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Crawfordsville Regional Airport: Take Advantage Of Your Local Regional Airport



Photos courtesy of Lori Curless, Airport Manager

Above: Crawfordsville's rental plane N737QP sits waiting at the Crawfordsville Airport. Left: A packed house at Crawfordsville airport as planes wait on the ramp. Right: Posing for a photo before a flight are (from left to right) Certified Flight Instructor Dustin Starlin, Karysn Endicott and Lillian Mussche.

The Crawfordsville Regional Airport is building momentum on its successful 2021 year. Our airport here is a local gem for cross-country commuters and local aviation enthusiasts alike that sets Crawfordsville apart from similar communities of our size. We house an attractive, modern facility with a 5,505 ft. runway for convenient air access to Crawfordsville, Montgomery County, and other surrounding communities.

The airport finished a record-breaking year with 100% occupancy in all of our hangars on-site and saw an all-time high at our flight

school with over 600 in-flight hours by aircraft renters, students, and instructors. We are continuing to build momentum in our flight school that we acquired in 2015 and hope to help new students realize their passion for flight this summer.

Those interested in learning how to fly with us will be taken on an introductory flight lesson with one of our qualified flight instructors in our single-engine Cessna 172. During this flight, you can try out a few basic procedures, get a feel for the flight process and see Crawfordsville from a few thousand feet up in the air. If you think flying is for

you, you can proceed on to your first lesson where you will get to know your instructor, learn the steps to prepare for a safe flight, and get familiar with the controls of the aircraft.

After that, it is into the pilot's seat and ready for takeoff! You can spend between 30 to 60 minutes in-air learning about the aircraft and practicing a few in-flight maneuvers yourself. If you think flying is for you, we will begin having you work closely with an instructor on the ground and in the air as you work towards receiving your license. You will cover

topics from flight planning, radio communications, meteorology, and much more. To become a private pilot, students must spend a minimum of 40 hours in the air, including nearby solo flights, night flights, and long-distance flights across Indiana and neighboring states.

Make this summer your season of "firsts" and try out your hand at flying in a safe, well-supervised setting with industry professionals at your local Crawfordsville Regional Airport.

If flying doesn't seem like your style, you can still check out our airport day on September

10th. You can participate in our "Touch a Truck" event, check out an IU Lifeline Helicopter up-close, grab some food, and even let your children between the ages of 8 and 17 take a free flight with parent or guardian consent. We hope to see you there.

If you are interested in learning more about our regional airport or how to get signed up for flight instructions, visit us on the city of Crawfordsville's webpage, or follow us on Facebook @ CrawfordsvilleAirport and Instagram @crawfordsville_airport. We will see you in the sky!

➔ TODAY'S QUOTE

"If you hire people just because they can do a job, they'll work for your money. But if you hire people who believe what you believe, they'll work for you with blood and sweat and tears."
Simon Sinek

➔ TODAY'S JOKE

What do you call a dead magician? An abra-cadaver!

➔ TODAY'S VERSE

Psalm 34:18 The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Cigarette smoke contains carbon monoxide – yep, same stuff that comes out of your exhaust pipe. 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

Counting down the minutes until summer!



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WHO'S HIRING?

Companies are searching high and low for good help. Are you in the market for a job? Are you perhaps tired of retirement? Looking to move up and earn more income? Maybe it's time for a career change? Then take a look at these fine companies and open up new doors to a brighter future!

WHO'S HIRING?



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Dental, Health & Vision Insurance, Paid Time Off, Holiday, Sick & Vacation Pay, and Public Employee Retirement.

Interested candidates may pick up an application at the Town Hall, 205 North Indiana Street, Roachdale IN 46172, during business hours or download the application at townofroachdale.org.



Position Hiring for: Associates and stylists
 - Needs to know how to style hair, be dependable,
 - Hard working and work well with the public.
Benefits: Full time medical benefits offered, paid vacations, continuing education!

Commission-based, pay raises the longer you stay with the company and will be explained to you during interview.

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Open interviews every Wednesday from 3 - 6 p.m. at 1100 N. Lebanon St., Jamestown, IN 46147. Stop In or Call HR at (765) 676-4800.



Position hiring for: Mechanic Technician
 Someone who is:
 • A quick learner
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 Someone who knows about cars is a HUGE plus.
 Someone who is:
 • Dependable
 • A hard worker
 • Likes to work with the public
 Full time or part time.

\$10 an hour or more if you have experience!

Stop at 107 E Washington St, in Waynetown, talk to Mike and fill out an application!



Position hiring for: Auto Body and Paint technician
 Do you love working on cars?
 Helping your neighbors and friends get the most out of their vehicle?
 Have an eye for design?
 Then this is the job for you!
 • There aren't many benefits. But you can qualify for unpaid vacations
 • Hours would be 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday through Friday
 • Experienced only, please.

Up to \$30 an hour

To apply, come by the shop at 7479 S 1000 W Jamestown, IN 46147; or call (765) 676-5964!



Zippy Lube is looking for someone to come and vacuum vehicles! You don't have to have experience but great customer service skills are a plus!
 To get your foot in the door, come work for a great company. Overtime is automatic and there is the opportunity for advancement.
 • No benefits but you earn vacation time after a year.
 • No insurance
 • Hours are 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday - Friday and 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. on Saturdays

\$10 an hour

Stop in and get an application at Zippy Lube at 707 B Eaglewood Dr., Crawfordsville! Ask for Tim



We are currently looking for inside and outside advertising sales help. If you have an outgoing personality, strong attention-to-detail skills and a desire to make top income, this might be the job for you. The Paper is currently looking for inside phone sales and outside advertising sales representatives. Our company offers flexible hours and a professional and enjoyable work environment. Since our start in 2004, we have become the media leader in Montgomery County. Come join a winner and start reaping the rewards right away!

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Obituaries

Sunday, June 19, 2022

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Henry "Junior" P. Sandoe Jr.

July 3, 1952 - June 4, 2022

Henry "Junior" Pharis Sandoe Jr., 69, formerly of Muncie and more recently residing in Hillsboro, passed away in the Wellbrooke of Crawfordsville, on Saturday, June 4, 2022 at 3:30 a.m.



Junior, as he was called by family and friends, was born in Muncie, Indiana on July 3, 1952. He was the son of the late Henry "Red" Pharis and Millie Iora Faye (Watkins) Sandoe Sr.

He was raised in Muncie and Eaton and graduated from Delta High School in 1970.

At an early age, he delivered newspapers for the Muncie Star. He later worked for the Farm Bureau CO-OP in Muncie. He later worked for East Side Wrecker Service in Muncie and worked as a driver for East Side during then blizzard of 1978. He then returned to Farm Bureau CO-OP and worked until joining the Sherry Laboratories in Muncie and Daleville. He worked as a metallurgist for Sherry Laboratories for 18 years until his retirement in 2015. Following his retirement he and the family moved to Hillsboro.

He was a member of the Sons of the American Legion Post in Muncie. He enjoyed racing stock cars. He enjoyed the outdoors and loved to fish. He coached softball and little league baseball teams in Muncie. He enjoyed putting together model railroads. He loved watching sports and spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He attended a lot of car shows and was proud of his two 1923 T-Bucket roadsters that he built.

On Sept. 3, 1971 he married Tammy K. Bodenhafer in the Eaton Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Tammy Sandoe, Hillsboro; two daughters, Tessa Sandoe, Hillsboro and Angie Shamp, Otterbein; a son, Henry Scott Sandoe, Muncie; four grandchildren, Scotty Sandoe, Thomas Sandoe, Gabriel Warrick and Abigail Warrick; two great-grandchildren, Talynn and Amira; a sister, Kathy (Jim) Reynolds, Portland, IN.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Carolyn and her husband, Dewayne Davis along with two infant sisters.

As per his request cremation services were accorded him and a memorial service will be held Saturday June 18 at 1 pm at Old Town Hill Baptist Church in Muncie with Pastor Bruce Reynolds officiating. Visitation will begin 1 hour prior to the service. In lieu of flowers the family request memorial contributions be made to the Paws 'n Claws Animal Shelter, 2466 U.S. Highway 41, Attica, IN 47918.

Condolences may be sent on line to www.mausfuneralhome.com.

Tommy - Nature Hamm

May 22, 1996- June 8, 2022

Tommy - Nature Hamm's spirit flew away on Wednesday, June 8, 2022.

He "walked" into this world at 10lbs 3 oz on May 22, 1996 and told everybody "Hey, what's up!?" His momma told everyone this and they didn't even know that she telling the whole hearted truth.

He didn't know a stranger. He was happy, carefree, nature loving and loved immensely. He was a lover through and through. He made sure his people knew he loved them.

He didn't leave any of us behind, he is always with us and he will always make sure that we know that. He made the hardest decision of his life. Life is like a beautiful tree or flower you see...they leave an imprint on your soul and spirit. That's what he did to everyone he met. He lives on in every person who knew and loved him. He would want us to remember him as the spontaneous, energetic, goofy, loving person that he always was. Especially when you needed that person. He was everyone's person.

If you're struggling with thoughts of ending your life on this earth, reach out to someone. There will be a hand there reaching back to take a hold and help you stand up and walk on. Carry him with you everywhere you go because he is there. When you hear your favorite song, or see something cool, think of him and remember all the good times and the outpouring of love we all shared with him.

There will be a Celebration of Life and Gathering of Family and Friends on Saturday, June 18, 2022 from 2 p.m. till the time of the dinner at 4 p.m. at Waynetown Christian Union Church, 1472 N 650 W, in Waynetown. All are welcome to come celebrate his life, share stories, and stay for the meal. Please donate or volunteer at your local animal shelter or plant a tree in Tommy's memory. Memorial donations may be given to the Animal Welfare League of Montgomery County, 1104 Big 4 Arch Road, Crawfordsville, IN 47933. Sanders Shoemaker Funeral Care of Waynetown entrusted with care. Share memories and condolences online at www.sandersfuneralcare.com.



Charles Gerald Jackson

Sept. 29, 1939 - June 11, 2022

Charles Gerald Jackson, age 82 of Crawfordsville, passed away after a short battle with lung cancer on Saturday, June 11, 2022 at Franciscan Health Indianapolis.

He was born in Kingman on Sept. 29, 1939 to the late Henry Wesley & Mary Ellen (McGill) Jackson.

He graduated from Kingman High School in 1957. On Oct. 23, 1966 he married Patricia Philpott, who survives. He worked at R.R. Donnelley for 42 years. He attended the East Side Baptist Church. He enjoyed wood working, gardening, traveling, crinoid hunting, floating down Sugar Creek, and spending time with his family and grandkids.

Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Patricia; two children, Paula (David) Fowler of Noblesville and Dale (Christy) Jackson of Oviedo, Fla; three grandsons, Devin Jackson, Zach Jackson, and BJ (Amanda) Fowler; twin great grandsons, Matthias and Aquila Fowler; one brother, John Jackson of Crawfordsville; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation is scheduled at Sanders Shoemaker Funeral Care, 202 Bratton Road, in Waynetown on Friday, June 17, 2022 from 11 a.m. till the time of the funeral service at 2 p.m., with Pastor Phil Taylor officiating. Burial will follow at Waynetown Masonic Cemetery. Memorial donations may be given to the American Lung Association of Indiana, 115 W Washington St, Suite 1180-South, Indianapolis, IN 46204. Share memories and condolences online at www.sandersfuneralcare.com.



Larry Gene Bennett

March 18, 1943 - June 2, 2022

Larry Gene Bennett, 79, of Romney, Ind. passed away at IU Arnett Hospital in Lafayette 9:23 a.m. Thursday June 2, 2022.

He was born in Lafayette March 18, 1943, the son of the late Charles Bennett, Jr. and Frances Lucille Linder Bennett.

He was a 1961 graduate of Linden High School and received his degree in agriculture from Purdue University. He married Glenda K. French at Rossville, Ind. June 30, 2001 and she survives. He resided all of his life in the Linden area, and farmed in the Montgomery and Tippecanoe County area from 1965 until 2001. He later was employed by Utterback Marketing dealing in grain commodities and in 2005 opened RC Hobbies Plus in Lafayette.

He was a member of the Linden United Methodist Church; Lafayette Cloud Jockeys; served as superintendent of the 4-H Llama Club and a member of the NMMTPA (National Micro Mini Tractor Pull Association, where he was the first inductee into their Hall of Fame. He served in the U.S. Army Reserve from 1965 until 1969 and in 1974, he was awarded the National Young Farmer of the Year Award during the President Gerald Ford administration.

Survivors include his wife, Glenda; three daughters, Gena Brown (Kerry) of Lafayette, Stacey Shirar (Darrrell) of Lafayette and Andrea Harpenau of Niles, Mich.; a son, Wade Bennett (Mindy) of Linden; and a sister, Diana Meier (Ron) of Huntington, Ind. Also surviving are 11 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a step-son.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorials may be given to Woodhaven Rescue Farm, c/o Susan Slayton Whaley, 6310 S., 900 E., Lafayette, IN 47909 or the American Heart Association. Hahn-Groeber Funeral Home, Linden is honored to serve the Bennett Family. Please leave memories and condolences at www.hahngroeberfuneralhome.com



Patricia Ann Nall

April 5, 1939 - June 10, 2022

Patricia Ann Nall, age 83, of Crawfordsville, passed away on Friday, June 10, 2022 at the Lane House.

She was born in Fountain County on April 5, 1939 to the late Alfred P. and Ina (Mount) Hightower.

She graduated from Coal Creek High school in 1957. She worked at the Lane house as a housekeeper for 22 years. She married Billy Nall on Dec. 10, 1982. She enjoyed watching the Animal Plant and the Gameshow network and scratching lottery Tickets.

Survivors include her husband of 39 years; a son, Gary Brown; daughter, Anne (Russ) Hanley; stepdaughter, Mary (Charlie) England; and six grandchildren, Cody Willhite, Raven Willhite, Garrett Brown, Dylan Brown, Joshua England and Shawn England.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son, David Brown; brother, Francis "Frank" Hightower; and ex husband, Eldridge Brown.

Cremation was chosen with a graveside service at Oak Hill Cemetery North on Wednesday, June 29, 2022 at 11 a.m. Sanders Priebe Funeral Care is entrusted with care. Share memories and condolences online at www.sandersfuneralcare.com



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- How long ago was the first successful "horsesless carriage" trial run? \geq
- How old is Howard County? \leq
- How many people in the county do not live in Kokomo? \geq
- What is the population density of the county? \leq

Answers: 1. 125 Years 2. 175 Years 3. Around 37,284 People 4. 281 / sq. mi. \div

Did You Know?

- Howard County was founded in 1844 and named for Tilghman Howard.
- Kokomo, the county seat, has a total population of 45,468 residents.
- The county is home to 14 different educational institutes ranging from private to public schools and universities.
- In 1894 Elwood Haynes of Kokomo made the first successful trial run of his "horseless carriage."
- Howard county is 293.92 square miles and has a population of 82,752 residents.

Got Words?

Kokomo is coined the "City of Firsts." The city is associated with discovering products, such as the mechanical corn picker, canned tomato juice and push-button car radio. How do you think these inventions have impacted Kokomo and the rest of the world?

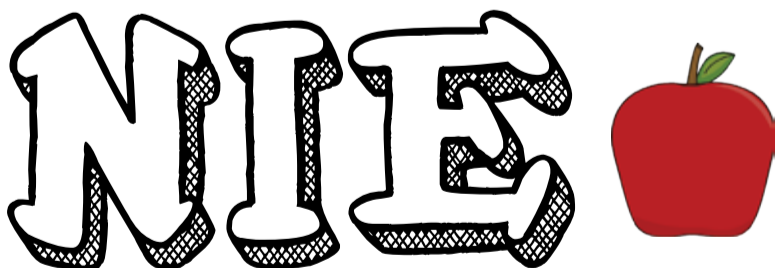
Word Scrambler

Unscramble the words below!

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Purdue University Names Chiang Its Next President

The Purdue Board of Trustees announced today (June 10) its unanimous election of Dr. Mung Chiang, currently the John A. Edwardson Dean of Engineering and Executive Vice President for Strategic Initiatives, as the university's next president. Dr. Chiang will replace current president Mitch Daniels effective Jan. 1, 2023. Daniels has served since January 2013.

During Chiang's five years at Purdue, he has led his college to its highest rankings ever, even as it has grown dramatically at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Purdue is currently ranked No. 4 among graduate programs, No. 3 for online programs, and No. 8 for undergraduate education, and is the largest school in the nation's top 10. Both government and industry-sponsored research funding have set new records, as do the 12 national research centers now housed at the university.

Meanwhile, Chiang has played a central role in establishing new relationships with federal agencies in the national security and economic development sectors, and in recruiting new companies to invest and create jobs in Purdue's Discovery Park District. He spent 2020 as scientific and technology advisor to the U.S. secretary of state on a prestigious Intergovernmental Personnel Act appointment.

Chiang earned a B.S. (Hons.) in electrical engineering and mathematics, and an M.S. and Ph.D. in electrical engineering from Stanford University. He came to Purdue from Princeton University, where in his role as the Arthur LeGrand Professor of Electrical Engineering, he was recognized for a number of innovations in teaching and was the first chairman of Princeton's Entrepreneurial Council. The holder of 25 patents,

he founded three companies and was named New Jersey's CEO of the Year in 2014. Among many other academic honors, Chiang received the Alan T. Waterman Award in 2013 as the nation's top scientist under the age of 40 for his excellence in edge computing, internet congestion, cloud and video optimization, and other research areas. Chiang's research publications have received over 30,000 citations with an H-index of 81. He has graduated more than 50 Ph.D. students and postdocs, including 24 who have become faculty in research universities.

Chiang will lead a transition of his duties as dean, while continuing his strategic initiatives assignment.

Board of Trustees Chairman Michael Berghoff said, "Mung is the ideal choice to lead Purdue into its next 'giant leap.' The board could not be more confident in this selection, as we have had the opportunity to observe his performance across a broad range of duties for five years.

"He has displayed not only academic excellence but also administrative acumen, effective relationship-building with academic, governmental, and business partners, and the skills of public communications. He brings the entire package of talents and experience necessary to take our university further forward. It is no surprise that Mung has been offered the presidency of several other schools, and the board is grateful that his loyalty to Purdue kept him here and available as this time of transition arrived."

Berghoff thanked President Daniels for his service, saying, "The last decade has seen Purdue attain unprecedented levels of national recognition, reflected in record enrollments, academic rankings, and overall reputation.

Statement from Dr. Mung Chiang

"It is the highest and most humbling honor to be selected by the Board of Trustees as the next president of Purdue University: the unique and most remarkable land-grant university in the land of the free. Throughout the past 153 years, and spanning from the Wabash River to the moon, generations of Boilermakers contributed to our state, to our country, and to humanity in immeasurable ways. There is no other place like Purdue.

"And there is no other university leader like ours. President Daniels built Purdue into the most consequential public university in the United States. Under Mitch's leadership, our university attained the strongest academic reputation, from record-breaking enrollment to all-time-high research excellence, from the Ever True campaign to the transformed campus.

Purdue led the country in safely reopening during the pandemic, while its financial foundation is fortified stronger than ever before. But there's even more. Mitch is also the most innovative president in America: affordability through tuition freeze, 21st century land grant through Purdue Global, and economic growth in Indiana through entrepreneurship and the Discovery Park District in West Lafayette.

"The amazing success of the Daniels' Decade must continue. While my family and I are blessed with the pride of gold and black, I'm also humbled by a daunting task: ensure the continuity of today's momentum into the next giant leaps. I've had the privilege to be a part of the Purdue team in the past five years, and there's much more that I need to keep learning, like a student, from each of you. In the next seven months and beyond, my responsi-

bilities start with listening, to students, faculty, staff, alumni, neighbors, and state, national and global partners, friends and families of Purdue.

"Neil Armstrong said, 'Knowledge is fundamental to all human achievement and progress.' A university gifts a time when lives are lifted by student access and success. My own life was lifted out of scarcity because of education. A university preserves a place for all minds in pursuit of open inquiry. And I'm ever grateful for the honor to serve the talents at our university. As an immigrant living the American dream and as a citizen of the greatest nation in human history, I'm also proud to serve, in higher education as I did in the U.S. State Department, the best hope for freedom and opportunity in the 'shining city on the hill.'

"Opportunities and challenges are intensifying for American higher education, from modality and value of learning to R&D investment by government and the private sector. We believe the entire Purdue system, across all campuses and all units, will innovate together and excel together: one brick at a time, toward boundless potential in the Boilermaker future.

"Hail Our Purdue!" Selected significant accomplishments of the Mitch Daniels presidency

- Frozen tuition for unprecedented 11 years through 2022-23.
- March 2013: Just seven weeks into his presidency, President Daniels announces a two-year tuition freeze to address rising college costs and concerns over affordability. This marks the first time tuition will not go up since 1976.
- Launch of bold initiatives and university priorities: Purdue Moves in 2013 and Purdue's Next Moves in 2021.

- Acquisition, launch and growth of Purdue University Global.
- Creation of Purdue Polytechnic High Schools, now three schools strong in Indianapolis and South Bend.
- Commitment to Freedom of Expression, with Purdue becoming the first public institution of higher education to adopt a free speech policy called the "Chicago principles."
- Conception and championship of the growth and expansion of the Discovery Park District at Purdue.
- New vital partnerships and corporate locations, including Rolls-Royce, Saab, Schweitzer Engineering Labs.
- Record innovation and commercialization activity, including growth in patents and startups based on Purdue faculty and student research and discovery.
- Transformation of the State Street corridor.
- Record growth of fundraising, including incredibly successful Ever True fundraising campaign, raising more than \$2.5 billion, and the launch of the Purdue Day of Giving, an annual celebration that has grown and achieved record donors and donations each year since 2014.
- Yearlong celebration of Purdue's 150th anniversary.
- Increased rankings across the board for the university, its colleges and programs.
- Unprecedented growth of the faculty and the undergraduate student body.
- Transformative education initiatives, including Degree in Three programs across campus, a Civics Literacy requirement, and assessment of the growth in critical thinking for all students.
- Expansion of the physical plant, including:
 - Chaney-Hale Hall of Science.
 - Agricultural and Biological Engineering

- Building.
- David and Bonnie Brunner Purdue Veterinary Medical Hospital Complex.
- Wilmeth Active Learning Center.
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Report Shows Differences In Food Insecurity, Sustainable Food Purchasing

Black and Hispanic consumers are somewhat more likely to check food labels and much more likely to face food insecurity, according to the Consumer Food Insights Report.

The survey-based report out of Purdue University's Center for Food Demand Analysis and Sustainability assesses food security and spending, consumer satisfaction and values, support of agricultural and food policies and trust in information sources. The latest report also details differences in food purchasing, preferences and food insecurity between racial and ethnic groups. The team analyzed the survey data from January through May to compare differences in responses across white, Black, Asian and Hispanic households.

"Significant disparities exist between racial

and ethnic groups, and nearly 30% of Black and Hispanic households have experienced food insecurity this year," said Jayson Lusk, the head and Distinguished Professor of Agricultural Economics at Purdue, who leads the center. "In addition, around 50% of Black and Hispanic households report waiting on their next paycheck or government payment to buy groceries. These data help us identify where to focus efforts to reduce food insecurity."

Purdue experts conducted and evaluated the survey, which included 1,200 consumers across the U.S.

Additional results include:

- Black and Hispanic food insecurity is more than double that of white and Asian households.
- 16% of households are food insecure.

- Total food spending increased 7% from last month to \$184 per week.
- 55% of consumers think farmers should replace synthetic fertilizers with organic.
- A Sustainable Food Purchasing Index of 68/100.

The Sustainable Food Purchasing Index offers insight into how sustainability and health relate to consumer behaviors. It is a self-reported assessment of how consumer shopping habits correspond with healthy diets from sustainable food systems.

The survey showed white adults were less likely than the other groups to purchase food that is typically promoted as more ethical or sustainable, for instance local foods, wild-caught fish, grass-fed beef, cage-free eggs and organic foods. The Consumer Food

Insights Report, as well as other historical sources, also show Black and Hispanic adults are more likely to be vegetarian or vegan compared to the general population, said Sam Polzin, a food and agriculture survey scientist for the center and co-author of the report.

"Eating a plant-based diet is often presented as a cultural movement led by white yuppies, but we found that Black, as well as Asian and Hispanic, consumers are more likely to choose the plant-based and organic options," Polzin said. "Eating fewer animal products may now be most associated with modern environmentalism, but it is important to remember that many non-Western food traditions — including Hinduism, Rastafari, and many indigenous tribes across the Americas — have long

eaten little or no meat." Lusk notes that higher interest in plant-based diets may also be a result of income differences and the fact that meat tends to be a relatively expensive dining option.

Survey responses also showed Black Americans check food labeling, including GMO ingredients and place of origin, more often than other groups.

"As debates over sustainable food labeling are expected to heat up, we must understand which groups will be impacted by rapidly evolving policy discussions and accurately represent who new labeling standards are meant to benefit," Polzin said. "Trust in the food system varies across racial and ethnic group as well, and food labeling can be a critical tool for communicating useful, expert-certified product information

and building trust."

The Trustworthiness Index measured by the survey reveals that Black and Hispanic adults trust government agencies such as the Department of Agriculture and the Food and Drug Administration significantly less than white and Asian adults.

Lusk further discusses the report in his blog, and a video is available at <https://youtu.be/Ni84nA7d9Z4>.

The Center for Food Demand Analysis and Sustainability is part of Purdue's Next Moves in agriculture and food systems, and it aims to use innovative data analysis shared through user-friendly platforms to improve the food system. In addition to the Consumer Food Insights Report, the center offers a portfolio of online dashboards.

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Purdue's New Institute Of Hard AI Connects AI With The Physical World

Purdue's College of Engineering announced the formation of the Institute of Hard AI on Tuesday (June 14) during the 11th annual meeting of the National Academy of Inventors in Phoenix. The collegewide institute positions Purdue as a national leader in artificial intelligence at the interface of the virtual and physical worlds.

To understand the term "hard AI," think of it as bytes meet atoms. The full power of AI is at the interface between what we code and what we touch.

Intended to become a national leader at this frontier and guided by a top-tier alumni advisory board, the institute will combine research, teaching and commercialization in three areas:

AI by hardware: Future AI applications will place unprecedented demands on computing platforms, requiring advances in function-specific AI hardware to control complex systems and interconnected processes. Autonomous and connected systems, energy generation/distribution, health care and smart agriculture are examples

of systems that will require specially designed AI chips. Leveraging Purdue's unique strength in cognitive computing, the Institute of Hard AI will focus on a unique algorithm-to-hardware code-sign approach, addressing challenges at all levels: algorithms, system architecture, circuits and devices.

AI of hard stuff: The location for AI is increasingly dispersed through edge computing, where computation, communication and control all move closer to the end users and are dispersed in a distributed, variable, highly constrained and underorganized computing substrate. This brings new challenges to the design of AI systems, including hardware heterogeneity, robustness and the need for extreme energy efficiency. Purdue has some of the world's leading experts in edge computing, remote sensing and 5G systems. AI doesn't just live in the cloud — it will be all around us.

AI for physical things: When AI is used for decisions at the interface of virtual-physical worlds, the

criteria for success change. For example, responsiveness and safety matter no less than accuracy and throughput. From autonomous trucks to pharmaceutical manufacturing, from nuclear reactor operation to connected things in digital agriculture, Purdue leads the nation anytime applications touch physical things.

Kaushik Roy, the Edward G. Tiedemann, Jr. Distinguished Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, will serve as director of the institute; several associate directors will be named soon.

Roy said, "From smart self-driving cars to smart homes, even smarter manufacturing to smart agriculture, AI systems will profoundly change the way we live by enabling transformative solutions to societal-scale challenges that we face. To bring that future forward, the Institute of Hard AI will coalesce Purdue Engineering's world-leading strength in hardware design, cognitive computing, learning algorithms and the Internet of Things, shaping bold advances in state-of-the-art AI systems.

Our relentless focus will be on real-world impact driven by an aggressive and targeted research road map, unique workforce development and comprehensive partnerships with industry, federal and state government agencies to spur economic activity."

The institute will be guided by an alumni advisory board that comprises luminaries from industry, including Chris Lister (BSIE '95), Mike Harris (BSCEE '91), Dan Rosckes (BSIE '84) and Ujjwal Singh (BS computer science '94 and BSEE '94).

The institute is a one-of-a-kind comprehensive venture with a list of initiatives that includes cutting-edge research and innovation; courses related to hard AI for both industry and academia, including a minor degree in AI for physical applications; a distinguished lecture series; industry partnerships; student-industry networking and career development; and technology commercialization. The effort will also grow to include multiple other departments and colleges on the Purdue campus.

IDDC, Visit Indiana Launch New Tourism Marketing Campaign

Visit Indiana and the Indiana Destination Development Corporation (IDDC) yesterday launched the 'IN Indiana' marketing campaign, a unique effort to tell the Hoosier State's authentic story. Visit Indiana has developed an extensive customizable toolkit of resources available free of charge to every business, small town, big city, and destination in the state.

"In keeping with our great state's spirit of innovation, this campaign gives tools and a voice to everyone, making Indiana stronger together," Governor Eric J. Holcomb said. "From Indiana's shoreline to the hills in southern Indiana, there is something for everyone here IN Indiana."

The IN Indiana marketing campaign will build on what Indiana is known for, including the world's largest single-day sporting event in the world, the Indy 500. The capital city, Indianapolis, is known for successfully hosting national sporting events, such as the NCAA tournament and the College Football Championships, as well as, major conventions, including FFA, GenCon and most recently the Global Economic Summit.

"From the smallest towns to the largest cities, the adaptable messaging of 'IN Indiana' will instill pride in the many communities that make up the state," Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch said. "Thanks to the campaign's unified messaging, we will attract more visitors, retain college graduates from our schools, and attract top talent to ensure Indiana's continued growth and success."

The IN Indiana campaign will allow every

stakeholder, no matter their budget, to benefit from these tools and unified messaging. The 'IN Indiana' design kit includes logos, brand guides, social media templates, print collateral templates, tradeshow collateral, promotional items, digital ad templates and more. Each resource is fully customizable for all Indiana stakeholders, allowing them to personalize their marketing efforts while at the same time presenting a unified front to potential visitors, future residents and companies looking to do business in Indiana.

"The goal behind 'IN Indiana' is to help Indiana function as a state united when it comes to spreading the word about this wonderful part of the world," Elaine Bedel, IDDC Secretary and Chief Executive Officer, said. "These stories will show new visitors the unexplored diversity of the state and create pride and ownership in our people."

For more information about the marketing campaign, go to VisitIndiana.com.

House Enrolled Act 1115 established the Indiana Destination Development Corporation (IDDC) to position Indiana as the best place to live, work, play, study and stay. IDDC operates as a public-private agency and is governed by a seven-member board. Members include Governor Eric Holcomb who has appointed the Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch as his designee, the president of the IEDC or designee, and five governor-appointed members from the private sector. Elaine Bedel serves as Secretary & CEO.

Integration Leads To Leap In Tech For Forest Inventory, Management

Through integration of aerial and ground-based mobile mapping sensors and systems, a team of Purdue digital forestry researchers has used advanced technology to locate, count and measure over a thousand trees in a matter of hours.

"The machines are counting and measuring each tree — it is not an estimation using modeling, it is a true forest inventory," said Songlin Fei, the Dean's Remote Sensing Chair and professor of forestry and natural resources and leader of Purdue University's Digital Forestry initiative. "This is a groundbreaking development on our path to using technology for a quick, accurate inventory of the global forest ecosystem, which will improve our ability to prevent forest fires, detect disease, perform accurate carbon counting and make informed forest management decisions."

The technology uses manned aircraft, unmanned drones and backpack-mounted systems. The systems integrate cameras with light detection and ranging units, or LiDAR, together with navigation sensors, including integrated global navigation satellite systems (GNSS) and inertial navigation systems (INS). A Purdue team led by Ayman Habib, the

Thomas A. Page Professor of Civil Engineering and head of Purdue's Digital Photogrammetry Research Group, who co-lead the project with Fei, designed and created the systems.

"The different parts of the systems take advantage of the synergistic characteristics of acquired data to determine which component has the most accurate information for a given data point," Habib said. "This is how we can integrate small-scale and large-scale information. One platform alone cannot do it. We needed to find a way for multiple platforms and sensors — providing different kinds of information — to work together. This gives the full picture at extremely high resolution. The fine details are not lost."

A machine-learning algorithm developed by the team to analyze the data is as important as the custom autonomous vehicles they created. The findings of a study using their technology are detailed in a paper published in the journal Remote Sensing.

"This system gathers a variety of information about each tree, including height, trunk diameter and branching information," Habib said. "In addition to this information, we maintain precise location and time tags of acquired features."

The result is like giving a person much-needed glasses. What was once blurry and uncertain becomes clear. Their vision is improved, and in turn, so is their understanding of what they see.

LiDAR works like radar, but uses light from a laser as the signal. LiDAR sensors evaluate the range between the scanning system and objects using the time it takes the signal to travel to objects and back to the sensor. On drones, planes or satellites it takes measurements from above the tree canopy, and on roving vehicles or backpacks it takes measurements from below the canopy. The aerial systems have continuous access to GNSS signal to pinpoint the sensor location and orientation after GNSS/INS integration and provide reasonable resolution. Ground-based systems, on the other hand, provide more details and finer resolution, while suffering from potential GNSS signal outages, Habib said.

"This multiplatform system and processing framework takes the best from each to provide both fine details and high positional accuracy," he said.

For instance, if the backpack is in an area with poor access to GNSS signal, a drone can step

in and put that data in the right place, he said.

"It is a breakthrough in applying novel geomatics tools to forestry," Fei said. "It is solving a real and pressing challenge in fields such as agriculture and transportation, but it also is amazing engineering and science that will be applied beyond one arena."

As the different platforms work together, the system also is identifying data points from each that equate to the same tree characteristic. Eventually it could correlate and discover what above-canopy data means in terms of what is happening below canopy, Habib said. That would be a giant leap in the speed and area of forest that could be covered.

LiDAR can be used to make digital 3D maps of trees and forests, so one can virtually assess tree growth, ground cover and forest conditions. A map the team created is available here.

The Digital Forestry initiative is part of Purdue's Next Moves. The team continues to work on scaling up the technology and refining the machine learning.

The Hardwood Tree Improvement and Regeneration Center and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (Hatch Project No. IND10004973) fund this work.

CDBG Planning Grants Are Now Open

Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch and the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs announced the Community Development Block Grant's Planning Grant program is now open for applications. Applications will be accepted until Aug. 12, 2022, at 11:59 p.m. ET via the Indiana Electronic Grants Management System. Applicants are encouraged to submit their applications prior to 4 p.m. ET on Aug. 12, 2022, as technical assistance will not be available after that time.

The following plan types will be open as part of the third quarter round:

- COVID-19 Economic Recovery Plan;
- Comprehensive Plan;
- Water Infrastructure Plan;
- Broadband Readiness Plan;
- Economic Develop-

- ment Plan;
- Environmental Assessment;
- Historic Preservation Plan; and
- Public Facilities Feasibility Study.

No changes to the planning grant program will be implemented this round as OCRA continues to collect and evaluate stakeholder feedback on the program. All existing policies and requirements remain in effect for planning projects. While a formal site visit is not required for this program, applicants must contact their OCRA Community Liaison to: 1) notify the Office of their intention to submit an application and 2) to receive technical assistance on the planning process.

The next round of planning grants is expected to continue quarterly until funds have been exhausted.



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Fresh, Healthy Family Meals

Recipes to help boost iron levels, aid plasma donation recovery



Marinated Skirt Steak

FAMILY FEATURES

Chef Nate Appleman knows how important it is to serve healthy meals to your family – ones they actually want to eat. Before having his first child, he transformed his eating and exercise habits and lost 85 pounds to get on a healthier path.

Now, he's cooking meals for his family, including 14-year-old Oliver who was diagnosed with Kawasaki Disease as a toddler – an inflammation of the blood vessels that can cause damage to coronary arteries – as a healthy lifestyle is important to help manage the disease. Since Oliver's diagnosis, Appleman made it his personal mission to create awareness of Kawasaki Disease and for the critical need for plasma donations that many people with the disease rely on for treatment, which is why he partnered with Abbott to bring attention to the need for plasma donations.

Plasma is a powerful part of your blood that supports essential bodily functions. It's a lifeline for thousands of people who are immune-compromised and live with a variety of chronic and complex diseases. In fact, more than 125,000 Americans rely on medication made from plasma every day, according to the Plasma Protein Therapeutics Association (PPTA).

The COVID-19 pandemic led to a serious shortage of plasma donors – average donations per center in the United States were down approximately 11% during the first few months of 2021 compared to the previous year, further deepening the nearly 20% decline in donations in 2020 compared to 2019, according to the PPTA.

Donating plasma is a safe and relatively easy process. Since plasma is replaced in the body within about 24 hours, it can be donated up to twice per week. With a donation that typically takes between 1-3 hours, you can make a lasting impact by providing lifesaving medicine for patients like Oliver.

It's a good idea to fuel up with iron-rich foods before and after donating, so Appleman created these fresh, nutritious recipes he loves to serve his family: Marinated Skirt Steak, Lemon Chicken with Roasted Red Onions and Potatoes, and Cheesy Frittata with Veggies.

Learn where you can donate at bethel.donor.abbott.

Marinated Skirt Steak

Recipe courtesy of chef Nate Appleman on behalf of Abbott

Vinaigrette:

- 1/4 cup oil
- 1/4 cup fish sauce
- 1/4 cup rice wine vinegar
- 1/4 cup water
- 2 tablespoons raw sugar
- 1 cup chopped fresh cilantro
- 1 lime, juice only
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 small Thai bird chile or serrano chile, chopped
- 1/4 head finely shaved green cabbage
- 1/4 head finely shaved purple cabbage
- 2 carrots, thinly julienned

Skirt steak:

- 1 1/2 pounds trimmed skirt steak
- 1/2 cup coconut milk

- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tablespoons lime juice
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro
- 2 tablespoons sriracha salt, to taste
- 3 cups cooked brown rice
- 1/2 cup crushed peanuts
- 1 lime, quartered, for garnish

To make vinaigrette: In large bowl, mix oil, fish sauce, rice wine vinegar, water, sugar, cilantro, lime juice, garlic and chile. Toss cabbage and carrots in vinaigrette; refrigerate until ready to serve.

To make skirt steak: Marinate steak in coconut milk, garlic, lime juice, cilantro, sriracha and salt, to taste, at least 1 hour, or up to 24 hours.

Heat grill to high. Grill 3-4 minutes each side until medium rare. Let rest 3 minutes.

Thinly slice steaks against grain and serve with vinaigrette, rice and crushed peanuts; garnish with lime wedges.

Lemon Chicken with Roasted Red Onions and Potatoes

Recipe courtesy of chef Nate Appleman on behalf of Abbott

Lemon chicken:

- 1 whole chicken, cut into eight pieces
- 1 ounce minced garlic
- 1/4 teaspoon granulated garlic
- 1/4 teaspoon paprika
- 1/4 teaspoon smoked paprika
- 1/4 teaspoon ground fennel seed
- 1/4 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/4 teaspoon ground coriander
- 1 tablespoon kosher salt

Potatoes:

- 2 1/2 pounds Yukon gold potatoes
- salted water
- oil

Cauliflower:

- 1 head cauliflower
- salted water
- ice
- 2 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 1 teaspoon tamari or soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon chopped parsley

Roasted onions:

- 1 red onion
- salt
- oil

For serving:

- 3 ounces pitted Castelvetrano or green olives, cut into quarters
- 5 ounces wild arugula
- 1 lemon, quartered

To make lemon chicken: Marinate chicken in mixture of minced garlic, granulated garlic, paprika, smoked paprika, fennel pollen, dried oregano, coriander and salt; let sit overnight.

To make potatoes: Boil potatoes in heavily salted water until tender. Cool, peel and cut into 1 1/2-inch chunks. Toss with oil to coat; reserve.



Lemon Chicken with Roasted Red Onions and Potatoes

To make cauliflower: Cut cauliflower into florets and blanch in salted water 1 minute; shock in ice bath. Remove from ice and dry. Toss with mayonnaise, tamari and parsley; reserve.

To make roasted onions: Preheat oven to 450 F. Peel onion and slice into 1-inch rings. Toss with salt and oil; roast until slightly caramelized with texture. Chill and reserve. Preheat oven to 450 F.

Bake chicken on sheet pan approximately 15 minutes. Add potatoes and cauliflower. Bake approximately 15 minutes then switch oven to broil approximately 10 minutes. Squeeze lemon over reserved onion.

When chicken is crispy and reaches internal temperature of 165 F, remove from oven and add onions and olives. Plate chicken, potatoes, onions, olives and cauliflower on top of arugula and garnish with lemon.

Cheesy Frittata with Veggies

Recipe courtesy of chef Nate Appleman on behalf of Abbott

Roasted garlic:

- 2 heads garlic
- olive oil
- salt

Frittata:

- oil
- 2 medium leeks, sliced
- 8 ounces blanched, chopped broccoli salt, to taste
- 9 eggs
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
- 2 ounces grated Parmigiano Reggiano
- 2 tablespoons heavy cream

To make roasted garlic: Preheat oven to 400 F.

Slice 1/4 inch off entire heads of garlic and place cut sides down in 1-liter casserole dish. Drizzle with olive oil and sprinkle with salt; cover with lid.

Bake 35-45 minutes until heads of garlic are soft and light brown. Let cool then use back of knife to squeeze garlic from pods.

To make frittata: Lower oven to 375 F. In saute pan, heat oil over medium-high heat. Cook leeks until soft; add broccoli then season with salt, to taste, and remove from heat.

In mixing bowl, mix roasted garlic, sauteed leeks and broccoli, eggs, parsley, Parmigiano Reggiano and cream; place in 9-inch pie dish and bake approximately 20 minutes until top of frittata is brown. Remove from oven and let cool slightly before cutting and serving.



Cheesy Frittata with Veggies

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Sustainable Family Meals from Farm to Table

FAMILY FEATURES

Much time is often spent planning and preparing family meals, from choosing recipes to gathering ingredients and working in the kitchen. However, where that food actually comes from and how it's made is an often-overlooked part of food preparation.



Weathers Family

Next time you lay out a weekly menu that includes recipes like this Bone-In Prime Rib, keep sustainability in mind by considering the practices put in place by America's farmers. For example, the corn industry's evolution in sustainability along with its documented environmental, economic and social improvements over the last several decades points to farmers' willingness to embrace change.

As the largest sector in American agriculture, corn farmers impact hundreds of thousands of jobs, infuse billions of dollars into the economy and care for critical resources while overseeing substantial improvements in production.

The family farm belonging to Nathan and Nicki Weathers in Yuma, Colorado, includes 3,000 acres of irrigated crops and 300 cows. They harvest grain corn, which goes to a feedyard, dairy or an ethanol plant, and silage, which is sold to local feedyards.

According to Nathan, corn is the best feed available for his farm and makes his beef production more sustainable.

"They go hand in hand," Nathan said. "To be able to drive the protein market and meet the demands of the future, we have to be sustainable in both. We need to have protein and be able to grow it and have a feed source for pork and poultry. Corn is an efficient and economic feed source for all our protein."

Consider these ways the corn industry is continuing its efforts toward sustainable practices, according to the National Corn Growers Association's Sustainability Report.

Soil Conservation

Healthy soils are the foundation of agriculture production and why corn farmers are committed to leaving land in better shape than they found it. Adoptions in conservation tillage and other soil conservation strategies have contributed to a reduction in erosion.

Water Stewardship

Farmers recognize the invaluable role water plays in raising crops each year. They also know they must actively protect this resource for the benefit of their crops, their communities and the planet.

Ecosystem Resilience

With approximately 90 million acres planted annually, corn is grown in a variety of ecosystems. Supporting the health of those ecosystems requires active attention from farmers, who respond by using integrated pest management techniques, establishing wildlife habitats on their lands and more.

Energy Efficiency

Technology that enhances farmers' productivity also help reduce the amount of energy and emissions required for corn production. Farmers provide a carbon reduction strategy through the production of ethanol and the support of the Renewable Fuel Standard, a program created by Congress intended to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and expand the nation's renewable fuels sector while reducing reliance on imported oil.

Minimal Waste

Due to corn's versatility, from animal feed to ethanol production and bioplastics, the components of each kernel find homes in a variety of uses, leaving little to go to waste.

Find more information at ColoradoCorn.com.



Photo courtesy of Getty Images

Bone-In Prime Rib

Recipe courtesy of chef Jason K. Morse, C.E.C., 5280 Culinary, LLC, and Ace Hardware Grill Expert on behalf of the Colorado Corn Administrative Committee

- 1 bone-in prime rib roast (8 pounds)
- oil
- 5280 Culinary Rub-a-Dub seasoning, to taste
- 5280 Culinary Island Boys Coffee seasoning, to taste

Remove roast from packaging and place on large sheet pan. Drain juices and warm at room temperature 20 minutes.

Starting at tail on bone side of roast, cut bone along ribs, between meat and ribs, to back side, separating bones from meat.

Rub prime rib with light coat of oil. Season on all sides and under bone with blend of seasonings. Return bones to bottom side and, using butcher twine, secure in 2-3 areas by tying bones to meat. Wrap in plastic wrap or place in pan and refrigerate 12-16 hours.

Preheat smoker or grill to 200 F and load with preferred smoking wood chunks, if desired.

Place prime rib on grill rib side down, fat side up, allowing drippings to collect in drip tray. Increase heat to 350 F. Close lid and cook, uncovered, until desired doneness is reached.



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Duke Energy Offers Tips, Tools To Help Customers To Save Energy And Money

As the mercury rises in Indiana, Duke Energy is providing tips and tools to help customers save energy – and money – while trying to stay cool.

High temperatures bring higher usage for customers, which can translate into higher bills. Here are some simple tips that can help energy users manage their bill and save money.

Low- to no-cost energy efficiency tips

§ Change air filters regularly. A dirty air filter makes an HVAC system work harder, which uses more energy.

§ Set your thermostat

at the highest comfortable setting. The smaller the difference between the inside and outside temperatures, the lower your energy usage and bill will be.

§ Close blinds, drapes and curtains during the hottest part of the day. Keeping your blinds, drapes and curtains closed will help prevent the sun's rays from heating your house.

§ Use a ceiling fan in occupied rooms to supplement your air conditioning. Make sure the fans are set to operate in a counterclockwise direction to push cool air down

into living spaces. Only use ceiling fans in rooms that are occupied; fans cool people, not things.

§ Grill outdoors. Using your electric oven and stovetop creates a lot of indoor heat. Help save energy by firing up the grill outdoors or prepare meals that don't require cooking.

§ Turn off unnecessary lights. Be sure to turn off lights when you leave a room. Lights emit heat and cause your air conditioning system to work harder.

Track, manage your energy usage

§ Energy use typical-

ly spikes in the summer since air conditioning is one of the biggest energy users in your home.

Customers can also easily track and adjust their usage during this week's heat wave.

§ Customers with smart meters can check online to view their daily usage. Smart meters collect usage information by the hour, so checking spikes throughout the month – by day and even hour – can show what appliances and behaviors are increasing their bills.

§ Duke Energy customers with smart meters can also receive usage

alerts through email and/or text halfway through their billing cycle, well before their bill arrives, with their current usage amount and a projection of what their final monthly bill could be.

§ Customers can also set budget alerts, so they know when their bill reaches a specific dollar amount of their choosing, allowing them to adjust their usage and help save money on their bill.

§ Customers without smart meters can sign up to receive high bill alerts for when adverse weather is projected to increase their electric bills by at

least 30% and \$30 compared to historical usage.

Other energy-saving programs, tips and guidance to help you manage higher energy bills that can result from increased energy is available at duke-energy.com/Summer.

Duke Energy Indiana

Duke Energy Indiana, a subsidiary of Duke Energy, provides about 6,300 megawatts of owned electric capacity to approximately 870,000 customers in a 23,000-square-mile service area, making it Indiana's largest electric supplier.

Perennial Gardens For Beauty All Season

By Melinda Myers

Create long lasting beauty and pollinator appeal in your landscape with the help of perennials. With a little bit of planning, you can have flowers, foliage and seed heads that add interest to your garden year-round.

Select perennials including native plants that thrive in the sunlight, soil, and moisture conditions in your garden. Incorporate several inches of compost or other organic matter into the top eight to 12 inches of soil to improve the soil so your perennials will be healthy, showy, and long-lived plants.

As you select your plants, consider seasonal foliage and flower color as well as texture. Warm colors like red, orange, and yellow make large areas appear smaller, energize the space, and make it feel warmer. Cool colors of blue, green, and violet make small areas feel larger, hot areas seem cooler, and create a sense of tranquility.

Large leaves and flowers are bold and

create a focal point while small flowers and narrow leaves create a sense of depth when used in the back of the garden and they make a nice backdrop for bold textured plants.

Maximize beauty in every square inch and extend your budget with plants that provide multiple seasons of interest.

Look for opportunities to include spring flowering bulbs like daffodils, tulips, hyacinths, and grape hyacinths into the landscape. Although their blooms are relatively short lived, these spring beauties are sure to brighten the garden and help chase away the winter blues. Add these to your fall planting list.

Include some spring, summer, and fall blooming perennials with season long foliage, fall color or winter interest. You will find many great options at your local garden center.

Plants like Siberian Iris (Iris sibirica), hardy in zones 3 to 9, tolerates full sun to part shade, has beautiful flowers

in spring, nice foliage, fall color, and persistent seeds capsules for winter interest. Nonaggressive catmint (Nepeta) varieties flower all summer long with minimal maintenance. End the season with showy goldenrod (Solidago speciosa). Its bright yellow flowers add a burst of color to the fall garden and provide food for pollinators migrating through or overwintering in your garden. The dried flowers add interest to the winter garden.

Include some ornamental grasses. Their fine foliage is a great addition to the garden and most come into their full glory in fall. Leave them stand for winter and enjoy the motion and texture they provide

Don't let gardening in the shade stop you from creating season long beauty. Consider shade lovers that add multiple seasons of beauty to those shady spots in the landscape like barrenwort (Epimedium), variegated Solomon's seal, and coral bells.

Let your healthy perennials stand in the garden all winter long. Their dried leaves, stems and seed heads provide winter interest and help attract birds to the garden. They also provide winter homes for many beneficial insects. You'll enjoy the motion and color the birds and standing perennials add to drab winter days.

Start taking pictures of your landscape throughout the year. Then look for opportunities to add year-round perennial beauty to your gardens and landscapes.

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

Summer Flowers For A Festive Atmosphere

If you are longing for carefree enjoyment and more lightness and positivity in life, you are not alone! Did you know that nature can lend a helping hand with this?

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During prolonged periods of stress, we feel a great need to experience the opposite. We long for carefree enjoyment and connection with each other. This tendency is clearly reflected in the interior, with green happiness in a central position. After all, nature has a relaxing and wholesome effect with its cheerful colors and scents.

Colors, colors everywhere

If you display flowers in your home, you bring positive energy indoors.

Using bright colors makes for a carefree and happy atmosphere. Don't be afraid to mix colors. Use bold pastel shades interspersed with brighter accents and display them in striking and equally colorful vases. You will feel happier!

Summer flowers

Colorful summer flowers such as lilies, dahlias and gladioli instantly create the desired sunny effect. With the unusual round and wavy shapes of their petals, they truly represent summer. Combine them with lesser-known summer flowers such as Eremurus, Freesia or Ornithogalum. This combination is a sight for sore eyes.

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Actionable Environmental Impacts at Home



Swap common household devices to curb your carbon footprint

FAMILY FEATURES

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."

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- 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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Indiana Is A Hotspot For Entrepreneurship And Innovation

During London Tech Week, Startup Genome, a policy advisory and research organization, released its 2022 Global Startup Ecosystem Report. The comprehensive, data-driven report analyzed more than 280 entrepreneurial ecosystems including 3 million startups and ranked Indiana as a Global Top 40 Emerging Ecosystem. Indiana is also included in seven other subsets for talent, early capital funding and performance.

"The Start Up Genome Top 40 ranking is an exciting validation of the hard work of our entrepreneurs—but there is still more, as a state, we can do," said Indiana Secretary of Commerce Brad Chambers. "We are leaning in and finding innovative new ways to enable our immensely talented young people to propel our economy forward. I see no more important investment of time and resources and

no reason that Indiana should not be a Top 5 ecosystem for entrepreneurship worldwide.

In November, Startup Genome and the Indiana Economic Development Corporation announced a partnership to study and support Indiana's entrepreneurial and innovation ecosystem development. Using a combination of global datasets and survey data, Startup Genome conducted an ecosystem analysis to determine Indiana's stage of development, create benchmarks against peer and top global startup ecosystems, and examine opportunities and gaps as well as strengths.

Indiana-specific rankings and findings from the report include:

- Global Top 40 Emerging Ecosystem;
- Top 15 North American Ecosystem in Affordable Talent — which measures the ability to hire tech talent;
- Top 20 North American

can Ecosystem in Bang for Buck — which measures the amount of runway tech startups acquire, on average, from a venture capital funding round;

- Top 30 North American Ecosystem & Top 10 North American Emerging Ecosystem in Talent & Experience — which measures long-term trends over the most significant performance factors and the ability to generate and retain talent in the ecosystem;

- Top 25 North American Ecosystem & Top 10 North American Emerging Ecosystem in Funding — which measures innovation through early-stage funding and investor's activity;

- Top 25 North American Emerging Ecosystem in Performance — which measures the size and performance of an ecosystem based on the accumulated tech startup value created from exits and funding;

- Indiana created \$3 billion in Ecosystem value

from July 1, 2019 to Dec. 31, 2021;

- Local connectedness and a business-friendly climate are cited as reasons a startup should move to Indiana; and

- The Industry 4.0, Life Sciences and Future of Energy sectors are highlighted for their density of talent, support resources and startup activity.

"Startup Genome is honored to work with Indiana Economic Development Corporation in accelerating ecosystem growth, job creation and impact in Indiana," said JF Gauthier, founder and CEO of Startup Genome. "We are excited about Indiana's startup community's future because of the increasing investment in its innovative entrepreneurs."

Since 2012, this research effort has provided rich insights and guidance to public and private leaders on how to cultivate thriving startup ecosys-

tems and support local startups — the #1 engine of job creation and economic growth. The report ranks startup ecosystems on seven success factors, including performance and talent. Full global report details can be found here.

About Startup Genome Startup Genome is the world-leading policy advisory and research organization for public and private organizations committed to accelerating the success of their startup ecosystem. We have advised more than 125 clients across six continents in 45+ countries to date. Working side-by-side with 300 partner organizations, our frameworks and methodologies have become instrumental to define and execute robust policies and programs that drive lasting change. Many of the world's leading governments and innovation-focused organizations have joined our knowledge network to cut through

the complexities of startup ecosystem development and fuel sustained economic growth. Follow our work at startupgenome.com, and follow us on LinkedIn and Twitter.

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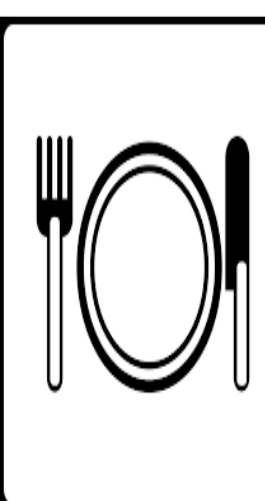
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Answers Surrounding The Formula Shortage: What You Can Do

By: Dr. Cameual Wright, CareSource Vice President and Market Chief Medical Officer

The U.S. is facing an unforeseen and unprecedented shortage in infant formula. The Milk Bank, a nonprofit tissue bank in Indianapolis, estimates that 30% of popular formula brands, well above 50% in some major cities, are sold out in stores. This leads many to wonder why this is happening, where parents can turn to find the proper nutrition for their babies, and how the general public can assist during this public health emergency.

Why is the U.S. facing a shortage of formula and who is most impacted?

There are three main drivers for the current shortage. The largest factor is that the biggest formula provider, Abbott, had a recent product recall due to contamination concerns. As formula is produced at very few factories in the U.S., this recall has led to 40% less formula on store shelves. In addition, the COVID-19 pandemic has caused significant and lingering supply chain challenges. Anything coming from a manufacturer takes longer to be delivered and placed on the shelves for purchase. Finally, formula is strictly regulated, and the



Dr. Cameual Wright

Federal Drug Administration (FDA) has previously not approved formula from other countries for sale in the U.S. These factors have combined to create a critical shortage of safe formula options for U.S. parents to purchase during this time.

Families who rely on formula to feed their infants, including Medicaid members, families with limited funds and those who live in under-resourced and/or rural areas are the most impacted by this crisis. The formula that is available exists mainly in affluent areas, leading to serious access and availability issues.

What can parents do to find the necessary nutrients for their baby?

Breast milk is and always has been the most optimal source of nutrition for infants. If breastfeeding is an option, that is the top recommended practice for giving your baby the

nutrients they need. If breastfeeding is not an option, organizations like The Milk Bank provide pasteurized pre-screened milk for recipients.

Mothers can receive up to 40 ounces of donor milk without a prescription, and if more is needed, work with your health care provider to obtain a prescription. Some health plans, including the nonprofit health plan CareSource, will cover the cost for donor milk. If you are using formula, it's important to know that you can switch brands if your usual brand is not available during this time.

Why is formula so important for babies?

Formula is carefully regulated and designed to meet the unique needs of infants as they grow and develop. Homemade formula is not monitored and unlikely to meet the nutritional needs of the infant, leading to potentially serious nutritional deficiencies. Since infant formula is closely structured, it is important to purchase it from reputable sources, not from unknown suppliers or individuals. When searching for formula, remember that smaller stores and markets may have supplies when the larger stores are sold out. Before use, confirm your formula

is from a reliable source and it has not reached the expiration date. Your health care provider is a great source for guidance on proper formulas to meet your baby's unique needs. Some providers may even have formula samples that they can provide.

There are several actions to avoid during this unprecedented time. Avoid milk substitutes, including almond, soy, raw or goat milk, as these substitutes do not provide proper nutrition. Most importantly, do not dilute the formula with water or other liquids to make it last longer. If water is added, it could disrupt the formula's nutritional balance. In addition, dilution can affect the sodium levels in the baby, leading to serious health consequences. Sharing breast milk is also not recommended, as that milk has not been pasteurized or tested. Instead, excess breast milk should be donated to milk banks to ensure it goes through the proper safety protocols.

It's important to recognize that you should not switch a baby too soon to whole milk. In fact, pediatricians typically have babies stay away from whole milk for their entire first year of life. If a baby has whole milk in their first year, it is recommended

to be only for a short time and to also supplement the milk with iron, as this is not found in whole milk, but is needed for growing babies.

Where can parents turn for resources and assistance during the formula shortage?

There are several resources that can help if you cannot find your baby's formula. First, call your baby's doctor to see if a more available formula would work. Talk to your WIC nutritionist about other formulas or can sizes that might be available options. Call the MCH MOMS Helpline at 1-844-MCH-MOMS (1-844-624-6667) for assistance finding information. You can also contact The Milk Bank at (317-536-1670) to find out how to receive donor milk. Families can also use health plans, like CareSource, to assist them in navigating this challenging time. CareSource has a dedicated care management team to provide resources and support to families to assist with their unique needs.

At CareSource, this issue is of the utmost importance to us, as many of our Medicaid members are formula users and are directly impacted by the shortage. We pay for lactation consultants to assist

you with questions about breastfeeding, and we provide all mothers with a breast pump and supplies. In response to this crisis, we provide critical information and resources to assist families, partner with local providers like The Milk Bank, and answer pertinent questions regarding the formula shortage.

By partnering with The Milk Bank, CareSource is sponsoring 1,000 ounces of human milk through their Give an Ounce campaign. The gift is part of our larger effort to increase access to adequate infant nutrition during this time. Finally, CareSource also offers a transportation and food transportation benefit, providing unlimited transportation for all medical needs, including trips to milk bank hubs.

If you are interested in helping provide nutrition for babies, consider donating money to your local milk bank to offset the costs of breast milk for many families that need it. Spreading the word about this issue and informing others of places to turn for infant nutrition as well as building awareness of the unhealthy actions to avoid are the best ways that we can keep babies as healthy and safe as possible during this challenging time.

How Consistent, Healthy Meal Access Impacts Hoosier Families In Crisis

By Vlad V. Bora, Executive Chef, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Indiana and Linda Broadfoot, CEO, Second Helpings

Partnerships are everything to nonprofits. For Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Indiana (RMHCCIN), which provides a supportive home away from home for families of children receiving medical care at Riley Hospital for Children at Indiana University Health and other area hospitals, and Second Helpings, a community kitchen that prepares and delivers more than one million meals to the Central Indiana community each year, the last thing they want individuals to think about is where they're getting their next meal.

When families are in crisis, such as a child suddenly in the hospital, they could be facing food insecurity, especially when many families come to stay at the Ronald McDonald House from areas all over the state as specialized medical care is often

regionalized. Executive Chef of Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Indiana, Vlad V. Bora, and CEO of Second Helpings, Linda Broadfoot, share the impact of food insecurity on Hoosiers and how their partnership allows families to be worry-free about accessing consistent, healthy meals in the most difficult time of their lives.

When someone is food insecure, it means they cannot get enough food to be healthy.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture defines food insecurity as a lack of consistent access to enough food for an active, healthy life. Healthy food exists, but it's about consistent access. It's not about having a full, healthy meal once in a while, rather, it's being able to have access every day. Food impacts every part of our health, especially for kids, so getting all the nutritional elements is important in order for them to grow properly and focus in the classroom. If an adult doesn't have consistent access, they can't

concentrate, learn, work and their body can't grow properly either. Whatever they can access, is there nutritional variety at an affordable price? If not, that family or individual may be facing food insecurity.

Food insecurity and sudden crises impact Hoosiers more than we may realize.

According to the Indy Hunger Network, 888,600 people go hungry in Indiana and 270,000 people need food assistance in Marion County, which is about 25% of the population in Indianapolis. At the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, the need for meals went up drastically – within a month in March 2020. Second Helpings saw many individuals needing food assistance for the first time. It serves as a reminder that anyone is one emergency or crisis away from being in a very different financial situation where consistent, healthy food is not obtainable.

This can also happen to a family if they suddenly need to travel to seek spe-

cialized medical care for their sick or injured child. When families arrive for the first time at the Ronald McDonald House, they are in complete distress. Many arrive with just the clothes on their backs. RMHCCIN's mission is to keep families close and near the care they need, and that includes access to healthy, home-cooked meals. Families can't focus on taking care of their children if their own well-being is suffering.

This partnership is essential to the food operations at the Ronald McDonald House and in the Ronald McDonald Family Rooms.

Each day, Second Helpings provides meals for families staying at the Ronald McDonald House on Limestone Street and in the Ronald McDonald Family Rooms located in Riley Hospital for Children at Indiana University Health. Since the Family Rooms became a partner agency in 2019, they've provided over 17,000 meals and over 1,000

pounds of food. The House became a partner agency in December 2020, and Second Helpings has provided over 3,500 meals and over 8,000 pounds of food for families since then. The pounds of food can be ingredients, snacks or any excess food that Chef V. and volunteer groups cook into meals or stock in the House's pantry through RMHCCIN's Meals that Heal program. In addition to food, Second Helpings provides vital professional kitchen equipment for the House to use during meal preparation.

Many families could face food insecurity without the guarantee of healthy, home-cooked meals.

For those facing food insecurity, difficult choices are made every day. For some, it can be deciding to purchase more groceries for the week or paying the electric bill. For others, it can be paying for their medication or buying food for their kids. For a family facing a

medical emergency or new diagnosis, it can completely throw their budget out the window. The benefits of guaranteed healthy, home-cooked meals go beyond the body's physical need for the food. It brings families together in a space different from their room at the House or their child's bedside in the hospital. Families get the opportunity to talk with other families going through similar situations which can help overcome some of the pain.

Additionally, although they're at the Ronald McDonald House dinner table and not at their home, it allows them to maintain some piece of their routine that's not lost in between procedures, doctor appointments, tests, etc. At the end of a stressful day at the hospital, having this meal access doesn't solve the crisis they're going through, but it can make a real difference in their spirit and outlook so they can focus on what matters most – caring for their child.

New Film Exposes Family, Community Impact Of U.S. Addiction Crisis

While a number of states have settled with the drug industry in the opioid crisis, the impact of drug addiction still rages on. And a new documentary film – *The Addict's Wake* -- focuses in on the people of one small town who, like those in so many communities across the nation, have felt the ripple effect of the addiction crisis in every corner of their county.

The feature-length film, which seeks to link communities to take action and find a pathway to hope and recovery, will premiere a virtual screening for the public from June 16 – 26.

"This film is a clarion call for community stakeholders to unite resources and ideologies to fight back against substance-use disorder at a grass-roots level," said film producer, Lisa Hall,

president of Glory Girl Productions. "It takes you alongside a community searching for hope and solutions on the long journey from addiction to recovery."

With meth, heroin, opioid addiction and now with deadly fentanyl flooding in the United States, fatal overdoses of these drugs are up 30 percent across the nation today.

"While this film is

set in the small community of Brown County, Indiana, it's the story of almost every county – small, rural, large, urban and inner city – in the United States," said Hall. "And this crisis hits every aspect of our society."

The film shares interviews and perspectives not only from individuals and families impacted, but teachers, law-enforcement, courts, neuro-

science professionals and faith-based programs.

The *Addict's Wake* has earned acclaim with the Audience Choice Award at the Heartland International Film Festival, in addition to winning the Sedona International Film Festival's Independent Spirit Award. The film has also spurred grant investment to create a shorter film that can be used in classrooms to help educate students and

teachers about the impact of Substance Abuse Disorder, or SUD.

The virtual screening admission is \$15 per download, and advance tickets can be purchased now at <https://watch.showandtell.film/watch/addictswake>. Funds help to cover the cost of film distribution and will go toward the film's second edit that Hall hopes to have completed by early 2023.

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DUNBAR SAGA #8 - Sister And Brother

Today, you will be reading about the 7th and 8th child of Lewis and Mary "Polly" Powers Dunbar. You ask why? Because they both lived to adulthood but both died fairly young, thus not as much to say about them as someone who lived into their 90s as many of the Dunbars did!

Catherine was their 7th child and third daughter. She was born Nov 29, 1833 in Sugar Creek Township, Montgomery County, listed in the 1840 census as a female 5-10 years old and named in 1850 at age 17. Sadly, just the very next year she died before her 18th birthday (Jan 4, 1851) and she was buried in the same cemetery where her mother rested (she had passed in 1850) and her father would in 25 years, at Union Cemetery at Clarks Hill in Tippecanoe County. (thanks to the Dunbar Family History by Andrey Schroeder).

Elias, her brother the 5th son, 8th child of Lewis and Polly was also born in Sugar Creek Township Aug 27, 1835 and is in both census records in his father's household and on his own accord as a married man in the 1860 census. He married a cousin of his mother's, Esther Bowers daughter of Abner Bowers and Charlotte Hoffman on April 3, in 1856 the ceremony performed by Rev. John P. Livengood. Elias' father sent a note to "Mr. Clerk of Montgomery County Indiana - pleas let the bearer have Marriage License for my son Elias Dunbar and oblige me Lewis Dunbar - Witness present: Silas Dunbar." That would be a nifty piece of family history with both Lewis and Silas' signatures (cdpl).

Sadly, Elias died five years later of typhoid. His FindA-Grave entry (photo by srenie - Union Cemetery, Clarks Hill) says he was a Civil War soldier (although a descendant's wife is working on getting it taken off), his death came before the Civil War on 12 Feb 1861. I found no records he was in any unit, his wife did not get a widow's pension, so that one



KAREN ZACH
Around The County

is hard for me to swallow. He is of course, buried in Union Cemetery. Esther herself would pass just five years after he did, having been married to William Chenoweth but a year, and their only child just a few months old. On Nov 17th, 1862 the Dunbar children's guardianship went through, Esther's father, Abner giving surety and Abonijah Bowers, her brother becoming their guardian. Imagine this took such awhile as she was just living with her children with her father and finally took it to court. Or, perhaps Elias died in 1862 (making it a possibility to have been in the war) vs. 1861 but since nothing other than a note on his entry on FindAGrave says he was in the war, thinking not. Sadly, the daughters, Mary Ellen and Charlotte would be gone in a very short time. Elias and Esther's son, Elias Peter was born two days after his father's death. At age 28, he married Emma Coe Parker in Tippecanoe County and they had six sons and two daughters, all to grow to adulthood as far as I know. Elias Peter and his wife celebrated their 50th anniversary and beyond. He passed at age 80 (7 May 1941) and is buried in Plainview Cemetery, Emma passing at age 90 in 1956.

Willard Parker Dunbar, son of Elias Peter distinguished himself in many ways as a veteran of WWI (oddly, he requested a religious exemption as a member of the Church of the Brethren) as a



church social) and they parented one son, John Robert and four daughters (Caroline, Joan, Mary and Nancy). Austin received his teacher's license but taught briefly. Mainly he loved his free time walking his fields in Boone and

Feb 1902) lived for many years in Charleston, West Virginia but passed 23 Aug 1977 in San Jose, California and is buried in Grandview Cemetery in Southmont, Cambria County, Pennsylvania. He taught high school and was a Farm Bureau insurance agent.

The oldest daughter of Elias Peter and Emma Coe (Parker) Dunbar was Mae Elizabeth born in Bowers (5th day of 1890) and passed away at her long-time home in Coshocton County, Ohio. She married Leslie V. Halladay who at least for a few years was in our area. They produced one daughter, Beatrice. Mae graduated from North Manchester College and taught high school in Wisconsin for quite some time. She was active in Eastern Star and Coshocton Women's Club. Leslie farmed, then managed a Farm Bureau. They were both active members of the Brethren Church and were married in Montgomery County 12 Oct 1915, spending the majority of married life in Ohio.

Perhaps sister Lillian Esther followed her brother to West Virginia? At any rate, she was born in Colfax and died in Charleston WV at age 77 on 13 Nov 1968. She married Manassah Judy in 1912. He was a farmer, principal of a high school, insurance agent and served several years as Grant County, WV clerk of the court. They had no children and no clue how they'd have met.

Sadly, these two Dunbars didn't live a lengthy life as so many of the family did. Catherine died so young and Elias living not a great deal longer, but both had their blessed places in the family of Lewis and Polly, as well as continuing the Saga.

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teacher, coach, boxing champion and expert rifleman while teaching at the Culver Military Academy. He married Irma Dykes a Sugar Creeker Nov 29, 1926 while he taught at Culver (mathematics, as well as the assistant coach in rifle marksmanship having represented Culver on the marksman team) and Irma, a graduate of Butler was in several plays and had a dramatic studio in Indianapolis. The Academy had a lovely formal dinner for the couple after a small wedding. He also represented Indiana in a Civilian Rifle Team and the US Army Reserve Corps team. At a point, he was assistant coach on the US International Champion rifle and pistol team. In 1931, he returned here and took up farming, chiefly raising cattle.

Many visitors would come to see his strategies. He and Irma were parents of three sons (Willard, Samuel, Peter) and a daughter (Jean).

Joseph Elias was born in MoCo and died in Colfax, Clinton County at age 85. He taught locally then went on to become a University of Minnesota professor from where he retired and was a life member of the American Legion. He may have had one son, Wilbur.

A 45-year farmer in Boone and Montgomery, Austin Walton Dunbar (born on Halloween 1894 died the day after Christmas 1975) was a WWI veteran, member of the Church of the Brethren, married Catherine Everhart (whom he had met at a

Montgomery County searching for artifacts, tallying quite a collection of nice pieces. Thanks so much to Austin's grandson, Dan and his wife Dana for guiding me along on the Dunbar Saga.

Harvey Nelson Dunbar was also born at Bowers (21 Nov 1897) and died fairly young for a Dunbar (age 59 on 27 March 1957 in Lafayette), buried of course at Plainview. He and wife Geneva Robinson had at least five children (Bettie (b/d 1921), John (a WWII veteran and operated the Phillips 66 station in Clarks Hill, as well as working at International Harvester, John Deere and the Tipp Co Highway), Donald (b/d 1931), Marilyn and lastly, Nelson who passed in the 2020 covid epidemic - buried Plainview).

Roscoe Arthur also did not live to be old for a Dunbar, born at Bowers 2 May 1899 and dying 26 August 1956, buried at Annapolis, Maryland in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens. He married a Darlington gal, Helen McGuire Custer 25 June 1924. He was a school teacher but not sure why they went to Maryland. They had at least one child, James Ralph (Jim, a Colonel in the Air Force but buried at the US Naval Academy Cemetery in Annapolis where he attended school serving as a pilot in the Vietnam War, and perhaps why Roscoe moved East). And add his three children to the ever-growing Dunbar leaves!

Theodore Bowers Dunbar (born appropriately at Bowers 2

Butch Says You Need To Make Sure Your Kids Read

As I mentioned in an earlier column, nearly one in five high school graduates cannot read, and 32 million adults in our country cannot read above a fifth grade level. What does this level of illiteracy mean for our society? Four out of every ten people with little or no reading skills live in poverty, with 75% of those receiving food stamps. 90% of high school dropouts are on welfare, and sadly, two-thirds of students who cannot read proficiently by the end of fourth grade will end up in jail or on welfare.

So how did America end up in this predicament? Here is my opinion based on my 33 years as a librarian. I have dozens of kids visit the library to check out books when they are in grade school. But as they enter middle school and high school, social media and video take over. The kids spend their time



BUTCH DALE
Columnist

texting, logging on to Facebook, Tik-Tok (and various other sites)...and watching the latest garbage coming out of Hollywood. But wait... you might comment that these teenagers make good grades anyway. Maybe...maybe not. The vast majority of teachers are intelligent and focused on

their job...and they care about their students. But there is often not-so-subtle pressure on many teachers to give good grades, whether the students earned it or not...to make sure everyone, especially a parent, is happy. At many schools today, especially in the inner city schools, the true grade scale is as follows: A (average), B (below average), C (complain until you get a better grade), D (the dean gets involved), F (file a lawsuit), and I (in complete denial). Can it happen here? I know a student here who made A's and B's all through high school. I taught this boy in middle school, and he was a C and D student at best. But he was popular, good in sports, and his father was a good friend of the high school principal. Yes, he was accepted as a student at a prominent university...and flunked every class his freshman year. I have

seen the same thing happen to some kids who were home-schooled.

As one person said, "Truth is often hard to swallow, so we rest in comfortable lies and delusions." Ignorance and mediocrity are the result of a society that does not demand the best, and allows people to remain uneducated, illiterate, and unable to think for themselves. And because our national politicians, tech giants, progressive education leaders, and news media want to control what you think and believe, then don't look for anything to change soon.

Reading and a good education are complex cognitive processes which fosters language acquisition, knowledge, and creativity. Turn off the TV. Turn off the Internet. Turn off the iPhone. Read books...and make your kids read books...great books written by great authors. You

will be glad you did. Support the schools that expect true excellence in education. Refuse to enable the continuing dumbing down of America. Our future depends on you. As author Ray Bradbury once said, "You don't have to burn books to destroy a culture. Just get people to stop reading them."

And remember that a generation of youngsters, educated by the Internet, and mesmerized by technology, video games, TV, and movies, will eventually cause the self-destruction of a great nation. Why?...because many of the voters today are illiterate and ignorant...and will believe anything.

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Recliners Go Back A Long Way

Two weekends ago, I was over at my brother Ben's house dog sitting. Sophie is part French Bulldog, part Tasmanian Devil. Teddy is the most laid back long-haired Dachshund you'll ever meet. If not for Sophie's constant running and general chaos, Teddy would gladly just sit still in the corner and do his dust-mop impression.

Now, add twin 2-year-old girls into the equation, and you can see why my sister-in-law Erinn's housekeeping chores never end, and why the wine cabinet requires continuous restocking.

After the initial hurly-burly of doggie high-fives and slobber kisses, the three of us -- the dogs and I, that is -- settled down for a long weekend of Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show highlights.

I surveyed the room for a place to sit that was relatively safeguarded from dog pouncing. I found none. Every sofa, loveseat and side chair was teeming with the litter of family life. Dog toys. Child toys. Blankets. Sippy cups. Pillows.



JOHN O. MARLOWE
The Good Sport

The room was speckled in a kaleidoscope of colorful plastic fallout from the week's -- or even the last hour's relentless activity.

Every cushion and chair was inconveniently unavailable for sitting. Then out of the corner of my eye, something big and brown caught my attention.

This chair had a conspicuous to it, as if clutter itself held it in esteem. An invisible stanchion held both human and canine whelps at bay, much

like velvet ropes hold back the rush of onlookers of the Mona Lisa.

It was obvious. This chair is off limits.

I slipped quietly into its warm leather embrace, and only then did I understand. This was our father's recliner, passed down to Ben upon Dad's death.

The chair was a Father's Day present from Ben and his brother David. The boys scrimped and saved their lawn mowing and babysitting money, and with a little help from their Mom and step-mom, and me and my blood brother, Todd, they finally had enough dough saved up to buy the chair.

A friend of mine worked for one of the local furniture retailers, and with the benefit of the "friends and family" discount, we had arranged for a brand new Flexsteel oversized recliner, with power gliding assist and power headrest, to be delivered on the day before Father's Day.

Three days before Father's Day, Dad purchased a leather recliner from Macy's.

Dad was always messing up

Father's Day gift giving. Plan to give him the newly released best-selling book, and we'd learn he purchased the book last week, and was already on Chapter Four.

One year, Mother and Todd and I spent two hours selecting a top-of-the-line charcoal grill for Dad. The nice, patient store clerk loaded the huge box into the trunk, after showing us how to assemble it when we got home. We pulled into the driveway, and Dad greeted us with a broad smile.

"Wait until you see the new gas grill I just bought for us!" he beamed.

He purchased a new set of golf clubs two weeks before Father's Day. He bought a new fishing rod. Car wash coupons for his car? He'd buy custom floor mats. New ratchet for his tool box? He'd buy a 121-piece ratchet and socket set.

This wasn't even his only preemptive recliner purchase.

Todd and I lined up a new recliner years ago, only to have Dad buy a brand new La-Z-Boy the week before

Father's Day. It was on sale... a Father's Day sale, we pointed out.

Dad's buying habits made us nuts. I remember Freud once said that "Psychiatry is the art of teaching people how to stand on their own feet while lying on couches." I think it holds for recliners, too.

It took me years to realize that all this wasn't coincidence. At heart, our Dad couldn't bring himself to welcome his sons buying for him. He didn't want his boys spending their money. He was the provider, and it was difficult for him to accept otherwise.

Leaning back in the soft leather chair in my brother's house, watching the dogs peacefully asleep on the carpeted floor, I couldn't help wondering what kind of father Ben will turn out to be for his two girls. My guess is that he'll be just like our Dad.

I think most fathers are inclined to be that way.

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Timmons Tinkers With This, That & 'Tuther ...

Did you see the news that Purdue top man Mitch Daniels is stepping down?

Let me take a second to make something perfectly clear – I'm a big fan of our former governor. His book, *Keeping the Republic: Saving America by Trusting Americans*, came out a decade or so ago and was brilliant. His take on the state of politics, our national debt and several other topics couldn't have been more right.

In addition, Daniels is a stand up guy who calls it like he sees it.

All of this is a roundabout way of saying that I am hoping he's leaving Purdue and considering a run for the White House. You may recall that he was wooed once before and decided against it for family reasons. Here's one guy at least hoping that those family reasons have changed for the better and this is a possibility.

And remember, he's also got Washington experience. He was the director of the Office of



TIM TIMMONS
Two Cents

Management and Budget under George W. Bush and the White House Director of Political and Intergovernmental Affairs under Ronald Reagan. He's 73 and as the 12th president of Purdue University, led the land grant school to unprecedented successes.

For the eight or nine of you who read these ramblings, it's no secret I think this country is on a bad path, or as my pal John Hammer says, we're

fixing to come up a bad cloud. Daniels is one of the very few guys, I think, who could pull all sides back together to at least some degree – and more importantly, get us on a much better path.

Fingers crossed.

CONGRATS to Gina Haile, the director of the local United Way office. You may have seen in your favorite Montgomery County daily that she won our first-ever Scavenger Hunt. She also continues to do a great job on turning around what was almost a sunken ship. Thanks to her and some great volunteer help from Nancy Sennett, Kathy Steele, Michele Hunley and others, things are finally going in a better direction. That truly is good news for the many, many youth and adults who are helped by the United Way.

NOT BEING a social media frequenter has many advantages, but a few disadvantages, too. For example, I recently

heard what is now old news. Rick Holtz, one of our former staffers, apparently has moved to another state to take a new job. Congrats to Rick and his family and all the best to them!

A GUEST column in a recent Sunday edition caught some notice. Kirk Puckett is a former police officer, college professor and public school official. He wrote of a different time in this country, a time when right was right, wrong was wrong and it was pretty easy to figure out which was which. We've received several comments from readers that Puckett was right on target. We agree!

SPEAKING OF attention, our new "Who's Hiring" feature is drawing a good bit of it as well. In an effort to help businesses find employees – often said to be the biggest single problem they face – we thought we would create something that would stick out. Of course, that's the key to advertising.

We're just pleased it's getting a lot of attention. (And hoping some of you might notice our two help wanted ads in there, too!)

ON THE OFF chance that there might be a few others beyond the eight or nine of you who regularly read my ramblings, you might wonder what 'tuther is. Well, to be fair, I'm not exactly sure. My old and best boss ever, Gaildene Hamilton, used to use it in several different contexts. Sometimes it was 'tuther there. Or she might say, come 'tuther instead of hither. Mostly it was a replacement for other. Dunno. But I wouldn't be here today if not for her, so it's now another way to remember and say thanks.

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 timmons@thepaper24-7.com.

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Meditation Repudiation

Mary Ellen and I just got back from a trip to visit my sister and brother. In my sister's lovely condominium in Great Neck, New York, she has a little windowed room off her kitchen that's no more than 6 by 8 feet. In that room she meditates every day, and she claims she has achieved some degree of calmness and peace in her life. I am jealous of Linda—I want what she has. No, not serenity and peace, but a little room like hers where I can go every day, down a few beers, vent my anger and frustration with the world and kick over a bookcase. Very relaxing!



This point of view has been echoed by one of my physicians, my wife and several people at our Unitarian church. They all tell me it would help. Help me with what, I wonder? What's wrong with me? When I ask this question, my doctor says it will help

address my insomnia. When I ask my sister, she always says, "Sorry, I have another call coming in." It's odd: whenever I ask her why I need help, that same person keeps calling her.

All the folks advocating this approach have sent me to a website with detailed instructions for achieving "one with everything," which, by the way, is exactly how I order a hot dog at a nearby deli. I'm going to try some of these methods, but as you will see, I'm a skeptic.

They begin the lesson by asking the reader to assume a comfortable position. (I decided I wanted to be a restaurant critic for the New York Times.)

We are also told to "learn" these exercises. Why is that word in quotes? I won't eat "crab" salad or chopped "meat," so I'm a little wary of digesting what this program is feeding me.

One section of the directions is labeled "Thinking About Body Parts." When I hit 75, I tried to stop obsessing about my aging back, limbs and butt. Several of my parts are just not working the way they used to and the last thing I want to do is think about that. The list includes: "Think About Your Throat." Really, my throat? I've never thought much about my throat, but thanks for giving me something else to worry

about. Later in the guidelines, they assign the number 3, which is to be the personal symbol for complete body relaxation, a mantra I will need to repeat continually until I achieve serenity. I think I should be able to pick my own number. First of all, 3 is way too easy to guess. I don't want strangers hacking into my meditation session. My mantra should have capital and lowercase letters and at least one symbol. I want my relaxation code to be F3&b@. Yeah, try to guess that! Of course, I'll never remember it, which will also stress me out. Finally, there is a section titled "Scheduled

Worry." Here the authors advise you to think about a problem at bedtime that needs to be resolved and then ponder possible solutions. If you can't come up with an answer, they direct you to not think about it until tomorrow. Well, that worked for Scarlett O'Hara. Mary Ellen asked me to assure her I would give meditation a try. I told her I would, and to consider that a "promise."

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Ask Rusty – How Does Social Security Disability Work With Private Disability Insurance?

Dear Rusty: If someone is collecting long-term disability through their company and the company states the employee also must apply through Social Security, how does this work? Does the amount of Social Security decrease from the amount that the person would normally receive upon retirement? Is long-term disability for life, or just until you are of retirement age? How about for the spouse of that individual? Would it have any impact on them? *Signed: Concerned*



ASK RUSTY
Social Security Advisor

Dear Concerned: It's common for private long term disability (LTD) insurers to require that you apply for Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits. Typically, the private LTD benefit will be offset (reduced) by the federal SSDI benefit.

The SSDI benefit amount, if awarded, will be the full Social Security benefit earned up to the point the recipient becomes disabled and unable to work. That means someone on SSDI

before full retirement age (FRA) gets their FRA amount earlier (FRA is somewhere between 66 and 67 depending on the year of birth). The SSDI benefit will be based on the disabled person's lifetime earnings history, unreduced for claiming earlier than full retirement age. SSDI will automatically convert to regular SS retirement benefits at the same amount when FRA is attained. Thus, getting SSDI doesn't detract from the person's FRA benefit amount; rather they get their FRA amount earlier.

Social Security disability benefits last for as long as you remain disabled, or up to your SS full retirement age. To be eligible, the disability must be

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expected to last for at least one year, and the disability must render you unable to perform significant work. You must also have worked recently (usually at least 5 of the last 10 years) to maintain eligibility, and you must have contributed Social Security FICA payroll taxes (or self-employment taxes) from your work earnings. Only very limited work earnings are allowed when collecting Social Security Disability Insurance benefits, and Social Security may periodically require confirmation of continued SSDI eligibility.

Applying for SSDI is a relatively easy process which can be done online at www.ssa.gov/applyfordisability, or

by calling SS directly at 1.800.772.1213. Depending on the nature of the disability, it usually takes 3 to 5 months to obtain a determination and, if SSDI is approved, there is a 5 month wait for benefits to start. If the SSDI application is initially denied (about 65% of all initial applications are) you can exercise several levels of appeal, starting with simply requesting a reconsideration by Social Security, followed, if necessary, by a hearing with an independent Administrative Law Judge, a review by the SSDI Appeals Council, or even an appeal to Federal Court. Hopefully, if the applicant is now on private long term disability, the SSDI

application will be initially approved.

As for whether the spouse of a person on SSDI is affected, much depends on the spouse's age and how the spouse's own SS retirement benefit compares to the disabled partner's SSDI benefit. Benefits for a spouse are available as early as age 62, but the spouse's personal FRA benefit amount (from their own lifetime earnings record) must be less than 50% of the disabled partner's SSDI amount to get a spousal boost from the disabled spouse. Otherwise, one marriage partner being on SSDI will not affect the other partner's personal Social Security retirement benefit.

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Butch Says, "Thanks, Dad!"

My four brothers and sisters and I were very lucky. We had one of the best fathers any child could ask for. Of course, we were like a lot of other kids who have great dads, we appreciated everything he did for us, but we just didn't thank him enough when he was still with us. Dad died of a heart attack at the age of 66. My sister, Sarah, and I were with him when he passed away, and she and I hugged each other...knowing that we had lost a great father and mentor. We know our Dad is in Heaven still watching over us...so Dad, here are a few things I would like to thank you for...



BUTCH DALE
Columnist

other "loafing places" in Darlington when I was a little whippersnapper. I met lots of friendly people, and I had a great time. I also learned a few things they don't teach you in school!

....Thanks for making me do my chores on our farm...feeding the animals, cleaning out the barns, and helping you in many



other ways...because you instilled in me a strong work ethic and taught me the value of a dollar...and I also learned many skills!

....Thanks for "shaping me up" when I did something bad. I am glad you disciplined me and taught me right from wrong... yes, sometimes with a paddle, but you did it out of

love. But you also let me be a "free spirit" and learn from my own mistakes.

....Thanks for letting me participate in all of the sports at school. You never "pushed" me, and you never criticized me if I performed poorly in an event or game. You told me to just always do my best...win or lose...and be a good sport.

....Thanks for teaching me math and encouraging me to read great books by great authors. You helped me to become a good student in school and at college...and guess what, Dad? My math skills are still top notch, and my love of reading became a lifelong passion.

....Thanks for the advice you gave me when I graduated from high

school...to decide where I want to live first, and to choose an occupation that I would enjoy...not select a job just for the money and prestige.

....Thanks for making me laugh...Dad, you told the best jokes and pulled lots of funny pranks on all of us. You always kept us in a good mood! And when you were the announcer during all of those years at the American Legion summer festivals on Main Street, you always kept the crowds entertained!

....Thanks for serving our country as a soldier. I used to play Army with your old uniforms and helmet when I was little. I didn't really know about all of the horrors of war that you went through until

I was older. I was always proud to be the son of an World War II veteran.

....Thanks for telling me to enjoy the little things in life and not to take life too seriously...and to enjoy my kids...and be sure to spoil my grandkids! Also, you encouraged me to do something nice for others each and every day.

Thanks again, Dad, you were the greatest...I love you, and my brothers and sisters love you...and we will all see you again someday. Happy Father's Day!

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A Father And A Child Can Make A Great Family

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Father's Day is coming one more time and you still have a chance at having a great family.

Fathers like most all people have good days and bad days. They have great seasons of life and some that are more difficult. Few fathers will look back over their lives and say, "Every day I was a perfect dad." Some days were better than others.

We all feel bad about the seasons of our lives when we had to work too much. Working all the time depletes energy we would prefer to spend on our families. The problem is that like most fathers we



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want to keep a roof over our heads and food in the refrigerator. Making car payments, house payments, and all the basic things of life typically keep most dads and moms very busy.

Even in a home filled

with love and patience the average dad lives a juggling life. He is pulled between work, kid's ball-games, meeting the needs of his wife and housework. Add to this school meetings, homework, fishing, piano lessons, family events, all while trying to maintain and add to his career.

Most of us looking back can think of some endeavors or activities we wish we had let go in order to spend more time with our families. For some weird reason at the time they seemed all so important but now they feel like wasted time.

Throughout life the way

we typically learn is the hard way. Education is always expensive. Our vision is 20/20 looking back. People tell us what we will regret and what we should do but we rarely believe them. When we get past the "fifty-five" mark of life we start to realize what the "old timers" told us was true. You know how it is because you probably tell your kids about what is right and wrong and what they will appreciate or regret. In most cases they don't pay much attention to you.

The only season of being a father that you have is this one. No future is guaranteed and yesterday

is gone. You do have today. Have a loving and forgiving heart. Extend grace and a second, third or fourth chance. Try to spend time with those you love. You are probably finding out now that your grown children are too busy for you. They have lives of their own and you may not be a priority. It hurts some but they probably are being like you used to be. Don't lose sleep over this but be available and reach out as you are able.

Finally, you have to be more than the human ATM machine. You can't buy your children's affection for the rest of your

life. Every parent wants to help their children but the best thing you can do for them is work with them to help them care for themselves. You can either teach them to fish or spend the rest of your life fishing for them and this ends up being a hard life for you and cripples them.

Today is another opportunity to be a good father. This is also a good day for you to reciprocate love and affection to your dad. A father and a child working together can make a great family.

Hear Dr. Glenn Mollette each weekday morning at 8:56 and 10:11:30 AM EST.

Poor Police Work Is Letting Rapists Go Free And That Has To Stop

By Christine McDonald

There is a sexual assault taking place right now. Every 68 seconds, someone in America is sexually assaulted. More than 97% of perpetrators get off scot-free.

A major reason is mismanagement of physical evidence. It's time for police work to enter the modern era -- and employ the latest technology for collecting and processing evidence. Otherwise, rapists will continue to go free.

The evidence in a sexual-assault investigation is typically the product of a six-hour physical exam conducted by a medical professional, who searches the victim's body for any

material -- like DNA -- that could help identify the perpetrator. The information and material gathered is known as a "sexual assault kit."

As a survivor of sex trafficking and current advocate for victims, I know firsthand how invasive and retraumatizing these exams can be. But we believe that the information collected will help deliver justice.

That faith is often misplaced. In far too many cases, the evidence in sexual assault kits is never used. The federal government estimates a national backlog of more than 200,000 untested kits.

Every unprocessed kit represents a crime left unsolved -- and a perpetrator

likely to attack again. In Ohio, for example, 22 kits associated with a single rapist remained shelved and untested for years.

When sexual assault kits are tested and used as evidence, another layer of dysfunction can appear. Court cases often require proof of the "chain of custody" for a piece of evidence. Prosecutors need to be able to prove the whereabouts of a rape kit, for example, as it travels from the emergency room, to the police, to the crime lab, to the prosecutor, and then to the courts. That evidence may be on the move for years.

The chain of custody is one of the first elements a good defense attorney will

scrutinize. If he or she can prove a break in the chain of custody, the evidence is not admissible at trial. And if a defendant challenges the chain of custody, even a minor mistake can lead to an acquittal.

Long backlogs and mismanagement of evidence don't just impact convictions. They also serve as powerful disincentives for women who wish to report sexual assault.

Today, any given sexual assault has just a 31% chance of ever being reported to the police. Why go through an invasive, demeaning, physical exam if the evidence is going to end up in a storage closet -- or if mismanagement by police is going to let

the rapist off on a technicality?

There's no excuse for losing track of evidence in 2022. We can look at our phones to determine how many houses away our Amazon packages are. Our financial and health records are online, available on demand. But some police departments still rely on faulty software or even paper files to track evidence. And multiple states, including Massachusetts and Texas, do not require police to keep track of clothing, blood, and urine in a rape kit.

Simple upgrades -- from implementing barcodes and RFID tags, combined with good software -- will bring evidence-collection

and management up to an appropriate technological standard nationwide. It will require significant investment by federal and state governments. But newer tools can maximize the impact of those public dollars.

We have the technology to get more perpetrators of sexual assault off the street. We need law enforcement agencies to deploy those tools so victims aren't telling their stories in vain.

Christine McDonald is an internationally recognized author, speaker, and advocate for victims of human trafficking and sexual assault. (www.christinespeaksministry.com).

Changing The Impact Of Bullies

I rolled down the hill head first, it wasn't the first time that I gotten myself in a scuffle with the other boys at school. But this one seemed to be tougher to overcome than most.

You would think a peaceable person such as myself wouldn't get into scrapes with other folks but I often found myself on the receiving end of bully's attention. Sometimes it was directed at me to start with, but over the years, I had learned sometimes the only way to stop someone from being bullied was to step



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in and divert the attention of those inflicting the action.

Early in my life, I had seen my dad and mom step in to help others and one day another boy had

stepped in for me in a fight and these things left an indelible mark in my character that I should do the same.

I was never much of a fighter. I was more of a punching bag coming up but I learned quickly to out smart those who had ill will.

As I hit the bottom of the hill this time, I rolled up on my feet and turned ready for the next blow from the bully. Once I looked up, he was gone along with his band of evil doers. They had moved on to wreak havoc elsewhere.

I brushed myself off, walked back up the hill and picked up my books. The original aim of their actions had evaporated into the crowd. But I had accomplished my objective. I had deflected the harm with little or no worse for the wear.

This childhood tendency has brought me into helping others in a variety of ways in my life, though I have left physical intervention long in the past.

There are still bullies who need their attention diverted from those they wish to torment. Each

of us should be mindful no matter where they appear. No matter what they wear or what they claim to be.

Wolves sometimes still wear sheep's clothing to gain the opportunity to devour their prey.

Sometimes we have to step up, use our heads, so the wolves know we and those we love are not their prey and they need to move on.

May you always defend those less fortunate, and always stand up for the right.

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"Cat's In The Cradle" Father's Day

By Dr. James Thrasher

The haunting refrains of Harry Chapin's song "Cat's in the Cradle," like "planes to catch and bills to pay ... when you coming home, dad?" started to play in my mind recently. A Fortune 500 company recruiter asked to join me in my office after a day of on-campus interviewing. He immediately locked in on, and asked about, the picture of my wife and four kids. With a quavering voice, as if speaking from his soul, he issued an unexpected directive to me: "You go home at five o'clock, Jim, and be a devoted and available husband and father!" He then explained what he called his well-intentioned, but heartbreaking, life story.

He explained that when he graduated from college, he set in place his personal life goals. He climbed the corporate ladder and brought in the big bucks, built multiple homes, and

had all the club memberships and non-profit board appointments, as well as time-consuming hobbies. Most days, even on the weekends, he left his house before his family was up and arrived home after everyone was in bed. In society's eyes, he had been a wildly successful businessman, amassing all the material possessions one could ever want and achieving an impeccable professional reputation. With intense emotion, he said, "I thought I was doing the right things, but I have failed terribly." He ignored the most crucial relationships in his life, which were those of his family. He had been a stranger to them all along. "They wanted me," he said, "not all the stuff. My wife and grown kids want nothing to do with me." With tears streaming down his cheeks, he said, "It's too late for me, Jim. You don't want to be just like

me."

Considering this story of regret and stark warning, Father's Day provides an opportunity to contemplate the indispensable calling of being a father. Fulfillment of this high calling demands, and then delivers, sacrificial and unconditional love, unwavering commitment, and selfless servant leadership.

Love is a decision. The wholehearted love of a father needs to be constant and unchanging. He is to be the representation of a permanent and loving presence in the home, beginning with demonstrating a sacrificial love for his wife. Unconditional love is to be extended to all, caring for and investing in each child individually, helping them to be virtuous, trustworthy, and considerate people. A father shows his love by being intimately involved in the lives of each family member. Sacrificial love

is other-person-centered, and it fosters a sense of security and feelings of trust. Patience, faithfulness, a contrite heart and forgiving spirit, and a nurturing approach are all expressions of devoted love. True love is steady and enduring, no matter the circumstances.

The "Cat's in the Cradle" message provides a warning about not investing enough time in one's family. There are so many powerful and seemingly desirable personal goals and idols that lure men away from the home. The needs of the family must always be the father's priority, putting the everyday, often mundane, needs of his family before his own. A dedicated father is sold out for the spiritual, physical, and emotional well-being of his whole family. The commitment to "being there" for those under the father's care is essential.

He is to inspire those around him to be stewards of their gifts and abilities. Dads are compelled to ask sincere questions and genuinely listen to truly understand the hearts of their children. Being a real-time cheerleader for and an encourager and motivator of a child's life moments should be a cherished joy.

Fatherhood is a calling to ungrudgingly serve, not expecting to be served or catered to. Leadership is a call to humility. C.S. Lewis said, "humility is not thinking less of yourself; it's thinking of yourself less."

Fathers decide between being selfish or selfless. Leading by example through exemplifying fidelity, compassion, attentiveness, and thoughtfulness defines true benevolent leadership. Fathers are to be solely committed to their household. A strong male presence in

the home is not devoid of, but full of, empathy, kindness, and grace.

Father's Day is a day to honor and celebrate dads. But the day also compels fathers to examine their weighty calling as a dad.

Harry Chapin sings, "But we'll get together then, Dad." Someday is not a day of the week. Someday, on the calendar planner, comes right before too late.

When all is said and done, it will be the relationships and the commitment to love and invest in one's family that will live on. That devotion will be life-changing and will last for generations to come.

Fathers, what kind of legacy will you leave?

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The Brothers Grimm Hit The Myers Dinner Theatre Stage With An Epic Fairytale About Wishes, Family And The Choices We Make

The fifth MainStage production in Myers Dinner Theatre's 26th Anniversary season will be Into the Woods, opening July 8th with seating for dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m., and running through July 31st. The book for this production is by James Lapine with music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim. This production is produced by special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied

by MTI. www.mtishows.com. Our production will be directed by Sarah Philabaum, Costumed by Sharon Wright and Music Directed by Jill Smith! We have many returning MDT alumni: Dion Stover, Charles Burr, Ginny Spillman, Teresa Ross, Jennifer Barnaba, Emmie Wright, DRae Beller, Tyler Bowlin, Bill Rubenstien, Madison Cante, Jordan J. Jones and Lexi Rae Smith. Making their MDT debut: Angie Fisher, Ciarra Stroud, Jordan

Arrasmith, and Evan Schmit. Into the Woods opens Friday, July 8 and runs through July 31, with Wednesday and Saturday matinees seating for meals at noon and curtain at 1:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday evening performances seat for meal at 6:30 p.m. with curtain at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinee with seating for meal at 1 p.m. and curtain at 2:30 p.m. Tickets may be purchased by phone at 765-798-4902, ext. 2,

or by visiting the MDT website at www.myersdt.com. Performance dates vary, so consult the online calendar for show dates and times. Theatre prices are \$47 for dinner and theatre, \$35 for students (ages 4-18), and show-only for \$33. Prices do not include taxes, handling fees or gratuity. Season tickets, group pricing and bus parking are also available. Myers Dinner Theatre is located at 108 Water St Hillsboro, and is handicap accessible.

Dirty Dancing In Concert Making Its North America Debut

Relive the timeless love story of Baby and Johnny as global content leader Lionsgate (NYSE: LGF.A, LGF.B), GEA Live, Karl Sydow and Innovation Arts & Entertainment announce Dirty Dancing in Concert, celebrating the film's 35th anniversary on a full-size cinema screen with a band and singers live on stage. With a soundtrack that defined a generation, Dirty Dancing in Concert promises to bring a new thrilling experience to the 80s classic! Dirty Dancing in Concert comes to Indianapolis on November 7. Fans can sign up for the presale now at Dirtydancinginconcert.com.

Audiences attending Dirty Dancing in Concert will experience the hit film in a unique and unforgettable way. A complete screening of the digitally remastered film will play as a band and singers perform the songs live, in sync with the film. Stay for the encore party and continue to sing and dance along with the band to your favorite Dirty Dancing songs.

Dirty Dancing in Concert will tour in the Fall of 2022 stopping in 36 cities. Opening in celebration of the 35th anniversary of the film, fans will have a new way to immerse themselves in the world of Dirty Dancing while celebrating the classic they know and love.

Dirty Dancing, written by Eleanor Bergstein, directed by Emile Ardolino, and starring Patrick Swayze and Jennifer Grey in their most iconic movie roles, was a worldwide box-office sensation when it was released in 1987. Its soundtrack generated two multi-platinum albums and multiple singles, including the Academy Award®-winning best original song "(I've Had) The Time of My Life". Grossing more than \$213 million worldwide, Dirty Dancing captured the hearts of audiences everywhere.

Set in the summer of 1963, Baby Houseman (Jennifer Grey) and her family vacation to the beautiful Catskills resort, Kellerman's. Intrigued by the staff's dance instructor, Johnny Castle (Patrick Swayze), and the vastly different lifestyle of others, Baby finds herself learning to dance while having the time of her life and falling in love. It is a summer she'll never forget.

Dirty Dancing in Concert's tour joins a series of live-to-film concerts touring internationally based on Lionsgate properties, including the highly successful La La Land in Concert, with more than 125 performances in 25 countries to date.

Tickets for Dirty Dancing in Concert go on sale on Friday, June 24, 2022. Dirtydancinginconcert.com

Kevin Hart Announces Second Leg Of His 2022 Reality Check Tour

Pollstar's comedy touring artist of the decade KEVIN HART has announced the second leg of his highly anticipated Reality Check Tour, which kicks off this month and includes a stop in downtown Indianapolis on Sunday, October 23 at Gainbridge Fieldhouse. Produced by Live Nation, the global tour will now have 70 dates, with 19 new shows just announced in North America, including stops in San Diego, Toronto, Portland, Seattle, and Kevin's hometown of Philadelphia.

Tickets for the second leg of the Reality Check Tour will go on-sale this Friday, June 10th at 10AM local time at KevinHartNation.com. Fans will also have access to a special Live Nation presale beginning Wednesday, June 8th at 10AM local time through Thursday, June 9th at 11:59 PM local time.

Hailed as one of the highest-earning stand-up comedians of 2019 by Forbes, Hart recently sold out Crypto.com Arena as part of Netflix Is A Joke: The Festival. Additionally, his previous global comedy tour sold out over 100 arenas

around the world, and he sold over one million tickets worldwide in 2018 during his Irresponsible Tour. Hart continued to break records with his hometown stand-up performance at Philadelphia's Lincoln Financial Field during his What Now Tour, marking the first time a comedian sold out an NFL stadium in Philadelphia.

This event will be a phone-free experience. Use of phones will not be permitted in the performance space.

Upon arrival at the venue, phones will be secured in individual Yondr pouches that will be opened at the end of the event. Guests maintain possession of their devices at all times and can access them throughout the event only in designated Phone Use Areas within the venue.

All devices will be re-secured in Yondr pouches before returning to the performance space. All pouches and equipment are routinely sanitized. The Yondr staff is trained and required to follow safety guidelines and hygiene protocols to practice social distancing, minimal contact and wear

required personal protective equipment.

Anyone seen using a device during the performance will be escorted out of the venue by security. We appreciate your cooperation in creating a phone-free experience.

ABOUT KEVIN HART: Emmy & Grammy nominated Kevin Hart was born and raised in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania where he launched his career as a comedian during an amateur night at a local comedy club. Over the years, Hart has become Hollywood's box office powerhouse, opening ten films at number one at the box office with \$4.23 billion revenue at the global box office. Hart is the Chairman of HARTBEAT and Founder of HartBeat Ventures. Both of these companies play an integral part of his eco-system serving as an incubator for extraordinary growth and creativity. Hart continues to develop, star, and produce feature films and television and podcasts via HARTBEAT for his various partners which include Netflix, Peacock, Sirius XM and Audible.

In 2020 Hart released his seventh hour long

stand-up special, "Zero Fu**ks Given," which quickly became Netflix's biggest stand-up special of 2020 and earned him a Grammy nomination for Best Comedy Album. Hart also earned Emmy nominations for "Die Hart," for Outstanding Actor in a Short Form Comedy or Drama Series along with an Emmy nomination for his Docu-series, "Don't F**k This Up". Kevin is a New York Times Best Selling author twice over and his first Audible original, "The Decision," was nominated for an Audie award for Best Original Audiobook in 2021.

Kevin's brand partnerships include Fabletics Men, Chase, J.P. Morgan, Hydrow, NutraBolt, Brüush, Tommy John and Therabody.

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IRS Wraps Up 'Dirty Dozen' Scams List; Watch Out For Tax Avoidance Strategies

The Internal Revenue Service today wrapped up its annual "Dirty Dozen" scams list for the 2022 filing season, with a warning to taxpayers to avoid being misled into using bogus tax avoidance strategies.

The IRS warned taxpayers to watch out for promoters peddling these schemes. As part of its mission, the IRS is focused on high-income taxpayers who engage in various types of tax violations, ranging from the most basic, failing to file returns up to sophisticated transactions involving abusive syndicated conservation easement deals and abusive domestic micro-captive insurance arrangements. "These tax avoidance strategies are promoted to unsuspecting folks with too-good-to-be-true promises of reducing taxes or avoiding taxes altogether," said IRS Commissioner Chuck Rettig. "Taxpayers should not kid themselves into believing they can hide income from the IRS. The agency continues to focus on these deals, and people who engage in them face steep civil penalties or criminal charges."

The IRS publishes the Dirty Dozen as part of a broad ranging effort to inform taxpayers. People should be careful not to get conned into using well-worn abusive arrangements with high fees as well as the other Dirty Dozen schemes.

The IRS has stepped up efforts on abusive schemes in recent years. As part of this wider effort, the IRS Office of Chief Counsel announced earlier this year it would hire up to 200 additional attorneys to help the agency combat abusive syndicated conservation easements and micro-captive transactions as well as other abusive schemes. (IR-2022-17).

Last week, the IRS kicked off the 2022 Dirty Dozen list (IR-2022-113) with four heavily promoted abusive deals that taxpayers need to avoid.

The IRS followed this up with a number of common scams that can target average taxpayers. These consumer-focused scams can prey on any individual or organization, steal sensitive financial information or money, and in some cases leave the taxpayer to clean up the legal mess.

For today's conclusion of the Dirty Dozen, the IRS highlights four other schemes that typically target high-net-worth individuals who are looking for ways to avoid paying taxes. Solicitations for investment in these schemes are generally more targeted than solicitations for widespread scams, such as email scams, that can hit anyone.

Hiding assets in what the taxpayer hopes is an anonymous account or simply not filing a return in the hopes of staying off the grid are tax avoidance scams that have been around for decades. The IRS remains committed to stopping these methods of cheating that short-change taxpayers who reliably pay their fair share of taxes every year.

The IRS warns anyone thinking about using one of these schemes – or similar ones – that the agency continues to improve work in these areas thanks to new and evolving data analytic tools and enhanced document matching. These Dirty Dozen schemes cover:

Concealing Assets in Offshore Accounts and Improper Reporting of Digital Assets:

The IRS remains focused on stopping tax avoidance by those who hide assets in offshore accounts and in accounts holding cryptocurrency or other digital assets.

International tax compliance is a top priority of the IRS. New patterns and trends emerging in complex international tax avoidance schemes and cross-border transactions have heightened concerns regarding the lack of tax

compliance by individuals and entities with an international footprint. As international tax and money laundering crimes have increased, the IRS continues to protect the integrity of the U.S. tax system by helping American taxpayers to understand and meet their tax responsibilities and by enforcing the law with integrity and fairness, worldwide.

Over the years, numerous individuals have been identified as evading U.S. taxes by attempting to hide income in offshore banks, brokerage accounts or nominee entities. They then access the funds using debit cards, credit cards, wire transfers or other arrangements. Some individuals have used foreign trusts, employee-leasing schemes, private annuities and structured transactions attempting to conceal the true owner of accounts or insurance plans.

U.S. persons are taxed on worldwide income. The mere fact that money is placed in an offshore account does not put it out of reach of the U.S. tax system. U.S. persons are required, under penalty of perjury, to report income from offshore funds and other foreign holdings. The IRS uses a variety of sources to identify promoters who encourage others to hide their assets overseas.

Digital assets are being adopted by mainstream financial organizations along with many other parts of the economy. The proliferation of digital assets across the world in the last decade or so has created tax administration challenges regarding digital assets, in part because there is an incorrect perception that digital asset accounts are undetectable by tax authorities. Unscrupulous promoters continue to perpetuate this myth and make assertions that taxpayers can easily conceal their digital asset holdings.

The IRS urges taxpayers to not be misled into be-

lieving this storyline about digital assets and possibly exposing themselves to civil fraud penalties and criminal charges that could result from failure to report transactions involving digital assets.

"The IRS is able to identify and track otherwise anonymous transactions of international accounts as well as digital assets during the enforcement of our nation's tax laws," Rettig said. "We urge everyone to come into compliance with their filing and reporting responsibilities and avoid compromising themselves in schemes that will ultimately go badly for them."

High-income individuals who don't file tax returns: The IRS continues to focus on people who choose to ignore the law and not file a tax return, especially those individuals earning more than \$100,000 a year.

Taxpayers who exercise their best efforts to file their tax returns and pay their taxes, or enter into agreements to pay their taxes, deserve to know that the IRS is pursuing others who have failed to satisfy their filing and payment obligations. The good news is most people file on time and pay their fair share of tax.

Those who choose not to file a return even when they have a legal filing requirement, and especially those earning more than \$100,000 per year who don't file, represent a compliance problem that continues to be a top priority of the IRS.

Here's a key reminder for taxpayers who may be wrongly persuaded that not filing their return is a smart move. The Failure to File Penalty is initially much higher than the Failure to Pay Penalty. It is more advantageous to file an accurate return on time and set up a payment plan if needed than to not file. The Failure to File Penalty is generally 5% of the unpaid taxes for

each month or part of a month that a tax return is late. The penalty generally will not exceed 25% of unpaid taxes. The Failure to Pay Penalty is generally 0.5% of the unpaid taxes for each month or part of a month the tax remains unpaid. The penalty will not exceed 25% of unpaid taxes.

If a person's failure to file is deemed fraudulent, the penalty generally increases from 5 percent per month to 15 percent for each month or part of a month the return is late, with the maximum penalty generally increasing from 25 percent to 75 percent.

Abusive Syndicated Conservation Easements: In syndicated conservation easements, promoters take a provision of the tax law allowing for conservation easements and twist it by using inflated appraisals of undeveloped land (or, for a few specialized ones, the facades of historic buildings), and by using partnership arrangements devoid of a legitimate business purpose. These abusive arrangements do nothing more than game the tax system with grossly inflated tax deductions and generate high fees for promoters.

The IRS urges taxpayers to avoid becoming ensnared in these deals sold by unscrupulous promoters. If something sounds too good to be true, then it probably is. People can risk severe monetary penalties for engaging in questionable deals such as abusive syndicated conservation easements.

In the last five years, the IRS has examined many hundreds of syndicated conservation easement deals where tens of billions of dollars of deductions were improperly claimed. It is an agency-wide effort using a significant number of resources and thousands of staff hours. The IRS examines 100 percent of these deals and plans to continue doing so for the foreseeable future. Hun-

dreds of these deals have gone to court and hundreds more will likely end up in court in the future.

"We are devoting a lot of resources to combating abusive conservation easements because it is important for fairness in tax administration," Commissioner Rettig stated. "It is not fair that wage-earners pay their fair share year after year but high-net-worth individuals can, under the guise of a real estate investment, avoid millions of dollars in tax through overvalued conservation easement contributions."

Abusive Micro-Captive Insurance Arrangements: In abusive "micro-captive" structures, promoters, accountants, or wealth planners persuade owners of closely held entities to participate in schemes that lack many of the attributes of insurance.

For example, coverages may "insure" implausible risks, fail to match genuine business needs or duplicate the taxpayer's commercial coverages. The "premiums" paid under these arrangements are often excessive and are used to skirt the tax law.

Recently, the IRS has stepped up enforcement against a variation using potentially abusive offshore captive insurance companies. Abusive micro-captive transactions continue to be a high-priority area of focus.

The IRS has conducted thousands of participant examination and promoter investigations, assessed hundreds of millions of dollars in additional taxes and penalties owed, and launched a successful settlement initiative. Additional information regarding the settlement initiative can be found at IR-2020-26. The IRS's activities have been sustained by the Independent Office of Appeals, and the IRS has won all micro-captive Tax Court and appellate court cases, decided on their merits, since 2017.

What To Do If You Can't Pay Your Rent This Month

As housing costs keep climbing across the country, more than 11 million Americans report being behind on rent payments, according to Surgo Ventures. Add in inflation and other economic uncertainties, and millions more are on the brink of falling behind or facing eviction.

"Housing instability remains a critical issue for millions of renters, many of whom are only one missed check or lost job away from possibly losing their home," said Michael Sullivan, a personal financial consultant with Take Charge Amer-

ica, a nonprofit credit and housing counseling agency. "If you've fallen behind on your rent — or soon will — there are several steps you should take to protect yourself and limit your chances of eviction."

If you're struggling to pay rent, Sullivan suggests the following actions:

Contact your landlord. First, try talking with your landlord. Be up front and honest about your situation, asking about potential options or temporary accommodations they're willing to make. They may be

willing to work with you, especially if you have a history of paying on time and maintaining the property. Whatever arrangement you come to, be sure to get it in writing.

Explore rental assistance. Nonprofit and government agencies such as the Salvation Army, Catholic Charities USA and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development offer a range of programs to help people struggling with rent. Your local housing authority is another good resource. Renters can find additional rental assistance programs near

them at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau website.

Manage other expenses. You may be able to free up cash for rent by adjusting other expenses or financial obligations. For example, most credit card companies offer hardship programs that lower monthly payments. You can also slash subscriptions, hidden entertainment costs, auto-delivery services and other non-essential purchases.

Ask to help. Offer your skills and time to friends or family to earn extra cash to make rent.

Do they have some yard work you can do? What about babysitting for a few hours? Also explore the gig economy with services like TaskRabbit, DoorDash or Rover to help with various tasks, delivery or dog-walking.

Seek nonprofit rental counseling. Nonprofit rental housing counselors, like those with Take Charge America, can provide you with one-on-one rental guidance and tailored resources to help you determine the best path forward.

For additional housing resources and assistance, explore housing counsel-

ing services from Take Charge America.

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Charge: P/V Escape

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