle) Enlow.

The immediate family will have a small life celebration, no service to be held.

It was Mr. Miller's wish to have contributions made to the United Methodist Youth Home, a nonprofit that he helped to build and establish for at-risk youth. Donations can be mailed to the United Methodist Youth Home 2521 N Burkhardt Rd., Evansville, 47715, or made online at umyh.org/donate-now



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. Casssida 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.

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 Moschellla (Jay Vaughn); grandchildren Samantha Snyder, Teddy Snyder and Aidan Cuebas; sister Deanna (Marv) Schaadt; 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.

Anna Marie Clark

November 26, 1931 - April 21, 2022

Anna Marie Clark, age 90, of Crawfordsville, passed away on Thursday, April 21, 2022 at Bickford Memory Care.

She was born in Urbana, IL on November 26, 1931 to the late Robert and Florence (McDaniels) Heater.

Mrs. Clark graduated from Craw.

Mrs. Clark graduated from Crawfordsville High School in 1949. She married the love of her life, Dean Clark, on June 4, 1955. She enjoyed

cooking, fishing, and mushroom hunting. Survivors include her son Mark (Tina) Clark; two granddaughters Ashley Clark and Christina Lowe; great-grandson Kyler Hesler; niece Rachel Brown; and nephew Kenn Clark.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Dean; daughter Marcia Lowe; sister Vivian Grindley; and brother Ernest Heater.

Visitation is scheduled for 12 p.m. on Tuesday, April 26 at Sanders Priebe Funeral Care, 315 S. Washington Street, in Crawfordsville. The funeral service is scheduled to follow the visitation at 2 p.m. Sanders

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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

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.

Olivia Sue Compton Hunt Sep. 22, 1949 - March 11, 2022

Olivia Sue Compton Hunt, 72, of Delphi, Indiana, passed away at on Friday, March 11, 2022.

Olivia was born on Friday, Sep. 22, 1949 in Rose Hill, V.a to Kitty and Willard Compton.

Mrs. Hunt grew up in Camden Indiana and graduated from Delphi Highschool in 1967.

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She married Lowell "Butch" Hunt on Sep. 14, 1968 and raised a son an

on Sep. 14, 1968 and raised a son and daughter in Delphi.

Mrs. Hunt worked at the Carroll County Manor for several years caring for the elderly in her community. Shr loved Elvis Presley and over the years collected a large Elvis Presley memorabilia collection. She caught Elvis's scarf he threw at her during one of his last concerts, a story she often told proudly.

Mrs. Hunt enjoyed country line dancing in the 90's, solving sudoku puzzles, winning at bingo, going out to eat and attending her great granddaughters (Hayden) basketball games and school functions. She took great pride in her appearance and always looked her best. She loved the beauty shop gossip that developed into many great friendships.

Survivors include her children Shawn (Tami) Hunt of Delphi and Misty (Greg) Meinecke of Crawfordsville; sisters Brenda (John) Reppert of Camden and Mary Ellen (Tim) Clifford of Winter Garden, Fla.; brother Ralph Compton of Willowbrook, Ill.; granddaughter Jasmine Hunt of Dayton; 4 grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews that loved her.

She was proceeded in death by her husband Butch; her mother and father; and brothers Leroy Compton and Bob (Kathleen) Compton of Rose Hill, Va.

Rosemary Costello Eastman (Rae)

Sep. 17, 1930 - April 16, 2022

Rosemary Costello Eastman (Rae) passed away peacefully on April 16, 2022, at home in Evansville, Indiana, with family at her side. She lived a long and happy life for over 91 years.

She was born on Sep. 17, 1930, to Edward and Helen (Foran) Costello in Omaha, Neb.

Mrs. Eastman graduated from Cathedral High School in Omaha in 1949, before entering the work world for ten

years. She stole the heart of John (Jack) Eastman and the two were married on April 12, 1958. They shared a warm and loving marriage together for 62 years, and successfully raised nine children.

Following the birth of their two oldest children in Omaha and Peoria, the couple moved the family to Crawfords-ville, Indiana, where they lived for over 55 years. Raising children and running a large household was a fulltime undertaking for Mrs. Eastman. She made daily runs to the grocery store and cooked healthy meals in very large portions. The family dined together on most nights and Sunday dinners were always special. She enjoyed 30 years in retirement with her husband. They enjoyed traveling to visit their children and loved to attend any events involving their grandchildren. Mrs. Eastman took great pleasure in caring for her family and she was very proud of all the many achievements. For many years, she enjoyed water aerobics and daily walks.

She will be remembered fondly as mom, grandma, great grandma (GG) and aunt by nine kids, sixteen grandkids, four great grandchildren. These were roles she was born to play...and she loved spending time with all of them. Mrs. Eastman was friendly to everyone. She took great care of her family, possessing a giving personality and a sharp wit. She will be dearly missed and forever our "Irish Rose".

Survivors include her nine children and their spouses: Julie (Jerry) Niccum, Ed (Renee) Eastman, John Eastman, Jr., Joanie (Joe) Durchholz, Terri McConnell (Lloyd McConnell deceased), Tom (Susan) Eastman, Janet (Mike) Heinold, Nancy (Daryl) Swick and Jeff (Annie) Eastman; grandchildren and great grandchildren Danny and Katie (with husband, Allen Lormand) Niccum, Mike (with fiancée Kathryn Jokela) and Alex Eastman, Julia (and daughter Ava), Jessica (with husband, Nick Kleaving, and son, Henry), Louie, and Joe Durchholz, Sam (with wife, Rachel, and son Theodor) and Hannah Eastman, Emma and Eddie Heinold, Kaleb Swick (with fiancée, Riley Shaner, and daughter Millie) and Emily, Sylvia and Will Eastman; her brother Jim; and dozens of nieces and nephews.

She is predeceased by her husband, Jack, who passed in April 2020; her parents; and siblings Ed, Bill, Renee and Steve

May she rest in peace under the good grace of God. A visitation is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Monday, April 25, 2022, at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Crawfordsville, Indiana. It is scheduled to be immediately followed by a mass of Christian burial at 10:30 a.m.

For those who wish to honor Rosemary's memory, you are invited to make memorial donations to her favored charity: St. Jude's Children's Hospital (www.stjude.org).









- Did You Know? Gibson County was founded April 1,1813 and named after John Gibson.
- Princeton, the county seat, has the motto "Creating A World Class Community."
- The county is the seventh largest and oldest county in the state.
- Princeton's has a population of 8,644 people and 5.06 square miles.
- The county is 499.16 square miles and has a population of 33,759 residents.

Got Words?

Princeton contains multiple parks that contain a variety of playgrounds and ponds. The largest of the 3 is Lafayette Park. What role do you think parks and other outdoor spaces play in a community?

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1. How many square miles of the county is not made up by Princeton?

2. How old is Gibson County?

3. How many people in the county do not live in Princeton

4. What is the population density of the county?

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3. 25,115 People 4. Around 67/sq mi Answers: 1. 494.1 Square Miles 2. 206 Years

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1. PRKAS

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Appeals On Wheels To Visit Wabash College

Indiana's second highest Court will conduct a live, in person oral argument at Wabash College in Crawfordsville on Tuesday, April 26 at 11:15 a.m. in Salter Hall, at the Wabash Fine Arts Center. A panel consisting of Judge Patricia A. Riley, Judge Melissa S. May, and Judge Elizabeth F. Tavitas will hear Paul v. State. The case synopsis can be found online at https://events.in.gov/ event/appeals_jamesley_paul_v_state_of_indiana 21a-cr-01704.

The oral argument will conclude with a question-and-answer session with the audience about

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The Court of Appeals hears oral arguments across Indiana to enable Hoosiers to observe the real-world issues that face the Court and to learn more about the Court's indispensable role in Indiana government. Audiences also get to observe skilled legal arguments and advocacy by some of Indiana's best lawyers, against a backdrop of case-specific facts and statutory and constitutional law.

The event is open to the public and will last about one hour. Reporters, including student journalists, may ask the Court's permission to

record the argument in audio, video, or photographic formats. Please email requests to Court **Administrator Larry** Morris (Larry.Morris@ courts.in.gov) at least 48 hours before the scheduled start of the argument to obtain permission. Per **Indiana Supreme Court** order, all video cameras must be tripod-mounted, and neither flash nor strobe lighting is permitted with respect to either video or still cameras.

This argument marks the Court's eighth Appeals on Wheels event in 2022. For more information about the Court, please visit www.courts. in.gov/appeals.

Braun On End Of "Federal Overreach" Mask Mandate For Transportation

Senator Mike Braun released the following statement after a federal judge ruled against transportation mask mandates, leading to airlines, public transit, and private transportation companies like Lyft and Uber to drop their mask mandates.

"While I'm glad the federal mask mandate on airplanes is over, we have to remember this federal overreach was only ended by the courts, just like Biden's vaccine mandate that jeopardized millions of jobs. If the White House had their way, these mandates would still be in effect." – Senator Mike Braun

Senator Braun compared the to President Biden's vaccine mandate for private businesses.

Senator Braun led the opposition to the vaccine mandate in the U.S. Senate with a formal challenge that passed the Senate on a bipartisan vote and was noted as the most significant Congressional action regarding private vaccine mandates in the Supreme Court's decision to strike down the unconstitutional mandate.

AG Rokita Protecting Hoosiers By Holding 'Big Tobacco' Accountable

Attorney General Todd Rokita took another step forward in Indiana's ongoing legal fight to get relief for Hoosiers harmed by the negative side effects of smoking. This also represents one element in the larger effort to help Hoosiers stop smoking and decrease the incidence of youth smoking throughout Indiana. This includes settlement payments from the tobacco companies for victims of smoking, as well as by placing significant restrictions on how tobacco companies can engage in marketing and advertising in Indiana.

Last week Indiana received over \$200 million from tobacco product manufacturers under the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement.

"Thousands of Hoosiers die each year from conditions caused by smoking," said Attorney General Rokita. "My office is working hard to ensure our kids stay healthy and that they never go down the dangerous path of smoking."

Under this agreement, the state will receive annual payments as long as the tobacco manufacturers continue selling cigarettes in Indiana. The agreement also forbids participating cigarette manufacturers from targeting youth, imposes restrictions on advertising and promotional activities, and product placement in media. branded merchandise, free product samples, and sponsorships.

The Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement remains the largest civil settlement in U.S. history. Entered in 1998, the agreement involves the four largest US tobacco companies, Phillip Morris Inc., R.J. Reynolds, Brown & Williamson, and Lorillard, and the attorneys general of 46 states, D.C., Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. The agreement required the companies to pay more than \$206b over the course of 25 years. The funds received by Indiana under the settlement agreement go to healthcare, prevention and reduction of smoking.

Cigarettes cause cancer and other diseases, as the Surgeon General first concluded in its historic 1964 report. So, improving Hoosiers' health remains a priority of the Attorney General, as well as the entire Indiana state leadership team.

For more information on quitting smoking, call Indiana's Tobacco Quit Line at 1-800-QuitNow.

Gov. Holcomb Announces \$65M In Trails Grants For Indiana Communities

Gov. Eric J. Holcomb and Indiana Department of Natural Resources Director Dan Bortner today announced 38 communities and non-profit organizations will receive a combined \$65 million for 77 miles of new trail development as a part of the third round of the Next Level Trails program. With matching funds from applicants, this round is expected to generate total investment of more than \$102 million.

"Trails connect communities together in such a personal way and are perfect pathways to good mental and physical well-being," Gov. Holcomb said. "These continued quality-of-life investments will reap generational economic and tourism development dividends and further showcase Indiana's incredible outdoor experiences."

A \$150 million grant program, Next Level Trails is the largest infusion of trails funding in state history. In rounds one and two, a total of \$55 million was awarded to 35 communities. To date, \$120 million has been awarded to build 190 miles of trails throughout Indiana. Ninety-four percent of Hoosiers live within five miles of a trail.

For example, three sections of the Nickel Plate Trail in Indianapolis, Fishers, and Noblesville were selected, as well as smaller local projects in Jasper, Middlebury, Shelbyville, and Huntington.

"The DNR listens to the recreational and outdoor needs of Hoosiers," Bortner said. "We are excited to expand our partnerships with local governments and non-profits to bring these important connections and amenities to communities across Indiana."

The grants awarded in the third round include 17 regional projects and 21 local projects. The list of awards, project descriptions, and a map are posted at on.IN.gov/ NLT-round-3.

The third-round grant recipients are contrib-

uting \$37.4 million in matching value, resulting in a \$102.4 million total investment in trails. The program requires a minimum 20 percent project match, which can include monetary contributions, land value, and in-kind donations of materials and labor.

Next Level Trails is part of Gov. Holcomb's \$1 billion Next Level Connections infrastructure program, which accelerates the completion of major highway projects, expands access to rural broadband services, and pursues the expansion of rail projects in northwest Indiana. The initial program received funds totaling \$90 million; \$60 million more was appropriated in the current biennial budget to bring the Next Level Trails investment to \$150 million.

Progress on all Next Level Trails projects can be found here.

Next Level Trails objectives and more information in the grants program is at on.IN.gov/ nextleveltrails.

Rokita Protects Hoosier Consumers Who Utilized Gofundme Platform

To protect Hoosiers who donate on the GoFundMe platform, Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita today identified potential consumer protection concerns with the conduct of GoFundMe's platform. GoFundMe's terms of service are ambiguous, raise accountability concerns, and have the potential to deceive consumers.

"Hoosiers are generous," Attorney General Rokita said. "And when they give money to a cause, it's only logical to assume the money actually goes where it was directed. GoFund-Me's current terms of service are too vague to assure a donor that is the case—and I will get to the bottom of it."

In a letter co-authored with other like-minded attorneys general, concerning issues are identified, such as a lack of clearly expressible standards regarding GoFundMe's independent ability to freeze, redirect, or refund

donations.
Attorney General
Rokita is charged with
protecting consumers
and statutorily regulating
nonprofits. Under that
authority, Attorney General Rokita has used one
of his investigatory tools
to inquire into GoFundMe and their operations.

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Gov. Holcomb Announces \$189 Million For Broadband Expansion

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.

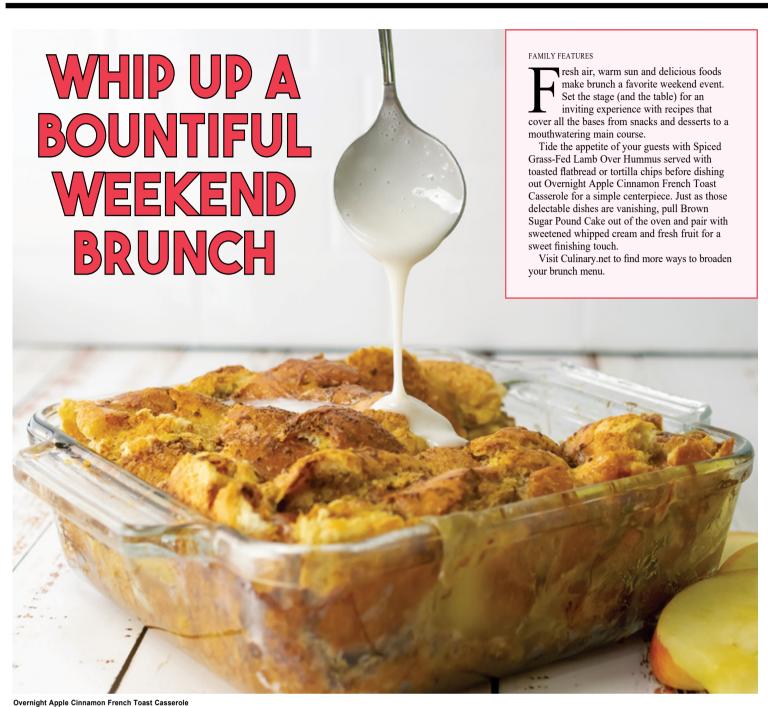
Governor Suzanne Crouch, along with the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs, administers and oversees the program. OCRA will be working with service providers in the coming weeks on next steps in the grant process.

"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 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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Wake Up to a Wonderful Brunch

Perfect for any brunch occasion is a delicious dish that can be made a day in advance, simplifying your morning prep before guests arrive with growling

Prepared the day before and chilled overnight, this Overnight Apple Cinnamon French Toast Casserole is ready to bake to perfection in the morning with a gooey interior and crisp exterior filled with mouthwatering flavor. Drizzle with glaze then dish out to loved ones for a delicious way to make brunch easy.

Find more breakfast and brunch recipes at Culinary.net.

Overnight Apple Cinnamon French Toast Casserole

Servings: 12

- Nonstick cooking spray package (20 ounces) French
- bread, cubed, divided
- can (20 ounces) apple pie filling
- eggs
- cup half-and-half
- teaspoons ground cinnamon cup powdered sugar, plus
- additional (optional) tablespoons milk, plus

additional (optional) Spray 8-by-8-inch glass baking dish

with nonstick cooking spray. In baking dish, add 10 ounces cubed French bread in bottom of dish. Pour apple filling over bread. Top with remaining

cubed French bread. Set aside. In medium bowl, whisk eggs, halfand-half and cinnamon. Pour evenly over bread.

Cover with aluminum foil and chill overnight.

Heat oven to 325 F.

Remove foil and bake 50-60 minutes. Let cool 10-15 minutes.

In small bowl, whisk powdered sugar and milk. Add additional, if needed, until pourable glaze is reached. Drizzle over casserole before serving.

A Fresh, Flavorful Brunch Bite

Brunch is a perfect opportunity to entertain friends and family with delicious recipes that will delight their taste buds. For example, this smooth hummus is paired with tender New Zealand grass-fed lamb loin chops and fresh toppings for flavor in every bite.

Ready in less than 30 minutes, this Spiced Grass-Fed Lamb Over Hummus recipe is made using Atkins Ranch lamb, which is available at your local Whole Foods Market and hails from New Zealand where the animals are grass-fed 365 days a year and allowed to roam and graze freely over lush green hills and pastures. The result is a lean, finely textured, flavorful meat that tastes just as nature intended.

Visit beefandlambnz.com for more recipes, cooking tips and information.

Spiced Grass-Fed Lamb Over Hummus

Prep time: 15 minutes Cook time: 5 minutes Servings: 4-6

Lamb:

- 4 Atkins Ranch grass-fed lamb loin chops
- 1 teaspoon cumin powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil

Hummus:

- 1 can (15 ounces) chickpeas 3 cloves garlic, chopped
- 1/4 cup tahini 3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice 1/2 teaspoon salt

- 1/2 teaspoon cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika 3 tablespoons olive oil

For serving:

- 1 Persian cucumber, small diced 1 small tomato, diced
- 2 tablespoons roasted pine nuts (or 2 tablespoons pomegranate seeds) parsley, chopped lemon wedges toasted flatbread or tortilla chips

To make lamb: Remove lamb from bone, dice meat

into small cubes and transfer to medium bowl. Add cumin powder and salt. Toss to coat. Marinate while preparing hummus.

To make hummus: Drain chickpeas, reserving 1 tablespoon liquid. Rinse chickpeas under running water then drain.

In bowl of food processor, pulse chickpeas, chickpea liquid and garlic until chickpeas and garlic are chopped. Add tahini, lemon juice, salt, cumin, paprika

and olive oil. Mix until smooth paste forms. Taste and adjust by adding more salt, lemon juice or olive oil, as desired.

Transfer hummus to large platter and spread

In large skillet, heat extra-virgin olive oil over high heat until hot. Add lamb and cook 30 seconds without moving. Turn lamb over and cook 30-60 seconds,

repeating until all sides are browned. Remove from pan and let rest 5 minutes. To serve, place cucumbers and tomatoes in well of hummus then top with lamb, pine nuts

and parsley. Top with squeeze of lemon juice and serve with flatbread or tortilla chips.



Spiced Grass-Fed Lamb Over Hu



Whether your brunch feast consists of bacon and eggs, pancakes and waffles or a combination of favorites, you can cap it off with a sweet treat for the perfect ending. After all, no celebration is complete without dessert.

Satisfy Cake Cravings with a Brunch-Worthy Dessert

Once the table is cleared of the main courses, dish out decadent bites of this Brown Sugar Pound Cake baked with high-quality ingredients like C&H Sugars to end the meal on a sweet note. Top with whipped cream and your crowd's favorite fruits like strawberries and blueberries or serve the toppings separately for a customizable treat.

Visit chsugar.com for more brunch recipe ideas.

Brown Sugar Pound Cake

Prep time: 20 minutes

Cook time: 1 hour Servings: 8

- 1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour, plus additional for coating pan, divided
 - cup packed C&H Light Brown Sugar cup (2 sticks) butter, softened
 - 4 eggs
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder 1/4 teaspoon salt

sweetened whipped cream, for topping (optional) fresh fruit, such as strawberries and blueberries, for topping (optional)

Preheat oven to 350 F.

Grease and flour 9-by-5-by-3-inch loaf pan. In large bowl, beat sugar and butter until fluffy. Beat in eggs one at a time. Add vanilla. In separate bowl, combine 1 3/4 cups flour, baking powder and salt. Gradually add to sugar mixture. Pour batter into pan.

Bake 1 hour, or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Remove

from pan and turn out on rack to cool completely. Top with sweetened whipped cream and fresh fruit, if desired.

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Simple Tips To Attract Hummingbirds To Your Yard This Year

(Family Features)
Throughout the warmer months, many backyards play host to a variety of birds, including hummingbirds. When you see flowers and trees begin to bud and bloom and other migrating birds, like warblers, that's nature's way of letting you know it's time to ready your yard for hummingbirds.

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It's enchanting watching hummingbirds named for the humming sound of their fast-flapping wings - as their tiny size and speed make them natural wonders. Hummingbirds can fly 25-30 miles per hour, flapping their wings an estimated 70 times per second. They fly in every direction, even backwards, which only hummers can do, and float majestically in midair.

The birds get their brilliant color from the iridescence in the arrangement of their feathers, not color pigment. Plus, they have the fastest metabolism of any animal on Earth, burning 1-2 times their body weight in food daily. Humming-birds draw nectar from its



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source into their mouths, lapping it up almost 12 times per second.

To increase your chances of observing these petite powerhouses at home, consider these tips from the experts at Cole's Wild Bird Products:

Be conscious of beneficial insects. Humming-birds rely on insects, which provide essential protein, to complement the nectar they crave. To attract insects, try placing rotting fruit near feeders and leave it until insects arrive for hummers' easy eats.

Leave spiderwebs

alone: Hummingbirds use spiderwebs as construction material to hold their nests together and pluck insects caught in the webbing.

Offer a water mister: Hummingbirds adore bathing; a mister gives them the fine spray they prefer. Once soaked, they're off to find a preening perch.

Provide tiny perches. Leave small, sturdy, bare branches for hummingbirds, to perch on for rest, preening and hunting. Perches provide vantage points to see danger and launching pads to swiftly pounce on insects. Once hummingbirds find a favorite perch, they'll use it repeatedly.

Hang hummingbird feeders first. Feeders are one of the most effective ways to consistently entice and encourage hummingbirds to come visit. However, not all feeders are created equal. For example, Cole's Hummer High Rise Feeder is scientifically designed with elevated perches to make hummingbirds feel safe and comfortable, which encourages their consistent return.

Although hummingbird

feeders can attract bees and ants, this feeder is uniquely designed to keep pests at bay. It doesn't drip, so large bees can't get to the nectar, plus it has a built-in ant moat to keep ants away from nectar when filled with plain water. Since birds drink from the moat, never use any repellents or additives.

Hummingbirds are territorial and not likely to share feeders, so hang multiple feeders far enough apart to attract more birds. To ensure a steady stream of birds, hang feeders in the shade to avoid fermentation of sugar-based liquids, check feeders bi-weekly to keep food fresh and clean feeders as needed with one part white vinegar to four parts water.

Plant flowers. Trumpet honeysuckle, bee balm and sage plants are particularly attractive to hummingbirds and provide rich nectar. Hummingbirds consume 1 1/2 times their body weight daily, eating every 10-15 minutes and visiting 1,000-2,000 flowers per

Choose the right nectar. Not all nectar is alike, and hummingbirds can taste the difference. Almost all commercial nectars contain one sugar source – sucrose – because it's cheaper to make. However, real flower nectar contains three sugar sources – sucrose, fructose and glucose – in varying amounts depending on the flower.

Researched and designed to attract the greatest variety of hummingbirds, Cole's Nature's Garden is a high energy, nutrient-rich nectar that combines all three types of organically sourced sugars North American hummingbirds love, with a spring water base. It closely mimics the sugar ratios they favor and provides a healthier, nutritious, all-natural alternative to table sugar.

Don't forget, hummingbirds have memories like elephants; once they discover your hummer-friendly habitat, they'll come back every year if there's a reliable food source. Learn more at coleswildbird.com.

How To Set A Proper Budget For Your Home Remodel You've Been Wanting

(Family Features) When you decide to renovate your home whether to sell or make improvements for you and your family to enjoy - setting a budget can be a challenge. Knowing what you want to accomplish may be the easy part but avoiding the bad advice out there and determining what you can actually afford takes research and detailed planning.

Consider these tips from National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI) member contractors to help build an appropriate remodeling budget.

Identify your project scope and ideal budget. Start by creating a list of everything you would

like to include in your renovation then separate your list into wants and needs. From there, determine a proposed budget for the project based on how much you're comfortable spending and your home's value.

"Get your bids after you know what the project is," said Michael Anschel, principal of OA Design+Build+Architecture.

Meet with remodelers. Set up a meeting with a local remodeling company and share your proposed scope of work and budget to see if it's feasible. An experienced, professional remodeler who is a member of an organization like NARI can share feedback on the costs in your area and

any challenges involved with your project based on experiences with homes like yours. Once you have a better understanding of the true scope of the project, meet with other contractors to gather a few estimates to compare.

"Are you hiring an installer or are you hiring an expert guide?" asked Barak Steenlage, co-owner of Anchor Builders. "The difference is worth the investment."

Beware of low estimates. When evaluating companies for your project, remember estimates you may find online don't typically account for regional variations, the cost of various types of labor and necessary permits.

"Cost estimates you find may be national averages that are lower than the costs in your city," said Bjorn Freudenthal, homeowner advisor at New Spaces. "Also, they may only account for the cost of the replacement materials, not other costs like changing the floor plan or updating electrical, plumbing and HVAC systems. They might also be missing the costs of removal of hazardous materials like asbestos and lead paint.'

The COVID-19 pandemic has also caused some materials to rise in cost, so it's important to account for these increases

"Bad contractor stories come from people cut-

ting corners and hiring unqualified people," Anschel said. "When you're paying bottom of the barrel, there's no bandwidth for the contractor to solve problems."

Ensure you have proper permits. Not all projects require permits, but it is important to determine if your project requires one from your city or county. Make sure you (or your contractor) obtain one, if necessary, to ensure the safety of the work and its compliance with building, construction and zoning codes.

"If a homeowner or contractor doesn't pull permits and something goes wrong, the homeowner is liable to fix the problem," Anschel said. "This additional cost could be a large percentage of the original job, and maybe more."

Understand your timeline. The purpose of your renovation can impact the long-term value of the project. Making updates to prepare your home to sell, for example, is a more immediate cost than updating a space you will spend time in for years to come.

"When the homeowner is looking to stay 7-10 years or more, it impacts lifetime value because you can spread the cost out over a longer period of time," Steenlage said.

Find more tips for your next remodeling project, and member contractors in your area, at RemodelingDoneRight.com.





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Armbruster To Lead Human Resources At Purdue Research Foundation Armbruster-Mitch

Mitch Armbruster has been named chief human resources officer at the Purdue Research Foundation. His first day in

the position will be May 2. PRF President Brian Edelman said Armbruster, in this new role, will connect and collaborate with multiple teams, including Purdue University's human resources

"Mitch will work closely with Matt Folk and the Purdue for Life leadership team," Edelman said. "He also will work closely with Greg Deason and Alliance Management to deliver our promises of workforce development and hiring support to companies that have joined the Discovery Park District at Purdue and the Purdue Research Park network.

The role returns Armbruster to Purdue, where he earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry in 1988.

'My Purdue University education has afforded me many great opportunities in life," Armbruster said. "I'm

excited to do what I can to give back as Purdue Research Foundation and Purdue for Life advance the mission of the university.

Armbruster previously served as executive director of absence management at Providence, one of the nation's largest health care systems. He also spent more than 27 years at Eli Lilly and Company in various human

resources roles. Edelman said PRF has never had as much responsibility for advancing Purdue University's mission as it does today.

"Our success requires the best possible employees doing their best work in commercializing Purdue technologies to improve the world and the lives of its people, and in placemaking to ensure a strong innovation environment exists in West Lafayette to attract industry, investment and innovators to drive Purdue's commercialization success," Edelman said. "Each of these support func-

tions makes the strong daily execution of the foundation's commercialization and placemaking missions possible."

About Purdue Research

Foundation

Purdue Research Foundation supports Purdue University's land-grant mission by helping the university improve the world through its technologies and graduates. Established in 1930, PRF is a private, nonprofit foundation. The foundation helps patent and commercialize Purdue technologies; builds places to encourage innovation, invention, investment, commercialization and entrepreneurship; and makes equity available to students to finance their Purdue education. For more information on licensing a Purdue innovation, contact the Office of Technology Commercialization at otcip@ prf.org. For more information about involvement and investment opportunities in startups based on a Purdue innovation, contact the Purdue Foundry at foundry@prf.org.

TCU Partners With U.S. Small **Business Administration**

Teachers Credit Union (TCU), is proud to announce its new partnership with the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), which has designated the credit union as an SBA Lender. With its partnership with the SBA, TCU will be able to offer a broader selection of commercial loans to entrepreneurs and small business owners who want to start, grow, or expand their businesses.

'We are excited to welcome TCU as an SBA Lender," said Indiana District Director Stacey Poynter. "With an SBA guaranty backing their commercial loan, entrepreneurs have greater opportunities to start, grow, and expand a small business and live out their American dream." As an SBA Lender, TCU will be able to increase its efficiency, creating better service for its members. A process that has historically taken weeks for each 7(a) loan will now be able to be accomplished in a day or two.

"We are very pleased to be able to broaden our commercial portfolio by partnering with the SBA," said Dick Sauerman, vice president of commercial lending at TCU. "As an SBA lender, TCU will be able to provide our members with more efficient and comprehensive service, something on which our organization

prides itself."

Teachers Credit Union (TCU) is Indiana's largest Credit Union with more than \$4 billion in assets, 55 branches throughout Indiana and southwestern Michigan, and more than 306,000 members. TCU offers traditional financial services including checking, savings, mortgages, and credit cards, as well as non-traditional services such as investments and insurance. Since its founding in 1931, TCU has focused on making a positive impact on its members and the community. For more information about TCU, visit tcunet.

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About the U.S. Small Business Administration

The U.S. Small Business Administration helps power the American dream of business ownership. As the only go-to resource and voice for small businesses backed by the strength of the federal government, the SBA empowers entrepreneurs and small business owners with the resources and support they need to start, grow, expand their businesses, or recover from a declared disaster. It delivers services through an extensive network of SBA field offices and partnerships with public and private organizations. To learn more, visit www.sba.gov.

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

• 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 shift-

ed 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 perma-

For full survey results, visit pnc.mediaroom.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.

The Role Of Pharmacists Is Changing, Here's What To 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.

Patients are ready... so are prescribers.

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 persists, 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.

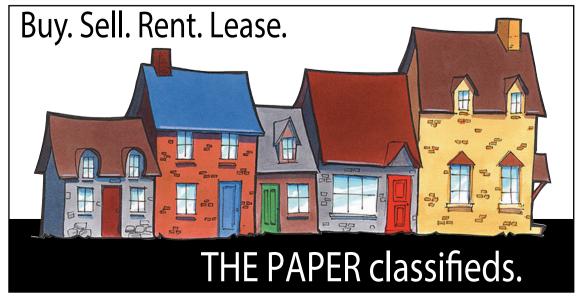
"Beyond dispensing prescription medications and providing medication advice, many of our pharmacists are already specially trained in specific diseases, allowing them to discuss disease and medication management directly with a patient as well as in conjunction with their health care provider team,"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

"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



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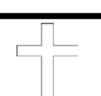
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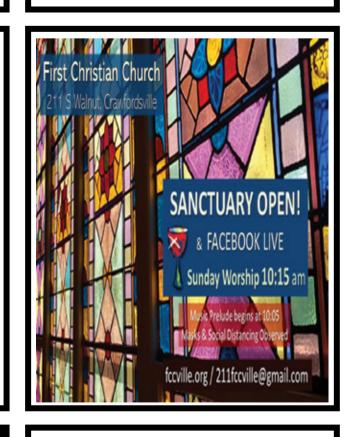
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Shoulder Pain - Part 1

The next two weeks, I'd like to address shoulder pain and injuries. Most people experience shoulder pain at some point in their lives. Doctors see it in athletes, people who overuse their shoulders, and others who may have fallen or received a blow directly to their shoulder, or fallen on their outstretched arm.

To understand shoulder pain, it's important to know the basic anatomy of the shoulder joint itself (see diagram of the front of the right shoulder). The shoulder is one of the most complex joints in the body. Most joints permit a limited range of motion. The unique anatomy of the shoulder joint allows for a vast range of movements. It has to be relatively unstable compared to our other joints to be so versatile.

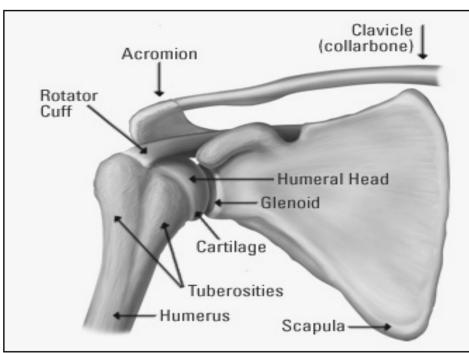
The easiest way to describe the shoulder joint is to picture a basketball sitting on a dinner plate. The basketball represents the head of the humerus, the spherical top part of the upper arm bone. The plate represents the glenoid, the part of the shoulder blade (scapula) that articulates with the head of the humerus. If you imagine the basketball sliding around



JOHN R. ROBERTS, M.D. **Montgomery Medicine**

on the plate, you can understand how unstable the shoulder joint is - the head of the humerus can slide around on the glenoid or even slide off the edge (dislocation).

There are anatomic structures that help reduce this instability. One is the glenoid labrum, a rim of cartilage that runs around the edge of the glenoid. It serves to shape it into more of a shallow bowl rather than a flat plate. The other structure is the rotator cuff, a juxtaposition of four tendons that attach around the head of the humerus to hold it in place. These four tendons are connected to four muscles that rotate the head of the humerus and help initiate arm movements.



There are also fluid-filled bursa sacs around the joint that help cushion the movements of the tendons. As I said, it's a complex

Now that you're an expert in anatomy, let's examine what can go wrong. I don't want to cover fractures since they are usually pretty obvious. I also don't have enough space to cover all shoulder injuries, so I'll need to finish up next week.

I'll start with rotator cuff injuries. These are injuries to the tendons and/ or muscles that make up the rotator cuff. These structures can be inflamed, stretched, partially torn, or completely torn. The injury may involve one or more of the four tendons.

Rotator cuff injuries usually happen when someone falls on an outstretched arm causing the humerus to act as a lever that puts excess force on the cuff tendons or their muscles. Cuff injuries can also occur when someone falls on an elbow that causes the head of the humerus to be forced out of its normal

position in the glenoid. Other forces on the arm may cause the humerus to slide around on the dinner plate (subluxation) or completely slide off the dinner plate (dislocation), leading to cuff injuries. Finally, overusing one's arm, such as when forcefully throwing, can stretch or tear the tendons.

Symptoms of rotator cuff injuries depend on the severity of the trauma and can be quite subtle. The shoulder may simply be achy. Some may notice severe pain when moving

the shoulder in a particular direction, especially raising it in a forward or sideways direction. Others may note obvious weakness. Since the rotator cuff tendons are responsible for initiating arm movements, patients with tears may note they have trouble starting movements, especially raising the arm to the front or side.

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Treatment of rotator cuff injuries depends on the type of injury as well as the age and activity level of the patient. The goal is to stabilize the joint as much as possible by rehabilitating the shoulder muscles to return the patient to maximum possible function. Young patients and athletes usually receive aggressive treatment including physical therapy and, if they have a torn tendon, often surgery. Elderly or less active patients often do fine with physical therapy alone to strengthen the cuff muscles in the shoulder.

Stay tuned next week when I'll cover shoulder dislocations, impingement, and bursitis.

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

May Is Mental Health Awareness Month

May is Mental Health Awareness Month and a local group of mental health providers has planned public events for three weeks in May to better connect and inform the community. Sessions are planned at a variety of locations, days and times. Each week focuses on a particular age group. Week one focuses on youth. Week three concentrates on adults and parents of adults and week four highlights seniors. There are other highlights focusing on mental health happening in the community that are also listed below.

Sheri Moore, Executive Director of National Alliance on Mental Illness - West Central Indiana and chairperson of the group says, "This collaborative effort from our local network of mental health providers is meant to inform and support those dealing with mental illness on a variety of levels in any stage of life or more generally to anyone interested in the topics. The Mental Health Collaborative Network is unified in our hope that no one feels isolated in this community. We encourage everyone to join in at least one of these sessions to learn more and consider your part in reducing of the stigma of mental illness.

You are not alone." Week 1 is Youth:

• Sunday, 5/1: QPR (Question, Persuade, and Refer) Gatekeeper Training for Suicide Prevention

(virtual) 1-2:30pm.

• Wednesday, 5/4: QPR (Question, Persuade, and Refer) Gatekeeper Training for Suicide

Prevention - 9-10:30am at Mental Health America - Wabash Valley Region, 914 South Street,

Lafayette, IN 47901 Also, that week:

Monday, 5/2: 3-5pm Mayoral Proclamation & Community Partner Appreciation Cook-Out at Mental

Health America - Wabash Valley Region, 914 South Street, Lafayette, IN 47901

Thursday, 5/5: 6-8 Toast to Mental Health at Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds. \$30/ticket.

Look up! Tippecanoe County will honor Mental Health Awareness Month by lighting the courthouse green at night in the first weekend in May.

Week 3 is Adults and Parents of Adults:

• Sunday, 5/15 is registration deadline for 5/17 & 5/18 two-part virtual series 6-8pm

Parenting The Teen Brain. register at https:// tinyurl.com/2p82h7n3 • Monday, 5/16:

Schizophrenia Simulation - 6:00pm at Howarth Center, 615 North 18th

Lafayette, IN 47904 • Tuesday, 5/17:

NAMI Family Support Group - 7-8:30pm at the NAMI office, 615 North

Street, Suite 104 (back of building) Lafayette, IN 47904

• Wednesday, 5/18: NAMI's Family & Friends presentation -11:30-1:00 at St. Andrews United

Methodist Church, 4703 N 50 W, West Lafayette, IN 47906

• Thursday, 5/19: "How to handle your loved one's mental health crisis" - 6:00pm at How-

Center, 615 North 18th Street, Lafayette, IN 47904

Also, that Week: Tuesday, 5/17: - 4-6 pm Valley Oaks Open House and Ribbon Cutting for Adult Substance Use and

Mental Health Housing at 2323 Ferry St. Week 4 Speaker Series

for Senior Care: Time: 6pm - 7:30pm Location: Mental

Health America-Wabash Valley Region, 914 South Street, Lafayette, IN 47901 Monday, 5/23: Care-

giver Resources and Support

Hospice

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group Wednesday, 5/25: Mental Health Challenges Experienced by Seniors

 Suicide • Grief/Bereavement

• Isolation, Anxiety, Depression Thursday, 5/26:

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The Mental Health Collaborative Network's mission is to strengthen access and equality in mental health services in the Greater Lafayette community and surrounding areas by forming connections and facilitating collaboration as mental health leaders. Member organizations include:

National Alliance on Mental Illness – West Central Indiana

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Think Your Child Might Have Asthma? Take These Steps

your child sometimes wheeze? Are they short of breath? If so, they may need to see a health care provider to determine if they have asthma. Asthma affects the airways, or tubes, that carry air in and out of the lungs. In people with asthma, inhaling an irritant causes the airways to become inflamed and the airway muscles to tighten, mak-

ing it harder to breathe. Asthma is the most common long-term health condition in children. affecting about 5 million kids in the United States. It usually starts before age 5. Asthma impacts some groups of children more than others. For example, boys are more likely than girls to be diagnosed with it. Black, Puerto Rican and Native American children are more likely than white children to have asthma.

Poorly controlled asthma can cause kids to miss school or even end up in the hospital. The good news is that with the right management, most kids with asthma can lead healthy, active lives. Here are several things you can do if you think your child has asthma:

Look out for common signs and symptoms of asthma. These include coughing, wheezing, chest tightness and shortness of breath. According to the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI), up to 40% of children who wheeze when they get colds or respiratory

(Family Features) Does infections eventually get diagnosed with asthma. Notice when and where your child has symptoms. Do the symptoms interrupt your child's sleep? Do they occur during a specific time of the day? Do exercise, allergies or illness make them worse?

If your child's symptoms persist, see a health care provider. The health care provider may ask about your child's medical history and symptoms and do a physical exam. They may also conduct tests to measure your child's breathing.

Work with the doctor to develop an asthma action plan if your child is diagnosed with asthma. This is important. The plan will help you track medicines, monitor symptoms and changes, and understand when emergency care is necessary.

Learn about the triggers that can bring on an asthma attack. Try to avoid the triggers that make your child's symptoms worse. These may include things that cause allergies – such as pets, pollen, mold and dust or cold or low-quality air, infections such as the flu and tobacco smoke.

Your family and health care provider can work together to control your child's asthma and keep your child doing the activities they love.

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Addressing Nastiness In Society

My, my. We do tend to get testy as a society now, don't we? I remember talking to then-sheriff Mark Casteel a couple of years ago. He was telling me about sitting in a line at a red light. One guy actually ran the light (a pretty gutsy move considering the obvious sheriff's car) and others were impatiently tapping on their steering wheels and then honking when the light changed and the first car didn't spring forward.

How long is a red light? Despite the fact that they seem like hours, they're not. They do sometimes illustrate our lack of patience.

Of course, that's just one example and doesn't account for actual differences of opinion. Heck, it doesn't matter if it's politics, religion, sex or tiddlywinks. It's been said in this space before, you're either for me or a'gin me and there ain't much middle ground.

How do we fix it? Can we? A lot of folks say that



TIM TIMMONS

Two Cents

toothpaste is already out of the tube and there's no putting it back. Me? I'm not so sure. I think it's not that complicated, we just have to step back and respect the other guy's opinion. Notice, I didn't say it was easy. But it's surely not complex.

There's a great story that maybe gets to the point.

A traveling salesman finally completed what had been a long stretch of appointments

away from home. There were no flights to his destination that evening, so he got a room and early the next morning headed to the airport the required two hours ahead of his flight. But when he got there, he found the flight was overbooked and he had to wait until early afternoon for the next one.

Unfortunately for him, that flight wasn't direct and he had to endure numerous stopovers at airports all over the country. On some, he was able to stay on the plane but on most he had to race to another terminal. Twice, he barely made the connection - and got no sympathy from gate attendants who seemed to resent the fact they had to check in one more passenger.

As you might imagine, his irritation kept going up and up

Finally, at around 10 p.m. the last flight lifted off and he was on his way home! He was so relieved he didn't mind much that they were out of

coffee by the time they got to his seat.

Around midnight they landed! However, it seemed to take forever to get off the plane while everyone in front of him struggled with the overhead compartments. Once in the terminal he made a beeline for the carousel to get his suitcase. After what seemed like a ridiculous amount of time, the flashing light came on, the alarm sounded and the carousel sprang to life. One by one, suitcases and duffel bags wound their way around.

Not his.

People were grabbing their bags and heading out. He looked at his watch. It was 12:20. The carousel was getting emptier and emptier. Pretty soon, he was the only one left and his suitcase was nowhere to be found.

Angry beyond belief, he found the lost baggage office and one tired clerk. The frustrations from not being able to fly out the night before to the

canceled flight to the multiple stopovers, the poor service, the lousy attitudes . . . all of it spilled out and he unloaded. His voice was loud. He waved his arms. He ranted and raved. All the while, the clerk just stood there.

Finally, after the man was done, the clerk calmly leaned forward. "Sir, at this very moment there are only two people on this planet who care one iota about your luggage, and one of us is rapidly losing interest."

It's a lesson we can all learn from. Sure, we have our frustrations, our opinions. But none of that changes the fact that we need other people. Let's make sure we don't force them to lose their interest.

- 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.

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No More Fruits In Karen's Column, The Saga Comes To An End

Hope you have all enjoyed perusing the Fruits' Saga as much as I've delighted in researching, writing and presenting the Saga to you!

Depending on your outlook, joyfully or perhaps sadly, today's child is the last of Alamo George and Catherine (Stonebraker) Fruits children, the last of the Saga of Dear 'ol Alamo George! - Son Michael Yeakley Fruits, was born on the Fruits farm in Ripley Twp., May 13, 1836. Here he grew-up to not only farm but run a sawmill where a sad family tragedy occurred.

On November 27th in 1855, Justice of the Peace, William Smith married Michael and his wife (who would be so for 54 years), Mary Jane Thomas (21 Sept 1837 – 31 Jan 1909). Both are buried in O'Neall Cemetery (he passing April 11, 1912), along with three babies (an infant daughter in 1866; Willard 1868- 1870 and Balas 1870-72). Andy R. added a photo of the couple, while Kim & Roger Hancock provided a photo of their tombstone.

Their first child, son James B. was born about a year after their marriage, would grow-up to marry Jennie Lavendar Burke 13 days before his 18th birthday, she about a year older. James B. at age 22 was working for his father at the sawmill, two miles north of Alamo. It was a Saturday afternoon and one of the boilers of a large engine exploded tearing through the side of the building. James was operating that engine and was said to have been one of the best at the job



KAREN ZACH **Around The County**

but something happened as three of the men switched jobs and the explosion mangled and scalded James so badly he lived but a few minutes. Three children had already blessed (Marie Alice, Michael John and Dora Mae, plus a Nettie who possibly died shortly after birth) James and Jennie's union, thus leaving Jennie to raise these three. Jennie there afterward married Fred Lightcap and had two sons with him – Fred and Forest.

Howard Fruits was Michael and Mary J's second child, born March 2nd, 1860 in Montgomery County and died right here 5 Aug 1938, buried Waynetown Masonic Cemetery. He married first Clara Hunter and 2nd Alvaretta Stonebraker. In 1891, on May 22nd, his father almost tragically lost another son when Howard's store (between Waynetown and Yountsville basically at Fruits which also served as the Post Office, Howard the PM) was hit by lightning. The chimney was torn off and bricks hurled everywhere.



The bolt made a turn and he was knocked to his knees and rendered insensible for quite a few minutes. Overall, Howard was one lucky man and was mainly just badly shaken. When he recovered he went to aide his customer, Mrs. Small who lost her team which had been hitched in front of the store but was so frightened they took off down the muddy road, completely shredding the well-made buggy. He must have enjoyed music as in 1902, he purchased a graphophone and had parties to entertain his friends with the tunes from it, and he was involved in improving the community having invested in telephone lines that year as well, first to Yountsville, selling his interest in that to invest in the lines to Alamo. He was the father of two children, I believe, one from each wife (Martha and James W).

Samuel Larkin Fruits is one of my fav of all the Fruits' family born near Alamo 8 Jan 1873 (died at Alamo 20 June 1946

buried in the Alamo Cemetery) marrying Sarah Katherine Krout (1882-1959) in 1900. They had several children, only one passing young Fannie Helen 1897-1900 and there is a picture of her on FindAGrave as well as one of Samuel and Sarah - they are a sharp looking couple. One of their son's Burl owned the Fruits Sawmill for many years and I've always wondered if it was the same that his grandfather owned. Burl's other brothers and sisters were: Harry, Omer, Daisy (married Carl Davis) and Forest.

Michael's last child was Haddley Walter Fruits, born on a farm near Alamo, 9 September 1878. Sadly, he passed young as well, on 9 May 1920 at just 41. His widow, Minnie Krout lived 21 years thereafter. Her sister Sarah married his brother Samuel Larkin above. I knew a lot of these Fruits I've written about the last several weeks, but don't believe I knew any of these children, Oren Oscar, Cecil Faye who married #1 Roy



McCormick and #2 Maurice Bratton, George William and Byron Arthur. According to FindAGrave (probably more as being the youngest of the youngest others are likely not passed yet) seven grandchildren derived from this man.

And so the Fruits Saga (from my point of view, I guess, as well as George's children) is basically complete. You have read many interesting, fun, confusing and tragic stories, hopefully many you didn't know about Alamo George and his sweet Catherine Stonebraker Fruits and their offspring. My main hope is that you have greatly enjoyed 'em!! Please let me know if you'd like to read more sagas.

- 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@

Butch Recalls A Great Basketball Player ... "The Chopper"

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 highest 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.

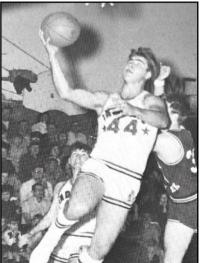
I'm not sure how Terry earned that nickname, but I do know that when he was a youngster in 1960, he was the Indian mascot for the high school team. Before one game, a player on the opposing team kept pestering Terry as he stood at center court during the pre-game warm-ups. Well, enough was enough, and Terry chopped that dude on the hand with his play wooden tomahawk! Those Darlington Indian mascots are tough little fellers!



BUTCH DALE Columnist

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





Photos courtesy of Butch Dale

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

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-ledLinden 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 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.

Almost Never Say Always

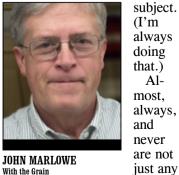
I'm never a person big on making New Year's resolutions. That's probably a good thing, since it is mid-April. I always complain that my life is still in the same ol' rut. Yet, I never seem to change the habits that hold me back almost every time.

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.

But let's get back to the



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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, lets' 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.

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My wife, Mary Ellen, is usually a warm, caring, and sensitive person, so when I turned to her the other night at dinner and said, "I can't think of anything funny left to make fun of anymore. I may have to stop writing my humor column," I was surprised when she replied, "Could you

I first knew I had writer's block several weeks ago when I awoke in the middle of the night sweating, with my heart palpitating and discomfort in my chest. At first, I thought it was a heart attack. With a heart attack, trained physicians can put you on a table, insert a tube in your leg, and

please pass the salt?"



then shove it into your groin and up to your heart to clear the blockage. I should be so lucky. At

least there's a treatment. I've written these weekly column for 22 years, almost 1,200 of them. I have never missed a deadline. So I think Mary Ellen takes my comic

Laugh Lines

ability for granted. She probably thinks it's easy to come up with a good idea every week. But I need a little more understanding about this issue I am facing. Isn't that what spouses are for?

"Why aren't you more sympathetic to my problem, Mary Ellen? I cannot think of anything funny anymore."

"You always think you have a humor block, Dick. You complain about this every few months. Look, I'll prove it. Pick any topic and I'll throw you some straight lines at you. Let's see how you do.

I picked inflation and high gas prices. That's what everyone is talking about, and I try to write about current trends. Mary Ellen was ready: "Dick, why did you go to Taco Bell yesterday and eat a burrito for breakfast?"

"Let's see... I wanted to go somewhere I could get gas for under four dollars.

"See? You're still on your game. Suppose I said for our anniversary, I want you to take me some place expensive. What would you say?

"I'd say, let's go to the Shell station."

"Right on the money. Let's try this: How high are restaurant prices?

"Even the mafia is eating at Olive Garden." "Dick, that was great.

I almost cracked a smile. Now, one more straight line. How bad are gas prices going to get this spring?

"Pretty bad. This year it may have to be the Indianapolis 200."

"See, you did beautifully. Now quit griping and get back to work.'

"Wait a second, that little exercise proved nothing, I stole those lines from Stephen Colbert, Jimmy Kimmel, Trevor Noah and Jimmy Fallon."

"Dick, let's be realistic. You're no comic genius, you're just Dick Wolfsie. You have to get material any way you can, even if your method is a little shady. And remember, every column can't be

great. Work with what you have."

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She was right. I can't come up with an original idea for every piece and expect each one to be hysterical. Sometimes I just have to turn in something that's mediocre, encompassing a funny line or two that I pilfered from someone else. Then I have to hope you won't

notice. Did you?

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Ask Rusty – About Payroll Tax And Income Tax On Social Security

Dear Rusty: Is it possible for you to go over how the Federal withholding tax is computed on Social Security benefits? Signed: Curious Taxpay-

Dear Curious: I'm not sure if you're asking about how FICA (or self-employment) tax on your earnings from work is determined, or if you're asking about how much income tax to have withheld from your Social Security benefit, so I'll address both:

The 7.65% FICA tax withheld from your earnings by your employer consists of two elements -6.2% is for Social Security and 1.45% is for Medicare Part A. Your employer pays an equivalent amount on your behalf. This is a standard amount that all American workers pay, which - after enough credits are earned



ASK RUSTY Social Security Advisor

- enables you to collect Social Security benefits when you retire and permits you to enroll in Medicare Part A for free when you're 65. If you are self-employed, you pay a "self-employment tax" on your net earnings instead of a FICA tax, and you must pay both the employee and employer portion of the tax (15.3%). The only exception to this is that certain U.S. states have opted

Social Security Matters by AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor Russell Gloor

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out of participation in the Federal Social Security program, thus exempting some state employees from paying the Social Security portion of the FICA tax (they must still pay the Medicare Part A portion). These percentages are set by Congressional legislation and will not change unless Congress enacts future legislation to do so.

Determining how much income tax to have withheld from your Social

Security is something best discussed with a qualified Tax Advisor with access to all your income data. Your recommended tax withholding rate for income tax purposes depends upon your overall taxable income level and the tax rate which results from that income (considering your dependents and your tax filing status (single or married)). Having income tax withheld from your Social Security benefit is optional, but if you choose to do so you must submit IRS form W-4V to your local Social Security office. Form W-4V permits you to specify that either 7%, 10%, 12%, or 22% of your SS benefit be withheld for income tax purposes. Here's a link to IRS form W4-V: https:// www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/ fw4v.pdf.

The IRS may levy income tax on a portion of your Social Security benefits depending on your combined income from all sources. Your "combined income" consists of your Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) on your tax return, plus 50% of your Social Security benefits received during the tax year, plus any other non-taxable income you may have had. Tax on your SS benefits is computed at your normal IRS tax rate and based on your tax filing status.

If you file your income tax as "single" and your combined income from all sources exceeds \$25,000, then half (50%) of your SS benefits becomes part of your overall taxable income. And if your combined income from all sources as a single filer exceeds \$34,000 then up to 85% of your SS benefits become taxable income.

If your income tax filing status is "married-filing jointly" and your combined income is over \$32,000 then 50% of your Social Security benefits received during the tax year becomes part of your taxable income. If as couple filing "married/ jointly," your combined income exceeds \$44,000, then up to 85% of the SS benefits you received during the tax year becomes part of your overall taxable income.

Butch's Family Says Goodbye To A Good Buddy

We lost a great friend this week. No, it's not someone you know. It was our son's dog... His name was Eiko, and our son and his wife and daughter, who live next door to us in the country, got him about eleven years ago when he was just a pup. I will admit that when he told me he was buying a Doberman, I was a little concerned as I had heard that breed might be aggressive... and possibly not a good family-type dog. He was a beautiful red/rust colored, and as he grew, he became very muscular, powerful, and fast. He stood tall, proud, and fearless. With our family, and especially with our granddaughter, Eiko was protective, but also very gentle, with a sweet disposition. And if a car happened to come down our road, Eiko chased it and barked until it rounded the curve...in his mind... defending our homes



BUTCH DALE Columnist

from any intruder...even though he would never bite a soul.

Several years ago, our family set off a few fireworks after dark on the Fourth of July. When it was over, Eiko could not be found. When he didn't show up the next morning, our entire family searched the fields, the woods, and the roads for miles around. No luck. We put the word out to our friends and neighbors, hoping that someone might see him. The temperature reached the upper 90s the next

four days as we drove the countryside, and we started to think that Eiko had possibly been found and taken by someone... or even worse, had succumbed from heat and exhaustion. On the fifth day, I received a call from the family of the mail carrier in Clarks Hill...a Doberman was laying in their yard. I rushed up there. It was Eiko! He was dirty, much thinner, and his paws were sore and bleeding... but he was alive. He drank water...a lot of water!...and I hauled him home in my old car. We were so happy he was back home again, and a few tears of joy were shed that afternoon for sure.

Through the years, Eiko was a super dog. He still liked to chase cars...and birds...and rabbits...and anything that moved, but would never hurt a thing. As he got older, he liked to just lay in the grass on a sunny afternoon and

chew on a rawhide treat and watch the world go by. Our granddaughter loved him and gave Eiko hugs galore. My wife and I always gave him a pat on the head and a milkbone treat whenever he came up to greet us. He was a member of our

family, too. Then about two years ago, at the age of nine, Eiko started to develop tumors. Our son purchased medication from the vet, which helped some, but as the tumors became larger, it became more difficult for Eiko to walk and run. This past winter, Eiko became worse and even had difficulty standing up at times, although he still had a good appetite and kept his sweet disposition. I knew the end was near one morning when I noticed that he had difficulty eating and swallowing his food. A few weeks later he quit eating and drinking...I think he just wanted it all to end.

It was very sad to watch him just lay there, but at least he was in no pain.

On a cold, windy day this past Monday, in the sleet and rain, I buried Eiko out by the barn... where he used to lay in the sunshine and watch cars go by. He is now free of cancer, and he is again chasing rabbits, and birds, and cars...and of course, letting them go free...up in heaven. Well, what do you do when you lose a beloved pet? That's right...you get another one! Our son was lucky enough to find another Doberman, out of the same bloodline, this week from the same family. Zeus is a cute little dog that will make a great family pet, and he has Eiko's lovable disposition. For those of you who have lost a favorite dog, I found this poem...

"I was just a pup when we first met, I loved you from the start, You picked me up and took

me home, And placed me in vour heart. Good times we had together, We shared all life could throw; But years passed all too quickly, My time has come to go. I know how much you miss me, I know your heart is sore; Your love was plain to see, For even though it broke your heart, You set my spirit free. So please be brave without me, One day we'll meet once more; For when you're called to Heaven, I'll be

waiting at the door.' Thanks, Eiko, you were a great dog and we will always remember you...and yes, we'll see you again some day and give you a big hug...and I will slip you an extra

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BBB Scam Alert: High Demand For Used Cars Leads To Online Purchasing Scams

With used car prices skyrocketing recently, consumers are turning to the internet to find a deal. Better Business Bureau is warning consumers to hit the brakes on these types of transactions.

How the Scam Works
You see a used car
listing online or through
a sponsored ad on social
media. You begin communicating with the seller
and after agreeing to the
deal, you're asked to wire
money for the vehicle to a
shipping/escrow company.
The seller claims they will
keep your payment in escrow for five days to make
sure you're satisfied with

In another scam, the seller claims her husband recently died and is trying to get rid of his old car because it's "brought back bad memories." The seller

your purchase.

says someone else was going to buy the car but didn't get the loan, so it's ready to be shipped.

In each instance, the scammer makes the fraud appear legitimate by assuring the transaction will occur through a third party's buyer protection program.

One consumer reported losing \$82,000 to BBB Scam Tracker from an online vehicle purchase which turned out to be a scam. "[I] purchased a vehicle from this dealership only to find out the car does not exist nor does the dealership." (Victim is willing to speak to the media).

After the transaction, the scammer typically ignores all follow-up calls, text messages, and emails or may demand additional payments. In the end, the consumer does not receive

their car and is never able to recoup their losses. Aside from the monetary losses, consumers may put personal banking information at risk through these scams.

Avoid Online Car Sales Scams:

- Never wire funds or complete bank-to-bank transactions. Scammers love this kind of transaction because there is no way for you to get your money back once it is completed. Instead, make legitimate purchases by check or credit card.
- Watch out for too good to be true deals. They are most likely a scam. Scammers often steal consumers' personal information and money by offering them high-value goods at extremely discounted prices.
- Contact the seller by

phone. At some point during your negotiations, speak with the sales manager on the phone. If they are unusually vague about certain details of the sale or cannot confirm their location or the vehicle location, it's most likely a scam.

- See the car first. Never buy a car without making an in-person inspection and taking a test drive first.
- Don't give in to pressure. Scammers often try to pressure you into giving up your personal information or making a down payment before you have time to think about the purchase. Take your time and think a deal over before agreeing to anything. If you get a bad feeling, listen to your gut.
- Don't trust a seller or buyer who says that the

transaction is guaranteed by eBay, PayPal, Craigslist, or another online marketplace. These sites explicitly explain they cannot guarantee that people using their services are legitimate.

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Tax Tip: Taxpayers Should Open, Carefully Read Any Mail From IRS

The IRS mails letters or notices to taxpayers for a variety of reasons including:

- They have a balance due.
- They are due a larger or smaller refund.
- The agency has a question about their tax return.
- They need to verify identity.
- The agency needs additional information.

• The agency changed

their tax return.

If a taxpayer receives an IRS letter or notice

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Not ignore it. Most IRS letters and notices are about federal tax returns or tax accounts. The notice or letter will explain the reason for the contact and gives instructions on what to do.

Not panic. The IRS and its authorized private collection agencies generally contact taxpayers by mail. Most of the time, all the taxpayer needs to do is read the letter carefully and take the

appropriate action.

Read the notice carefully and completely. If the IRS changed the tax return, the taxpayer should compare the information provided in the notice or letter with the information in their original return. In general, there is no need to contact the IRS if the taxpayer agrees with the notice.

Respond timely. If the notice or letter requires a response by a specific date, taxpayers should reply in a timely manner to:

- Avoid delays in processing their tax return
- Minimize additional interest and penalty charges
- Preserve their appeal rights if they don't agree Pay amount due.

Taxpayers should pay as much as they can, even if they can't pay the full amount. People can pay online or apply online for a payment agreement, including installment agreements, or an Offer in Compromise. The

agency offers several payment options.

Keep a copy of the notice or letter. It's important that taxpayers keep a copy of all notices or letters with other tax records. They may need these documents later.

Remember there is usually no need to call the IRS. If a taxpayer must contact the IRS by phone, they should use the number in the upper right-hand corner of the notice. The taxpayer should have a copy of their tax return and letter when calling. Typically, taxpayers only need to contact the agency if they don't agree with the information, if the IRS requests additional information, or if the taxpayer has a balance due. Taxpayers can also write to the agency at the address on the notice or letter. Taxpayer replies are worked on a firstcome, first-served basis and will be processed based the date the IRS receives it.

What To Do If You Missed April Deadline To File And Pay Taxes

The federal income tax deadline has passed for most individual taxpayers. However, some haven't filed their 2021 tax returns or paid their tax due.

Some people may choose not to file a tax return because they didn't earn enough money to be required to file. Generally, they won't receive a penalty if they are owed a refund. However, they may miss out on receiving a refund.

On the other hand, tax owed and not paid by April 18, 2022 is subject to penalties and interest. Taxpayers in Maine and Massachusetts had until April 19 to file and pay due to the Patriots' Day holiday in those states.

Anyone who didn't file and owes tax should file a return as soon as they can and pay as much as they can to reduce penalties and interest.

Electronic filing options, including IRS Free File, are still available on IRS. gov through October 17, 2022, to prepare and file returns electronically.

The military community can also file their taxes using MilTax, a free tax resource offered through the Department of Defense. Eligible taxpayers can use MilTax to electronically file a federal tax return and up to three state returns for free.

If taxpayers find that they owe taxes, they can review their available payment options. The IRS has information for taxpayers who can't pay taxes they owe.

Some taxpayers may have extra time to file their tax returns and pay any taxes due. This includes some disaster victims, taxpayers living overseas, certain military service members and eligible support personnel in combat zones.

Filing soon is very important because the late-filing and late-payment penalties and interest on unpaid taxes add up quickly. However, in some cases, a taxpayer filing after the deadline may qualify for penalty relief. For those charged a penalty, they may contact the IRS by calling the number on their notice and explain why they couldn't file and pay on time.

Taxpayers who have a history of filing and paying on time often qualify for administrative penalty relief. A taxpayer usually qualifies if they have filed and paid timely for the past three years and meet other requirements. For details, taxpayers should visit the first-time penalty abatement page on IRS.

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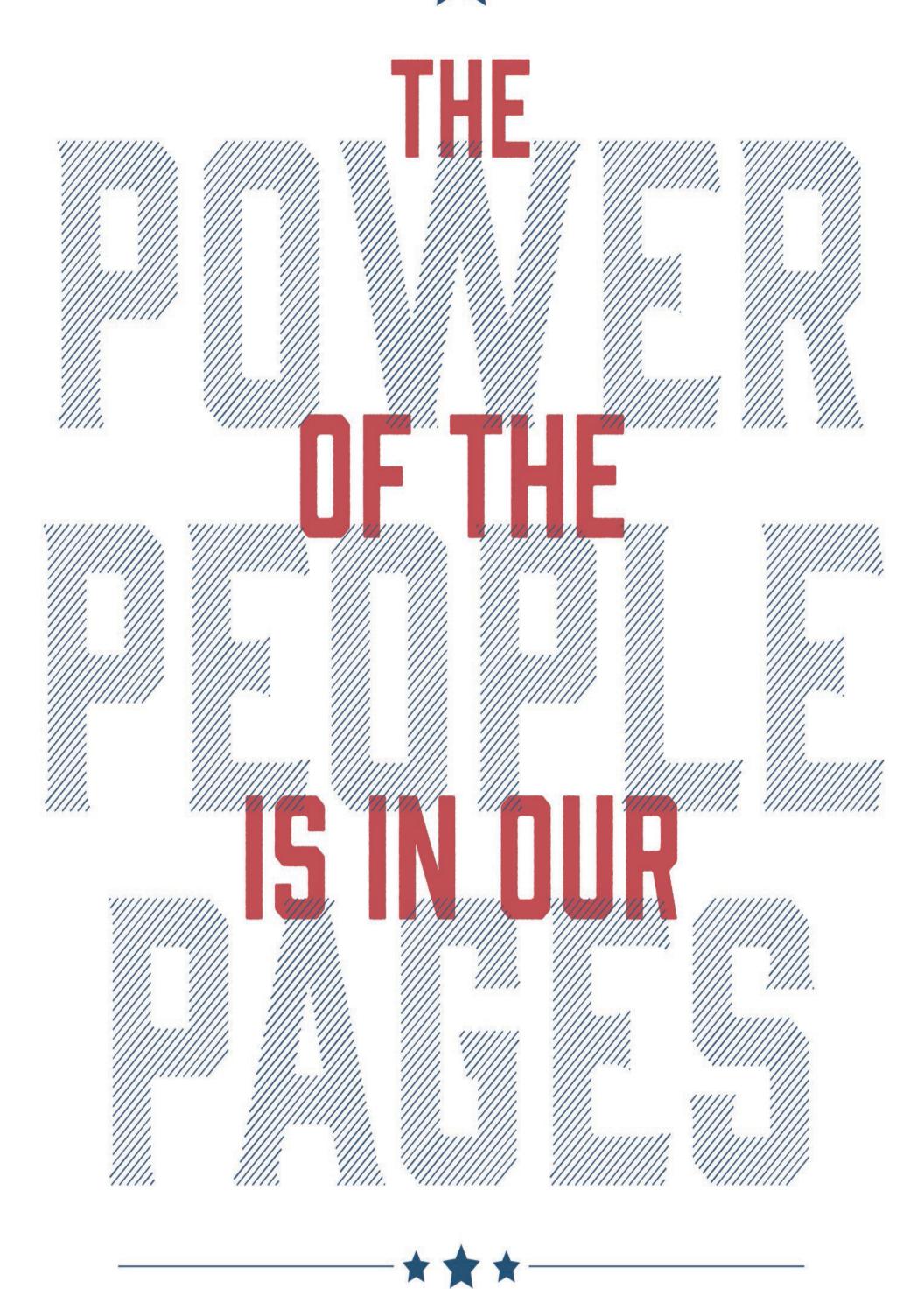
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