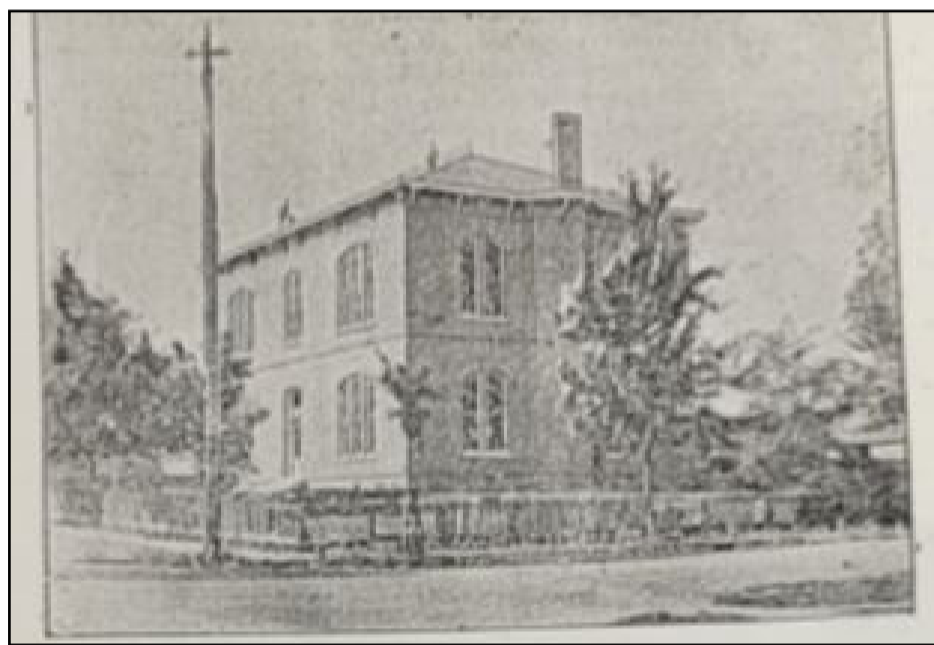


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To Remember The Forgotten School



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On the left, Lincoln School, Building 1, Spring Street. On the right, Lincoln School, Building 2, Wabash Avenue

Ask Crawfordsville residents what they know of Crawfordsville's Lincoln School for Colored Children, and most remember that the site on which the building once stood at 1000 East Wabash Avenue (across from Walden Enterprise) has basketball courts. Some even remember the former building was a Recreation Center. But did you know there were two Lincoln Schools in Crawfordsville? Or that most of the faculty was Black, and included a World War 1 veteran, a 1904 Olympian, at least one former slave from Virginia, one of the Krout sisters, a future pharmacist, the first Black man admitted to the bar of the Monroe Circuit Court, at least one Civil War veteran, the first Black man to graduate from Wabash College, and one of the first Black woman entrepreneurs in Hamilton County? Or that one of its most famous students was Wilbur de Paris, American jazz trombonist and bandleader?

The story of the school began in 1851, when the Indiana Constitution and the 1852 Free School Law mandated that every county provide at least three months of free common school education, set up a system to administer it, and levy estate taxes to help fund its public education. Unfortunately, these laws excluded Black children.

Instead, by 1869, legislation required school trustees provide separate schools in areas with large Black populations, or to integrate in other areas with small Black populations. In response, communities quickly built Black elementary schools to begin the "separate but unequal" education system.

As early as 1859, Crawfordsville residents and school officials wrestled with the "integrate or separate" question. Eventually, residents chose segregation. In 1881 the Crawfordsville School Trustees ordered an all-Black school be built at the southwest corner of Spring and North Walnut Streets to serve Black students in grades 1-8. Town trustees chose this site as most Black families lived in Crawfordsville's Northend. The representatives purchased the lot in September 1881 for the sum of \$2000. On 3 December 1881, Hinckley and Norris won the contract to construct the building for \$6400. The architects designed a plain two-story red brick structure, complete with playgrounds. Lincoln School officially opened in September 1882 with 42 students.

During the next 6 1/2 decades, Crawfordsville newspaper articles traced the discussions, debates, dilemmas, and the disputes the lo-

cal citizenry faced as Lincoln School staff members educated Black and Mulatto children in separate and unequal facilities, and the challenges Black students faced when attended an integrated high school after graduating from Lincoln School for Colored Children.

In the 1930s, as the Black population began to shift from the Northend to the East End, Crawfordsville Schools eventually chose to renovate the first Lincoln School to become Horace Mann School, an integrated grade school. A second Lincoln building opened in 1936 on Wabash Avenue but was closed in 1947.

By the 1960s, after Lincoln School for Colored Children had been deemed unnecessary when separate but equal legislation became illegal, it was abandoned and remained empty for quite some time. It eventually became the Lincoln Center, a recreation center for the Black community. Groups such as the Second Baptist Church, Black judges and the Colored Prince Hall Masonic Lodge that was very active with members from Lebanon and Greencastle met here. Sometime in the late 1960s or early 1970s, residents, with assistance from Wabash College students, renovated the building. Among other activities, volunteers would

serve popcorn and show movies for Black neighborhood children because they were not allowed to attend movies at the local theater. The building was demolished in 1981 and now only green space and basketball courts remain.

Over time, many individuals and groups have collected items related to the school. In 2000, Dr Charles Arvin collected information for his book, Union Township Schools, that included information about the various schools and the teachers who taught in them; fortunately, his book contained what little is known about the two Lincoln School buildings. Amie Kunkle Cox tracked down three of 44 attendance record books, and Dellie Craig at Crawfordsville District Library combed the archives to find pictures of the original buildings and many other artifacts.

Armed with this knowledge, in 2021, the League of Women Voters Montgomery County determined to feature the school, its faculty, and students in a year-long project culminating with a 2023 Carnegie Museum exhibit featuring the historic Lincoln School buildings. Eventually, a historical marker will be installed celebrating the buildings and the people that taught and learned within them.

Want TO HELP?

With generous grants from Indiana Humanities and Wabash College, a LWVMC sub-committee of Vicke Hudson-Swisher, Erika Robinson Frazier, Betty Chandler, and Shannon Hudson has undertaken the research on the faculty and some of the students. The project is ready for the next step; collecting memories from community members, former students, and descendants of those former students. If you have memories to share, memorabilia from the buildings, knowledge and/or pictures of former student or teachers, please send the committee an email at lsfccrawfordsville@gmail.com. We would love to arrange to interview you at your convenience, scan any documents, and photograph any artifacts. If you would prefer, please type your remembrances and email those to us. Jake Peacock has developed and designed a website for the project, <https://lsfcc-project-moco.firebaseio.com/>, that will evolve as the project continues. Christian Gray, Wabash College intern, will be sifting through Wabash College and local historical documents. The committee is most interested in information pertaining to the second Lincoln Building and the Lincoln Recreation Center.

➔ TODAY'S QUOTE

"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."
Anne Frank

➔ TODAY'S JOKE

Why do farmers talk to their chickens? They're just trying to egg them on.

➔ TODAY'S VERSE

Mark 8:38 Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Getting up at the same time every day is very important to getting good sleep.. Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Paper and online at www.thepaper24-7.com.



➔ HONEST HOOSIER

Got this from a reader: Most of us remember the search engines from our youth - card files at the library.



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Sunday, June 5, 2022

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Cora Mount Tauscher

Sept. 18, 1917 - May 26, 2022

Cora Mount Tauscher passed away at 1:11 PM on May 26, 2022

She was the daughter of Joseph M. and Carrie (Ruckle) Mount, born on Sept. 18, 1917 in Crawfordsville, Ind.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roland L. Tauscher in 2002, her mother and father, two brothers, Ray and Ernest Mount.

Survivors include her son, David R. and wife Susan (Elbern) Tauscher; daughter, Tamara K. (Tauscher) and husband Robert A. Surface; grandchildren, Ginger (Tauscher) and husband Mitch McDevitt, Cinnamon (Tauscher) and husband Mike Walton, Shelly (Fifer) and husband Tilmer Paulson, Joseph A. Fifer, four great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

She attended the United Methodist Church in New Richmond, where she played the organ for church services until the church closed. She and her late husband were volunteers at the Old Jail Museum and tour guides for the Lane Place. She was a member of the Athens Chapter of the Eastern Star.

She graduated from Crawfordsville High School, Indiana Business College and NCMA Ceramic Association and was a certified ceramics teacher. After graduating from Business College, she worked 6 years for Aetna Insurance in Indianapolis. She then returned to Crawfordsville to help with the family grocery store, Francis & Mount, when her brothers entered the military for WWII.

In 1945 Roland, then her fiancé and a Wabash graduate returned after serving as a Captain overseas for four years in WWI They married that year and they started their own business, Sugar Creek Industries, which manufactured pouring room equipment for the ceramic business. In addition to having the manufacturing business, she taught ceramic classes. They also owned and operated The Party Time Shop and Brides and Bakers Candy Makers.

In retirement, she and Roland enjoyed travelling and took trips and cruises around the world. She also enjoyed spending time with friends. She and her friends worked together cutting out and decorating different types of eggs, as large as ostrich eggs, down to tiny wild bird eggs. She took great pride in this and has quite a unique collection.

Private graveside services will be held at Oak Hill Cemetery North. Bill Murdock will officiate. Burkhart Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Marion Kenneth Brown

March 9, 1931 - May 27, 2022

Marion Kenneth Brown, age 91 of Crawfordsville, passed away on Friday, May 27, 2022 at Wellbrooke of Crawfordsville.

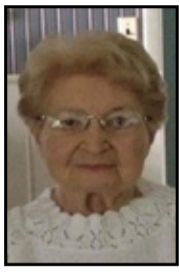
He was born in Fairmont, Ill. on March 9, 1931 to the late Luther Michael and Rella Mae Brown.

Mr. Brown graduated from Star High School and proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Korean War. He worked in the Shipping Department at RR Donnelly & Sons. On August 13, 1954, he married the love of his life, Bessie Mae (Freeman) Brown; she preceded him in death on October 28, 2020. He enjoyed farming, gardening and traveling. You couldn't make him happier, than to give him a job to do. He enjoyed being able to pull weeds, pick peaches and be outdoors.

Survivors include his four children, Martha Mapes, Lora (Abdulla) Al-Marzooqi, Dennis Brown and Allen Brown; five grandchildren, Greg, Andria, Ryan, Jassem and Jamal; five great-grandchildren; one great-great granddaughter; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Bessie; two grandchildren, Tucker and Teagan; and six siblings, Ralph Brown, Glen Brown, Jim Brown, Mary Heidorn, Harold Brown, Dean Brown and Keith Brown.

There is a visitation scheduled at Sanders Priebe Funeral Care, 315 S. Washington Street in Crawfordsville on Thursday, June 2, 2022 from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. The funeral service will be at the funeral home on Friday, June 3, 2022 at 11 a.m., with Pastor Jeff Stedge officiating. The service will be live-stream and recorded and can be viewed on his obituary page at www.sandersfuneralcare.com. Burial will follow at Indian Creek Hill Cemetery with Military honors by the United States Army and Post 72 Honor Guard. Sanders Priebe Funeral Care is entrusted with Care. Share memories and condolences online at www.sandersfuneralcare.com



Deborah Annette Jones Allen

Feb. 15, 1964 - May 26, 2022

Deborah Annette Jones Allen, 58, passed away early Thursday morning on May 26th.

She was born in Glasgow, Ky. to Sue Jones of New Market, Ind. and Royce Jones of Morgantown, Ky.

She married Curtis Edward Allen of New Market on May 24th, 1986, who preceded her in death on Jan. 6, 2022. She was a 1983 Southmont High School graduate and attended Ball State University. She has resided in North Port, Florida and for the past 17 years was a Sales Office Manager at Inline Filling Systems in Venice, Florida.

Her passion was assisting her husband Curt in his coaching activities at North Port High School.

Survivors include her parents, Sue Jones and Royce (Marsha) Jones; sister, Nancy Leonard (Mike Zeller); father-in-law and mother-in-law, Eddie and Marilyn Allen, Crawfordsville; brother-in-law and sisters-in-laws Brad (Linda) Allen, Cindy (John) Roberts, Pam (Terry) Stephens, Sally (Brian) Delks, Kelly (Mike) Cain, all of Crawfordsville.

Also surviving are nephews and nieces, Corbin (Morgan) Leonard, Ethan (Macie) Leonard, Chadd (Misty) Cassida, Heidi (Marc) Bonwell, Brandon (Stephanie) Allen, Candice Cassida Cox, Megan (Jeremy) Shaw, Casey (Rebekah) Delks, Haley Roberts Beach, Tyler (Haley) Delks, Micah (Larissa) Delks, Whitney (Clayton) Muller, Chloie (Trevor) Storms, Abraham Cain; and several great nephews and nieces who adored their Aunt Debbie.

Along with her family, she leaves behind many beloved basketball players, students and friends. All who knew her loved her and will miss her immensely.

She had chosen a private, family burial. She will be laid to rest at Oak Hill Cemetery South. Online condolences may be made at www.BurkhartFH.com.

Memorial donations may be made to The Allen Memorial Scholarship Fund 3552 Cunliffe Rd, North Port, Florida 34287



Sue Ann (Clodfelter) Carroll

Feb. 9, 1938 - May 30, 2022

Sue Ann (Clodfelter) Carroll, age 84 of Crawfordsville, passed away on Monday, May 30, 2022 at St. Vincent Heart Center in Indianapolis.

She was born in Fincastle, Ind. on Feb. 9, 1938 to the late Dennis V. & Mary V. (Brothers) Clodfelter.

She graduated from Russellville High School. She was married to the love of her life, James "Jim" Carlos Carroll, who preceded her in death on June 29, 2015, for 61 years.

She lived a rich, adventurous life. She was a pilot at 15, enjoyed years of travel including winters spent in Florida, and her sharp mind was never idle. She was known for her unconditional love and will be remembered as Grandma Sue by everyone who knew her.

Survivors include her daughter, Jamie Sue Peacock of Crawfordsville; son-in-law, Bill Durbin of Crawfordsville; four grandchildren, Brent (Diana) Durbin, Shane (Alyssa) Powell, Joni (James) Jeffries and Jake Peacock, all of Crawfordsville; six great grandchildren, Ethan Powell, Emily Powell, Elli Jeffries, Graye Jeffries, Orion Durbin and Alexander Durbin; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Jim Carroll; a daughter, Vickey Durbin; a brother, Gene (Phyllis) Clodfelter; a son-in-law, Tom Peacock; and a brother-in-law, David Carroll.

Memorial donations can be made to The Mace United Methodist Church or The Montgomery County Community Foundation.

Visitation is scheduled at Oak Hill Mausoleum, 392 Oak Hill Road, in Crawfordsville on Friday, June 3, 2022 from 11 a.m. till the time of the funeral service at 12 p.m. (noon) with Pastor Randell Boyes officiating. The service will be recorded which can be viewed on her obituary page at www.sandersfuneralcare.com. Entombment will follow at Oak Hill Mausoleum. Sanders Priebe Funeral Care entrusted with care. Share memories and condolences online at www.sandersfuneralcare.com



Patricia "Pat" Stow

Oct. 9, 1944 - May 27, 2022

Patricia "Pat" Stow of New Ross passed away Friday morning at the age of 77.

Born Oct. 9, 1944 in Newport News, Virginia she was the daughter of Donald D. Pugh and Muriel Montgomery Pugh.

She graduated from Pendleton High School in 1962 and attended Indiana Business College. She married LeRoy Stow on March 10, 1969. He passed away Dec. 3, 2008.

She was a member of the New Ross Christian Church. She worked as a tax preparer in addition to having her own ceramic shop for 30 years. She sold Avon, made clothes and bowled in a bowling league. She also served as a scout leader.

Survivors include her daughter, Denise Pugh Slone of New Ross; two step-sons, Brett E. Stow and Chett E. Stow; ten grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; nine siblings, James Pugh, Sr., Robert L. Drengacs, Vicki Stephens, Linda Woods, Rita Davis, Loretta Johnson, Darrell LaPrade, Debra Roberts and Tony Woodard.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and son, Jeff Causley.

Visitation will be from 11 to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 4th at Burkhart Funeral Home, 201 W. Wabash, Crawfordsville. Services will begin at 1 p.m., led by Pastor Rick Fay. Burial will follow at New Ross Cemetery.

Donations in memory of Pat Stow can be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 681405, Indianapolis, IN 46268. Online condolences may be made at www.BurkhartFH.com.



Nettie Marie Pritchett Hare

July 29, 1940 - May 28, 2022

Nettie Marie Pritchett Hare age 81 of Hillsboro, passed away at 7:47 PM Saturday, May 28, 2022 in Franciscan Health Hospital, Lafayette.

She was born in Crawfordsville, July 29, 1940 daughter of the late Noble L. and Betty Jean Coombs Pritchett.

She was raised in Wingate and attended Coal Creek Central School. She has resided in Hillsboro the past 6 years moving from the Marshall area. She was employed as a seamstress for several companies and was formerly employed by RR Donnelley.

She was a member of the former Wingate American Legion Auxiliary and Crawfordsville Eagles Auxiliary. She enjoyed gardening and going to casinos. Those that knew her, knew she was stubborn and bullheaded, but had a great heart. At age 78 she accepted legal guardianship of great-grandson Tobias.

Survivors include a son, Tony (Rhonda) Pritchett of Wingate; three daughters, Brenda Grimes (Robert Huebner) of Hillsboro, Vickie Briggs of Kilgore, TX, Pamela Grimes of Hillsbor; Tobias Grimes, her great-grandson she was raising; two sisters, Elizabeth 'Betty Jo' (Rex) Fultz of Crawfordsville and Deb Kay Risner (Paul Bailey) of Wingate; 10 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Linda Lou Hutchison; and a brother Larry 'Butch' Pritchett.

There will be a time of gathering 6 - 7 p.m., Friday, June 3, 2022 followed by a memorial service at 7 p.m. with Pastor Duane Mycroft officiating at Family and Friends Funeral Home of Wingate. Visit us online at www.familyandfriendsfh.com to sign the guest book or leave a condolence.



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- 4. Hendricks County is the ____ largest county in Indiana.

Answers: 1. Danville 2. 1824 3. Governor William Hendricks 4. third

Did You Know?

- Hendricks County is the third largest county in Indiana.
- The county seat is Danville.
- Hendricks County was named after Indiana Governor William Hendricks in 1824.
- Hendricks County is the second fastest-growing county in Indiana.
- Additional cities in this county include Avon, Brownsburg, Pittsboro, and Plainfield.

Got Words?

Hendricks County is one of the fastest-growing counties in Indiana. What sort of impact do you think large population growth will have on a community?

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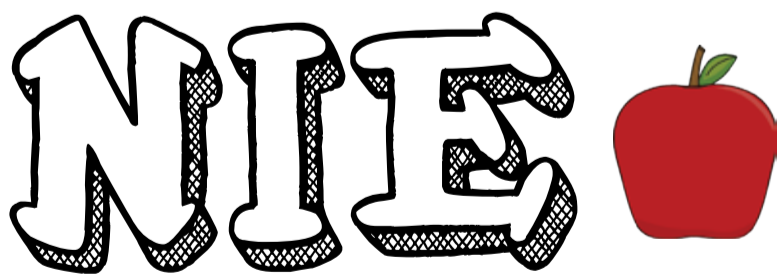
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- 3. IIWMLAL
- 4. ITRPOSOTB
- 5. RWRBUSGOBN

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World Bank, European Parliament Seek Insight From Purdue Global Trade Expert On Impact Of The War In Ukraine

Maksym Chepeliev began his career focused on global trade and a pathway to alternative energy when environmental concerns dominated the conversation. In February, Russia invaded his home country of Ukraine, and his life changed. His work and expertise took on new importance, informing energy sanctions and the potential economic impacts of the war.

Chepeliev, a research economist in Purdue University's College of Agriculture, spoke before the European Parliament and co-authored the World Bank report "The Impact of the War in Ukraine on Global Trade and Investment."

"First, we want this terrible war to end, and Russian energy exports are a target for applying pressure," said Chepeliev, a member of Purdue's Center for Global Trade Analysis. "But we must consider the economic impact across the world of energy sanctions and of continued war. This is where our research and that of others is needed to show steps that can be taken to protect economies and the people most vulnerable to disruptions."

Chepeliev co-authored with World Bank colleagues a VoxEU article based on his contributions to the report titled "Agricultural and Energy Importers in the Developing World Are Hit Hardest by the Ukraine War's Economic Fallout." He also contributed to a previous World Bank report, "Braving the Storms," in which he assessed the potential impacts of war in Ukraine on countries in East Asia and the Pacific region.

"The Russian invasion of Ukraine is disrupting global supplies of oil, gas, wheat, corn, fertilizer, sunflower oil and other essential commodities," he said. "We looked at trade, supply chains and incomes across the globe. While all consumers will be worse off because of the war, developing countries and the poorest people will be hit the hardest. It is very important to identify who is most vulnerable and to propose policies and steps that can be taken to protect them."

In March, Chepeliev co-authored the paper "Cutting Russia's Fossil Fuel Exports: Short-Term Pain for Long-Term Gain" with Purdue

professors Thomas Hertel, distinguished professor of agricultural economics, and Dominique van der Mensbrugge, research professor and director of the Center for Global Trade Analysis, or GTAP.

Luis Garicano, an economist and member of the European Parliament, asked Chepeliev to join a panel speaking to the European Parliament ahead of the vote on a resolution to ban energy imports from Russia. His research and visit are featured on this Purdue Agricultural Economics podcast.

"There are economic mechanisms that can help smooth transitions like this and make them manageable," Chepeliev said. "Through our research we showed potential steps that can be done to implement a ban on energy imports from Russia, while incorporating substitute suppliers and alternative energy sources to reduce the shock to the economy."

The assessment also showed potential long-term benefits to moving into renewable and alternative fuels, which is an extension of his earlier career research and environmental energy

expertise.

"We found with increasing fuel prices, solar and wind shares increase, which leads to reduced emissions of air pollutants," he said. "Air pollution is a major cause of mortality and morbidity in the European Union. In addition, these changes would support achievement of the mitigation goals that have been set of reducing greenhouse gases by 55 percent by 2030. It will be difficult, but there are long-term benefits."

Chepeliev contributes to the development of the widely used GTAP Data Base, which the team used for their energy bans analysis and other assessment projects related to the war in Ukraine. He also is developing other databases unrelated to the war that focus on energy, agriculture, air pollution, nutrition and circular economy.

"I want to combine these databases with policy-relevant work to help those making decisions that impact our world," he said. "My experience presenting to the European Parliament and other decision-makers is an example of the role academic researchers can play."

US Department Of Labor Awards More Than \$57M To Help Veterans

The U.S. Department of Labor today announced the award of more than \$57 million in grants to organizations that help veterans experiencing homelessness find meaningful employment and assist them in overcoming barriers to transition back successfully into the workforce.

Ending homelessness among veterans is a priority for the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness, which is chaired by U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Marcia Fudge and vice-chaired by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs Denis McDonough. Upholding our sacred obligation to our veterans is also a key part of the Unity Agenda President Biden laid out in his State of the Union address.

"The pandemic further exposed the difficulties faced by our nation's homeless veterans," said U.S. Secretary of Labor Marty Walsh. "The Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program grants announced today will fund initiatives that help our veterans – particularly those in underserved communities – get the training and support they need return to the workforce and use their skills to make valuable contributions to our society." Administered by the

department's Veterans' Employment and Training Service, HVRP funding will support 112 continuation grants totaling more than \$37 million, and fund 56 new three-year grants totaling more than \$20 million. These awards will enable recipients to provide a wide range of services to homeless veterans and those at risk of homelessness.

The HVRP awards grants on a competitive basis to state and local workforce investment boards, local public agencies and nonprofit organizations, tribal governments, and faith-based and community organizations.

Through the services provided, veterans experiencing homelessness may learn occupational skills, attain apprenticeships or on-the-job training opportunities, and receive job search and placement assistance.

The Indiana recipients of continuing grants for Program Year 2022 are as follows:

- ECHO Housing Corp.; Evansville, IN; \$149,419
- Crossroads Rehabilitation Center Inc.; Indianapolis, IN; \$297,440
- Volunteers of America Ohio & Indiana; Indianapolis, IN; \$320,000
- Volunteers of America Ohio & Indiana; Indianapolis, IN; \$255,000

USDA Has Provided \$700M To Restore Sustainable Fuel Markets Hit By Pandemic

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that the Department has provided \$700 million to help lower costs and support biofuel producers who faced unexpected market losses due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The funds are being made available through the Biofuel Producer Program, which was created as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). The investments include more than \$486 million for 62 producers located in socially vulnerable communities.

"The Biden-Harris Administration is committed to rebuilding the rural economy after the impacts of the pandemic," Vilsack said. "That's why USDA is targeting resources and investments to improve the strength and resiliency of America's sustainable fuel markets. The investments we're announcing today will pave the way to economic recovery for America's biofuel pro-

ducers, stimulate a critical market for U.S. farmers and ranchers, and support our nation's transition to a clean-energy economy.

USDA is making payments to 195 biofuel production facilities to support the maintenance and viability of a significant market for agricultural producers of products such as corn, soybean or biomass that supply biofuel production. These biofuel producers experienced unexpected market losses on a combined 3.7 billion gallons as a result of COVID-19.

For example: In Iowa, Southwest Renewable Energy LLC is receiving a payment of \$3 million. It suffered a market loss on 14.3 million gallons of ethanol due to the pandemic.

In Illinois, Adkins Energy is receiving a \$774,000 payment. Its biomass-based diesel production suffered a market loss on almost 3.5 million gallons due to the pandemic.

In Texas, White Energy Holding Company is

receiving a \$21 million payment for production at two facilities. Its ethanol production suffered a market loss on 98 million gallons due to the pandemic.

The investments USDA is making today will support biofuel producers in California, Colorado, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, North Carolina, North Dakota, Nebraska, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia and Wisconsin.

Under the leadership of the Biden-Harris Administration, Rural Development provides loans and grants to help expand economic opportunities, create jobs and improve the quality of life for millions of Americans in rural areas. This assistance supports infrastructure improvements; business development; housing; community facilities such as schools, public safety and health care; and high-speed internet access in

rural, tribal and high-poverty areas. For more information, visit www.rd.usda.gov. If you'd like to subscribe to USDA Rural Development updates, visit our GovDelivery subscriber page.

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

Indiana Chamber Taps IURC Commissioner David Ober As New VP Of Taxation

The Indiana Chamber of Commerce has hired former state legislator and current Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) Commissioner David Ober to join its lobbying team. Ober starts his new position as vice president of taxation and public finance in late June.

The Indiana Chamber is the largest, broad-based business advocacy group in the state, representing businesses of all types and sizes throughout Indiana. Organization president and CEO Kevin Brinegar offers praise for Ober.

"David is one of the most intellectually curious and thorough individuals I've ever come across in the public policy and rulemaking arena. Couple that with his firsthand knowledge of the General Assembly and experience with state fiscal matters and he is an ideal fit for this role," he remarks.

"We couldn't be more pleased to welcome him on board to lead our efforts to further enhance the state's business tax climate."

Ober is one of the state's five IURC commissioners; collectively they hear cases and render decisions in the public interest regarding utility practices.

Prior to his IURC appointment by Gov. Eric Holcomb, Ober served House District 82

in the Indiana House of Representatives representing Allen, Elkhart, LaGrange, Noble and Whitley counties from 2012 to 2018.

Throughout his tenure in state government, Ober held a variety of leadership positions including assistant majority whip for the House Republican Caucus and chairman of the House Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications Committee. He also was a member of the top fiscal body, the House Ways and Means Committee.

"The Indiana Chamber leadership and public policy team has some of the best minds working to shape the future of commerce and the economic environment in our state," Ober says. "I am looking forward to expanding on the great work already being done, and I'm eager to continue building the Chamber's reputation with policymakers and stakeholders."

Ober holds a bachelor's degree from Purdue University Northwest in Hammond and a master's degree in business administration from Ball State University.

A native of Albion in Noble County, he and his wife, Maggie, currently reside in Zionsville.

Ober will replace longtime Indiana Chamber executive Bill Waltz, who retires mid-July.

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Fellowships Announced To Study Anti-Black Racism In Indiana

Indiana Humanities has awarded fellowships of \$5,000 for four humanities-based research projects that examine anti-Black racial injustice and structural racism in Indiana. The Wilma Gibbs Moore Fellowship program strives to provoke and inform meaningful discussions about race and racism in Indiana and about how Black Hoosiers have responded.

Fellowship-supported research will examine the history of Black Indianapolis neighborhoods, the built environment of Black communities, environmental injustice and the role of Black doulas. Independent scholars, professors and a Ph.D. student will conduct the research.

The four research projects and the selected fellows are:

- Reviving a Forgotten Freetown: Preserving the Legacy of the U.S. Colored Troops in Southeast Indianapolis – Fellow: Kaila Austin

- Black Poetics of Place – Fellow: Danicia Monét Malone

- An Unequal Burden – Fellow: Britt Redd

- Obstetric Racism in Indiana: How Hoosier Doulas Resist Anti-Black Racism in Birth – Fellows: Julie Johnson Searcy and Angela Castañeda

“We created the Wilma Gibbs Moore Fellowship program in 2020 as a way to explore race-related issues in Indiana,” said Keira Amstutz, Indiana Humanities president and CEO. “We were thrilled with our inaugural class of fellows and how their humanities research promoted greater understanding around the complexities of race. We’re glad to offer the fellowship again and are looking forward to continuing the conversation around this vital topic.”

The Wilma Gibbs

Moore Fellowships are named for a former Indiana Historical Society archivist and librarian who served as one of Indiana’s preeminent scholars of African American history. An advisory panel of esteemed humanities scholars reviewed the proposals and made the final selections.

“The reviewers were especially excited about this year’s fellowship topics,” said advisory panel member Dr. Terri Jett, a Butler University political science professor and faculty director of the Butler University Hub for Black Affairs and Community Engagement (who also serves as an Indiana Humanities board member). “We’re honored to support projects that explore unique Black experiences and that elevate diverse voices within the Black community.”

As part of the fellowship, the scholars are required to present their research to the public in some format. For details about future fellowship deadlines and progress on these projects, go to <https://indianahumanities.org/wgmfellowship>.

Project Details
Reviving a Forgotten Freetown: Preserving the Legacy of the U.S. Colored Troops in Southeast Indianapolis

Kaila Austin, an independent scholar, will conduct an oral history and archive project with the descendants of U.S. Colored Troops in two small African American communities, Norwood and Lovetown, which began as Reconstruction-era settlements outside Indianapolis in 1872. The founders were veterans from Kentucky, drawn to the area due to its proximity to Camp Fremont, home of the 28th Infantry, Indiana’s only U.S. Colored Troops regiment. Norwood and its partner community

Lovetown were affluent, independent Freetowns until they were annexed into Indianapolis in 1912. Today more than 15 descendant families still live on the lots their ancestors purchased over a century and a half ago. Because of their stability, each family has home-based archives dating back to Emancipation, tracking nearly every person and story in their extensive history. This grant will allow for Austin and a team of scholars to discover more about how this resilient community has retained its history, culture and spirit, often in the face of unrelenting injustice.

Kaila Austin is an Indianapolis-based public historian, writer and artist who runs a consulting firm that helps historical African American communities mobilize their histories to save their ancestral spaces. With the support of the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the Association of African American Museums recently appointed her to a working group that will collaborate with museum-industry experts to address key challenges of the African American-focused museum field. Austin has served as a Burroughs-Wright Emerging Professional Fellow for the Association of African American Museums and as a fellow in the Indiana Arts Commission’s On-Ramp Creative Entrepreneur Accelerator. She holds a degree in art history, painting and African American and African Diaspora studies from Indiana University.

Black Poetics of Place
Danicia Monét Malone, a doctoral student in geography and urban studies at Temple University, will examine public and private built environments to learn about the historical ways

that Blacks have built, maintained and passed down their methods of Black living. Looking at architectural design to analyze vernaculars of space, Malone’s work will establish patterns of urbanization and cultural accoutrement within historically Black Indianapolis communities such as Norwood, Sunnyside and Haughville and will highlight innovative diasporic identities of Black homesteading otherwise lost or overlooked by a White spatial imaginary. Through her research, Malone will unearth a rich body of architectural infrastructure created by Black architects and designers throughout Indiana, adding to the cultural canon of historical design.

Danicia Monét Malone holds a master’s degree in nonprofit management and sustainability from Indiana University. She is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in geography and urban studies from Temple University. Malone serves as programs manager and researcher at the Purdue University Black Cultural Center, where she curates enrichment programs and researches the correlation of race and place. She cofounded BlackSpace Indianapolis and has served as a fellow at Americans for the Arts, Transportation for America, Next City and other organizations.

An Unequal Burden
Indianapolis’s long history of housing discrimination has contributed to some neighborhoods having significantly higher pollution burdens than others. City planner Britt Redd will conduct an environmental justice project to capture the lived experiences of the people in those neighborhoods. The project aims to deepen the understanding of pollution burden in Indianapolis by combin-

ing existing data with oral-history interviews and archival research.

Britt Redd is an Indianapolis city planner whose work centers on giving neighbors greater power over the places they live and the decisions that affect them. Redd has collaborated with neighbors and community advocates on regional and neighborhood plans, the design of public spaces, green-corridor revitalization and economic-development strategies. Redd holds a master’s degree in urban and regional planning and a certificate in social and environmental justice from Ball State University.

Obstetric Racism in Indiana: How Hoosier Doulas Resist Anti-Black Racism in Birth

Professors of anthropology Julie Johnson Searcy and Angela Castañeda will utilize oral histories to gather the experiences of Black Hoosier doulas as they serve families across the state. Doulas are birth workers who offer informational, emotional and embodied support to people giving birth; they move between homes and hospitals as they extend prenatal education, support during labor and postpartum care. Research on Black birth workers notes that doulas often see themselves as mediators between women and the obstetric racism they may face in hospitals. There is power in shared stories about supporting birth, for these stories can reveal the strategies for navigating racial injustice at a crucial moment for families. By gathering the stories of Black doulas who have their own private practice and doulas who work for collectives such as the Indiana Minority Health Coalition, this project will offer a unique lens into examples

of structural racism that women experience during birth, and it will document the ways that Black families and Black doulas navigate, uplift and support women through their work.

Julie Johnson Searcy is an assistant professor of anthropology at Butler University. She holds a doctorate in communication and culture and in anthropology from Indiana University. She has researched and published extensively on topics such as the anthropology of reproduction, medical anthropology, feminist anthropology, gender, labor and race. She received the Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation for her work on birth and HIV in South Africa and the Woodrow Wilson Dissertation Fellowship in Women’s Studies, along with Butler University’s Future Faculty Teaching Fellowship and the Indiana University College of Arts and Sciences Dissertation Fellowship. She is also a practicing community doula.

Angela Castañeda is professor and Lester Martin Jones Professor of Anthropology at DePauw University. She holds both a master’s degree and a doctorate in cultural anthropology from Indiana University. Her research in Brazil, Mexico and the United States explores questions on religion, ritual, expressive culture and the anthropology of reproduction. She has published on the performance of Afro-Caribbean identity, the commercialization of Brazilian religious traditions and mothering in a neoliberal world. Castañeda is a practicing birth and postpartum doula with El Centro Comunal Latino, where she also volunteers as a Spanish childbirth educator.

American Red Cross And Cedar Fair Theme Parks Team Up To Maintain The Summer Blood Supply

The American Red Cross and Cedar Fair theme parks are teaming to help maintain the blood supply this summer. Anyone who donates blood at select blood drives will receive a free Cedar Fair theme park ticket in thanks for helping save lives.

The partnership with Cedar Fair includes 10 parks across the U.S. with a goal of increasing blood and platelet donations during the summer months when donations decrease but the need remains constant.

“The summer months are a crucial time for blood and platelet donations as donations tend to decline due to summer vacations and travel among regular donors,” said Julie Brady, Donor Services Executive for the Red Cross Indiana Blood Services Region. “The Red Cross is grateful to blood and platelet donors for coming together to support patients during this challenging time.”

All those who come to donate at select blood drives in Indiana and Ohio will receive one free ticket, valid for entry to

participating U.S. Cedar Fair parks, including Cedar Point, Kings Island and others, while supplies last.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities with free Cedar Fair theme park ticket can be found here.

How to donate blood
Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver’s license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds, and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of

age and younger also must meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass® to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive. To get started, follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the Blood Donor App.

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

About the Indiana Region of the American Red Cross: The Indiana Region serves 104 counties across Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky,

and Illinois through its six-chapter areas: Central, Northeast, Northwest, Southeast, Southwest, and Greater Indianapolis (Regional Headquarters). For more information on the Indiana Region: www.redcross.org/indiana. Follow the Indiana Region on Twitter at: @INRedCross, on Instagram at: @indianareddcross or www.facebook.com/INRedCross.

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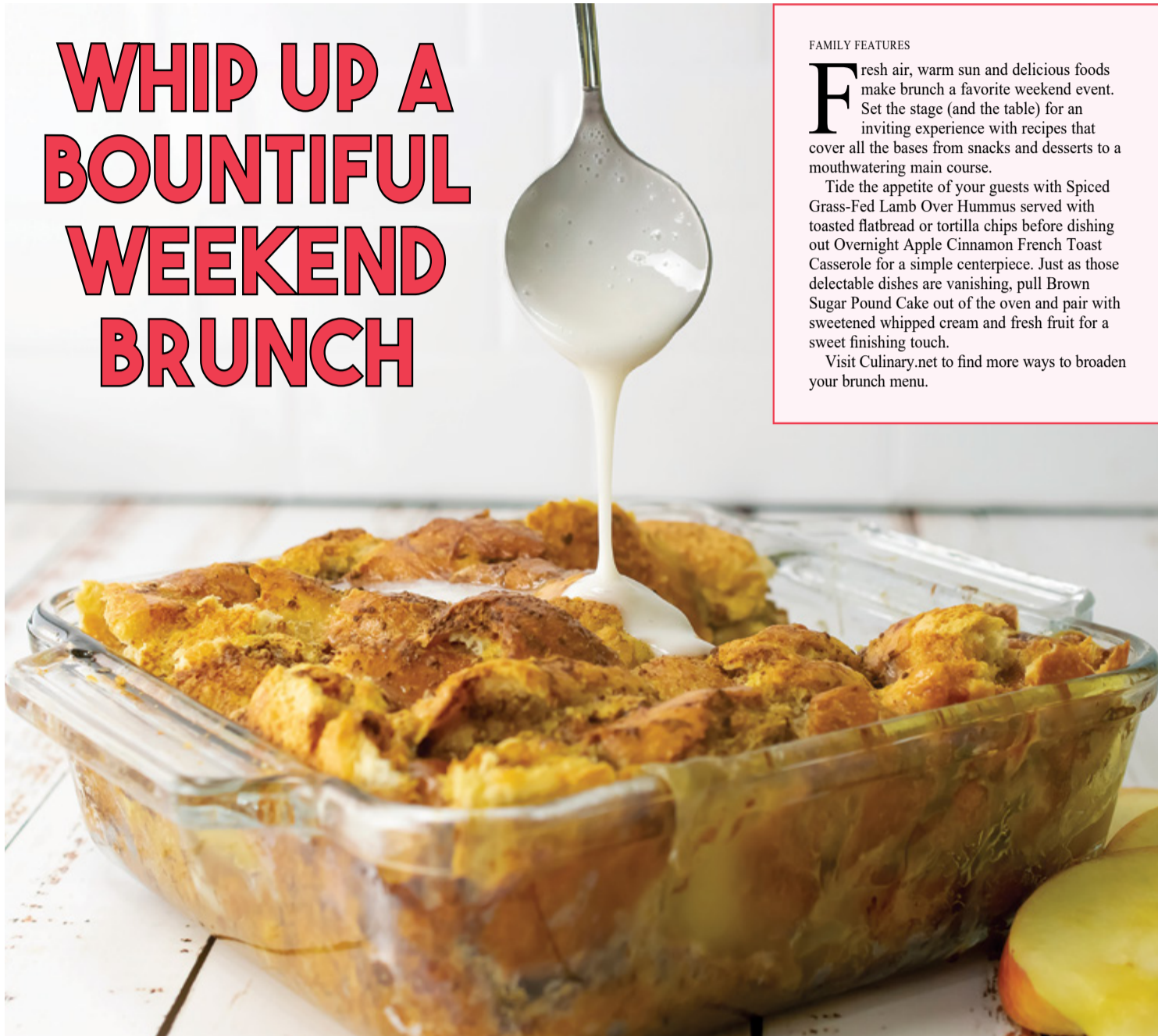
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WHIP UP A BOUNTIFUL WEEKEND BRUNCH



Overnight Apple Cinnamon French Toast Casserole

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Fresh air, warm sun and delicious foods make brunch a favorite weekend event. Set the stage (and the table) for an inviting experience with recipes that cover all the bases from snacks and desserts to a mouthwatering main course. Tide the appetite of your guests with Spiced Grass-Fed Lamb Over Hummus served with toasted flatbread or tortilla chips before dishing out Overnight Apple Cinnamon French Toast Casserole for a simple centerpiece. Just as those delectable dishes are vanishing, pull Brown Sugar Pound Cake out of the oven and pair with sweetened whipped cream and fresh fruit for a sweet finishing touch. Visit Culinary.net to find more ways to broaden your brunch menu.

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 stomachs. 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
- 1 package (20 ounces) French bread, cubed, divided
- 1 can (20 ounces) apple pie filling
- 9 eggs
- 1 cup half-and-half
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1 cup powdered sugar, plus additional (optional)
- 2 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, half-and-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 it out. 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 Hummus



Brown Sugar Pound Cake

Satisfy Cake Cravings with a Brunch-Worthy Dessert

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. 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
- 1 cup packed C&H Light Brown Sugar
- 1 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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Chef-Worthy Summer Classics

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Celebrating summer with sizzling meals starts with tender, juicy cuts of meat that take center stage when dining on the patio or firing up the grill. Call over the neighbors or simply enjoy family time with your nearest and dearest by savoring the flavor of warm weather meals.

Steak enthusiasts and burger lovers alike can show off their summer cooking skills with these recipes for Southwest Steaks with Creamy Peppercorn Sauce and Parmesan-Herb Fries and Fried Lobster Po Boy Cheeseburgers from Omaha Steaks Executive Chef David Rose. Thick, juicy, marbled steaks are cooked to tender doneness and complemented by steakhouse-style fries while savory lobster is combined with all-American burgers.

For seafood connoisseurs, Grilled Shrimp Tostadas with Guacamole and Pico de Gallo offer an easy way to add shrimp to the menu. Just fire up the grill and allow seared seafood to mingle with fresh, homemade toppings for a light summertime bite.

Find more summer favorites at OmahaSteaks.com/Summer.

Fried Lobster Po Boy Cheeseburgers

Recipe courtesy of Omaha Steaks Executive Chef David Rose

Prep time: about 20 minutes

Cook time: about 20 minutes

Servings: 2

Pimento Remoulade:

- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1 1/2 tablespoons minced pimentos
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1 tablespoon minced bread and butter pickles
- 1 pepperoncino, seeded and minced
- 1/4 teaspoon smoked paprika
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1 tablespoon freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 3 dashes hot sauce
- kosher salt, to taste

Fried Lobster Tails:

- Vegetable oil, for frying
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt, divided
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper, divided
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon smoked paprika
- 1 large egg
- 1 tablespoon water
- 2 dashes hot sauce
- 1/4 cup potato chips, finely blended in food processor
- 1/3 cup panko breadcrumbs
- 1 tablespoon minced flat leaf Italian parsley
- 2 Omaha Steaks Cold Water Lobster Tails (5 ounces each)

Cheeseburgers:

- 1 pound Omaha Steaks Premium Ground Beef salt, to taste
- freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 2 brioche buns
- 2 slices yellow cheddar cheese
- 3 leaves romaine lettuce, shredded

To make pimento remoulade: In small bowl, mix mayonnaise, pimentos, mustard, pickles, pepperoncino, paprika, garlic powder, black pepper, lemon juice and hot sauce until well-incorporated. Season with salt, to taste.

To make fried lobster tails: Preheat grill to 400 F and add oil to 10-inch cast-iron pan, about 1/2-inch deep.

In medium bowl, whisk flour, 1/4 teaspoon salt, 1/4 teaspoon pepper, garlic powder and smoked paprika until well-incorporated. Set aside.

In separate medium bowl, whisk egg, water and hot sauce. Set aside.

In third medium bowl, whisk potato chips, panko breadcrumbs and parsley until well-incorporated. Set aside.

Cut lobster tails in half lengthwise, remove meat from shell and season with remaining kosher salt and black pepper.

Toss halved lobster tails in flour mixture first, egg mixture second and potato chip mixture third, coating thoroughly.

Fry lobster tails 3-4 minutes on each side until golden-brown and cooked through. Close grill lid between flipping.

To make cheeseburgers: Preheat grill to 450 F using direct heat. Form ground beef into two 1/2-pound patties, each about 1/2-inch thick.

Using thumb, make dimple in center of each patty to help cook evenly.

Season both sides of burger with salt and pepper, to taste. Spread butter on each cut-side of buns.

Grill burgers 4-5 minutes per side for medium doneness.

Add one slice cheddar cheese on each burger, close lid and grill about 30 seconds to melt cheese. Remove patties from grill to clean plate. Place buns cut-sides down on grill grates and toast 20-30 seconds, or until well toasted, being careful to avoid burning.

To assemble: Place desired amount of remoulade on buns. Place cheeseburgers on bottom buns. Top each with two fried lobster tail halves. Place handful shredded lettuce on lobster tails. Top with buns.



Fried Lobster Po Boy Cheeseburgers



Grilled Shrimp Tostadas with Guacamole and Pico de Gallo

Grilled Shrimp Tostadas with Guacamole and Pico de Gallo

Prep time: 20 minutes

Cook time: 10 minutes

Servings: 4

Pico de Gallo:

- 3/4 cup Roma tomatoes, diced into 1/4-inch pieces
- 3 tablespoons white onion, diced into 1/4-inch pieces
- 1 tablespoon fresh cilantro, chopped fine
- 1 teaspoon jalapeno, minced fine, with seeds
- 1 teaspoon fresh lime juice
- 1/2 teaspoon sea salt

Guacamole:

- 2 medium avocados, peeled, seeded and chopped into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1 tablespoon fresh lime juice
- 1/4 cup pico de gallo
- 1 tablespoon fresh garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon jalapeno, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon sea salt

Shrimp Tostadas:

- 12 ounces Omaha Steaks Wild Argentinian Red Shrimp, thawed
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 1/2 teaspoon cumin
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup canned refried pinto beans or refried black beans
- 4 tostada flats
- 1 cup shredded romaine lettuce
- 1 cup guacamole
- 1 cup pico de gallo
- 2 tablespoons shredded Cotija cheese
- 4 cilantro sprigs
- 4 lime wedges

To make pico de gallo: In bowl, mix tomatoes, onion, cilantro, jalapeno, lime juice and salt. Cover and refrigerate until ready to use.

To make guacamole: In bowl, mix avocados, lime juice, 1/4 cup pico de gallo, garlic, olive oil, jalapeno and salt. Cover and refrigerate until ready to use.

To make shrimp tostadas: In bowl, combine shrimp, olive oil, chili powder, cumin and salt. Marinate in refrigerator at least 15 minutes or up to 2 hours.

Preheat grill to medium-high heat. Clean and season grill grates. Grill shrimp 2-3 minutes per side until lightly charred and opaque.

Heat refried beans and spread 2 tablespoons beans on each tostada flat.

Spread shredded romaine lettuce on top of beans followed by guacamole and remaining pico de gallo.

Top each tostada with 3-4 grilled shrimp and sprinkle with Cotija cheese. Garnish each tostada with one cilantro sprig and one lime wedge.



Southwest Steaks with Creamy Peppercorn Sauce and Parmesan-Herb Fries

Southwest Steaks with Creamy Peppercorn Sauce and Parmesan-Herb Fries

Recipe courtesy of Omaha Steaks Executive Chef David Rose

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 25 minutes

Servings: 2

Southwest Steak Rub:

- 1 tablespoon kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme leaves
- 1 teaspoon smoked paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon ancho chili powder
- 1/2 teaspoon ground chipotle pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon cumin

Parmesan-Herb Fries:

- 1 package (16 ounces) Omaha Steaks Steakhouse Fries
- 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese, freshly grated
- 1 tablespoon fresh thyme leaves, minced
- 1 tablespoon fresh rosemary leaves, minced
- 1 tablespoon fresh Italian parsley, minced

New York Strip Steaks:

- 2 Omaha Steaks Butcher's Cut New York Strips
- Southwest steak rub
- 1/4 cup grapeseed oil
- 2 ounces unsalted butter, cold

Peppercorn Cream Sauce:

- 1/2 cup brandy
- 3/4 cup beef stock
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 2 teaspoons peppercorn medley, coarsely cracked salt, to taste
- pepper, to taste

To make Southwest steak rub: In small bowl, whisk salt, pepper, thyme, paprika, chili powder, chipotle pepper, garlic powder and cumin until fully incorporated.

To make Parmesan-herb fries: Preheat oven to 425 F. Place fries on baking rack on top of sheet pan; bake 25 minutes, or until golden-brown and crispy.

In medium bowl, mix Parmesan cheese, thyme, rosemary and parsley until fully incorporated.

Remove fries from oven and toss with Parmesan herbs.

To make New York strip steaks: Season steaks generously with Southwest steak rub on both sides.

In cast-iron pan, add grapeseed oil and bring to high heat. Place steaks in pan and sear 3-4 minutes on both sides for medium-rare doneness.

Remove steaks from pan and rest 8 minutes; reserve oil in cast-iron pan.

To make peppercorn cream sauce: Add brandy to reserved oil in cast-iron pan and reduce to 1/3 volume, about 1 minute.

Add beef stock and reduce by 1/3 volume, about 2-3 minutes.

Add heavy cream and cracked peppercorn medley to pan, bring to boil and reduce to simmer until thickened. Season with salt and pepper, to taste.

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Hosting Tips For Backyard Summer Gatherings

(StatePoint) It's the time of year for backyard bashes with friends and family. The best part about being the host? Creating relaxing summer vibes with great food and wine.

Joe Welch and Zach Feinberg, good friends and co-founders of In Good Taste, a new kind of winery on a mission to make wine more accessible and less intimidating for the everyday drinker, offer these backyard party tips for warm weather fun:

Summer Sips

The best wines for summer are refreshing and feature high acidity, a light-to-medium body, and a dry flavor leading to a crisp finish. Think whites, rosés and light-bodied reds. To invigorate your guests and enhance the subtle tasting notes of

these wines, serve them at a slight chill. Be sure to consider your glassware, too. "Stemmed glassware keeps warm hands off cold wines and helps maintain the right temperature for longer," says Welch.

Pairing Tricks

When pairing wine and cheese, an easy place to start is by looking for cheese from the same region where the grape first originated. While this works in most cases, these quick, additional rules that look at age, depth and complexity can help you take pairing a step further:

- Young and soft cheeses with silky textures and creamy body pair especially well with young and lively wines full of fruit, good acidity and spirited aromas.

- To stand up to the richness and in many

cases, sharpness of aged cheeses full of rich, fatty and savory flavor, choose old, bold and rich wines with good tannins that leave a tacky feeling on your tongue.

- Salty cheeses pair especially well with sweet wines, as the saltiness brings out the sweetness even more.

Take a Flight

Anyone who has enjoyed a thoughtful wine flight knows that variety is the spice of life. Whether you're throwing the party yourself or need the perfect hostess gift, consider In Good Taste's flights, which are offered at every price point in the brand's patented 187 milliliter mini bottles, giving hosts the ability to put eight different wines on ice. Really delivering on those light, summery vibes is their Califor-

nia Wine Mixer tasting flight, which includes all the greats, including Rosé, Sauvignon Blanc and Chardonnay, along with some surprises. The brand makes snacks easy for hosts too, offering a premium selection of meat and cheese with Antonelli's Cheese Shop's carefully curated Cheese Meats Treats tray. To shop flights and gifts, book a virtual or in-person wine tasting with an expert, or for additional wine 101, visit ingoodtaste.com.

"You don't need to be a sommelier to get wine right at your backyard gatherings and other events," says Feinberg. "Wine is for anybody who enjoys it, and with a little bit of know-how, this aspect of summer hosting can be fun, not stressful."

Rethink Your Lawn

(Family Features) Who has time to continuously care for that carpet-like, green grass almost everyone longs for? Nearly no one. Cultivating a lush, green lawn takes time, can be expensive and is a mainstay on weekend to-do lists spring through fall. Now that's a serious commitment.

Traditional turf lawns require a lot of maintenance. You must mow and remove weeds often, plus the amount of water usage can be staggering. The average American family uses 320 gallons of water per day, about 30% devoted to outdoor uses, according to the EPA. More than half of that is used for watering lawns and gardens. Nationwide, landscape irrigation is estimated to account for almost one-third of all residential water use, totaling nearly 9 billion gallons per day.

It's about time to rethink the obsession with turf grass lawns and take a page from the past; clover can help create a great-looking lawn. Several decades ago, clover was considered so essential for lawns that it was a standard component in lawn seed mixes and wasn't considered a weed. Clover was branded a weed when agricultural chemical companies created herbicides to rid lawns of broadleaf plants. The herbicides had no effect on grass, but killed everything else, clovers included, which is how clover became identified as a weed.

It's not too late to renovate your lawn and reintroduce the springy, soft, green carpet of clover back into your lawn. It's fluffy on the feet, aids in both weed and erosion control and, when used to overseed existing lawns, fills in bare spots fast.

Today, as interest grows in more natural, eco-friendly ways to care for grass, you might consider totally replacing your lawn with an option like Miniclover, which should not be confused with invasive white Dutch clover.

"Miniclover is about one-third to half the size of white Dutch clover, producing a thick, carpet-like appearance that blends well with turf," said Troy Hake, president and owner of Outsidepride.com, which offers

a multitude of seeds, including grasses, clovers, wildflowers, herbs and more. "It's especially attractive, cost effective, eco-friendly and can help you get that thick, lush, green lawn your neighbors will envy."

In addition to providing weed and erosion control, the fluffy lawn alternative offers a variety of benefits:

Nitrogen fixer. Miniclover takes nitrogen from the air and "fixes" it in your soil, eliminating the need to apply nitrogen plant food because it does the work for you, keeping lawns green and growing while adding natural nitrogen to the soil.

Drought tolerant. Miniclover has longer, deeper roots than turf grass, reaching down into the soil for the moisture they need, so you won't need to water as much during normal weather conditions. Plus, it stays green year-round and is resistant to drought and tolerates wet conditions.

Controls weeds. Its dense structure and growth habits help suppress existing weeds and the establishment of new weeds, as it grows via stolons (stems that grow horizontally along the ground).

Low to no maintenance. You can mow Miniclover - the more it's cut, the smaller the leaf size - or simply let it grow, as it only grows 4-6 inches tall and doesn't get unwieldy, making it an ideal lawn alternative or healthy addition to your lawn.

Thrives in sun to partial shade. Unlike some turf-grass types, Miniclover does well in partial shade that receives at least some direct sunshine daily.

Stands up to foot traffic. It has superior wear tolerance over turf grass, does well in compacted soil and fills bare spots quickly.

Makes great groundcover. Grow it alone or, because of its adaptability and ability to grow in a wide variety of conditions, combine it with other groundcover plants, like creeping phlox, ivy and thyme.

It's time to rethink typical lawn turf and try an ecofriendly alternative to replace or renovate your lawn. For more information, visit Outsidepride.com.

Boost The Beauty Of Spring Flowering Shrubs

By Melinda Myers

Bring your overgrown lilacs, forsythia, mock orange, pieris and other spring flowering shrubs down to size while maintaining their natural beauty and spring floral display.

Prune spring blooming shrubs right after flowering for maximum flowering. These shrubs set their flower buds in summer so pruning at other times of the year reduces or eliminates the spring floral display. Major pruning on these shrubs can also be done in late winter. It's easier to see what needs cutting and the plants respond well to pruning at this time of the year. You'll just eliminate some of the spring flowers.

Summer blooming shrubs like potentilla, beautyberry, and Annabelle-type hydrangeas flower on new growth. Prune these, when needed, in late winter or early spring before growth begins or anytime during the dormant season.

Make sure you have the proper tools and safety equipment before making the first cut. Protect your eyes and hands with safety glasses and gloves. Then make sure your pruning tools are clean and sharp. Using

the right pruning tool for the job helps ease muscle strain and fatigue while making proper cuts that close quickly. This will reduce the risk of insects and diseases moving into the plant.

Use bypass pruners to cut small stems that are 1/2-inch diameter or less. These have two sharp blades, like scissors, and make clean cuts that close quickly. Employ a bypass lopper like Corona® Tools' ClassicCUT® SL15167 with soft grips that fit well and will cut limbs up to 1 3/4" in diameter. Loppers have long handles that give you greater leverage and extend your reach.

You will need a pruning saw when doing renewal pruning. A short-bladed saw makes it easier to access and cut larger stems to ground level. Look for a saw, like the RazorTOOTH Saw® RS16150, with a pull stroke cutting action and ergonomic handle. It makes fast and easy cuts and minimizes hand fatigue.

Once you have your tools, you are ready to start pruning. Reduce the height and leggy growth on overgrown suckering shrubs over the next three years. This type of renewal pruning is

better for the plant and most gardeners find it less stressful for them as well.

Remove one third of the largest and oldest stems to ground level each year for three years with renewal pruning. If your shrub has twelve stems, you will prune four of these back to the ground this year, four more the following year, and remove the last four older stems the third year. By the end of the three years, you have a smaller shrub with leafy stems from ground to tip and flowers at a level you can enjoy.

Start by removing any crossed or dead branches. Disinfect tools with a 70% alcohol or disinfectant spray between cuts, if you suspect the plant is suffering from disease. This will help reduce the risk of spreading the disease throughout the plant.

You can stop pruning at this point and continue renewal pruning next year in late winter. If you decide to continue, remove a few more of the older stems to ground level. Taking these stems back to the ground encourages new growth at the base of the plant.

Minimize additional pruning at this point.

You can reduce the height on any wayward branches as needed. Make your cut on a slight angle above an outward facing bud or stem. This encourages growth away from the center of the plant, reducing the risk of crossing branches in the future.

Maintain the size and prevent leggy growth with regular pruning in the future. Just remove a few older stems to ground level every year or two. Investing a bit of pruning throughout the life of your plants helps boost their health, beauty, and your enjoyment.

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Actionable Environmental Impacts at Home



Swap common household devices to curb your carbon footprint

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In every room of your home, you'll likely find numerous devices, appliances and fixtures that rely on the electric grid for power. Collectively, they affect your carbon footprint more than you may realize. Converting to lower carbon alternatives can help you be a better steward for the environment while reducing your reliance on electricity.

"As a father, husband, home builder and real estate agent, I think it's important to make smart choices for a cleaner today and greener tomorrow," said Matt Blashaw, residential contractor, licensed real estate agent and host of HGTV's "Build it Forward." "We all want to be good stewards of the Earth. I want people to think beyond planting a tree or recycling. The time is right now to choose a diverse, low-carbon energy mix to power our homes and businesses."

Consider these environmentally friendly upgrades from Blashaw and the experts at the Propane Education & Research Council (PERC) to help decarbonize Earth:

Smart Thermostats

Programmable thermostats and smart plugs don't conserve electricity on their own, but they help you become more aware of your energy consumption and adapt your usage to avoid waste. The introduction of programmable thermostats made it possible to adjust the temperature in your home when you're not there or when you are sleeping.

Some smart thermostats take those adjustments even further by learning your household habits and adjusting the temperature to accommodate your usage patterns. You can also make adjustments remotely, and some models allow you to control specific zones or rooms independently so you're only using the energy you really need. When combined with low-carbon, efficient HVAC units, smart thermostats can help lessen the impact on the planet.

Motion Sensors

Like programmable thermostats and smart plugs, motion sensors help manage your energy usage. Motion sensors ensure you're only drawing electricity to illuminate a space when it's in use or when the light quality falls below a certain threshold. You may be in the habit of turning on a switch when you enter a room whether you need the extra light or not. Relying on a sensor reduces the waste associated with that routine and helps ensure lights are turned off when they may otherwise be forgotten in an empty room.

Appliances

You may be surprised to learn the difference it can make to swap appliances for a different energy source. According to PERC, propane appliances are more efficient and produce fewer greenhouse gases than electric appliances. For example, propane-powered clothes dryers generate up to 42% fewer greenhouse gas emissions compared to electric dryers. They also dry clothes faster than electric dryers, and the moist heat is gentler on fabrics and can even help relax wrinkles and static cling.

Similarly, propane-powered cooking ranges generate up to 15% fewer greenhouse gas emissions compared to electric ranges while also allowing for greater control of heat levels. In addition, their instant flame turnoff capabilities help them cool faster than electric stoves, which can remain dangerously hot after they have been turned off.

Energy-Efficient Windows

Nearly one-third of energy loss in your home can be attributed to windows, especially if they're older or in poor condition. Even windows in good condition can be a source of energy loss if there's only one pane of glass or you have air leaks around the frame. Upgrading to double- or triple-pane windows can be costly but making more cost-efficient improvements like caulking and weatherstripping can reduce window-related energy loss. You can also rely on window treatments such as drapes or blinds, awnings or plant vegetation that provide shade to help manage how your windows contribute to your energy needs.

Tankless Water Heaters

Traditional water heaters maintain a tank of heated water at all times. Heating and re-heating the same water over and over is inefficient and wasteful. Conversely, tankless water heaters warm water only when you need it, cutting your energy usage and saving you money. Because it heats water whenever you need it, you don't have to worry about running out of hot water. In addition, your water heater's energy source can produce even greater savings. Switching from an electric storage water heater to a propane-fueled tankless water heater can prevent more than 1 ton of greenhouse gas emissions from entering the atmosphere each year, the same amount produced from driving a car more than 3,000 miles, according to PERC.

Ceiling Fans

You may think of ceiling fans as design elements and comfort features, but they also play a role in your home's energy use. Moving air feels cooler than still air, so not only does the circulation keep the air feeling fresh, but you can also keep your room temperature higher and still feel cool and comfortable. Opting for a smart ceiling fan can help you maximize savings by scheduling the fan to align with your normal routines rather than wasting energy by circulating air when you're not using the room.

Solar Panels

Harnessing the sun's energy is often viewed as the ultimate use of renewable energy, but it can be costly to install enough panels to adequately power an entire home. Many homeowners find success in offsetting their traditional energy consumption rather than replacing it completely. Implementing other measures, such as installing propane appliances or updating windows, can reduce the amount of energy needed from the solar panels, making it a more practical environmental option for your household.

"The more diverse America's energy mix is, the more reliable it is," Blashaw said. "Propane can work alongside renewable energy sources like on-site solar power to create a more efficient, clean and reliable energy mix for homes across the country and help accelerate decarbonization."

Find more low-carbon solutions for your home at Propane.com.



Put Propane Power into Practice

As an approved clean alternative fuel under the Clean Air Act, propane is a low-carbon energy source that produces significantly fewer greenhouse gas emissions than diesel, gasoline and electricity in a wide range of applications. Because it reduces carbon emissions at home, at work, on the road and on the farm, propane can help Americans meet their environmental goals equitably and affordably. Consider these low-carbon facts from PERC for your family:

- Propane is a versatile alternative fuel being used in nearly 12 million U.S. households for residential uses like home heating, fireplaces, water heaters, cooktops and whole-home backup power.
- America's farmers not only rely on propane to power their homes but trust it to operate their businesses too. Propane is used to irrigate fields, dry crops and heat buildings.
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Hoosier Net To Create Statewide Fiber Network In Indiana

Hoosier Net, LLC, a consortium of service providers, announces its formation today. Hoosier Net is set to launch a multi-year, multi-million-dollar network across Indiana to boost capacity, internet access, and reliability. The company's formation comes at a critical time for Indiana, as federal and state authorities prepare to distribute billions of dollars in broadband grant funds under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act's Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program.

"Having statewide connectivity is critical for economic development because it allows broadband providers to offer faster speeds, more bandwidth, and lower latency, which will truly benefit Indiana," said Scott Hiatt, Hoosier Net Board Member and CFO of Ninestar Connect.

Hoosier Net will attain statewide scale and enable broadband development by leveraging integrated and complementary assets. "Hoosier Net and its current owner-member fiber systems span thousands of miles across Indiana, and they are well-positioned to enable the expansion and extension of Indiana middle-mile infrastructure to lower the cost of connecting unserved and underserved areas," said John Greene, Chairman of Hoosier Net, LLC and CEO of New Lisbon Telephone Company.

Hoosier Net will focus on offering high-speed fiber-optic backbone capabilities to owners, telecommunications providers, and direct commercial clients such as hospitals, schools, and government institutions. "As a middle-mile network that connects 27 ISPs in Ohio, Independents Fiber Network is pleased about investing and working with Indiana Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers (ILECs) and Rural Electric Membership Corporations (REMCs) to develop Hoosier Net," said Rob Shema, CEO of Hoosier Net and CNI. "Being in Western Ohio, we see the need to reach beyond state lines and develop a regional network to support educational institutions, businesses, and surrounding communities, all of which would

benefit from Hoosier Net's increased speed, bandwidth, and reduced latency."

The Indiana fiber network will partner with INDATEL, a national network dedicated to providing fiber-optic telecommunications services in rural and urban areas. "INDATEL provides us with the competitive advantage we require, whether buying or selling transportation. It is the common link that provides Hoosier Net - and its member firms - with access to fiber that allows us to build our business," said Dave Fox, Hoosier Net Board Member and General Manager of Sweetser Telephone Company. "We are glad to see that most Indiana Local Exchange Telephone Companies are reestablishing a statewide network in Indiana and will engage with us," said Mel Wagner Jr., CEO of INDATEL Services. "We're thrilled to be working with Hoosier Net to help them monetize and grow their network."

New Paris Telephone, a member of Hoosier Net, serves a highly competitive fiber IP market. "We sell and buy IP transport of all types. INDATEL helps our customers connect to branch locations across the country. INdigital - an affiliated public safety company - creates complex, highly reliable networks in multiple states and relies on local fiber networks to make that happen," said Mark Grady, Hoosier Net Board Member and CEO of New Paris Telephone and INdigital.

"Hoosier Net's Executive Committee has decades of combined industry expertise," said Tim Miles, Hoosier Net Board Member and Fiberhawk CEO. "I'm excited for Hoosier Net's member-owners and this leadership team's continued efforts to bring new and specialized solutions to our customers."

"As a founding member of Hoosier Net, I am happy about the company's progress and look forward to maintaining that success with the Executive Committee as we execute our growth and expansion goals," said Tony Clark, Vice Chairman of Hoosier Net and CEO of SEI Commu-

nications. "It's a fantastic group."

About INDATEL
INDATEL Services provides fiber connectivity utilizing its unique independent member-owned network. INDATEL's members represent more than 400,000+ fiber optic route miles and over 1.5 million serviceable buildings primarily focused on rural and suburban America. INDATEL serves its customers through its national aggregation PoPs, reaching over 700 independent providers currently operating in 47 states. For more information about INDATEL Services, visit www.indatel.com.

About Hoosier Net, LLC
Hoosier Net, LLC's founding companies, are Central Indiana Communications, Inc., Citizens Telephone Corporation, Craigville Telephone Company, Inc., Daviess-Martin County Rural Telephone Corp. d/b/a RTC Communications, Geetingsville Telephone Company, Inc., Hoosier Net Holdings, LLC., Monon Cooperative Telephone Company, Inc., Mulberry Cooperative Telephone Company, Inc., New Lisbon Broadband and Communications, LLC., New Paris Telephone, Inc., Perry Spencer Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Pulaski-White Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. d/b/a Light-Stream, Rochester Telephone Company Inc., SEI Data, Inc. d/b/a SEI Communications, Swayzee Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a Fiberhawk, The Northwestern Indiana Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a NITCO, and The Sweetser Rural Telephone Company, Inc.

Hoosier Net is owned by 17 service providers that offer state-of-the-art services in their respective communities. Hoosier Net's fiber-optic backbone services are available to telecom operators and direct commercial customers. Hoosier Net and its owners are responsible for thousands of miles of fiber-optic network across Indiana. Hoosier Net also provides commercial service throughout the United States through INDATEL. Visit www.hoosiernet.com or email sales@hoosiernet.com for additional information.

More Than \$225,000 Still Available In Energy Bill Assistance For Duke Energy Indiana Customers

More than \$225,000 in financial assistance is still available to Duke Energy Indiana customers who may be struggling to pay their energy bills.

"Hoosiers are paying more at the grocery store and gas pump and may also be noticing higher energy bills, as rising fuel costs impact the price of electricity," said Stan Pinegar, president of Duke Energy Indiana. "We know that higher bills can be a hardship for many, and we want to connect our customers with financial assistance and resources to help. So far this year, we have been able to support approximately 450 households with more than \$100,000 in assistance."

The funding is made possible through Duke Energy's Share the Light Fund, which brings together customers and communities to help individuals and families struggling to pay their energy bills. Duke Energy works in partnership with the Indiana Community Action Association to distribute the company's assistance funds.

Qualifying Duke Energy customers who are struggling to pay their electricity bills can receive up to a \$300 credit annually on their account. Customers should contact their local community action agency to take advantage of funds available locally.

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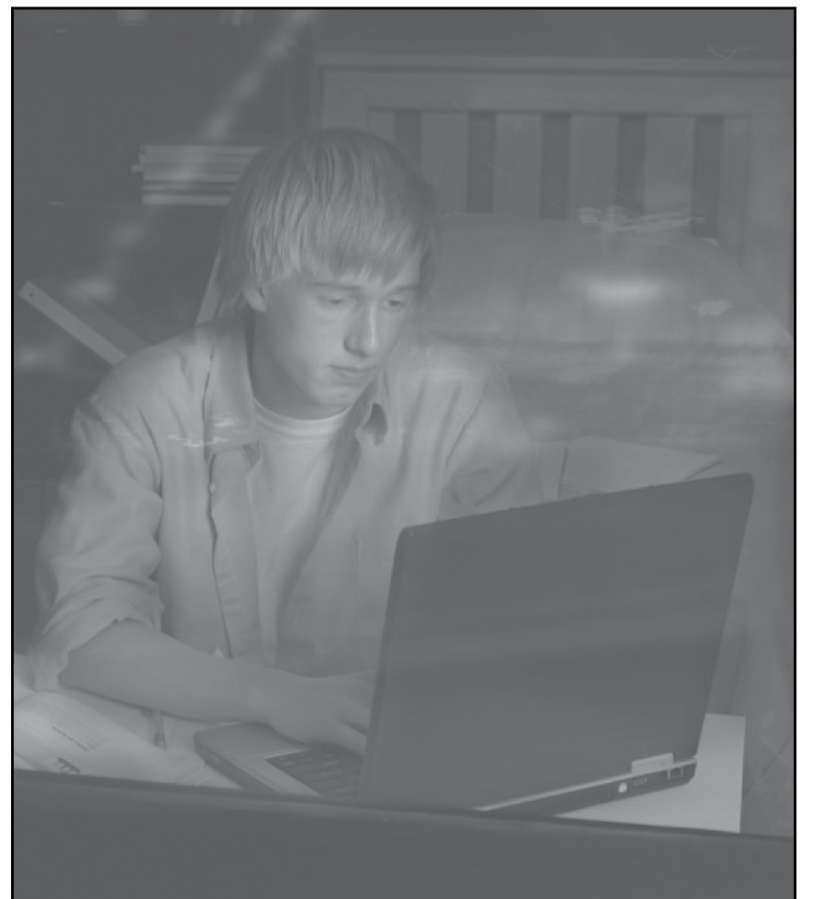
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proximately 870,000 customers in a 23,000-square-mile service area, making it Indiana's largest electric supplier.

Duke Energy (NYSE: DUK), a Fortune 150 company headquartered in Charlotte, N.C., is one of America's largest energy holding companies. Its electric utilities serve 8.2 million customers in North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky, and collectively own 50,000 megawatts of energy capacity. Its natural gas unit serves 1.6 million customers in North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Ohio and Kentucky. The company employs 28,000 people.

Duke Energy is executing an aggressive clean energy transition to achieve its goals of net-zero methane emissions from its natural gas business and at least a 50% carbon reduction from electric generation by 2030 and net-zero carbon emissions by 2050. The 2050 net-zero goals also include Scope 2 and certain Scope 3 emissions. In addition, the company is investing in major electric grid enhancements and energy storage, and exploring zero-emission power generation technologies such as hydrogen and advanced nuclear.

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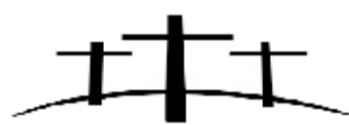
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Food Poisoning And What You Can Do To Avoid It

Barbecue season is in full swing and it's a good time to review food safety. Foodborne illness, commonly referred to as "food poisoning," is something that almost all of us have experienced at some point in our lives. Foodborne illness is defined as more than two people having a similar illness with evidence of food as the source.



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There are approximately 76 million cases of food-related illness in the United States each year. There are also around 325,000 hospitalizations and 5,000 deaths. Underdeveloped countries, as a group, experience about one billion cases annually and four to six million deaths. The overall rate of these illnesses in the United States has gone down drastically in the last century with improvements in food handling and sanitation.

The Centers for Disease Control estimates

that 97 percent of all cases of food-borne illness arise from improper food handling. Commercial establishments account for 79 percent of the cases, while the other 21 percent originate in homes.

There are a few common denominators found in most cases of food poisoning. A frequent cause is foods in environmental conditions that allow bacterial growth to occur. Staphylococcal food poisoning typically

happens in the summer months when food is left out in warm temperatures. Common summer foods like potato salad and pies that are high in salt or sugar are prime breeding ground for bacterial growth.

Raw or undercooked meat is another common source of food poisoning; hence the warning to check to make sure cooked meat is not pink in the middle. Cross-contamination between raw and cooked foods can lead to problems. This happens when raw food that contains organisms or toxins comes into contact with cooked food. Food preparers who don't wash their hands can transfer bacteria or toxins as well.

Most foodborne illnesses result in some combination of diarrhea, vomiting and abdominal cramping. The organisms that cause problems do so by various means,

too numerous to mention here. Diarrhea caused by infectious organisms or toxins can be classified as inflammatory or non-inflammatory, depending on how the offending agent affects the victim's gastrointestinal tract.

Inflammatory diarrhea involves actual injury to the cells that line the intestine. Organisms that cause this inflammation can invade the wall of the intestine and enter the body, causing an immune reaction. Salmonella is a well-known pathogen that causes this type of diarrhea.

Inflammatory diarrhea usually results in smaller stools that can be bloody, also known as dysentery. Sufferers usually run a fever, have abdominal pain, possibly a headache, and look ill. A severe inflammatory response may lead to liver and kidney damage as well.

Toxins produced by

infectious organisms cause non-inflammatory diarrhea. The toxins act on the cells in the gut causing the release of water and salt into the intestines. This, in turn, results in large volumes of diarrhea without blood or severe abdominal pain.

Ninety percent of cases of food-borne illness resolve in two to three days without needing any medical attention. Infants and the elderly are the most likely to develop complications, mostly from dehydration.

People who are ill for more than two or three days with high fevers, severe abdominal pain, or lethargy should always seek medical attention.

The primary aim of treatment for foodborne illnesses is to avoid dehydration. This can usually be accomplished by consuming fluids by mouth. Even if a person is vomiting, they can usually keep down small

amounts of fluid given at frequent intervals.

There are many over-the-counter remedies to use to prevent dehydration or to rehydrate someone who has already become dehydrated. A simple and inexpensive recipe to make at home is to add two level teaspoons of salt and eight heaping teaspoons of sugar to a two liter bottle of water.

Damage to the intestinal wall can affect the ability to absorb sugars from food. People should therefore avoid milk, dairy, and foods containing lactose during the illness and for a few days afterward.

Remember that proper food preparation and handling can go a long way to prevent interruptions to your summer fun.

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

Alzheimer's Association Marks Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month

June is Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month, and the Alzheimer's Association Greater Indiana Chapter has a simple message for Hoosiers: you are not alone.

"Right now, there are thousands of Hoosiers who are affected by Alzheimer's and dementia in one way or another," said Natalie Sutton, executive director, Alzheimer's Association Greater Indiana Chapter. "They may be concerned about changes

they are experiencing or noticing in a loved one. They may be caring for someone with dementia and feeling overwhelmed. They may be wondering if there is anything they can do to reduce their risk of developing the disease. Regardless of the concern, free, confidential help is available any time it is needed."

There are a number of things Hoosiers can do to help raise awareness of the disease and the

resources available.

- Share your story. Alzheimer's impacts everyone. When those affected choose to share their stories, it makes others feel less alone in their experiences.
- Go purple. Purple is the official color of the Alzheimer's movement. Wear purple during the month of June to help raise awareness.
- Get social. Talk about the impact of the disease on social media, and

share links to resources. When sharing a photo on Instagram or Twitter, use the hashtag #ENDALZ to be part of the conversation.

- Learn about the disease. There are a number of misconceptions about Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia. Get the facts about the signs and symptoms, the stages of the disease, ways to reduce the risk of cognitive decline and more by visiting alz.org.

- Learn about volunteer opportunities. Volunteers are always needed to help deliver programs and services, organize fundraising events, and advocate on behalf of those living with the disease and their caregivers. Learn more at alz.org/indiana/volunteer.
- Raise funds through The Longest Day. On or around the summer solstice on June 21, people across Indiana and around the world

will fight the darkness of Alzheimer's through a fundraising activity of their choice. Registration is available at alz.org/thelongestday.

About 110,000 Hoosiers age 65 and older are currently living with Alzheimer's disease. Another 216,000 are serving as unpaid family caregivers. Free, confidential help is available around the clock through the Alzheimer's Association 24/7 Helpline: 800.272.3900.

Plasma Donations Save Lives: How You Can Help Today

(StatePoint) Human plasma donations are used to produce life-saving medicines for people affected by serious and rare diseases around the world. Experts say that right now there is a critical need for plasma donations.

"Plasma donors do the amazing. They make a direct impact on the lives of patients affected by rare and serious diseases. We strongly encourage those who meet the requirements, and are otherwise eligible, to donate plasma," says Dr. Jennifer Hanes, who as a division medical director

of CSL Plasma, is responsible for the medical oversight of U.S. plasma donation centers.

Dr. Hanes is sharing five important things to know about plasma donation:

1. What is plasma? Plasma is a straw-colored liquid that carries red blood cells, white blood cells and platelets, helping to maintain a steady level of blood pressure, supporting the immune system and delivering critical nutrients to cells.
2. What is plasma used for? Plasma is used to treat rare and serious conditions, often by

replacing crucial proteins a patient lacks. These conditions include primary immunodeficiencies, hereditary angioedema, inherited respiratory disease, hemophilia and other bleeding or neurological disorders. Every year, it takes more than 1,200 plasma donations to treat one person living with hemophilia, more than 900 plasma donations to treat one person living with Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency (Alpha-1) and more than 130 plasma donations to treat one person living with a primary immune deficiency. Additionally,

albumin, a protein contained in our plasma, is used in hospitals and urgent and emergency care settings to treat trauma, shock, burns and other emergencies that could happen to anyone.

3. Who can donate plasma? To donate at a CSL Plasma center, you must be in good health, be between the ages of 18-74, weigh at least 110 pounds, have had no tattoos or piercings within the last four months, meet health and screening requirements and have valid identification with a permanent address.

4. What is the donation process like? While a first-time plasma donation takes approximately two hours, and up to three hours at times, the second donation is typically shorter. CSL Plasma donors will be rewarded for helping to create life-saving medicines and will receive a payment in connection with the donation process. It's recommended that donors drink four to six 8-ounce glasses of water, fruit juice or other caffeine-free liquid at least two to three hours before donation, avoid caffeinated beverages,

avoid alcohol of any type for 24 hours beforehand, eat a meal prior to donation and get adequate sleep.

5. Where can I donate? CSL Plasma has more than 300 plasma donation centers across the United States. Visit cslplasma.com for more information and to find a nearby CSL Plasma center. The CSL Plasma donor app is also available for Apple and Android devices.

"People depend on plasma donors to live happy and healthy lives, so it's important to consider donating if you are able," says Dr. Hanes.

Medicaid And CHIP Give Children Access To Behavioral Health Services

(StatePoint) Over the last two years, the mental health crisis in the United States has gotten worse. A major reason for that is the COVID-19 pandemic, which has contributed to a rise in anxiety and depression among young people. But even before the pandemic, as many as one in six children in the United States between the ages of 6 and 17 had a treatable mental health disorder, a 2019 JAMA Pediatrics study found. For parents, it's a stark

reminder that mental health and support for children is crucial.

"Young people are facing unprecedented stress. Increasing access to high-quality pediatric mental health services is a critical step to addressing the youth mental health crisis," said Dr. Aditi Mallick, chief medical officer, Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. "As a physician and mother,

I have seen firsthand how foundational mental health is to the overall health and well-being of our country's children, and Medicaid and CHIP can help families access the care they need."

If you think your child may need mental health services, you have health coverage options. One of those may be free or low-cost coverage through Medicaid and CHIP. Below are some frequently asked questions about these services.

What types of mental

health services are covered under Medicaid and CHIP?

With Medicaid and CHIP coverage, children have access to a number of services to prevent, diagnose, and treat mental and behavioral health disorders, including:

- Autism spectrum disorder
 - Attention deficit disorder
 - Anxiety disorders
 - Depression
 - Substance use disorder
- Does my child qualify

for Medicaid or CHIP?

Eligibility generally depends on your income level and household size, and varies by state. You'll find that some programs offer coverage to your entire family. Medicaid and CHIP enrollment is open year-round, and the process to apply has gotten faster. Many families can apply and find out if they qualify the same day. To learn more about state-specific coverage options or to enroll, visit InsureKidsNow.gov or

call 1-877-KIDS-NOW.

Take charge of your child's mental health. Mental health care for children is an important part of their development. So, take time to explore your health coverage options, including Medicaid and CHIP. Looking for more mental health resources for children? Visit CDC.gov to learn more about children's mental health. Information provided by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services



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While Argument Rages, Innocents Die

I have written several times about school shootings in the past. If there is a more heinous crime in today's world, I do not know what it is – and that's saying something.

What I fail to understand is the outcry every time for more gun control laws.

STOP!

Before you take me behind the woodshed for being another gun-rights activist, please understand I am not.

I haven't fired a gun in decades. I am not a member of the NRA. My point is not about how America will be a better place with guns . . . or without. I do have some views on that, but could we save that argument for another day so we don't confuse the issue?

The issue is what's wrong with our society?

The issue is how far we have fallen from the nation that didn't see the slaughter of innocent children as often as we do today.

The issue is stronger prison sentences, even death penalties.

The issue is a lack of discipline in the home – and how can you blame mom and dad for not spanking their kids when they fear some sort of consequences from some governmental alphabet agency somewhere.

The issue is the degradation



TIM TIMMONS
Two Cents

of our society.

Here's a question for you: If we eliminate guns, will that eliminate the killing of children? I think not. Sick people are sick people. If it's not a gun it'll be something else.

Disagree? Then shouldn't we be doing away with cars to stop drunk driving and prevent morons from running people over on purpose? Do you hear anyone suggesting that?

For God's sake, we keep talking about the method and not the reason behind it.

Truth to tell, there are plenty of answers, but we don't seem to have the will, or perhaps the stomach, to implement them. The government could indeed help the family unit get stronger. How? Change taxes, change a lot of things so that

every household doesn't have to have two incomes. Maybe give tax credits for one parent being a full-time homemaker.

And I'm sick of politicians telling us they can't do something. They seem to have found ways to hold office for decades and increase their personal wealth at the same time. They have helped create tax laws that take up volumes and are so complicated not even they understand them. If those hired hands wanted to give the family a true tax break, they could figure it out.

What else? Bring the churches back into the fold. Stop outlawing the mention of God in our schools.

Speaking of schools, give teachers the authority to discipline without fear of being sued.

Lastly, change the damn laws. If someone wants to do something wrong, make the penalty a true deterrent.

Look, I have never claimed to be the smartest guy in the room. But there are some things painfully obvious here.

We (and I don't care if you have been part of the following or not – last I looked “we” are still all Americans and supposedly on the same team) have been calling for the defunding of police for a few years now. We have become so soft as a

nation that you can't tell someone they're wrong or disagree without the risk of sending them into counseling. We have lowered standards left and right to the point where people don't have to work hard to achieve anything anymore. And when they fall short, the government bails them out.

We have turned into a nation foolishly chasing utopia. We let the exceptions guide us while leaving the majority out of consideration. If there is one act of police brutality, mayors in metropolitan cities from one coast to another call for defunding the police. If one gay person is discriminated against, there's a national outcry on the 6 o'clock news.

If we're all being honest, we can agree that in a perfect world there would be no such thing as police brutality, racism and bias. In a perfect world, I would weigh 225 and have 5 percent body fat. In a perfect world, I'd be laying on a beach and you'd be reading someone else's work right now. But you know what?

It. Ain't. A. Perfect. World. Idiots will be idiots. Bigots will be bigots. Perhaps we can influence a few to grow in their humanity, but we'll never change them all.

We all know that, yet we all keep going down the same path

of letting the exception rule the day.

Let's get back to the current argument. The left screams to eliminate guns – yet anybody want to bet what security guards for the Hollywood elite carry under their blazer? Conservatives scream that the right to bear arms can't even be discussed or the whole country will fall apart.

Do any of them look for common ground? Do any of them acknowledge that both sides have some valid points? Are any of them looking for real answers, or just for their side to win? Do any of them stop to consider that while they spend all their time making political statements and grandstanding more kids have died?

ENOUGH!

A friend sent me an e-mail the other day with a simple message: We are no longer accepting things we cannot change. It is now time to change the things we cannot accept.

It's well past time. But what are we going to do about it?

-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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#6 – 2nd Daughter, Susie Dunbar

The second daughter and fifth child of Lewis and Polly Powers Dunbar was Susannah, born Jan 24th 1830 in Ross County, Ohio. She was called Susie and was a tiny child when the Dunbar family arrived in MoCo. She married Luther Cooley in Montgomery on Jan 10th, in 1848. Brother William wrote the affidavit okaying her marriage and the very popular, George W. Stafford was the officiating minister.

Luther was also born in Ross County, Ohio 23 March 1824 and his parents, (I believe he was the son of Joseph and Elizabeth Allen Cooley) settled near the Dunbars but in Clinton County. Perusing the old "White Church" columns, a Cooley visited a Dunbar, a Bowers visited a Powers, and throw the Cooks, Burckhalters, Rettingers, Mitchells and Petersons in and ya' about had the whole of the area covered. One friendly, helpful community but the West called this couple and so they ventured forth about 1855. Their first four children were born in Indiana and then #5 in Iowa. Part of her family had already moved to that state and some would never move. The Cooleys had a total of eight children, the youngest a baby when her father passed away. I'd so love to know what happened to Luther Cooley, an accident, a disease (he appeared on the Civil War listing, available as a recruit - by the way with others sounding like they could be from our area - Seay; Dye; Stonebraker; Campbell; Irwin; Castor and others - so perhaps he went to the service), but he died at his home (assumedly) in Clarke County, Iowa and is buried there in Grandview Cemetery. Susie was an extremely strong woman, barely 30 years old and left with eight children, the oldest perhaps 15.

Her brother, William already



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Around The County

in Iowa was appointed Luther Cooley's administrator. Luther evidently wasn't prepared to go as he died intestate, without having a will or anything prepared. No doubt he would have made sure she was as well taken care of as possible. She raised the offspring alone for five years then married a second time, to William Decker in 1868 who was much younger than she. He, too was born in Ohio and he had a large farm in Clarke, Iowa. They became parents of two daughters, Viola and Frances, making six daughters and four sons for Susan Dunbar Cooley Decker.

Her oldest, Albert R. Cooley, was born right here in Sugar Creek Township 16 Jan 1847 (9) and passed away in Rosebud County, Montana, the father of Lillie Undine (who died young); William Luther; Samuel E; Charles L; Lora; Albert Marvin and Cora. While in Iowa, he owned a dry goods store but later he became quite an impressive stock dealer.

Second child was Catherine Elsie Cooley 10 May 1850 (died 13 Dec 1928 Osceola, Clarke County, Iowa buried Maple Hill in Osceola with many of her close relatives). She married 1869 to William Coon. As far



as I know there was only one child Minnie Alice who died at age six.

Simon, born April 19, 1852 MoCo died in Rice County, Kansas 7 June 1937 at age 85. He is buried in Plymouth, Lyon County, Kansas. He lost his first wife when she was 22 and don't believe any children, but he and 2nd wife, Minnie Walker parented Luther, Frank Walker, John C, Lettie, Ray Gilbert, Loren W. Simon proved-up a homestead of 40 acres near Osceola registered at Des Moines April 28, 1903.

Calvin Cooley was a large farmer and cattle shipper and died at age 72 years, 2 months 28 days (born in Indiana 14 June 1854) of a cerebral hemorrhage. This was a common killer in the Dunbar-Cooley families, sadly. He was father of two sons June Calvin Cooley (born June 19, 1900 in Osceola and died there 1 March 1963) who married Ada McQuern and fathered Robert and Betty. Calvin's other son was

Jesse (1877-1918) who died from the Spanish flu and the boys had one sister, Della Mae who married George Touet and

lived to be 88.

Little Isaac Newton Cooley was born 15 Sept 1856 in Doyle Township, Clarke County, Iowa and only lived a few months (buried Sanders Cemetery) passing 22 Feb 1857.

Mary Katherine

Cooley was born the very last day of 1857 and died 8 March 1923 (both Clarke Iowa) having died of an inoperable bladder cancer. She married Ashford Rollins Coon and they were parents of four sons and three daughters (George; William; Martin Luther; Albert J; Elizabeth Alice, Susie and Bessie Frances).

Oddly, Eliza Jane Cooley born 14 May 1860 also died of cancer (27 Aug 1923) of the stomach and liver. She married Samuel M. Thurlow and they had several children: Theodore, Lula, John A, Delbert, Eddie Clarence, Olive Florence, and Susie (who lived to be 99). Most of these children had several children as well, many buried right there in Clarke and surrounding counties.

Then there's little Rachel Elizabeth such a babe when her father passed away. So sad they never knew each other. She's my favorite of all of Susannah's children. At age 18, she married Cephas Jasper Dutton and this fellow was one interesting guy. At age 59, (born 16 August 1858) he joined the

service Co G 2nd Infantry to fight in World War I. He was a wagoner, enlisting on 21 May 1917 and discharged the next year 30 December. He is buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Colorado Springs, El Paso County, at age 96 (30 Dec 1954). He has a military stone. Jasper and Rachel were parents of twins, Susan Mae and Hester M (both buried Fairview Cemetery) and four sons: Charles Oscar, Joseph Luther, Lawrence Rudy "Jake" and Simon Cooley (FindAGrave) who was also in WWI but in the Navy.

Close but maybe not a perfect counting but I think Susannah had 37 Cooley grands. Now, we come to the two Decker girls. Emma Frances was born 27 April 1866 and died at age 71 in Sheridan County, Wyoming. She married Samuel Sheeley and was the mother of at least two children (William and Glenn). Her sister Viola Mae was born 9 Oct 1869 and passed 22 Feb 1946 (both in Osceola, Iowa). She married (1890) Robert Mitchell Banker. Thought it'd be neat if he was also a banker, but alas a farmer instead. They had no children but raised one of his nieces and a nephew.

Thus, there were only two Decker grands, tallying 39 grandchildren for our awesome Susie Dunbar Cooley Decker second daughter of Lewis and Mary "Polly" Powers Dunbar. She is buried in Maple Hill Cemetery, Osceola, Iowa (thanks to FindAGrave for the photo) so, rest in peace, lady!

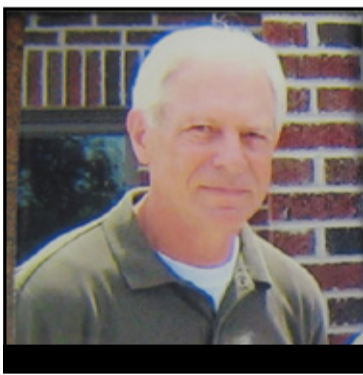
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Butch's High School Graduation ... 56 Years Ago

One of our grandsons graduated from high school this past Friday. He attended Mt. Vernon High School near Fortville. He is an excellent student and also quite handy with technology. He has also been an accomplished pilot since the age of 15. We are certain he will be successful in any occupation that he might choose.

It was 56 years ago when I graduated from good old Darlington High School and gave the valedictorian address at commencement. I had always done well in math and science, and my plans were to become an electrical engineer. I had received a four-year scholarship to General Motors Institute in Flint, Michigan, which required that I work at the Allison Division of General Motors for six weeks, and then alternate that with six weeks at GMI. At the end of four years, I would earn my Bachelor's degree in engineering and would be assured of a high-paying job at GM.

In the summer of 1966, I



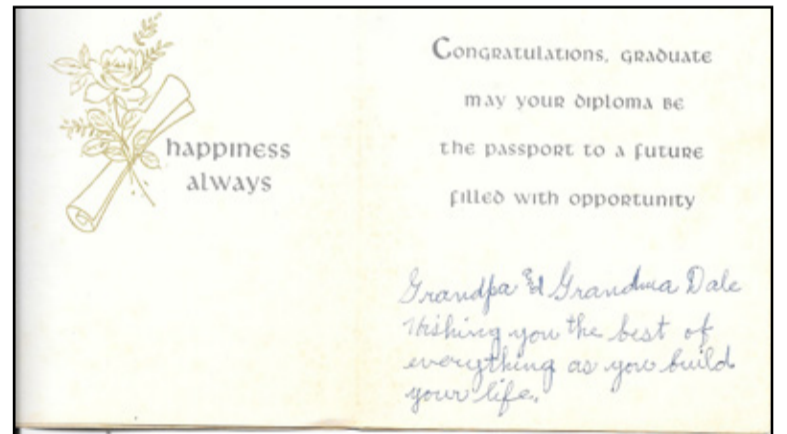
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commuted to Allisons in Indy. My job was to trace blueprints of Rolls Royce jet engines. I watched the other engineers spend each day doing calculations and drawing parts. By the end of that summer I was starting to have doubts about becoming an engineer. Was that what I really wanted to do the rest of my life? Did I want to work for a large corporation and live in a big city? Did a large salary mean that much to me?

After much soul-searching, I



made the decision to do something else. I enrolled at Purdue and married my sweetheart two days after I turned 18. Although one semester's tuition was only \$175, I still had to work full-time to pay all of our living expenses. Four years later I had my degree in sports business and sports writing, but I continued on and earned Bachelor's and Master's degrees in education so that I could also become a teacher...and was lucky enough to land a teaching and coaching



Photos courtesy of Butch Dale

became the librarian at Darlington the same year that my oldest son started college!

Honestly, if someone had told me in high school that I would be a teacher, police officer, and librarian...I would have informed them that they were crazy! I never made much of a salary at any of these jobs, but all three were very satisfying. So to my grandson, and to all of you recent high school grad-

have kept that card all these years. Their wish for me came true. And to my grandson, and to all of you graduates, I hope you live a satisfying life and enjoy "the best of everything."

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.

Pondering Weighty Matters

His warning shattered the pre-dawn tranquility. I couldn't see him, but his cry blasted through the fading fog like the air horn on an 18-wheeler, traveling too fast to stop in time for a red light.

"Wait!" he said. "Don't pull that handle!"

Too late. I had already squeezed the trigger at the end of the black hose leading to hundreds of gallons of what Phillips Petroleum calls their "Performance Gasoline". Now, a translucent stream of fuel was rushing into my tank with a cavernous echo.

"He's right," said another voice to the left, approaching me out of the mist. "You're not going to get your money's worth at that pump. It's going to cost you nearly 15.3 cents more to fill up there."

Joe, the source of the first voice, stepped from behind the gas pump that obscured him. "At least he's not getting premium, Robert," who nodded at his colleague's observation. "Premium is even worse."

Aside from the general feeling that I was standing in



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the middle of a Bob and Ray comedy sketch, I was curious. Who were these two greying gentlemen? Both seemed quite certain I was experiencing a form of highway robbery -- as assuredly as if I had been clobbered over the head, and waylaid on the gas island, somewhere between the trash can and the receptacle that holds the murky water used for scrubbing windshields.

"We work for the county's Weights and Measures Division," said Joe. He began drawing a sample out of the pump.

I should have guessed. However, it's very seldom that I encounter anyone in county government that seems to enjoy their jobs as much as Joe and Robert. It's even more rare that I find anyone concerned that I was potentially overspending 15.3 cents.

"That's our job," said Joe. "We go from gas station to gas station measuring the performance of each pump on the premises. We make sure the pumps are calibrated correctly, to ensure the public is paying for exactly the amount of fuel they are pumping."

"These are machines," said Robert. "It's not unusual that through use they require adjusting. Sometimes the variance might be intentional, but more likely, the measurement is just off through lack of maintenance."

I watched as Joe now sampled the middle grade pump. He pulled the hose to the back of a trailer, hanging from the hitch

on the white county service truck. He started the flow, and the pump began to sing a low hum as the liquid reached its outlet.

"About five gallons is enough to get a good reading," said Joe.

I watched as the fuel snaked its way through the glass tubing on the centermost tank of his rolling laboratory. His rig consisted of three giant stainless steel cauldrons glistening in the glint of the morning sunrise -- one for each grade of fuel. They looked an awful lot like the tank on Helen Hunts' storm chaser truck in the movie Twister, if you'd add a funnel hat that Dorothy's Tin Man wore.

Joe turned some dials and leveled the trailer, then consulted a chart of numbers to account for the variation of gasoline density in different temperatures.

"Just what I thought," said Joe. "Go get the manager, Robert."

"He's with a customer right now."

"Remind him that we have the authority to shut down the whole station," said Joe, and

then said to me with a wry smile, "That's the part I like."

By the time I walked back to my vehicle, Joe and Robert were packing up their equipment, and almost ready to roll.

"Off to another gas station?" I asked.

"Nope," said Robert, "we are going to the high school."

I learned that Weights and Measures in each county are responsible for the integrity of all kinds of measuring devices, including grain mills, scrap yards, fuel trucks -- any gadget where consumers purchase a product sold by weight, measure, or count.

But the high school? "We are inspecting the scales the wrestlers use to weigh in."

"After that," said Robert, "we are going to the deli counter at Kroger's."

"You're kidding me," I said. "What if those scales don't pass inspection?"

"That's no baloney," said Joe.

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Spreading The News

Whenever I read a newspaper article that begs to become the basis of my next humor column, I cut it out and save it. Then I forget where I put it. (I also do that with car titles, birth certificates, and my life insurance policy.) But here's one rich article I did find on my desktop...

In Boise, Idaho, police thought they might have solved a year-long condiment spree. Authorities say a 74-year-old woman was arrested after pouring mayonnaise in a library book drop box. She may be connected to nine other condiment-related crimes.

I should have sent the Boise police a thank-you note for practically writ-



ing my column for me. You could watch every old Twilight Zone episode, read every Sherlock Holmes short story ever written and see every Coen Brothers movie, and I'm tellin' you, the words "condiment-related crimes" are not going to pop up.

I'm basically an honest

guy, so I don't spend a lot of time thinking about what I would do if circumstances had led me to a life of crime. However, I've seen enough bad-guy movies to know that when you're looking for shifty ways to make a living, the answer does not lie in a select variety of sauces.

I resisted a childhood influence to be a crook. My mother was an unrepentant Sweet 'n Low thief, so I saw firsthand (and with sleight of hand) how easy it was to score big at White Castle or Steak 'n Shake. Mom seemed like a very nice person to some people, but those close to her knew that her sweet disposition was artificial.

The woman who defiled the books walked around with a backpack that concealed her two sandwich spreads of choice. The police could not legally stop and search her without a warrant or they would have violated her fourth condiment rights. It's a pretty sad day when it's legal to own a Glock, but a squeeze bottle of mayonnaise is suspect. The woman accused the police of profiling her, but when she left a trail of Gulden's Mustard packets behind her, it served as probable cause. She was once detained at an airport for having more than two ounces of vinaigrette in her carry-on. She tried to avoid trouble by flirting

with the TIA agents, but she was then arrested for being too saucy.

Pouring mayo down a book slot at a library is a serious offense, but judges should be able to use discretion in sentencing. Hellmann's on Hemingway is clearly a punishable crime, but mustard on Mein Kampf? Any judge worth his salt should overlook that breach.

Other than mayo in the return slot, the police were reluctant to reveal the other nine condiment capers she committed—for fear, I suppose, that a wave of food-topping, copy-cat crimes would sprinkle the country. The woman did not use Worcestershire sauce

during the commission of any felonies. The folks at Lea & Perrins could capitalize on this. Since their product is high in sodium, they could brag about how low it is in crime rates.

The woman was released and put on probation. The judge thought she might be a flight risk, and sure enough, at last report she was on the lam. I bet she had some mint jelly in her purse.

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Ask Rusty - Can My In-laws Get Supplemental Security Income?

Dear Rusty: I am wondering what the income limit is for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) eligibility. My in-laws are in their 70's, both drawing Social Security, and each has a pension from jobs they retired from. I am wondering if they are eligible to collect SSI. They have income from all sources that is over \$2100 per month, they are on Medicaid, but they have no savings and few assets. I have been told by a random family member that they are eligible for SSI, but with their income I have my doubts. All of my online hunt and peck research has made this as clear as mud. Any insight you can offer would be greatly appreciated. Signed: *Helpful Daughter-in-Law*



ASK RUSTY
Social Security Advisor

Social Security Matters

by AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor
Russell Gloor

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Dear Helpful Daughter-in-Law: Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a separate (non-Social Security) federal supplemental assistance program for low income seniors over 65 and for disabled or blind people of any age, but there are income limitations to qualify for SSI benefits and restrictions on assets as well. Overall eligibility requirements for SSI are quite complex, especially for those with

earnings from working (it's also notable that only legal US residents can get SSI). Although some types of income and assets are not counted, only those with very low countable income and very few countable assets can get SSI assistance. Countable income must be less than the federal SS benefit amounts for federal SSI benefits to be paid. If your in-law's current countable income is over \$2100 per

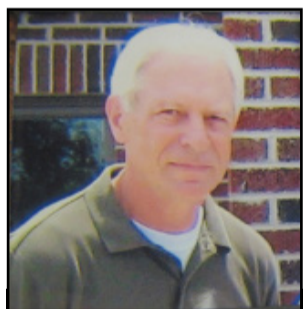
month, that alone may disqualify them for SSI because their countable income is more than the federal SSI benefit of \$841 per individual, or \$1261 per couple. As mentioned, some types of income aren't countable, but pensions and Social Security benefits do count (after a small \$20 exclusion). So if most or all of your in-law's monthly income is from those two sources, they almost certainly

won't be eligible for additional assistance through SSI. Something else to be aware of is that any SSI benefit they might be eligible for would be offset by their Social Security payment, so if each of their individual Social Security payments are more than \$841/month, then there would be no additional benefit from the SSI program. Here is a link at which an explanation of what types of income count, and don't count, toward the SSI income limitation: www.ssa.gov/ssi/text-income-ussi.htm. From the information you've shared about their current Social Security and individual pension benefits, it does not appear that your in-laws will be able to gain any additional benefit from the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program. The income

restrictions for Medicaid eligibility are more generous and, since they're in their 70s, your in-laws are obviously both on Medicare as well to help with their healthcare expenses. This article is intended for information purposes only and does not represent legal or financial guidance. It presents the opinions and interpretations of the AMAC Foundation's staff, trained and accredited by the National Social Security Association (NSSA). NSSA and the AMAC Foundation and its staff are not affiliated with or endorsed by the Social Security Administration or any other governmental entity. To submit a question, visit our website (amacfoundation.org/programs/social-security-advisory) or email us at ssadvisor@amacfoundation.org.

Butch Asks ... Do You Recognize These Job Titles?

Most of you folks know that there are many job opportunities out there today. During the pandemic, many workers quit their jobs or took early retirement...many deciding not to return to the work force. Yes, there are plenty of jobs available. Good-sounding jobs, too! You see, many employers have adopted "job title inflation." Companies do everything they can think of to hire people and boost their employees' self-esteem by renaming the available jobs. For instance, a "salesman" is now called "customer service associate" or "sales



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counselor." Similarly, a "store clerk" is now referred to as a "retail consultant." Sounds better, doesn't it? If you want to work at a big discount store as a cashier, stock-boy... or maybe even pushing

the carts back inside or cleaning the restrooms, you can be called an "corporate associate" and you can wear your "career apparel." Of course, the easiest job is to become a greeter, now referred to as "hospitality representative." This new trend of job title inflation affects almost every profession... such as doctors ("primary-care providers"), secretaries ("administrative assistants"), teachers ("educators"), store security guards ("loss prevention specialists"), manicurists ("nail technicians"), soda jerk ("fountain attendant"), garbage collector ("environmental service worker"),

and even illegal immigrant ("undocumented guest worker")...just to name a few. And not to worry, if you are fired from your job, you can just tell people that you were "transitioned out" or were just part of "an involuntary force-reduction." I have had many jobs throughout my 73 years here in the good old U.S.A. When I was a youngster, I mowed lawns and helped Dad on the farm ("lawn maintenance specialist" and "swine waste removal technician"). As a teenager de-tasseling corn for DeKalb, I must have been a "maize

flower science associate." When I was a student at Purdue, I also worked full-time at National Homes Corporation, and I enjoyed several jobs...sanding marble sinks ("associate finishing specialist"), installing windows ("deluxe fabrication associate"), and stuffing insulation into prefabricated walls ("Owens-Corning product consultant"). By the way, that last one was the worst job I ever had. Since they did not provide me with a mask, I am pretty sure I still have insulation fibers embedded in my windpipe and lungs! Yes, I have been a teacher and police officer,

but as a librarian, I have enjoyed several jobs all at once...."hospitality representative," "book loan-out and recovery agent," "product specialist," "learning resource advisor," and "chief operating officer and accounting supervisor." But guess what? The names of my two favorite jobs have not changed...."husband" and "father." 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.

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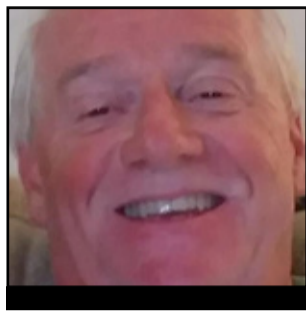
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What Happened To Us?

As a young boy, growing up in the city I still live in, life was simple. My friends and I went to school by day, carpooled home, and played until dark – taking the occasional water break from outdoor spigots, available from a variety of neighbors, who never fussed at us for leaving puddles behind. (At least not to our faces). We never feared being kidnapped. We had no clue what a drive-by shooting was. In fact, we were our own worst enemies.

My dad was a small business owner. (It was a bar with five pool tables. But doesn't small business sound less seedy?) My mom worked for a government contractor that employed more than 3,000. Many of the male workers were my dad's customers. He closed at midnight, and carried out the day's receipts in a paper bag. He didn't carry a gun, and I never heard him talk in fear of being robbed.

We received three channels on our TV that



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had no color. I was the remote control. I never heard Ed Sullivan, Matt Dillon or any of the Cartwright boys curse. Can you even imagine Little Joe screaming, "Damn it Pa! I smashed my thumb nailing up a board!"

We went to Sunday School and church every Sunday without fail. Every July, Mom's plant closed for a week. My Dad closed his business. And we vacationed in the same motel in Myrtle Beach, S.C. In the summer following fifth grade, my parents let me venture downtown. Alone! With the standard parental, "Be careful,"

and about three bucks in my pocket. Out into the unknown crowd I ventured. Absolutely no fear that I would not return at the appointed time.

What happened to those times? What's wrong with us?

Seemingly, we have evolved into a nation of rage. People are lashing out at each other over little to nothing. Some drive 85 mph (or more), on Interstate highways with speed limits of 70. Yet, we get ticked if somebody uses that 'just enough space' to cut in front of us. And we let them hear and see our anger with an extended horn on one hand, and a middle finger on the other.

Some are using guns to settle simple arguments. Some randomly shoot up cars and houses to make a point.

Assaults on law enforcement officers are at an all-time high. As are officer-involved shootings. And people are dying.

Illegal drug use is

also at an all-time high. As are overdoses. And again, people are dying.

Last summer, there were protests throughout the country. Many small business men and women lost their incomes because someone thought it was cool to throw a fire bomb through their store window. Seriously? What's the point? More importantly, what have those protests resulted in? Any significant change out there?

Why are we as a nation concerned about what Johnny Depp and Amber Heard did to each other? NBC seems to think we should be. The trial has been highly placed in the network's morning news. From a pure journalism point of view, why are their private lives national news? Help me here, Hoda!

Our two-party system of electing leaders (and I use the term loosely), is failing us. A Republican can propose a tax break. But the Democrats will shoot it down to show party unification. What?

A Democrat develops a plan to reduce carbon, so our grandchildren will breathe cleaner air. But a Republican committee chair buries it until the session ends. Again, I implore you, what?

And as a voting public, we continue to be persuaded by endorsements from (usually) other politicians. So, who are we actually voting for; the candidate, or the cat we like who endorsed them? They all say the right things to get elected. But then, what do they do? Oh, that's right, they trade barbs with the guys across the aisle!

Folks, we are choking on the prices of things we need; fuel, food, prescriptions; you name it. The fingers of blame are plentiful. But as the pitch lady for Wendy's bellowed, "Where's the beef"? What are these guys and gals actually doing for us?

In one of his weekly columns, the Editor of this collection of journalism and ads, offered a suggestion. Church. It

has to start somewhere, and church may be that place. It sure used to be.

I would add to his worthwhile thought, hope. Nobody in the world is without it. And we can't give up on it. Without hope, what's left? I recently saw on a website, www.pray.com, that hope is our antidote to painful emotions.

Hard to argue that I know what you must be thinking; a lot of questions. Very few answers. But let's hope we can all do better in the days, weeks and months ahead.

I don't know what happened to us. But I do know, if we keep doing the same thing, we will not get a different outcome!

Try an internet search for the lyrics of Let There Be Peace on Earth. Therein lies the answer. Or at least a piece of it.

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Congress Is Going After the Alleged Price Gougers – Again

By Dr. Mark W. Hendrickson

As Yogi Berra, baseball's preeminent wit and philosopher, would say, "It's déjà vu all over again." Fifteen years ago, I wrote in this space about an attempt by Congress to impose additional taxes on oil companies at a time of high gasoline prices.

Last Thursday, the U.S. House of Representatives did it again. It passed "The Consumer Fuel Price Gouging Prevention Act" by a vote of 217-207. Four Democrats and every Republican voted against the bill. The bill would empower the federal government – specifically, the Federal Trade Commission – to fine oil companies if they increase prices in an "excessive" or "exploitative" way (without, in typical congressional vagueness, bothering to define what constitutes "excessive" or "exploitative").

It is sad that members of Congress who voted

for this bill are raging against oil companies when what is really causing the problem is the inexorable economic law of supply and demand. Gasoline prices are uncomfortably high now, not because oil companies are headed by unusually greedy individuals, but because supply is not keeping up with demand.

Consider, if you will, another big market in the U.S. economy – the housing market. The media are full of reports of soaring prices for houses in various parts of the country, often explaining that the price explosion is because supply is not keeping up with demand. What would you think of a federal law imposing a tax on homeowners who take advantage of current market conditions to sell their house for what would have been considered a ridiculously high price just a year ago? You would rebel in righteous indignation, I hope.

After all, it is your house, your property, and you should be free to sell it at whatever price you can get in the marketplace. Are homeowners who are receiving top dollar for their houses behaving "exploitatively"? Of course not. That is just the way the real estate market is right now. How is that different from what is happening in the oil market? It isn't different at all; it's simply the law of supply and demand at work. The only difference is that some members of Congress believe they can get away with taxing oil companies, whom they routinely demonize, while they know that if they tried to tax homeowners on windfall profits derived from the sale of their homes, they would be voted out of office.

One tactic that the anti-price gouging crowd in Congress is employing against oil companies is to accuse them of deliberately keeping production

low and supplies tight. Rep. Katie Porter (D-CA), one of the co-sponsors of the fuel price gouging bill, asserted, "Big Oil is threatening our entire economy by keeping supply low and jacking up prices at the pump." Similarly, Rep. Frank Pallone (D-NJ), the chair of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, said, "The problem is Big Oil is keeping supply artificially low so prices and profits stay high."

In the first place, nobody has the right to dictate to a business how much they should produce (well, not in a free-market system based on property rights; under socialism, government does in fact issue such commands). But what makes blaming oil companies for cramped supplies so offensive here is that the Biden administration is in the forefront of efforts to curtail the production of oil.

I wrote twice last year (here and here) about specific anti-oil production policies that the Biden administration has adopted, and those policies haven't changed a bit. In fact, just a few days before Reps. Porter and Pallone tried to blame oil companies for tight oil supplies, the administration canceled oil leases in the Gulf of Mexico and Cook Inlet. Existing leases are being held in regulatory purgatory by bureaucrats refusing to approve a green light for actual production. A few days ago, Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) commented that 16 months after the Biden administration announced a pause on granting new oil exploration leases, "we still have no new leases," and, "it has become crystal clear that the 'pause' is in fact a ban."

With President Biden accompanying his aggressive anti-fossil fuel

policies with equally aggressive rhetoric about sharply reducing, if not ending, Americans' consumption of fossil fuels within the next decade or so, one can understand why oil companies might be hesitant to spend billions to ramp up production. Why should they risk huge losses if that production is going to be shut down not too long from now? Without commenting on if or how fast the U.S. economy should shift from fossil fuels to various "green" modes of energy, the present question is whether the current government policy of impeding the production of oil is hurting us more than it is helping. What do you think?

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More Mass Killings, What Is The Answer?

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Do parents in America want to spend every school day hoping and praying their children will not be heinously murdered? Do children want to spend their days constantly looking up to see who might be entering their room with an assault weapon? Do you want to walk the grocery store aisles wondering if someone has picked your store and this day to shoot at you? Do you enjoy sitting in a house of worship knowing that if a crazed gunman enters your location the exit doors are very few. Movie theatres are anticipating a major boost in attendance this summer. Can you go in peace knowing that your life could be in danger if someone enters with a



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semi-automatic weapon or an AR-15?

The list of possibilities is almost endless as restaurants, sporting events, concerts, shopping malls and more are targets of those who plot evil rampages against innocent people.

Uvalde, Texas and Buffalo, New York are the recent locations of horrific killings of the very young

and elderly American people doing everyday life – going to school and buying groceries.

When will this happen at your school, grocery store, house of worship or any place else? At one time, Americans never imagined such horrors as many of us have lived to see. One mass shooting has led to another and another. Your school or church or whatever the event is must plan for an attack every time you gather. If we do not try to protect the people at such events and gatherings, then we are throwing caution to the wind and subjecting people we love to the possibilities of being killed.

What is the answer? The Buffalo grocery had an armed guard. This was

not enough for a gunman who had strategized and outgunned the security guard who gave his life trying to save others. One major problem is such an evil person has the element of surprise. They have surveyed the location. Innocent people are caught off guard. People may even be carrying weapons but might not even have the time to draw their weapon because the rapid fire of the attacker's weapon takes that person's life before he or she can reach for their weapon. What is the answer? Do we equip every teacher in America with a semi-automatic weapon? Should teachers and grocery store shoppers and ministers carry assault weapons at all times? Do you want to

put on your Sunday dress and then strap on your assault rifle so you might have a chance of defending yourself?

State and federal lawmakers continue to wrestle with what to do. One suggestion is to take away all the guns. This might be okay until Russia or China invades us and we all have to fight.

The local villain may find a way to order all the parts he needs online to assemble an assault weapon and you have no way to defend yourself. This possibility must be made illegal.

Evil finds a way to release hate and fulfill deranged fantasies. This does not mean we give up. Limiting assault weapons to people 25 and older,

strict background checks, waiting periods and licenses are possibilities. Limiting all gun purchases to people over 21 is another possibility. Eighteen-year-olds use guns in the military but are trained and strictly supervised.

Do Americans really need assault type weapons? Would we be willing to ban them if it would save an elementary school of children from a murderous rampage?

It's all too late for Uvalde, Texas families and so many more. State and federal government must make some real decisions. In the meantime, we have to protect ourselves.

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Indiana State Fair Announces First Wave Of Hoosier Lottery Free Stage Concerts

Last week, the Indiana State Fair unveiled the first wave of its 2022 list of scheduled concerts as a part of the Hoosier Lottery Free Stage schedule, July 29 through August 21 (Fair is closed Mondays and Tuesdays). The Hoosier Lottery Free Stage has become a summertime staple for concert goers and music lovers. The lineup each year consists of some of music's most legendary acts and this year is no exception. All shows at the Hoosier Lottery Free Stage are free with paid fair admission and seating is first-come, first-served. A limited number of premium section access tickets will also be made available at a later time. All shows start at 7:30 p.m., unless noted otherwise.

The first wave announcement for 2022 Hoosier Lottery Free Stage at the Indiana State Fair schedule includes:

KANSAS - Friday, July 29 (opening day)
Chaka Khan - Wednesday, August 3
Zach Williams - Sunday, August 14

Happy Together Tour featuring The Turtles, Gary Puckett & The Union Gap, The Association, The Classics IV, The Vogues, The Cowsills - Wednesday, August 17

Carly Pearce - Friday, August 19

High Resolution Artist Images are Available by Request or By Visiting the State Fair Media Center Photo Gallery at www.IndianaStateFair.com.

Sarah M. Taylor, executive director of the Hoosier Lottery, noted, "The Hoosier Lottery has enjoyed a great relationship with the Indiana State Fair for many years. This year we are proud to sponsor

the popular Free Stage that features a variety of outstanding talent. The Free Stage has become a 'winning ticket' for all fairgoers."

The 2022 Indiana State Fair is scheduled to open on Friday, July 29 and runs through August 21, when you can enjoy The Greatest 18 Days of Summer at this iconic Hoosier tradition. For more information, please visit www.indianastatefair.com or follow the Indiana State Fair on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. The 2022 Indiana State Fair will be Fun at the Speed of Summer with the theme of Celebrating Indiana's Automotive Excellence, presented by Tom Wood Automotive Group.

2022 Artist Bios:

KANSAS:
This classic rock band from Topeka, Kan., nearing five decades in the classic rock scene, has become one of the most influential rock bands to date. Kansas, composed of Phil Ehart, Billy Greer, Ronnie Platt, David Ragsdale, Tom Brislin, and Richard Williams, appeared on the Billboard charts for more than 200 weeks throughout the '70's and '80's and played sold-out arenas and stadiums throughout the United States, Europe, and Japan. Their songs have appeared in many shows like "Supernatural," "South Park," "The Office," and "The Simpsons;" and with films including "Old School," "Anchorman," and "Happy Gilmore."

CHAKA KHAN:
Singer, Songwriter, Actor, Activist - Chaka Khan is one of the world's most gifted and celebrated musicians, with a rich musical legacy, the 10-time GRAMMY® Award-winner is

looking forward to a celebration of a lifetime. A songwriter, actor, author, philanthropist, entrepreneur and activist, Chaka Khan has influenced generations of recording artists. She has the rare ability to sing in seven music genres, including R&B, pop, rock, gospel, country, world music and classical. Affectionately known around the world as Chaka, she is revered by millions of fans as well as her peers for her timeless, classic and unmatched signature music style and ability. The late, great Miles Davis often said, "She [Chaka] sings like my horn." And the Queen of Soul, Aretha Franklin says, "[Chaka] is a one-of-a-kind, premier vocalist."

ZACH WILLIAMS:
GRAMMY® award winning Contemporary Christian artist Zach Williams aims to share his story of how he found his faith, with honesty and clarity into his troubled past. Zach is a Tennessee-based Christian singer that infuses outlaw country, the dirt-road grit of southern rock, and the contemporary roots music of alt-country into his sound to create a unique and special way to spread his passion for God, and share how he stays on the path of being Christian. He grew to popularity with his debut album "Chain Breaker," winning GRAMMY® award Best Contemporary Christian album, as well as the GMA Dove Awards 2017 New Artist of the Year and 2018 Artist of the Year.

HAPPY TOGETHER TOUR:

The Happy Together Tour consists of six bands: The Turtles, Gary Puckett & The Union Gap, The Association, The Classics IV, The Vogues and The Cow-

sills. These bands that had their biggest hits in the 60's and 70's brought timeless sounds and songs like "Happy Together" by the Turtles, one of the most recognizable songs of that time period. These bands combined have multiple No. 1 hits with this tour starting in 1984. Since then the band has consistently knocked out 50 shows a year, making this tour an iconic homage to an era of music that has influenced many of today's artists. The tour has consisted of several different bands and artists throughout the nearly 40 years it has been running, with the only constant band being The Turtles. This group's members include: Howard Kaylan, Mark Volman, Al Nichol, Chuck Portz, and Don Murray. With the exception of Don, all original members are alive today, making this band's live songs truly original.

CARLY PEARCE:

Carly Pearce is a young country singer on the rise, releasing her first album in 2017. Her Platinum-certified No. 1 song "I Hope You're Happy Now" with artist Lee Brice has earned CMA nominations for New Artist of the Year, Song of the Year and Video of the Year, and won Musical Event of the Year. She has exploded in the country scene touring alongside Blake Shelton, Rascal Flatts and Luke Bryan. The past two years this Kentucky native has won CMA awards for Female Vocalist of the Year in 2021 and Female Artist of the Year in 2022. She is now on her third studio album, "29: Written in Stone," and has been nominated 22 times for numerous awards since these three albums have been released.

Explore Branson Launches "Gems Of The Ozarks" Virtual Pass

Explore Branson has launched "Gems of the Ozarks," a virtual passport that connects users to various points of interest within the Branson region in a new, innovative experience. The program launched on Friday, May 27.

This is a free program that all visitors can participate in, and it is the result of a partnership with Bandwango. There are 25 local businesses included in the passport, which showcases the best of the region in an easy, mobile-friendly way. After a user has checked in to at least 20 of the 25 points included along the trail, they will be eligible to redeem a prize by visiting the Branson Chamber/CVB at 4100 Gretna Road or request-

ing the prize be delivered via mail.

About Explore Branson

Branson is a one-of-a-kind family vacation destination nestled in the lakeside beauty of the Ozark Mountains with dozens of live performance theaters, three pristine lakes, numerous attractions and museums, Historic Downtown district, a full range of dining options, and a host of hotels, motels, resorts, RV parks, campgrounds and meeting and conference facilities and sports venues. Branson is less than a day's drive for one-third of America's populace. Call 1-800-296-0463 for help planning your next vacation, convention, sports event, or reunion.

Is Inflation Putting A Damper On Your Summer Travel? How To Save

(StatePoint) After two years of restrictions, summer road trips are top of mind for those looking to get out of town. With rising inflation showing no signs of braking, soaring automotive costs, including gas prices, repairs, rental cars and auto insurance, are threatening to put a damper on summer fun. This is why many consumers are preparing their budgets now to find ways to save.

In a recent Experian survey, 76% of Americans say they are actively looking for ways to significantly trim expenses from their monthly budget. The same survey found that a third of Americans who have auto insurance feel their recurring bill hurts their wallet the most. And 28% who have auto insurance say it's a recurring bill that they've had to decide between paying or not paying to avoid going without basic necessities such as shelter, food, electricity and utilities.

Reports show that auto insurance rates are expected to continue to rise in 2022, meanwhile gas prices are the most expensive they've ever been. It's no surprise then that 34% of Americans say they're cutting back on driving expenses to save money during the current period of inflation.

Proactively finding ways to reduce costs allows consumers to get ahead of rising prices before they break the budget, and research shows that many consumers are already thinking about reaching out to their insurance provider to see if they can ne-

gotiate a cheaper price on their auto insurance. Seventy-eight percent of Americans who have auto insurance report they are likely to contact their auto insurance provider in order to negotiate a better rate within the next three months. Meanwhile, 24% say they are trying to save money by using online price comparison tools.

"Inflation is hitting many consumer's budgets and we encourage Americans to explore how to find ways to save on recurring bills. Make sure to keep your credit score high to obtain the best rates and terms on credit, and utilize all the resources available. Consumers can access their Experian credit score and report online for free and try our auto insurance shopping service to compare rates," says Rod Griffin, senior director of Public Education and Advocacy at Experian.

Experian's service can take the hassle out of finding better car insurance rates for your same coverage. It delivers multiple, tailored rates from more than 40 leading and well-established auto insurance carriers to consumers, potentially saving them more than \$900 per year. To learn more, visit www.experian.com/save.

As inflation continues to soar, finding ways to save money is becoming even more important. Reducing the cost of monthly expenses like auto insurance can go a long way in helping consumers keep more money in their pockets during their summer road trips and beyond.

Keep Roads Safe: Use These Tips To Stop Driving Distracted

(StatePoint) Driving fatalities in the United States are at the highest point since 2008, yet new research reveals that many are unaware of the enhanced risk and are actively making choices that increase the danger on our roads.

According to a new survey from Travelers, 57% of people think roadway safety is unchanged since before the pandemic. At the same time, over a third of drivers have experienced a near-miss because they were distracted while driving.

Our devices are a large part of the problem. One-third of respondents believe it is acceptable to use technology while driving and even more admit to doing so -- 79% say they have made or received a phone call while driving, 74% have looked at map directions on a cell phone and 56% have read a text message or

email. A growing number of drivers are also taking to social media, with 29% admitting to recording videos or taking photos using their smartphone, a number that's increased since 2019 along with the rise of TikTok and other social media platforms.

"When you're behind the wheel, every second matters, and anything that occupies your mind or vision is a distraction," says Chris Hayes, assistant vice president of Transportation and Risk Control at Travelers. "While it's tempting to use your phone, especially when it's alerting you to texts and calls, doing so is dangerous to you, your passengers and others on the road."

To help put a stop to distracted driving, Travelers is offering the following tips:

- Turn off notifications: Setting your phone to "do not disturb" before you begin driving

is a good idea, as it can help prevent you from being tempted to check your phone for new notifications.

- Prepare beforehand: Check directions or set your GPS before you begin driving. Put your favorite playlist or radio station on before you hit the road.

- Let it wait: Do not make calls, text or otherwise manipulate your phone while driving. Even hands-free calls can pull your focus from the road. If you need to text, email, make a call, or use your phone for any other reason, pull over first.

- Recruit a passenger: Rely on your passengers to handle technology-related tasks, such as checking GPS, changing the music or radio station, and answering calls or texts.

- Speak up: Consider asking a distracted driver to put down their device. Eighty-seven percent of

consumers who use a phone while driving say they would be less likely to do so if a passenger spoke up.

- Beware of other distractions: It's important to make driving your number one priority when you're on the road, and keep in mind that not all distractions are tech-related. For example, don't wait until your commute to eat, brush your hair, or apply makeup. Take care of such tasks before you start the car.

For more tips and resources, including compelling stories about real-world victims of crashes due to distracted driving, visit travelers.com.

"There are more distractions than ever on today's roadways. Ultimately, making a concerted effort to change behaviors will help prevent injuries and save lives," says Hayes.

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How To Stay Connected During Weather-Related Disasters

(StatePoint) While the summer season often signifies the start of hurricane season and wildfires, the rise in natural disasters has made preparedness a year-long process. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) reported 2021 was the third-most active hurricane season on record, with 21 named storms. According to CoreLogic, about one in every 10 homes in the United States was impacted to some degree by natural disasters in 2021.

Companies like T-Mobile have emergency response teams working tirelessly to ensure they are ready to keep communities, first responders and customers connected when it's needed most.

T-Mobile works with weather forecasters, including StormGeo, to accurately track weather events and potential severity. T-Mobile's network switches, data centers, points of presence and other critical

sites are equipped with thousands of new backup generators, thanks to a multi-year network hardening investment that also added advanced relief and recovery tools in hurricane-prone areas. And its Network Operations Centers provide 24/7 monitoring so technicians and engineers can watch network traffic demands and weather impacts.

When it comes to weather-related disasters, even with all T-Mobile's preparations and the network's increased capacity, power outages and other service interruptions can still occur. The good news is that you can also take steps to ensure you stay connected during weather events:

- If you have a network connection, keep calls to a minimum and as short as possible.
- Send a text instead of making a call. Text messages get through more easily during times of congestion.
- If you have home broadband and power but

no mobile service, turn on Wi-Fi calling, which allows T-Mobile, Sprint, and Metro by T-Mobile customers with capable devices to text and make and receive voice calls via any capable Wi-Fi connection. If you need to call 911 using Wi-Fi, be sure to give your address to the operator.

There are additional weather monitoring resources available to alert you of upcoming severe weather. You can receive the latest storm forecasts from NOAA's National Weather Service and the National Hurricane Center. You can also download The Weather ChannelTV app on your smart TV or streaming device. To learn more about how T-Mobile prepares for and responds to disaster events, visit T-Mobile's disaster relief website at t-mobile.com.

Taking a few minutes to brush up on best practices during inclement weather will help keep you connected, come what may.

BBB Issues Warning For Lottery Text Scam

The BBB serving Northern Indiana has issued a warning to consumers about a reported text message scam.

The scammer poses as a lottery winner named Manuel Franco. He claims to have won a \$768 million Powerball Jackpot and is donating to 200 random individuals. These text messages request that the victim reach out to the winner's agent and provide an alternate phone number to contact.

The text messages may come from an out-of-state area code. The message details change often, such as the dollar amount being given or the name of the agent in charge of dispersing the funds. In many cases, the scammer will request banking information or a fee to send the funds. If personal information is given, it may lead to lost funds or hacked accounts, and any fees paid will most likely never be recovered.

Use BBB's tips to avoid this scam:

- Don't pay upfront fees to claim a prize. No

legitimate sweepstakes company will ever ask to pay a fee or buy something to enter or improve the chances of winning — that includes paying "taxes," "shipping and handling charges," or "processing fees" to get a prize.

- Checks can bounce after the bank allows the account holder to withdraw cash from the deposit. Check processing is a confusing business. Even if a bank representative tells you a check has "cleared," you can't be sure it won't be detected as a fake weeks later. One thing you can be sure of is that you will be on the hook for any funds drawn against the amount.

- Be suspicious of irregular communication. Real sweepstakes will not notify you via text or bulk mail. They will not send a check in the mail without first confirming with you. And you won't be notified that you are a winner and have to respond or act within 24 hours to collect your prize.

- You've got to play to

win. A notification that you have won a prize in a contest you do not remember entering should be a red flag. Keep track of all sweepstakes entries so it's easy to check if a legitimate contest-related company is confirming winnings. When entering, read the fine print and rules for how prizes are claimed.

If you spot a scam, whether you've lost money or not, report it to BBB's Scam Tracker at BBB.org/ScamTracker and the FTC at Report-Fraud.ftc.gov.

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Consumer Alert: Products Recalled In May

Attorney General Todd Rokita reminds Hoosiers to be aware of products that were recalled in May. Consumers should take full advantage of the solutions available for those who purchased the recalled items.

"Hoosier consumers have the right to know if items sitting around their homes are flawed or have the potential for unexpected danger. This month, a number of recalled products are child-related, so I encourage parents and caregivers to pay careful attention," Attorney General Rokita said. "Consumer protection is one of my office's top priorities. If you have difficulty finding a solution for your recalled product, call my office for help."

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the following consumer products were recalled in May:

- BIBS Baby Bottles from BIBS Denmark ApS
- Heckler 9 Electric Bicycles from Santa Cruz Bicycles
- GreenSpeed Magnum Recumbent Trikes from WizWheelz
- Infant Clothes from Winter Water Factory
- Children's Robes from NewCosplay
- Children's Robes from Linum Home Textiles
- Wolverine RMAX Off-Road Side-By-Side Vehicles from Yamaha
- Hover-1 Superfly Hoverboards from DGL Group
- Coffee Cups from Moderne Glass Company

- Children's Pajamas from Free Birdees
- Wonder & Wise Activity Tables from Asweets
- Children's Sleepwear from Copper Pearl

If you believe you purchased a recalled product, stop using it and check its recall notice (linked above for all products). Follow the notice's instructions, including where to return the product, how to get the product fixed, how to dispose of the product, how to receive a refund for the product, or what steps must be taken to receive a replacement product.

To view recalls issued prior to May, visit the Consumer Protection Safety Commission website.

More Drivers Are Opting For Electric Vehicles, Here's Why

(StatePoint) If you think you're seeing more electric vehicles (EVs) on the road, you're not imagining it. From 2020 to 2021 alone, there was a 70% increase in registered EVs within the United States. Auto giants such as Ford and Chevrolet are quickly expanding their fleets of EVs, and with Congress passing historic EV legislation last fall, experts agree that this trend is only set to intensify.

With all the buzz surrounding the EV industry right now, one issue has surprisingly managed to persist: the problem of charging compatibility.

"The U.S. EV industry has been held back in the past due to limited charging options and a fragmented EV infrastructure," says Christopher Maiwald, founder and CEO of Lectron, a leading manufacturer of EV charging solutions. "Recent moves by the federal government are aimed primarily at increasing charging availability."

Indeed, the recent legislation is geared towards promoting EVs as a sustainable alternative to gas-powered cars. The massive \$1.2 trillion infrastructure bill signed last November contains \$7.5 billion earmarked to be spent on building out the nation's EV charging network.

While the govern-

ment hopes that greater charging availability will lessen range anxiety and boost driver confidence, it stops short of quelling compatibility concerns.

American AC charging infrastructure is currently divided between two types of charging standards: Tesla and J1772 (all other EVs), while the country's DC charging infrastructure is divided even further: Tesla, CSS, and CHAdeMO. "The legislation is a step in the right direction, but it does little to address the issue of charger compatibility," continues Maiwald.

Companies like Lectron are quickly coming up with ways of solving this problem. For example, in an effort to help Tesla drivers access J1772 chargers, Lectron offers the J1772 to Tesla Adapter, which provides four to six times more charging options, and may prove vital to Tesla drivers in accessing the nation's expanding J1772 charging network.

Likewise, since Tesla has already built over 15,000 publicly accessible charging stations nationwide, Lectron offers J1772 drivers the 48 Amp Tesla to J1772 Adapter, which is the only adapter on the market that supports 48 amps of maximum current and 250V of maximum voltage — meaning wider charging access and fast-

er charging times.

Another way the industry is handling the growing compatibility problem is through the wider use of portable chargers.

Lectron's 40 Amp Level 2 Charger, for example, provides fast Level 2 charging for EV drivers. So, no matter where they are, they always have a quick charging option available to them.

The final hurdle toward greater EV acceptance may not be related to public charging stations at all. Maiwald explains, "While ensuring public charging access is important, having a powerful home charging option is what will truly lead to widespread acceptance and make EVs the transportation of the future."

The company is currently rolling out its most powerful in-home charging station yet — the Lectron V-BOX. It has a maximum of 48 amps of power and comes in three different versions: standard, smart, and bi-directional, with all three options slated for release later this year.

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Thanks to expanded infrastructure and improved technology, EVs are becoming a more convenient and viable option for a growing number of drivers.

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