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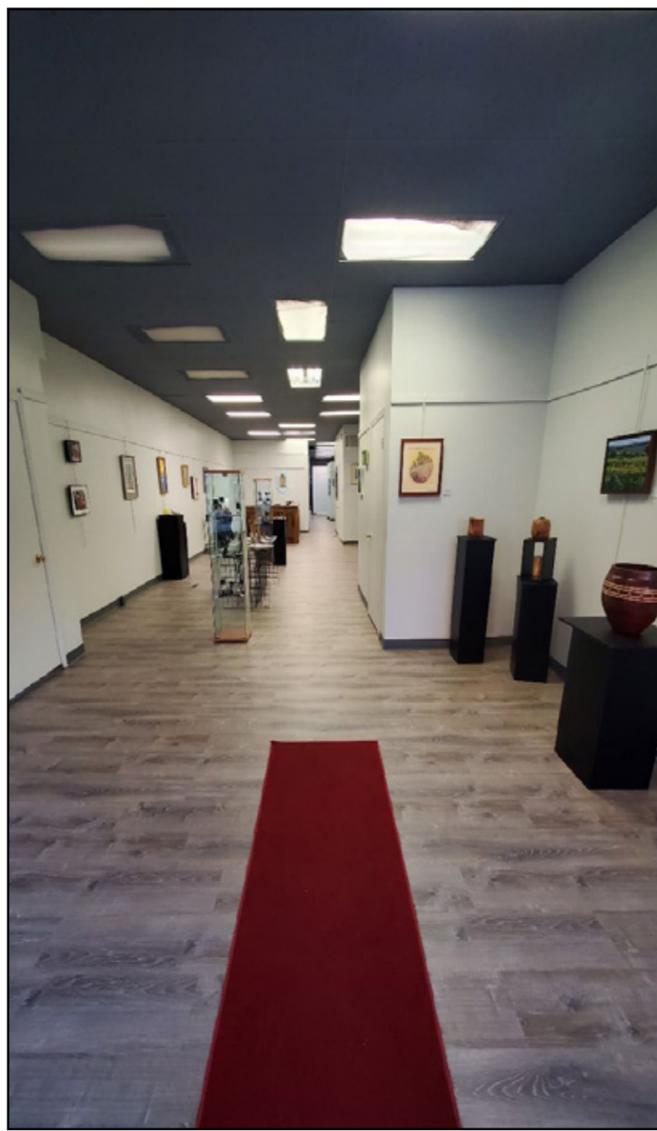


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The gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays



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Our FIRST featured artist show "splashing colors" by member artist CAROL BAIRD. Artist statement: My approach to painting is allowing the subject of flowers, landscapes, birds, and sometimes people to appear [on cotton paper] very loosely. I have started to incorporate collage and ink, while using new techniques, but still maintaining a loose nature. I paint with Daniel Smith, Windsor & Newton, or Lukus paint because of the vibrant colors. I rarely sketch what I will paint. I use wet-on-wet technique first with splashes of paint over areas of the cold-pressed paper. Examining the painting from various angles, I see if I will be painting flowers or some other image. I use negative painting often to let the image come to life.

Athens Art Gallery in Crawfordsville has announced the first July event for their "Art on Thursdays" Series, so make sure to sign up now and get involved.

On July 7, Athens Art will host their Gelli Plate Art Night. A Gelli plate is a reusable surface that

allows you to make monoprints, or prints that are one-of-one editions of the art you make. You can use the monoprints as the basis for other art projects, to create thank-you and greeting cards or as part of a larger collage.

Supplies will be provided for those

who choose to take part. Both individuals and groups can take part.

There are two sessions: an afternoon session that runs from 1-3 p.m. and an evening session that will run from 6-8 p.m. Participants must be 14 years and older. The cost is \$35, and

it will cover the cost of all materials and supplies.

If you are interested in attending, call Athens Art at (765) 362-7455 or stop by Athens Art on Thursdays and Fridays. The gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m.

to 2 p.m. on Saturdays. The cost for the class must be paid in advance in order to reserve a spot.

For questions, text or call Ellie Dieckmeyer at (317) 919-0851.

Athens Art Gallery is located at 216 E. Main Street, Crawfordsville.

TODAY'S QUOTE

"Keep your eyes on the stars, and your feet on the ground."
Theodore Roosevelt

TODAY'S JOKE

Ever wonder why bees hum? Their little brains can't remember the lyrics

TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Kids who get cavities are more prone to get them as adults. Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Paper and online at www.thepaper24-7.com.



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1. What percentage of people live in Seymour?
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2. How old is Jackson County?
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3. How many more people live in Seymour than Brownston?
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4. What is the population density of the county?
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Answers: 1. About 41.3% 2. 203 Years
3. Around 14,556 People 4. 82 / sq. mi.

Did You Know?

- Jackson County was founded in 1816 and named after General Andrew Jackson.
- Brownstown, the county seat, has a total population of 2,947 residents.
- The county has the second longest 3-span covered bridge in the world; The Medora Covered Bridge.
- The largest city in the county, Seymour, is 12.1 square miles and has 17,503 residents.
- The county is 513.91 square miles and has a population of 42,376 residents.

Got Words?

Every year the Pepsi Plunge, a competitive swim event, takes place at the Shield's Park Pool in Seymour. The event attracts thousands of competitive swimmers. How do you think events such as the Pepsi Plunge impact small communities?

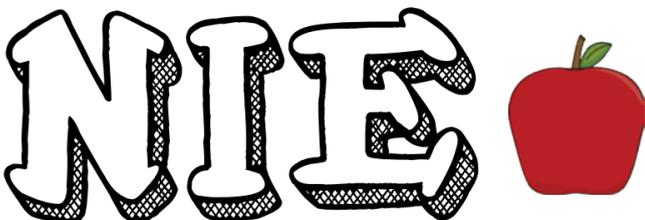
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Unscramble the words below!

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2. OEDCEVR IEBRDG
3. MSEYRUO
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5. OKCSJNA YUOCTN

Answers: 1. Brownstown 2. Covered Bridge 3. Seymour
4. Pepsi Plunge 5. Jackson County

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Indiana State Fair Adds Final Headliner To Complete Lineup Schedule

Earlier this week, the Indiana State Fair announced the addition of 2022 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductees Pat Benatar and Neil Giraldo as the final addition to its exceptional lineup that will take place on the Hoosier Lottery Free Stage. The 2022 Indiana State Fair will take place July 29 through August 21 (Fair is closed Mondays and Tuesdays). The lineup each year consists of some of music's most legendary acts and this year is no exception. All shows at the Hoosier Lottery Free Stage are free with paid fair admission and seating is first-come, first-served. A limited number of premium section access tickets will also be made available at a later time. All shows start at 7:30 p.m., unless noted otherwise.

The 2022 Hoosier Lottery Free Stage at the Indiana State Fair schedule includes:

- Kansas - Friday, July 29 (opening day)
- Jesse McCartney - Saturday, July 30
- We The Kingdom - Sunday, July 31
- Chaka Khan - Wednesday, August 3
- Gone 2 Paradise (Tribute to Jimmy Buffett) - Thursday, August 4
- Travis Tritt - Friday, August 5
- The Reverend Peyton's Big Damn Band - Saturday, August 6
- Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo - Sunday, August 7
- Trace Adkins - Wednesday, August 10
- Too Fighters (A Tribute to Foo Fighters) - Thursday, August 11
- KC & The Sunshine Band - Friday, August 12
- El Dia de los Latinos en la Feria del Estado de Indiana presented by Radio Latina (Latino-Fest at the Indiana State Fair) - Saturday, August 13
- Zach Williams - Sunday, August 14
- Happy Together Tour featuring The Turtles, Gary Puckett & The Union Gap, The Association, The Classics IV, The Vogues, The Cowbells - Wednesday, August 17

- Small Town (A Tribute to John Mellencamp) - Thursday, August 18
 - Carly Pearce - Friday, August 19
 - Vixen & Autograph - Saturday, August 20
 - Gospel Music Day featuring Fred Hammond - Sunday, August 21
- Sarah M. Taylor, executive director of the Hoosier Lottery, noted, "The Hoosier Lottery Free Stage has become a 'winning ticket' for all fairgoers. This week, the Hoosier Lottery is launching a Premium Concert Ticket Giveaway providing an opportunity for myLOTTERY members and music lovers to win the best seats to a summer concert of their choice."

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

2022 Artist Bios

KANSAS:

This classic rock band from Topeka, Kan., nearing five decades in the classic rock scene, has

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

JESSE McCARTNEY:

Since the start of his career, New York-born and Los Angeles-based singer, songwriter, artist, and actor Jesse McCartney has built a catalog of instantly recognizable anthems and captivated audiences on the road and on-screen. His first three albums -- the Platinum Beautiful Soul [2004], Right Where You Want Me [2006], and Departure [2008] -- consecutively bowed in the Top 15 of the Billboard Top 200 with the singles "Beautiful Soul" minted Gold and "Leavin'" certified Platinum. Plus, he collaborated with T-Pain on the cross-genre banger "Body Language." A sought-after songwriter, he notably wrote the 4x-Platinum GRAMMY® Award-nominated "Bleeding Love" for Leona Lewis. In 2018, the one-off single "Better With You" racked up nearly 30 million cumulative streams and paved the way for his fifth offering. Simultaneously, his acting credits grew to include everything from Chernobyl Diaries and Fear The Walking Dead to Alvin and the Chipmunks, and even voicing the character Roxas/Ventus in gamer favorite Kingdom Hearts. In 2020, Jesse was revealed as the runner-up and popular fan favorite Turtle in the third season finale of Fox's The Masked Singer.

Now, he opens up more than ever on his fifth full-length album New Stage, due out later this year. His second single "Friends," an homage to the people who became chosen family, followed the release of "Yours" in 2020, an introspective look at the different roles he's played throughout his life. Then there's "Kiss The World Goodbye," the third release from the forthcoming album.

WE THE KINGDOM:

We The Kingdom is a multigenerational family of musicians, including producers and songwriters Ed Cash (Chris Tomlin, NeedToBreathe, Bethel Music, Crowder), Scott Cash, Franni Rae Cash, Martin Cash and Andrew Berghold. With a combination of four different decades, We The Kingdom's music embraces worship, rock, country, folk and pop, providing a textured sonic background for vulnerable, gritty lyrics. The Georgia based band write songs about the full spectrum of human emotion, including the messy parts, as they aim to embrace brokenness, honesty, and the redemptive power of God's love in their music.

CHAKA KHAN:

Singer, Songwriter, Actor, Activist - Chaka Khan is one of the world's most gifted and celebrated musicians, with a rich musical legacy, the 10-time GRAMMY® Award-winner is looking forward to a celebration of a lifetime. A songwriter, actor, author, philan-

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

GONE 2 PARADISE:

Jimmy Buffett is internationally known for his fun & totally outrageous sold-out concerts worldwide. Gone 2 Paradise, featuring Frank Paul, continues the party, bringing the ultimate Jimmy Buffett experience alive throughout the year! Gone 2 Paradise, entertains all age groups including the faithful followers of Jimmy Buffett known as "Parrot Heads". Gone 2 Paradise has been featured on WGN and NBC TV and some of the places they have played include Navy Pier, US Cellular Field, Hawthorne Race Track, Northerly Island, and The Chicago Yacht Club. With Frank Paul's voice and the island dressed band performing hit songs that span Jimmy Buffett's entire career.

TRAVIS TRITT:

Multi-platinum selling and award-winning artist Travis Tritt launched his career three decades ago. Though his career is lengthy, the Southern rock-influenced artist continues to stay true and relevant to country music fans across the globe. Tritt's albums, seven of which are certified platinum or higher, have amassed more than 30 million in career album sales, two GRAMMY® Awards, four CMA Awards, an invitation to become a member of the world's famous Grand Ole Opry and a devoted fan base that fills venues coast-to-coast. The Georgia native is dubbed one of "The Class of '89," which included Country music superstars Garth Brooks, Clint Black and Alan Jackson, however, his limited to music as he has also appeared in numerous feature films and TV shows throughout his extraordinary career.

THE REVEREND PEYTON'S BIG DAMN BAND:

Two time BMA nominee's The Reverend Peyton's Big Damn Band are one of the greatest front-porch blues band in the world. This "Big Damn Band" Led by Reverend Peyton, considered the best finger picker playing today, has earned a reputation as both compelling performers and persuasive evangelists for the rootsy, country blues styles that captured their imaginations early in their lives. Reverend Peyton started this band after moving to Mississippi to study under blues masters such as T-Model Ford, Robert Belfour and David "Honeyboy" Edwards. He has now led his band to a number one song on the Billboard and iTunes Blues Charts, "Dance Songs For Hard Times", which has been critically acclaimed by Rolling Stone, Relix, Popmatters, Guitar World, American Songwriter, and more.

PAT BENATAR & NEIL GIRALDO:

Pat Benatar's staggering vocals and take-no-pris-

oners attitude, along with Neil Giraldo's trailblazing artistry as a guitarist, producer and songwriter forged the undeniable chemistry and unique sound that created some of rock's most memorable hits including "We Belong," "Invincible", "Love Is A Battlefield," "Promises In The Dark," "We Live For Love," "Heartbreaker" and "Hell Is For Children." Together they have created two multi-platinum, five platinum and three gold albums, as well as 19 Top 40 hits. They have sold over 30 million records worldwide and have won an unprecedented four consecutive GRAMMY® awards. Their rock and roll love affair has endured for more than three and a half decades. Pat and Neil continue to tour, selling out concerts everywhere. Their chemistry will undoubtedly be thrilling music fans forever. In 2022, they were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

TRACE ADKINS:

Trace Adkins is a Grammy award nominated, three-time CMA award winner that has sold more than eleven million albums and has charted more than 20 singles in his 25 year long career. This Nashville artist has worked with other big country artists like Luke Bryan to rap superstar Snoop Dogg in his career. Along with singing Trace has found his way into films and television shows getting roles as a tough-as-nails biker in "The Lincoln Lawyer" (starring Matthew McConaughey), a desperate father in "Deepwater Horizon" (starring Mark Wahlberg), a wise oracle of a tattoo artist in the family friendly film "Moms' Night Out" (starring Patricia Heaton, Sean Astin, Sarah Drew), and as MercyMe's actual manager in the box office hit "I Can Only Imagine."

TOO FIGHTERS:

Too Fighters are a Foo Fighters tribute band, and Chicago's answer to making a true Foo concert experience available to everyone. Their mission is to pack twenty plus years worth of Foo Fighters into one set, the best songs, moments, antics, history, stories and fun. The Too Fighters are committed to making this experience as close to a true Foo Fighters concert as possible, using no samples or past records is just one way they do this. Fan interaction, energy on stage, and true passion shown during the show gives the listener the closest Foo Fighters experience without truly being there.

KC & THE SUNSHINE BAND:

Features in over 200 motion picture films, Grammy awards, People's Choice awards, four number one records in a row, and coined the "Founder of the Dance Revolution" all can be claimed by KC & the Sunshine Band. Hits like, "Give it up", "That's the way (I like it)", and "(Shake Shake Shake) Shake Your Booty" have found their way into nearly every major sporting event, parade, wedding, and bar mitzvah of the last three decades. The fifteen man band took inspiration from the sunny days in Florida to get the very energetic and fun sound that continually influences artists to this day. KC & the Sunshine Band led by Harry Wayne Casey did not only spark a revolution in the 70s and 80s, but still has people of all ages now getting up out

of their seats to boogie.

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

HAPPY TOGETHER TOUR:

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

SMALL TOWN:

Small Town is Chicagoland's premier John Mellencamp Experience. This tribute band, composed 100% of Hoosier natives, has set out to bring the musical catalog of John Mellencamp to life on stage just as Mellencamp has done year after year, decade after decade. Mellencamp is an Indiana native and legendary rock icon with over 25 Top 20 hit songs spanning 40 years. Small Town has recreated his high energy shows and the music that everyone knows and loves. Authenticity is key with Small Town, they do not sample any past records or have any pre-recorded tracks, everything you hear at the show is exactly what you would have heard at a real John Mellencamp show.

CARLY PEARCE:

Carly Pearce is a young country singer on the rise, releasing her first album in 2017. Her Platinum-certified No. 1 song "I Hope You're Happy Now" with artist Lee Brice has earned CMA nominations for New Artist of the Year, Song of the Year and Video of the Year, and won Musical Event of the Year. She has exploded in the country scene touring alongside Blake Shelton, Rascal Flatts and Luke Bryan. The past two years this Kentucky native has won CMA awards for Female Vocalist of the Year in 2021 and Female Artist

of the Year in 2022. She is now on her third studio album, "29: Written in Stone," and has been nominated 22 times for numerous awards since these three albums have been released.

VIXEN & AUTOGRAPH:

Vixen is an American rock band formed in Minnesota in 1980. During its most commercially successful period from 1987 to 1992, the band released their eponymous first album in 1988, and it reached No. 41 on the charts. Their second album Rev It Up was released in 1990, and reached No. 52 on the Billboard 200. Their third album Tangerine was released in 1998. Their fourth album Live & Learn was released in 2006. Autograph is an American glam metal band formed in Pasadena, California, in 1984, best known for their hair metal anthem "Turn Up the Radio".

FRED HAMMOND:

Detroit-raised Fred Hammond is one of the most popular worship gospel singers to date. Getting his start in the 80s, Fred performed in gospel bands and groups until going solo in 1991. Since then, he has released a consistent string of gospel albums, "Verity," "Pages of Life: Chapters I & II (1998)," "Free to Worship (2006)," and "God, Love & Romance (2012)," "United Tenors Project" (2013) and "I Will Trust" (2014), all reaching Billboard's No. 1 Gospel Album spot within the first week of releasing. Fred returned to concerts in 2016 after a 17-year hiatus and has been touring ever since. He continues to collaborate and produce with multiple generations of gospel musicians including The Williams Brothers, Yolanda Adams, Israel & New Breed, John Bush & Andy Kellman, and Rovi.

About the Hoosier Lottery:

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The Great Indiana State Fair:

The Indiana State Fair is the state's largest multi-day event celebrating the Hoosier spirit and agricultural heritage. These 18 days bring all communities together to celebrate all things Indiana and promote it to hundreds of thousands of people across the state, and beyond. Nationally recognized for offering great entertainment, showcasing youth and interactive agriculture educational programs, premiere facilities and a variety of unique, fun foods, the Indiana State Fair has been an annual attraction for generations of Hoosiers since 1852. This year's Indiana State Fair will take place July 29th – August 21st (closed Mondays & Tuesdays). For information, visit www.indianastatefair.com

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New Report Outlines Recommendations To Enhance Equity In Dual Credit Availability, Access And Success In Indiana

A new report released today provides state-level policy recommendations to enhance equitable access to and participation in high-quality dual credit programming for all Hoosier students.

Within Reach: A Policy Roadmap for Dual Credit in Indiana combines the insights of secondary and postsecondary dual credit stakeholders on barriers to equitable dual credit access, participation and success in Indiana, as well as recommendations to address identified challenges. The primary author of the report is Jennifer Zinth, a leading national expert on dual credit.

The report utilized findings from the Indiana Commission for Higher Education's 2021 Early College Credit Report to identify equity gaps in dual credit participation by race and ethnicity, socioeconomic status and geography. The Commission's report noted low-income students, rural students, and Black and Hispanic and Latino students are less likely than their peers to earn dual credit. Recommendations in the report are based on a framework developed by the College in High School Alliance in its 2019 report, Unlocking Potential: A State Policy Roadmap for Equity and Quality in College in High School Programs.

"We know that when students earn high-value credentials or certifications, made possible by earning dual credit while in high school, they are

more likely to achieve success in their next steps, whether that's enrollment, employment or enlistment," said Indiana Secretary of Education Dr. Katie Jenner. "It is imperative that we expand access and intentional completion of dual credit to ensure doors are open for all students. This will take collaboration on the state and local level, as we work together to scale programs like the successful Rural Early College Network and the newly launched Urban College Acceleration Network."

Three Key Policy Levers Emerged from this Research

Within Reach provides three cross-cutting policy levers to advance state and local dual enrollment policy in equitable ways:

Reconvening the Indiana Dual Credit Advisory Council: A reconvened council could consider funding models to ensure program integrity and assess viable alternatives to the current dual credit funding model.

Developing a statewide equity goal for dual credit participation: A statewide equity goal would be a critical tool in identifying and addressing equity gaps in dual credit access and participation.

Scaling the Indiana College Core in high school: The Indiana College Core establishes 30 college credit hours guaranteed to transfer to public institutions statewide. Awareness of the program is growing with key audiences, but many are still not aware

of the opportunities and advantages of the Indiana College Core.

"Over the last decade, Indiana has seen significant growth in the number and percentage of under-represented students taking dual credit – through AP, dual credit and dual enrollment. However, equity gaps persist in access and completion," said Indiana Senior Associate Commissioner and Chief Academic Officer Ken Sauer. "The recommendations from this report will allow our state to build upon its progress of intentional and high-quality dual credit for all Hoosiers."

Additional recommendations from each Unlocking Potential policy category:

Provide and utilize more detailed student participation and outcomes data

Enhance and broadly communicate the TransferIN website

Enhance communication to legislators on the value and benefit of dual credit courses

Develop and disseminate tools for local secondary and postsecondary partners to identify and address root causes contributing to inequities in course availability, participation and success

Create a menu of additional state and local up-credentialing strategies

Explore efforts to extend counseling capacity beyond high school counselors

"Indiana is a national leader in the number of high school students completing college credits, but

disparities remain when it comes to who earns dual credit," said Jennifer Zinth, a national dual credit policy expert who authored the report. "This report is an important step for secondary and post-secondary stakeholders to better understand these equity gaps and explore policy recommendations to improve equitable dual credit access and participation."

The report was funded by the Joyce Foundation, a nonpartisan, private foundation that invests in evidence-informed public policies and strategies to advance racial equity and economic mobility for the next generation in the Great Lakes region. This includes policies to expand high-quality college in high school options for students, especially students of color and those from marginalized communities.

About the Indiana Commission for Higher Education

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

MoCo Family Crisis Shelter Receives \$21,800 Grant

Last week, the Montgomery County Family Crisis Shelter received a \$21,800 grant from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) to help provide emergency shelter and services to victims of domestic violence and their dependents.

The Family Crisis Shelter was among a group of 26 non-profits that received grants from the ICJI totaling \$500,000. The funding was provided by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services through the Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) program.

"Domestic violence shelters are there for people during some of the darkest moments in their lives," said Devon McDonald, ICJI Executive Director. "They provide a safe haven in the community, and we'll continue to use every tool at our disposal to reinforce the work they're doing to care for those in need."

Established in 1981, the SSBG program is a flexible funding source that allows states to tailor social service programming to address their needs. In Indiana, the funding is distributed to the Indiana Department of

Child Services, which allocates a portion to ICJI to assist residential domestic violence programs.

This year, organizations will use the grants to provide items like food, clothing, transportation and shelter to survivors in crisis. The goal of the program is to help offset the cost of certain operational expenses, so that other funding may be used to provide support services.

"Providing access to safe accommodation and shelter, along with survivor-centered support, such as counseling and criminal justice resources, can break the cycle of violence and help people begin to recover," said Kim Lambert, ICJI Victim Services Director. "The grant funding we're releasing today is part of a larger strategy to increase access to those services."

The grants were approved by the ICJI Board of Trustees earlier this month and will be made available to organizations starting in July.

A full list of grants can be found on the ICJI website at <https://www.in.gov/cji/victim-services/social-services-block-grant/>.

Lt. Gov. Crouch, IHCD Celebrate National Homeownership Month

Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch and the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCD) celebrate June as National Homeownership Month which highlights the many benefits of homeownership to individuals and communities.

The Orange County Economic Development Partnership (OCEDP) and the French Lick Resort have started a long-term project to create workforce housing in Orange County for Hoosiers to achieve the dream of owning a home. This week, Lt. Governor Crouch and IHCD toured one of the homes in French Lick which was closed on and the new homeowner moved in this past May. The homeowner never thought the dream of homeownership was possible but thanks to organizations like OCEDP, homeownership is possible for all Hoosiers.

"Owning a home has long been central to achieving the American dream," said Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch. "I am so thankful and appreciative of the work being done to keep homeownership attainable and sustainable for Hoosiers. We are excited to celebrate Homeownership Month with the Orange County Economic Development Partnership and look forward to seeing their community grow."

IHCD promotes responsible homeownership through programs that assist Hoosiers with obtaining low-interest, fixed-rate loans through the help of down-payment assistance. They offer programs for first-time and repeat homebuyers that can help cover the closing costs and down-payment on the purchase of a home. IHCD also offers funds to non-profits to develop single family homes for

Hoosier homebuyers. The programs can be utilized in all 92 counties and are administered with the help of their participating lenders. For more information about these homeownership programs offered through IHCD and how to utilize them, visit www.in.gov/ihcd.

"We celebrate homeownership because it's such an important milestone for an individual or a family to achieve," said Kristal Painter, Executive Director of the Orange County economic Development Partnership. "We're excited that we get to partner with such an amazing organization as French Lick Resort by helping to make the dream of home ownership a reality through the Orange County Workforce Housing Development that is currently under construction in West Baden Springs. The goal is to build 75 homes in West Baden Springs and an additional 25 in French Lick, for a total of 100 homes, which is 100 opportunities for families to continue this celebration for years to come!"

"We are at an unprecedented time and wanted to take a step back and look at our workforce," said Dylan Duncan, Vice President of Cook Group. "What are the biggest obstacles to recruitment? For us, affordable housing kept coming up time and time again. There had not been a new development here since the 1960s, apartments were scarce, and the local housing market was challenging. Then we secured some farmland and started meeting with housing developers. We were unable to secure a developer, so we decided to take on the construction of the houses ourselves. We have four completed and another 90+ planned."

Purdue, Duke Energy Advance Nuclear Power Exploration

Purdue University and Duke Energy announced plans for a lecture series to help the public learn more about advances being made in nuclear energy and small modular reactors.

The lecture series was announced at the first meeting of an executive advisory committee steering the joint exploration between Purdue and Duke Energy into the feasibility of using advanced nuclear energy to meet the long-term energy needs of the West Lafayette campus. The committee, which gathered for the first time Thursday (June 23), will meet frequently over the course of the study to provide guidance and recommendations to Purdue and Duke Energy on three key fronts: safety, regulatory processes and research.

"I could not be more excited about both the quality of this stellar assemblage of scientific and technical talent and the plan for an open, comprehensive study process that helps further public understanding as it furthers our aim," Purdue President Mitch Daniels said.

The executive advisory

committee consists of the following expert leaders from the public and private sectors:

- Mung Chiang, committee chair, Purdue executive vice president for strategic initiatives and the John A. Edwardson Dean of the College of Engineering.

- Arden Bement, Purdue's David A. Ross Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Nuclear Engineering.

- William Dudley Jr., Bechtel Group vice chairman and former CEO.

- Carlos Hernandez, former CEO, Fluor Corp.

- Maria Korsnick, Nuclear Energy Institute president and CEO.

- Theresa Mayer, Purdue executive vice president for research and partnerships.

- Stan Pinegar, Duke Energy state president, Indiana.

- Luis Reyes, former executive, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Bement has agreed to be the first speaker in the Purdue-led monthly lecture series, which will focus on nuclear technologies, sustainability, safety, economics, regulation and other topics. Lectures will take place

monthly beginning in the fall semester in a hybrid format for both in-person and virtual participation. More information will be made available soon on dates, speakers and topics.

"We are extremely grateful to Dr. Bement for offering his expertise on our executive advisory committee and his voice as the first distinguished speaker in our Small Modular Reactor study lectures," said Chiang, who is president-elect of Purdue. "As part of our study with Duke Energy, we are eager to provide a platform for education, engagement and dialogue among the public as well as our faculty, staff and students."

Purdue and Duke Energy have spent the past few weeks developing the groundwork and structure of the study and presented information to the executive advisory committee at its first meeting.

"Purdue is home to one of the nation's premier engineering programs, and Duke Energy operates the largest regulated nuclear fleet in the nation. We look forward to pulling together our collective expertise to evaluate

advanced nuclear technology possibilities for both Purdue's campus as well as the state of Indiana," Pinegar said.

Three principals in charge have been appointed to ensure the successful execution of the study: Michael B. Cline, senior vice president of administrative operations at Purdue; Seungjin Kim, the Capt. James F. McCarthy Jr. and Cheryl E. McCarthy Head and Professor of Nuclear Engineering at Purdue; and Chris Nolan, vice president of new nuclear generation at Duke Energy. The principals in charge will be supported by a utility technical group — consisting of operational leaders from Purdue and Duke Energy — and a nuclear technical advisory group — consisting of technical specialists in nuclear energy from Purdue and the private sector. Other subject matter experts in decarbonization and renewable energy will be consulted as needed throughout the course of the study.

"Through this study, we will be considering how nuclear technologies could potentially meet our campus energy needs in the future," Cline said.

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Family Meals that Make Busy Weeknights a Breeze

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After a long day in the classroom or at the office, it's tough to top bringing the family together with a home-cooked meal. When evenings are busy with homework and activities, however, there might be little time left for complicated dishes.

Take those schedules on with a menu of delicious recipes that require 30 minutes or less so you can focus on celebrating the day's accomplishments with loved ones. These simple yet flavorful ideas from Milk Means More call for limited instructions, less equipment and shorter ingredients lists fueled by dairy favorites that provide much-needed nutrients to recharge the entire family.

Pork Chops in Creamy Mustard-Peppercorn Sauce feature the sharp yet balanced taste of mustard and cracked black peppercorns as an easy way to dress up pork chops. When pasta night comes around, Pasta with Yogurt Sauce provides a quick, creamy Middle Eastern solution.

This Chicken with Creamy Sun-Dried Tomato Sauce recipe gets its robust flavor from sauce made with sun-dried tomatoes and enhanced with luscious half-and-half. For a tasty twist on Taco Tuesday, you can play "beat the clock" with Roasted Chicken and Zucchini Tostadas by crisping corn tortillas under the broiler then topping them with a tangy yogurt spread, cumin-seasoned chicken, veggies and shredded cheese.

Turn your hectic weeknights into cause for celebration with more quick and easy recipe ideas at MilkMeansMore.org.



Pork Chops in Creamy Mustard-Peppercorn Sauce

Pork Chops in Creamy Mustard-Peppercorn Sauce

Recipe courtesy of Marcia Stanley, MS, RDN, Culinary Dietitian, on behalf of Milk Means More
Total time: 20 minutes
Servings: 4

- 3/4 cup evaporated 2% milk
- 3 tablespoons spicy brown mustard or Dijon mustard
- 3/4 teaspoon coarsely cracked black peppercorns
- 1/2 teaspoon all-purpose flour
- 4 boneless pork loin chops (1 1/4 pounds), cut 3/4-inch thick
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1/4 cup reduced-sodium chicken broth
- cooked noodles or rice (optional)
- chopped fresh parsley (optional)

In bowl, whisk milk, mustard, peppercorns and flour. Set aside. Pat pork chops dry with paper towels. Sprinkle both sides of chops with salt.

In large nonstick skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat. Cook pork chops 3-4 minutes, or until browned. Turn and cook 3-4 minutes, or until thermometer inserted in thickest part of chops reads 145 F. Transfer chops to serving platter. Loosely cover with foil to keep warm.

Add garlic to drippings in skillet. Cook 15 seconds. Stir in broth. Cook, stirring constantly, until most liquid evaporates. Stir in milk mixture and any accumulated juices from cooked pork. Cook and stir until just boiling. Immediately remove from heat and spoon sauce over chops.

Serve with noodles or rice, if desired. Garnish with parsley, if desired.



Pasta with Yogurt Sauce

Photo courtesy of Jenny Struik of "Jenny with the Good Eats"

Pasta with Yogurt Sauce

Recipe courtesy of Enas Malik, RDN, on behalf of Milk Means More
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes
Servings: 4

- Salted water
- 8 ounces angel hair pasta
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil, divided
- 1 small white onion, minced
- 8 ounces ground beef or lamb
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 cup plain yogurt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground white pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon cumin
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon fresh mint
- or 1 teaspoon dried mint

In medium pan, bring salted water to boil. Add pasta and cook according to package directions. Strain pasta and reserve about 1/2 cup water.

In medium saute pan over medium heat, heat 1/2 tablespoon vegetable oil. Add minced onions. Cook until translucent and aromatic, 2-3 minutes. Add ground meat and season with salt and black pepper. Cook until meat is browned through, 8-10 minutes. Drain fat. Transfer cooked meat to bowl and set aside.

In small pan over medium heat, cook yogurt, white pepper, cumin and garlic powder until mixture comes to soft boil and thickens. Remove pan from heat. Add pasta water to reach desired consistency.

In same saute pan used to cook meat over medium heat, add remaining vegetable oil and saute garlic until golden in color. Add mint. Remove from heat and pour over yogurt mixture.

Mix pasta, meat and yogurt sauce; serve.

Roasted Chicken and Zucchini Tostadas

Recipe courtesy of Marcia Stanley, MS, RDN, Culinary Dietitian, on behalf of Milk Means More
Total time: 25 minutes
Servings: 4

- 12 street taco-size corn tortillas
- nonstick cooking spray
- 1/2 cup plain Greek yogurt (2% or 5%)
- 3 teaspoons lime juice, divided
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 1/2 cups shredded or chopped rotisserie-roasted chicken breast
- 1/2 cup seeded and chopped tomato
- 1/2 cup chopped zucchini
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/8 teaspoon ground cayenne pepper

- 1 cup (4 ounces) shredded Monterey Jack cheese

Heat oven to broil.

Line large baking sheet or 18-by-13-by-1-inch baking pan with foil. Arrange tortillas in single layer on pan. Lightly spray tortillas with nonstick cooking spray. Broil about 5 inches from heat 4-6 minutes, or until beginning to brown on one side. Remove from broiler. Carefully turn tortillas over.

In medium bowl, stir yogurt, 1 teaspoon lime juice and garlic powder. Set aside. In another bowl, toss chicken, tomato, zucchini, remaining lime juice, olive oil, cumin and cayenne pepper.

Spread yogurt mixture on unbrowned sides of tortillas. Top with chicken mixture. Sprinkle with cheese. Broil about 5 inches from heat 2-3 minutes, or until hot and cheese melts. Serve immediately.



Roasted Chicken and Zucchini Tostadas



Chicken with Creamy Sun-Dried Tomato Sauce

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Total time: 20 minutes
Servings: 4

- 3/4 cup half-and-half
- 1/2 teaspoon all-purpose flour
- 1 1/4 pounds boneless, skinless chicken breast cutlets (about 3/4 inch thick)
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 tablespoon oil from sun-dried tomato jar
- 1/2 cup oil-packed, slivered sun-dried tomatoes, drained
- 1/3 cup finely chopped onion
- 1/3 cup reduced-sodium chicken broth
- 1 tablespoon grated Parmesan-Reggiano cheese

In bowl, whisk half-and-half and flour. Set aside.

Pat chicken pieces dry with paper towels. If necessary, cut into four serving-size pieces. Sprinkle both sides of chicken with salt and pepper.

In large nonstick skillet over medium heat, heat sun-dried tomato oil. Cook chicken pieces 3-4 minutes, or until browned. Turn chicken. Cook 3-4 minutes, or until thermometer inserted in thickest portion of chicken reads 165 F. Transfer to serving platter. Loosely cover with foil to keep warm.

Add sun-dried tomatoes and onions to drippings in skillet. Cook 1-2 minutes, or until onion is tender. Stir in broth. Cook, stirring constantly, until most liquid evaporates. Stir in cream mixture and any accumulated juices from cooked chicken. Cook and stir until simmering and slightly thickened. Remove from heat. Stir in Parmesan-Reggiano cheese. To serve, spoon sauce over chicken.

4 Tips to Master *the Grill*

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The end result of perfectly cooked chicken is a mouthwatering meal that smells just as good as it tastes and beckons loved ones to the patio. To achieve that juicy, tender flavor that brings family and friends together, it's important to keep a few safety and grilling tips in mind.

Fire up your grill, season poultry to perfection and serve a safely cooked meal at your next backyard barbecue with this advice from the experts at Perdue Farms.

Maximize Your Budget

For a flavorful meal without breaking the bank, consider less-expensive cuts of meat like bone-in thighs or drumsticks, or cook a whole chicken that can last for several meals. In addition to the savings at the grocery store, these cuts can also withstand hotter temperatures on the grill for juicy and tender results.

Save a Little Time

One easy way to maximize your time around the grill while cutting down on prep and mess is using a pre-cut option like Perdue Fresh Cuts Diced Chicken Breast, a perfect solution for kebabs. Recipe ready in an easy-peel package, the chickens are hatched and harvested in the United States with an all-vegetarian diet and no antibiotics, hormones or steroids.

Add Favorite Seasonings

Because seasonings can sometimes come off on the grill, try seasoning both before and after grilling for a better-tasting final result. If you're planning to marinate, be careful to avoid over-marinating as acid-based marinades can start breaking down meat fibers. Remember before and while seasoning raw meat to keep proper safety practices in mind. Wash your hands, cutting boards, knives, scissors, the sink and all work surfaces for 20 seconds with hot, soapy water, and don't allow raw meat or its juices to touch other foods.

Trust the Thermometer

Once your grill reaches the desired heat, put chicken on the grates with confidence by trusting a meat thermometer to measure doneness. This Easy Kona Pineapple Chicken Kebabs recipe, for example, calls for 10-12 minutes on the grill, but it's important to check for an internal temperature of 165 F rather than simply relying on recommended cook times. Be sure to serve using a clean platter and utensils, never ones touched by raw meat. Refrigerate any leftover chicken immediately and use within 3-5 days.

For more grilling tips, visit perdue.com/how-to/grilling.



Easy Kona Pineapple Chicken Kebabs

Prep time: 45 minutes
Cook time: 15 minutes
Servings: 4

- 1 can (6 ounces) pineapple juice
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 lime, zest and juice only
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 piece (1 inch) fresh ginger, grated
- 1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 1 package Perdue Fresh Cuts Diced Chicken Breast
- 1/2 fresh pineapple, cut into 16 chunks
- 1 large red bell pepper, seeded and cut into 16 (1-inch) chunks
- 4 metal skewers or 8 wooden skewers (12 inches) soaked in water 30 minutes

In bowl, whisk pineapple juice, vegetable oil, lime juice and zest, sugar, ginger and red pepper flakes until sugar dissolves. Add diced chicken breast, cover and marinate in refrigerator 30 minutes.

Thread alternating pieces of chicken, pineapple and red bell pepper onto skewers. Discard remaining marinade.

Heat lightly greased grill or grill pan to medium-high heat. Grill kebabs 10-12 minutes, turning every 3-4 minutes until chicken feels firm to touch and a meat thermometer inserted in the center reaches 165 F.

Remove kebabs from grill, rest 2-3 minutes and serve.

Tip: If using wooden skewers, soak in water 30 minutes to keep skewers from burning on grill. If using metal skewers, remember chicken will cook faster because metal will conduct heat and cook chicken cubes from inside along with grill heat cooking chicken from outside.

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Composting Directly In The Garden

By Melinda Myers
Don't toss those imperfect lettuce leaves, onion tops and strawberry tops into the trash. Instead, convert them into compost right in the garden.

Worm and pile composting are great ways to manage these scraps. But if these methods aren't for you, try trench composting. This centuries old technique is low effort and effective. The process is basically invisible, eliminates the need to turn a pile of plant debris, requires minimal space and doesn't smell.

Simply dig a 12-inch-deep trench between the rows of vegetables, in the pathway, or in any vacant spot in the garden. Be careful not to damage the plant roots. Add about four to six inches of kitchen scraps, mix with soil and cover with at least eight inches of soil that you removed from the hole. Covering with this much soil helps prevent animals from digging. Repeat until the trench is filled with plant debris and covered in soil.

Just like other composting methods, use plant-based materials only. Do not add meat, dairy and fat that can attract animals and rodents. And this is no place for perennial weeds like quackgrass, annual weeds gone to seed, or invasive plants that can survive the composting and take over the



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Trench composting, a centuries old technique, is low maintenance, effective, eliminates the need to turn piles of plant debris, requires minimal space, and doesn't smell.

garden.

You can also trench compost one hole at a time. Just dig a hole in a vacant space in the garden, toss in the materials, mix, and cover with soil. I grew up with this method. After dinner or once we had a bowl full of kitchen scraps, we were sent to the garden to dig a hole, dump, and cover.

For those that want to rotate plantings as well as compost, you may want to try one of these two methods. Plant in wide rows and trench compost in the pathway. Next year, move the garden to the path location and

make last year's garden the path. You will be rotating your plantings while improving the soil.

Or designate separate adjacent areas for planting, paths, and composting. Next year, rotate so last year's composting area becomes garden, the garden becomes the path, and the path is the new section for trench composting. In three years, you will have rotated crops and improved the soil in all three areas.

Start by contacting your local municipality to make sure there are no restrictions on any type of composting. Then get out

the shovel and dig your way to healthier soil and a more productive garden.

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 instant video 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.

Looking To Increase Your Home's Value?

(Family Features)
Whether you've purchased a new house or are just looking to invest in what is likely your largest asset, home improvements can make your living space more comfortable, functional and stylish.

Homebuyers are looking for practical home amenities that allow them to live, work and play – such as dedicated home offices, backyard retreats, home gyms and more – without having to worry about any potential future restrictions caused by the pandemic, according to a survey by Zolo of more than 3,300 new homeowners and potential first-time buyers in 2022.

Consider these popular upgrade ideas to create a space built for your family's needs that can also increase resale value down the line.

Home Office

At the height of the pandemic, many professionals found themselves working remotely – a trend that continued as restrictions were lifted. In fact, 46% of survey respondents listed a dedicated office space as a must-have when purchasing a new home. When creating this space, keep function

and efficiency top of mind. Build your home office around a desk – either standing or traditional – then consider additions like an ergonomic chair and keyboard, soft light desk lamp, mood-boosting plants and a white board to stay organized. Don't forget to add flairs of personality like artwork, knick-knacks or photos of loved ones to make it your own.

Skylights

By improving the overall look and functionality of dark spaces, such as home offices where natural light can improve creativity and productivity, an option like skylights can increase the value of a home, and 55% of new homebuyers rated skylights as desirable or essential, according to research from the National Association of Home Builders. For rooms that need brightening, skylights can free up wall space for storage while adding abundant natural light and increasing ventilation. An option like Velux No Leak Solar-Powered Fresh Air Skylights help rid indoor air of bacteria, volatile organic compounds and carbon dioxide.

Over the long-term, high-quality skylights can also help reduce carbon emissions and home energy consumption, saving money on household bills, according to Urban Grade. Remote-controlled models can be opened to bring fresh air inside, and with light-filtering or room-darkening shades homeowners have maximum control over the exact amount of light they want. Plus, solar-powered shades come in more than 75 colors and patterns, allowing homeowners nearly endless customization options. Learn more at whyskylights.com.

Backyard Retreat

Perfect for hosting friends, dining al fresco or simply relaxing with the backdrop of nature, 48% of survey respondents cited a backyard retreat as a must-have home amenity. Start with a deck or patio then customize your outdoor living space to meet your family's wants and needs. Weather-proof furniture can add comfort while features like outdoor kitchens, fireplaces, fans and lighting can create a connection to your indoor areas that add both style and function.

Walk-In Pantry

If you want to add a pantry in your kitchen, you're not alone. Walk-in pantries found their way onto 48% of respondents' lists of must-haves. To get started, consider your storage needs to determine the amount of space you'll require and remember to vary shelving heights to maximize space. Open shelving can also be combined with additional counter space, cabinets, pull-out organizers and other features to help match the design to the rest of your kitchen.

Home Gym

Another trend that rose in popularity amid the pandemic, home gyms can take on a variety of shapes and sizes, utilizing available space in the garage, basement, a spare bedroom or even the backyard. Providing more time to fit workouts into your schedule, home gyms can be customized with equipment most important for your lifestyle. From yoga mats, jump ropes and free weights to treadmills, ellipticals and benches and racks, your space, budget and goals can help in the creation or update of a dedicated, in-home workout space.

A Fresh Start With Summer Flowers

Are you ready for a 'fresh start'? Many people are experiencing an urge to start anew after a long period of negativity. Flowers are amazing at setting a fresh and uncluttered atmosphere.

Uncluttered

These days, we see our homes in a different light: the house is multifunctional and also serves as a place of relaxation. In our interiors, this is expressed in clear and uncluttered spaces. Restlessness makes way for relaxation. Summer flowers like lilies, dahlias or gladioli enhance the desired fresh look.

Flexible

We are more flexible than before in how we use our house. Apart

from being a place to live, we also use it to work, relax and exercise. How we use flowers in our homes is also changing; they move along flexibly with the changing space. It's a good thing that vases are easy to move!

Indispensable

Flowers are an essential part of a healthy indoor space. To emphasize the uncluttered and flexible atmosphere, opt for uncomplicated bouquets or bowls of water with floating flowers. Why not use an XL-sized bouquet as a natural room divider to separate two rooms?

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7 On-Trend Kitchen Upgrades

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Designers from coast to coast are cooking up fresh ideas for kitchen upgrades. This year's hottest trends bring numerous fresh aesthetic approaches while functionality also plays a leading role in top design ideas.

If you are planning a kitchen upgrade, take inspiration from these on-trend elements spotted by the design experts at Wellborn Cabinet:

Unique Tile

In recent years, backsplash tile has taken a more prominent role in kitchen design and has continued to grow in popularity to the point where tile is now a full-stop focal point. From eye-catching colors and patterns to texture that brings new dimension, kitchen tile can make a big statement. In fact, bold tile is not just limited to the backsplash. Patterned tile is an on-trend option for adding character to your flooring and dressing up commonly under-designed spaces like the window jamb with a practical material, like tile, that is easy to clean and maintain.



Multiple Appliances

Function is front and center in residential kitchen design this year, and homeowners' growing demands to go big on appliances is proof. From double ovens to extra dishwashers, homeowners are committing to more useful features. There are even some kitchens that boast two refrigerators, which may be a nod to the way grocery shopping habits shifted during the pandemic, with fewer, but larger, trips to the store.

Walk-Through Pantries

Whether you are capitalizing on the mystique of a "hidden" room or attracted to the idea of a more seamless aesthetic, a walk-through pantry can be a stunning and functional solution. With a walk-through pantry, you can add extra space to an existing pantry to create a better flow to your floor plan. Available in a variety of widths and heights, Wellborn Cabinet's Walk-Through Pantry blends naturally into the rest of your cabinetry to create visual continuity. Integrated magnetic door catches add stability and keep doorways securely closed.

Wood Finishes

After years of painted cabinets and woodwork dominating kitchen design, wood grain finishes are making a comeback. The look is cozy and inviting, and with a wide span of stain options, it is equally possible to take the look ultra-modern or veer toward a more traditional style. Outside of cabinetry, there is plenty of room to incorporate the warmth of wood, such as butcher-block counters or exposed beams.

Green, Blue and Earth Tones

Jewel-inspired hues had their moment, but this season's color scheme is more about subtle shades that meld with neutrals for lighter, brighter spaces that feel airier and more spacious. Greens, in particular, pair well with an array of wood finishes, whether cabinetry, countertops or furnishings. Integrating greens, blues and other nature-inspired colors allows you to bring earthy serenity to a bustling and busy room, and this motif lends itself well to a design that creates a cohesive connection with adjacent outdoor living space.

Clever Storage Solutions

The kitchen is a busy place prone to clutter, and this season you will find multiple examples of practical solutions showing up in showcase kitchens. The features that can make your kitchen chores easier and neater come in all shapes and sizes. For example, discreet knife blocks tucked into drawers, drawer dividers for maximum customization and sliders that make it easy to empty the trash and recycling bins.

Marble Countertops

Marble is not necessarily a new trend, but this year's attention is on slabs of marble with eye-catching veins that make counters really pop. For a fresh take on marble, forgo the typical white, gray or black styles in favor of color. Standout gold veining or even full slabs with stunning greens, blues and reds can make a statement. If budget is an issue, or you are worried about too much of a good thing, consider using a bold slab on a smaller space, like the island, rather than outfitting the entire kitchen.

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Hoosier Net Welcomes New Member Accord

Hoosier Net, LLC, a consortium of internet service providers, announces today that it has received investment from Accord Telecommunications Collaborative, LLC, a group composed of 21 Rural Electric Membership Cooperatives (REMCs) and telephone cooperatives. This will make Hoosier Net the first statewide network composed of both telephone companies and electric cooperatives. The investment comes at a critical time for Hoosier Net, as federal and state authorities prepare to distribute billions of dollars in broadband grant funds under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act's Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program.

"Closing the digital divide is vital to the future of rural America. Hundreds of electric cooperatives across the nation are working to bring quality broadband service to their members and the communities they serve. We're glad to see Hoosier Net and Indiana's electric cooperatives collaborate to bring high-speed internet service to unserved and underserved families and businesses in Indiana," said Paul M. Breakman, Vice President, Cooperative Business Solutions, Business & Technology Strategies, National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

Hoosier Net will be able to leverage integrated and complementary assets due to Accord's investment and partnership to achieve statewide scale and facilitate broadband deployment in rural areas. "Accord's investment in Hoosier Net is another step toward accomplishing our shared vision of making Indiana the most connected state. We and our Hoosier Net partners form an unprecedented mix of electric cooperatives and tele-

phone companies. Together we are seeking win-win opportunities that will ultimately benefit all Hoosiers, and that is what makes us excited about this investment," said James Tanneberger, Accord Chairman and President and Chief Executive Officer of South-Central Indiana REMC.

"We have a once-in-a-generation opportunity to achieving broadband access for all Americans, regardless of where they live and the leadership and creative partnership led by Hoosier Net and its member companies will be a key part of finding the scope and scale to provide connectivity to communities and businesses in Indiana. I am thrilled to see this crucial investment in Hoosier Net at this moment in time when robust broadband access and middle mile transport has never been more critical to economic prosperity. Hoosier Net's users are already doing great work, and I cannot wait to see how this investment will further connect Hoosiers to high-speed broadband," said Shirley Bloomfield, Chief Executive Officer of NTCA.

With the help of middle-mile networks like Hoosier Net, rural Hoosiers will have the ability to access high-speed Internet. "We are pleased to have Accord be an owner of Hoosier Net on behalf of their Indiana REMC(s) and telephone cooperative owners," said Rob Shema, Chief Executive Officer of Hoosier Net and CNI. "For us, gaining access to fiber resources for our Indiana middle mile network is critical. Accord's investment and partnership will help make that possible."

Hoosier Net provides owners, telecommunications providers, and direct commercial clients such as hospitals, schools, and

government organizations with high-speed fiber-optic backbone capabilities. Miami-Cass REMC is one of Accord's members. They've had the good fortune of receiving significant grant money from the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF), Cass County government, and the City of Delphi as they've built out broadband internet in their Indiana coverage areas. "Accord's investment in Hoosier Net will allow Broadway Broadband to help monetize the commercial side of our network and continue cost-effective network growth," said Rob Schwartz, President of Wabash Valley Power Alliance's Manager's Association and Chief Executive Officer of Miami-Cass REMC and Broadway Broadband.

"As more and more federal and state funds are devoted to expanding broadband access in rural areas, Indiana's Internet service providers are scrambling to keep up," said John Greene, Chairman of Hoosier Net, LLC and CEO of New Lisbon Telephone Company. "Because of the enormity of building a statewide middle mile network, we are happy with Accord's investment and partnering opportunities as we apply for NTIA Middle Mile Grant Funding to help us build out this network."

Accord Telecommunications Collaborative, LLC
Accord is owned by 21 service providers that serve critical and life-enhancing services to their communities. Accord and its owners maintain thousands of miles of fiber ready to provide access to telecom providers and robust services to business customers. Visit www.accordtelcom.com or call 765-343-3910 for additional information.

Amtrak Names Roger Harris As President

Rail Passengers President & CEO Jim Mathews released the following statement after it was announced that Amtrak CCO Roger Harris was being promoted to the role of President by CEO Stephen Gardner:

"Rail Passengers congratulates Roger Harris on assuming the role of Amtrak President at such a crucial time in the railroad's history. In my experience, Roger has proven to be thoughtful, dynamic, and committed to looking for ways to make things better for passengers. The Association has a strong track record of working together with Roger on issues critical to customers, and we look forward to continuing this strong and positive partnership as Amtrak looks to make good on promises to improve the customer experience, add routes across

the country, and expand service in the hundreds of communities where Amtrak today serves as an economic engine."

About Rail Passengers Association

The Rail Passengers Association is the oldest and largest national organization serving as a voice for the more than 40 million rail passengers in the U.S. Our mission is to improve and expand conventional intercity and regional passenger train services, support higher speed rail initiatives, increase connectivity among all forms of transportation and ensure safety for our country's trains and passengers. All of this makes communities safer, more accessible and more productive, improving the lives of everyone who lives, works and plays in towns all across America.

US Department Of Labor Awards \$43.3M In Grants

The U.S. Department of Labor announced the award of \$43,268,819 in grants to organizations in 11 states in the initial round of grant funding to support programs that provide job training and supportive services to justice-involved young people.

Administered by the department's Employment and Training Administration, the Growth Opportunities grant program provides paid work experiences to young people affected by community violence, particularly in areas of concentrated crime and poverty. The funding also supports skills training, and employment and mentorship services.

The department awarded grants to organizations in Alabama, California, Florida, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, New York, North Carolina, Pennsyl-

vania, Texas and Wisconsin.

As part of the Biden-Harris administration's comprehensive strategy to combat gun violence and crime with preventive measures and ensure solutions advance equity for underrepresented populations, Growth Opportunities grants aim to help young people increase their conflict resolution skills, identify and develop career interests, attain relevant skills and experience, and set them on a path to earn living wages and obtain high quality jobs and careers.

On March 8, 2022, the department announced available funding for this Reentry Employment Opportunities program would be awarded through two competitive rounds. Funds awarded in the second round will go primarily to grantees receiving a Reentry Employment Opportunities grant for the first time.

Spirit Airlines Nonstop Service From Indy To Newark Takes Off

The Spirit Airlines first-ever ultra-low-cost nonstop flight from the Indianapolis International Airport (IND) to the Newark/New York City metro area took off earlier this week.

The new nonstop, year-round flight will depart and operate daily out of Indy.

Newark airport combines with LaGuardia and John F. Kennedy airports in the New York City metropolitan area to make up the largest airport system in the United States.

The New York/Newark area is a major destination, well known for tourist attractions along with art, music, shopping, sports, history, and other sightseeing.

"Our airlines are responding to the community's pent-up demand for leisure travel," said Mario Rodriguez, executive director of the Indianapolis Airport Authority. "We're encouraged by Spirit's entry into the Newark/New York City metro area from Indianapolis, giving Hoosiers more options to get there."

The new Spirit nonstop flight will provide a great opportunity for Hoosiers who have moved to the NYC/Newark area to return home and visit Indy family, enjoy sporting events, and other fun activities at an ultra-low-cost price.

"It's great to provide our Guests with convenient and affordable nonstop flights between Indy and Newark to visit friends and family in Northern New Jersey or use it as a gateway to the New York City metropolitan area," said John Kirby, Vice President of Network Planning at Spirit Airlines. "We're thankful for our long-term partnership with IND and look forward to continuing to provide flights to popular destinations."

Spirit Airlines also offers nonstop flights from Indianapolis into Ft. Lauderdale (FLL), Las Vegas (LAS), Orlando (MCO), Ft. Myers (RSW), and Tampa (TPA).

About the Indianapolis Airport Authority

The Indianapolis Airport Authority owns and operates Indiana's largest airport system in the Indianapolis metropolitan area. In addition to the Indianapolis International Airport (IND), its facilities include the Downtown Heliport, Eagle Creek Airpark, Hendricks County Airport-Gordon Graham Field, Indianapolis Regional Airport and Metropolitan Airport. IND generates a \$5.4 billion total annual economic impact for Central Indiana – without relying on state or local taxes to fund operations. More than 10,000 people work at the

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State Invests In Future, Modernization Of Indiana Manufacturing Operations

The Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC), in partnership with Conexus Indiana, announced the sixth round of awards totaling nearly \$4 million in Manufacturing Readiness Grants to 43 Indiana businesses, supporting a projected \$46.1 million in technology-enabled capital investment across Indiana.

"Manufacturing is in Indiana's DNA—we build things," said Governor Eric J. Holcomb. "The demand for the Manufacturing Readiness Grants program has proven time and time again to us that these investments help Hoosiers build things better."

Launched in 2020, the Manufacturing Readiness Grants program was created to stimulate private sector investments to modernize Indiana's manufacturing industry. Since then, \$17.4 million in grant funding has been awarded to 212 companies in 60 counties, prompting proposed projects with combined budgets of \$138.9 million and \$22 million in estimated new wages.

"Technologies play a critical role in Hoosier manufacturing and are key as we continue to build a tech savvy economy of the future," said Indiana Secretary of Commerce Brad Chambers. "Through the Manufacturing Readiness Grants program, we'll ensure new equipment secures Indiana's competitive advantage globally, encouraging further capital investment and positioning us to become an even more dominant player in the advanced manufacturing age."

In recently published case studies, Conexus Indiana provides an in-depth look into various completed projects, highlighting business impact and outcomes. These, along with data analysis from applications and surveys, find:

Rather than displacing workers, investments in technology are freeing workers from tedious tasks to perform higher-value, higher-paying functions.

Awards support modernization at primarily small and midsized firms (average of 165 employees) with long histories of participation in Indiana's manufacturing economy (average of 37 years in operation).

The most adopted technologies include robotics, cobots, 3D printing and next-generation machines with sensor-enable features such as data analysis, machine learning and artificial intelligence.

68% of companies report Manufacturing Readiness Grants have enabled or expanded the scope of technology projects, and an additional 26% say the grant accelerated project timelines.

"The Manufacturing Readiness Grants program is clearly a powerful tool in our work to ensure that Indiana companies, at all levels of the globally competitive supply chain, adopt the new technologies important for the future of Indiana's manufacturing economy," said Mitch Landess, vice president of innovation and digital transformation at Conexus Indiana. "Conexus Indiana's vision is to affirm Indiana as the center of innovation and digital transformation, and it's clear we are squarely on the path of achieving that distinction."

Recipients include:

Antique Candle Works Inc. (Tippecanoe County; \$200,000 grant award) is a candle manufacturer that produces soy wax candles and ships to customers across North America. The company is investing in a digital plant initiative that will leverage a combination of Internet of Things (IoT) sensors, centralized data gathering, cloud-based analytics, automation,

and machine learning to self-optimize and dynamically adjust its manufacturing process for increased agility and efficiency.

Batesville Tool & Die Inc. (Ripley County; \$71,912 grant award) is a global supplier of precision metal stamping components for the automotive and appliance industries, among others. The company is investing in smart robotics for an automated bin-picking and assembly process.

Dewig Bros. Packing Co. Inc. (Gibson County; \$50,000 grant award) is a manufacturer of proprietary branded meat products such as cured and smoked bacon, hams and pork loins and sausages such as bratwurst, German bologna and snack sticks. The company is investing in an automated link cutter for its diverse sausage line, which will help the company increase efficiency.

Diamond K Sweets & More LLC (Owen County; \$137,500 grant award) is a confectionary manufacturer of gourmet chocolate and candy products. The company is investing in automated equipment to produce confectionary products on a commercial scale.

Dorel Juvenile Group Inc. (Bartholomew County; \$68,600 grant award) is a manufacturer of child safety products, primarily child restraint systems. The company is investing in various robotics, including cobots, to automate the packaging and handling of its finished goods.

Economy Signs (Lake County; \$21,750 grant award) is a full-service commercial sign shop that fabricates and installs signage for individuals, businesses and churches. The company is investing in equipment to automate the production of channel letters, which is currently performed by hand.

EHOB Inc. (Marion County; \$110,000 grant award) is a manufacturer of pressure injury prevention products for hospitals. The company is automating its wheelchair cushion manufacturing process with custom-built machinery.

Green Sign Company Inc. (Decatur County; \$50,000 grant award) is a custom signage manufacturer specializing in permitting, design, engineering, digital signs, manufacturing, graphics and branding and installation. The company is investing in two ultraviolet, light-emitting diode (UV-LED) flatbed digital printers to automate the cutting process.

Griner Engineering Inc. (Monroe County; \$32,250 grant award) is a machine shop supplying precision machined components and services to various industries. The company is investing in robotics and sensors to automate the loading and unloading of materials and allow its machines to run unattended.

Hoosier Tank and Manufacturing LLC (St. Joseph County; \$40,000 grant award) is a made-to-order manufacturer of steel air reservoirs for the heavy-duty truck and trailer industries. The company is investing in a Markforged 3D printer to produce carbon fiber reinforced components and a 3D laser scanning system to analyze, measure and quality check its finished goods.

Indiana Furniture Industries Inc. (Dubois County; \$109,121 grant award) is a furniture manufacturer of products for various office environments such as private office settings, open office settings and conference rooms. The company is investing in autonomous mobile robots (AMRs) for material handling.

Indiana Mills & Manufacturing Inc. (Hamilton County; \$105,000 grant award) is a company that specializes in the design,

testing and manufacturing of safety equipment such as bus seats, seat belts and air bags for commercial, fire and military vehicles. The company is investing in cybersecurity, robotic welding systems and advanced sensors for environmental monitoring.

Inotiv Inc. (Posey County; \$41,877 grant award) is a contract research organization specializing in nonclinical and analytical drug discovery and development services. The company is investing in digital testing equipment to create a mobile workstation, which will include wireless capabilities, digital radiography, data collection and acquisition, and analytic capabilities.

ITAMCO Co. (Marshall County; \$191,240 grant award) is a gearing and precision machining manufacturer for heavy-duty industries including mining, off-highway vehicles, marine, wastewater, construction and aviation. The company is investing in automation and robotics to augment both the pre- and post-heat treatment steps in its manufacturing process.

Laidig Systems Inc. (St. Joseph County; \$130,000 grant award) is a manufacturer of bulk material storage and reclaim systems for industries such as food processing, meals, pulp and paper, wood pelleting, biomass, biofuels and ethanol. The company is investing in a new 40,000-square-foot manufacturing facility, including automated cranes and a state-of-the-art, computer-controlled lathe.

Lanthier Winery LLC (Jefferson County; \$50,000 grant award) is a wine and spirits manufacturer and distributor of vodka and gin distilled from wine. The company is investing in technology to transition from batch to continuous distillation as part of a larger winery expansion.

LOD LLC (Benton County; \$140,000 grant award) is a metal fabricator producing proprietary after-market parts for automotive and off-road vehicles, specializing in heavy-duty and metal bumper assemblies, and also serves as a contract manufacturer. The company is investing in a robotic welding system, fiber laser cutting and 3D scanning to enable modern design for various vehicle models.

Mack Tool & Engineering (St. Joseph County; \$85,000 grant award) is a precision machine shop that supplies machined parts and assemblies to the aerospace, medical and other industries. The company is investing in new software to enhance the capabilities of its 16 CNC machines as well as a cobot tending system to augment its manufacturing process.

Major Tool & Machine Inc. (Marion County; \$175,000 grant award) is a contract manufacturer specializing in large CNC milling and turning machining, manual and robotic welding, engineering, program management, inspection and assembly services for aerospace and defense, power generation, energy, semiconductor and oil and gas industries. MTM is investing in RFID technology for CNC cutting tools and Machine Learning software to improve efficiencies, reduce costs and provide an avenue to close the existing skills gap for employment opportunities.

Marion Manufacturing (Vigo County; \$115,000 grant award) is a manufacturer of precision machined components supporting U.S. defense and infrastructure systems. Marion is a low-volume, high-mix manufacturer investing in its first collaborative robots (cobots) to automate two machine cells.

Marson International LLC (Elkhart County; \$162,500 grant award) is a

tube fabricator, specializing in large and small diameter tubes for diverse customers in gas and diesel chassis, RV, power generation, mass transit, construction machines and more. The company is investing in robotics and automation for its buffing, bending and cutting processes.

Michiana Global Mold LLC (St. Joseph County; \$145,000 grant award) is a precision mold builder for plastics and rubber injection molding. The company is investing in automated equipment to increase efficiencies and allow for more unmanned production.

Miller's Wood Specialties Inc. (Wayne County; \$155,000 grant award) manufactures and recycles wood packaging products, including pallets, crates and custom boxes. The company is investing in an automated system with machine vision, which can identify recycled lumber, cut the lumber to the optimum length and sort the material into bins of similar sizes.

Otteweller Company Inc. (Allen County; \$110,000 grant award) is a family-owned producer of quality metal fabricated products serving the construction, forestry, defense, medical and material handling industries. The company is investing in a robotic welding system to secure new business.

Paragon Medical Inc. (Kosciusko County; \$105,000 grant award) is a contract medical device manufacturer that produces a full range of components for the global orthopedic and life sciences market, including bone screws, plates, orthopedic implants, endoscopic devices, sterilization trays and more. The company is investing in additive manufacturing, with a focus on metal 3D printing, enabling rapid iteration on patient-specific devices for the medical device market.

Peak Toolworks (Dubois County; \$60,763 grant award) is a cutting tool manufacturer for tools and blades that cut through steel, chrome, copper and plastic, including its own patented tool designs. The company is investing in automated equipment for its tool manufacturing processes and robotics for auto-loading thousands of tools.

Pivot Manufacturing Inc. (Delaware County; \$58,750 grant award) is a startup manufacturing company that provides design and technical consulting in the medical and automotive sectors. The company is investing in new equipment to offer rapid manufacturing in the form of small-volume prototype orders for its customers.

POLARIS Laboratories LLC (Marion County; \$36,700 grant award) is a laboratory services company that provides the manufacturing industry with testing and analysis of oils, coolants, grease and fuels to improve equipment reliability. The company is investing in autonomous robotics to prepare samples for its ICP (Inductively Coupled Plasma) spectroscopy analysis system, which uses proprietary AI (artificial intelligence) and ML (machine learning) software.

Precise Tooling Solutions (Bartholomew County; \$167,500 grant award) is a specialty tool manufacturer that builds plastic injection molds, services molds and produces ergonomic machine bases and workstations for manufacturing. The company is investing in an automated work cell that pairs cobots with a new CNC graphite mill/pallet changer and an EDM sinker machine for lights-out manufacturing.

Prime Cut 41 (Fountain County; \$10,000 grant award) is a family-owned,

farm-to-table business that raises livestock on local farms. The company is building a new processing facility for custom orders with retail space and investing in an automated cutting system to bring meat processing capabilities in-house.

Rathburn Tool & Manufacturing (DeKalb County; \$170,000 grant award) uses extensive experience, technology and creativity to provide precision machining of steel, aluminum, brass, stainless steel and cast-iron components for heavy truck, rail, recreation, firearms, construction and various industrial sectors. The company is investing in smart robotics and automation, including cobots, machine vision systems, automatic feeder systems, laser scanners and smart torque guns to increase output and production cycle time while still delivering exceptional quality for new and existing customers.

Riverside Mfg LLC (Allen County; \$200,000 grant award) is a manufacturer specializing in harsh environment electronics. This includes custom product development, printed circuit board assembly, electronics assembly, industrial labels, metal fabrication, plastic injection molding, over molding, cable and wire harness assembly and instrumentation. The company is investing in an automated, high-capacity production line for next-generation electronics assembly.

Rochester Iron & Metal Inc. (Fulton County; \$37,500 grant award) is a recycler and reseller of scrap metal. The company is investing in an automated conveyor belt, magnets and pre-shredder, which will create production efficiencies such as increased throughput and energy savings while also eliminating heavy, unshreddable metals from the company's existing auto shredder.

Skinny Guy Campers LLC (Elkhart County; \$37,875 grant award) is a manufacturing startup that makes self-contained, truckbed campers with heat, light, water and power that fit most North American pick-up trucks. The company is investing in digitized truck beds measurements with advanced precision to enable custom fitting of camper designs to more truck models.

Stalco Metal Forming LLC (Boone County; \$68,039 grant award) produces customer-designed specialty cold formed parts and precision machined components and sub-assemblies. The company is investing in advanced fabrication equipment to perform its manufacturing processes in-house and secure new business.

Steel Warehouse Company LLC (St. Joseph County; \$50,000 grant award) is a family-owned premier steel processor and service center with distribution, shipping and processing capabilities for slit coil, sheet, plate and cold-rolled steel products. The company is investing in a heavy payload robotic system to automate production of its dock ramp leveling line products.

Stoutco Inc. (Elkhart County; \$75,000 grant award) is a steel fabricator that crafts hot and cold rolled steel as well as stainless, aluminumized and aluminum and provides an array of blanking capability including lasers, turret punches and shears. The company is investing in an automated fiber laser cutter to augment its current capabilities and secure new business.

Talon LLC (Elkhart County; \$100,000 grant award) is a manufacturer of fabricated metal products and is investing

in fiber laser cutters to enhance workflow flexibility, eliminate the need for oxygen and cutting gases, and reduce energy consumption.

Uniseal Inc. (Vanderburgh County; \$20,000 grant award) is a manufacturer of sealants and adhesives for the automotive sector. The company is investing in automated equipment to augment its material blending process.

Vista Plastics LLC (Elkhart County; \$60,000 grant award) is a plastics extrusion manufacturer and is investing in smart equipment to automate various steps in its extrusion production line for cutting more precise lengths.

Walerko Tool and Engineering (Elkhart County; \$55,000 grant award) is a manufacturer of precision piece parts, tools, fixtures and special machines for the heavy off-road, military, marine, aerospace and machine tool industries. The company is investing in new technology and enhanced machinery to further automate its machining processes and to increase output for current and new customers.

Wilco Distributing (St. Joseph County; \$50,000 grant award) is a manufacturer of construction products specializing in interior and exterior commercial and residential doors and hardware for the hospitality, multifamily and design and build industries. The company is investing in automated equipment for its manufacturing line for pre-hung door production.

Workhorse Motor Works Inc. (Randolph County; \$130,000 grant award) is an original equipment manufacturer of all-electric, last-mile delivery vehicles. Workhorse will apply the award to invest in robotic automation, machine vision and advanced sensor systems to improve its Union City manufacturing and quality control processes as part of the company's vision to "pioneer the transition to zero emission commercial vehicles."

To apply for a Manufacturing Readiness Grant, Indiana companies are encouraged to review eligibility requirements and submit applications online.

About Conexus Indiana
For more than a decade, Conexus Indiana, one of the Central Indiana Corporate Partnership (CICP) non-profit initiatives, has been positioning the Hoosier State as the best place for advanced manufacturing and logistics industries to invest, employ and succeed. By collaborating with industry, academic and public sector partners on a shared vision for an innovative, skilled workforce and stronger business climate, Conexus Indiana has helped to create opportunities for advanced manufacturing and logistics companies, prepare Hoosiers to succeed in the state's largest industry sectors and maintain Indiana's competitive advantage. For more information, visit conexusindiana.com.

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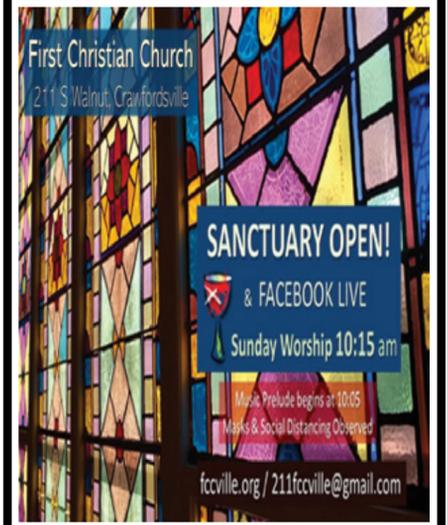
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Blood Donors Needed Around The Fourth Of July

As summer officially begins and people gather for holiday celebrations, the American Red Cross reminds communities that patients are counting now on the generosity of blood donors, especially around the Fourth of July.

The Red Cross sees about a 21% decline in blood donations during holiday weeks, including Independence Day. When blood donations drop, so does the blood supply, making it extremely challenging to ensure blood is available when hospitals need it.

By scheduling and keeping appointments in July, donors can help provide for those in immediate need of lifesaving care. To schedule an appointment to donate, download the Red Cross

Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

As a thank-you for helping, all those who come to give June 30-July 10 will receive an exclusive Red Cross recycled cotton tote bag, while supplies last.

Health insights for donors

At a time when health information has never been more important, the Red Cross is screening all blood, platelet and plasma donations from self-identified African American donors for the sickle cell trait. This additional screening will provide Black donors with an additional health insight and help the Red Cross identify compatible blood types more quickly to help patients

with sickle cell disease. Blood transfusion is an essential treatment for those with sickle cell disease, and blood donations from individuals of the same race, ethnicity and blood type have a unique ability to help patients fighting sickle cell disease.

Donors can expect to receive sickle cell trait screening results, if applicable, within one to two weeks through the Red Cross Blood Donor App and the online donor portal at RedCrossBlood.org.

Blood drive safety

The Red Cross follows a high standard of safety and infection control. The Red Cross will continue to socially distance wherever possible at blood drives, donation centers and facilities.

While donors are no longer required to wear a face mask, individuals may choose to continue to wear a mask for any reason. The Red Cross will also adhere to more stringent face mask requirements per state and/or local guidance, or at the request of blood drive sponsors. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at a drive.

How to donate blood
Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A

blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

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

instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the Blood Donor App.

About the American Red Cross:

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides comfort to victims of disasters; supplies about 40% of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; distributes international humanitarian aid; and supports veterans, military members and their families. The Red Cross is a nonprofit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to deliver its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org or Cruz-RojaAmericana.org, or visit us on Twitter at @RedCross.

Don't Get Burned; Enjoy The Summer Sun Worry-Free

By Matt Lepper

As summer officially begins and the weather heats up, people are sure to enjoy the outdoors. But there is a hidden danger that comes with the season: the risk of excessive sun exposure. In order to help Crawfordsville residents stay safe and enjoy their summer, the City of Crawfordsville has compiled information and safety tips.

What are the harmful effects of prolonged sun exposure?

When humans are

exposed to excessive amounts of ultraviolet (UV) rays from the sun, those UV rays can reach into the inner layers of the skin. When UV rays reach these layers, they can cause skin cells to either die, become damaged or develop cancer.

Furthermore, excess UV rays hitting your skin over time can result in:

- Wrinkles
- Yellowing of the skin
- Dark spots
- Destruction of elastic and collagen fibers

• Precancerous and cancerous skin lesions.
What can you do to prevent these outcomes?

1. Apply sunscreen at least 15 minutes before going outside, whether sunny or not. It is a common misconception that you cannot get a sunburn when it is overcast, however the exact opposite is the truth. While not as intense, UV rays can still penetrate through clouds and damage your skin in overcast conditions.

2. Choose a sunscreen that has both UVA and UVB protections with a

SPF of at least 30. UVA and UVB are two basic types of ultraviolet rays, named Ultraviolet A (UVA) and Ultraviolet B (UVB). UVB rays are responsible for producing sunburns and can also promote malignant melanoma. UVA rays, on the other hand, penetrate more deeply into the skin and play a major role in premature skin changes such as wrinkle formation. That being said, it is important that your sunscreen protects against both UVA and UVB. The American

Academy of Dermatology Association deems SPF 30 as the "sweet spot", as it outperforms SPF 15 in UV ray protection.

3. Remember to reapply. While different sunscreens have different reapplication instructions, the general rule is to reapply sunscreen every two hours.

4. Know the right and wrong times to be exposed. Sunlight exposure is the most intense between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Therefore, if you have the

choice, avoid prolonged sun exposure during these hours.

5. Wear protective clothing. While this is the obvious solution, it is important to know that not all articles of clothing protect against the sun in the same way. For example, very thin fabrics that you can see through in direct light will not protect your skin against the sun. Be on the lookout for clothes with tighter weaving of fabrics or even find SPF-specific clothes to wear in the sun.

What Women Need To Know About Stroke Risks

(Family Features) It may not be widely known that women face unique risk factors for stroke throughout their lifetime. Things like pregnancy, preeclampsia and chronic stress can increase the risk for high blood pressure, a leading cause of stroke.

Cardiovascular disease, including stroke, is the leading cause of death among women, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and 1 in 5 women will have a stroke. However, a large majority of strokes can be prevented.

Caring for yourself by understanding your risk factors can help reduce your risk for stroke and provide a better quality of life. Start managing your stroke risk with these tips from the American Stroke

Association, a division of the American Heart Association:

Monitor Your Blood Pressure

The first step you can take in reducing your risk for stroke is knowing your blood pressure and keeping it in a healthy range. High blood pressure is the No. 1 preventable cause of stroke, according to the American Heart Association.

The best way to know your blood pressure is to have it measured at least once per year by a health care professional and regularly monitor it at home then discuss the numbers with a doctor. For most people, a normal blood pressure should be 120/80 mm HG or less.

In addition to properly monitoring blood

pressure, maintaining a healthy weight, being physically active, eating healthfully and reducing or eliminating alcohol and tobacco usage can help control blood pressure. If you do develop high blood pressure, work with a health care professional on a plan to help manage it.

Plan for Pregnancy
In the United States, high blood pressure during pregnancy is becoming more common, according to the CDC, and medical conditions including preeclampsia, gestational diabetes and blood clots during pregnancy all increase stroke risk during and immediately following a pregnancy.

Managing conditions like high blood pressure before getting pregnant helps keep you and your

baby healthy during pregnancy and beyond. In addition, your health during and immediately after a pregnancy can shape the lifelong health of you and your child. If you're planning to become pregnant, it's important to regularly monitor your blood pressure.

Take Care of Your Mental Health

Some stress is unavoidable but constant stress is not healthy. Chronic or constant stress may lead to high blood pressure and other unhealthy behavior choices, which can increase risk for stroke.

Based on findings in a Stress in America 2020 survey conducted by the American Psychological Association, the top sources of stress are

money, work, family responsibilities and health concerns. Managing your stress and blood pressure can improve your overall health and well-being.

Reclaim control of your schedule and build in time to invest in your health. Find 10 minutes every day to do something for you, like listening to music, meditating or going for a walk.

Learn the Warning Signs

A stroke can happen to anyone at any point in life. Immediate treatment may help minimize the long-term effects of a stroke and even prevent death. Learn how to spot a stroke F.A.S.T:

* Face drooping - Does one side of the face droop or is it numb? Ask the person to smile. Is the

person's smile uneven?

* Arm weakness - Is one arm weak or numb? Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?

* Speech difficulty - Is speech slurred? Is the person unable to speak or hard to understand? Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence like "The sky is blue."

* Time to call 911 - If someone shows any of these symptoms, even if the symptoms go away, call 911 and get to a hospital immediately. Check the time so you'll know when the first symptoms appeared.

Talk to your doctor about ways to improve your well-being and help prevent stroke. Find more wellness tips at stroke.org.

Expert Advice For Families Exploring Plant-Based Options

(Family Features) A growing number of families are interested in plant-based choices for themselves and their children. For parents, that means introducing foods thoughtfully to ensure kids are getting maximum nutrition, including plant-based protein.

Today's plant-based eaters span a wide spectrum, from flexitarians, who only occasionally eat meat or fish, to vegans, who avoid consuming animal-based products at all. According to a Food Industry Association report, 81% of households with children include plant-based protein in meals and 40% of parents with children under 18 are incorpo-

rating more plant-based foods into their families' diets.

"With a new generation of parents, we see changing food values and an increased interest to incorporate more plant-based meals into diets," said Dr. Whitney Casares, Gerber's pediatric medical consultant and a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics. "It can be challenging to find plant-based protein options that are appropriate for young eaters, and it can definitely be more work for families. Parents are becoming increasingly knowledgeable about how food choices influence overall health - not just for themselves, but their kids, too."

If you're looking for ideas to help you feed your child in line with your own plant-based food values, consider these tips from the experts at Gerber:

Incorporate plenty of color. Be sure you're feeding your little one a rainbow of color representing a variety of foods, including whole grains, legumes, fruits, veggies, meats and fish. Offering your toddler lots of colorful foods makes it appealing to the eyes, but all those colors also represent diverse nutrients for healthy growth and development.

Layer legumes with other ingredients. Give meals an added protein punch by incorporating

mild-flavored beans with other, stronger flavors like berries. For example, Gerber Plant-tastic Organic Pouch Banana Berry & Veggie Smash with Oats is made with banana, berries, spinach, purple carrots, chickpeas and oats with 2 grams of plant protein and a full serving of fruits and vegetables.

Keep serving favorites. Offering new foods along with familiar favorites can help young children accept the new foods. It can take up to 10 times for baby to accept a new food, according to Casares, so don't give up. Eating a variety of familiar foods and new additions throughout the week can also help

little ones accept diverse options more readily.

Plan nutritious snacks. Meals aren't the only time to focus on good nutrition. Smart snacks that are developmentally and nutritionally appropriate play an important role in your toddler's overall diet. Options like Gerber Organic Plant-tastic Lil' Crunchies White Bean Hummus Baked Snacks have a mild flavor that appeal to little taste buds while providing 2 grams of protein in each serving.

Remember dessert counts, too. You may not think desserts and nutrition fit together, but you can actually pour some good-for-you goodness into special

occasions. Think berries, bananas and other naturally sweet ingredients for sorbets and smoothies, and keep in mind there are plenty of dessert-friendly ways to incorporate extra protein, such as nut butters or Greek yogurt.

Prep for easy access. Just like adults, kids are likely to nibble on what's easy. Keep plant-based options readily available and prepared so they're the first options little ones reach for when they're hungry. Choosing healthy, plant-based options is easy if that's what's available.

Find more kid-friendly ideas and advice for plant-based eating at Gerber.com.

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#9 – Lewis “M” Dunbar



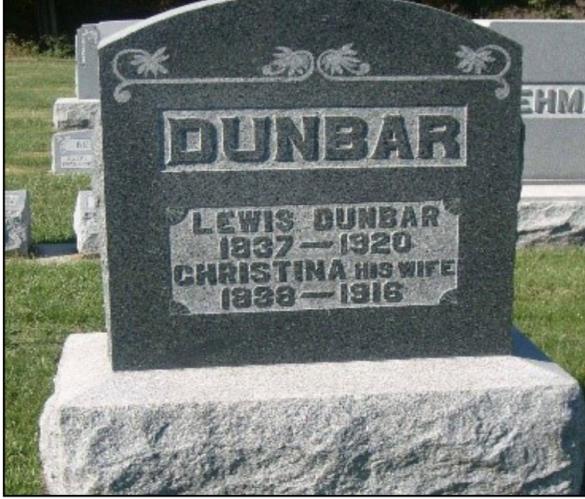
KAREN ZACH
Around The County

Lewis M. Dunbar, the ninth child of Lewis and Mary Ann “Polly” Powers Dunbar was born in Sugar Creek Township, residing in the area all his life. He fascinates me, well, his middle initial does anyway. I tried and tried to find his father’s middle name as he went by his first name and middle initial (Lewis M. Dunbar) as did his son, Lewis M. Nowhere could I discover the name just the initial then I went to FindAGrave for the son and it gives his middle name as Morton but no proof. In a Dunbar history I read, it says since he was Morton (again, I don’t see the proof) he was referred to as Jr. a few times (granted, I had noticed that as well in two newspaper articles but that could also just distinguish the younger from the older so people reading the paper would know it was the older Lewis’ farmhouse that burned). Male M names throughout the Dunbars also include Marion and Martin, thus just not convinced Lewis senior or junior are Morton so still fascinated with what their middle names really are, whether they are the same or different M names. Although rereading this article, I could have just called him by his nickname, Lute but that doesn’t sound like a minister to me and that he was and a very good one, too.

At any rate, Lewis M. Dunbar was born April 22, 1837 and grew up in the Sugar Creek Township area. He and neighbor, Christina Bowers were married Oct 19, 1856. The oldest of five children, she was the daughter of a prominent area couple, Abner Bowers and Charlotte Huffman, Abner being one of the early and long-time Dunkard ministers, coming to the Darlington area the year before the Dunbars arrived. His son-in-law, Lewis Dunbar followed in his footsteps as a Dunkard minister.

Christina and Lewis parented two daughters and four sons (by the way, a Silas M. and a Morton – now, that M. in Silas’ name wouldn’t I’d think stand for Morton if he already had a son Morton). One son, Albert S.W. Dunbar didn’t even see his second birthday (buried Union Cemetery at Clark’s Hill – thanks DD) born 7 Oct 1861 died 21 April 1863. Son Silas M. (born 17 Dec 1859) married Louisa Mae Cook and they were farmers (I think the original Dunbar property) until their last 21 years when they retired to Crawfordsville, making many friends in both places. They were devout members of the Church of Brethren (White Church) also referred to as Dunkards and parents to four children (Charles Lewis; Porter; Lucile and Earl – Morton of course). Silas’ death occurred after shoveling snow 17 Nov 1932, age 72 while Louisa lived almost 16 years more.

Charles Lewis (Charley) was born in Clinton County (near Colfax, although one of his marriages says born in Boone), grew up in Montgomery, was a teamster for a lumber company in Frankfort for some time, lived in Owen County and is buried in Morgan. He was also the first Dunbar I saw as being described as tall. He had black hair and blue eyes in his WWI draft description. Having married twice, Ida Dain and Blanche Anderson he was the father of three children: Lewis, Dwight and Mary Evelyn. His brother, Porter Everett had an interesting story, being shot in the eye at age 15 while target practicing with a friend. The bullet “entered Dunbar’s forehead between the eyes and lodged beneath the right ear.



If Dunbar recovers, it is feared he will lose the sight of one eye.” That he did as in his WWI draft registration, it is noted that his right eye was glass. He was a furniture salesman later on, married in 1923 to Georgia Little and I believe passed away when he was 94 (in Mexico). Another brother, Earl M (I know this time it is indeed Morton), died at age 67 in Orlando, Florida where he had spent his retirement years with second wife, Hazel Johnson. He was a college graduate, worked as a chemist in New Jersey and lived for quite some time in Grand Rapids, Michigan with first wife, Opal Truitt and their children, Betty, Dorothy, and another daughter is mentioned in his obituary but do not know her name. Silas and Louisa had the one daughter, Lucile Jesse born in Bowers and passed away in Anderson at the age of 81. She married William Huntsinger who was a long-time manager at Stokley-VanCamp. Don’t believe they had children.

Speaking of names my favorite from the Dunbar family (at least so far) is Lewis and Christina (Bowers) Dunbar’s daughter, Janiza born one day past when I’d be born 92 years and a day later (16 Dec 1857) in MoCo. At age 20, Janiza Alice Dunbar married William E. Strain and they were parents of four children, two passing as babies (Austin & Earl), Florence and Homer Birdell who was a dentist in Linden for some years. Sadly, she passed (28 Aug 1890) when Homer was just nine years old and is buried in Bowers. Their only daughter was Florence (b 5 April 1879) who married William Merton Ticen. They lived in Clinton County where they farmed and had three daughters and a son (Geneva, Rovene, Mary Lois and William Norman). They are buried at Greenlawn in Darlington.

Oliver (Perry) Morton Dunbar was born April 10, 1864 and was a grocer (beginning with a huckster route) in Clinton County for quite a number of years. He married three times Mary Lane, Viola Holt, and Grace E Watson and fathered three sons Claude Lane, Alfred Parker and Carl. At one point, he was a laborer in a chair factory. Oliver Perry went by Morton all his life and passed away at age 76 (May 14, 1940) in Frankfort. He is buried at Plain View Cemetery. The above Carl was a Pennsylvania Railroad engineer and his son, Carl, Jr. was a crack rifle shot in Cos C. I, K&L and went to the Pan American Expo at Dallas, Texas. He saw action with the 28th Division in Germany during WWII and was the Illinois Recruiting officer for the Ill National Guard. He made it to the rank of Sgt. Major. Carl Sr’s brother, Claude Lane was a brakeman for the Big Four Railroad. Alfred Parker Dunbar graduated from PU, was a WWI vet and worked at the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. for many years. He and Gertrude Gery had one daughter, Mary Catherine, I believe.

Martha Esther Dunbar was born mid-July in 1866 and married George Thomas Burk at age 17, passing at 94 years old in Decatur, Indiana buried in the Decatur Cemetery with her husband who owned an elevator in Decatur for many years. Their two sons, Barr Avon and Simeon (having lost another son) were in

the grain business with their father and they had three daughters as well, Winifred, Mary Alice and Vivian.

Now, Charles Birdell, youngest child of Lewis M. and Christina (Bowers) Dunbar has my heart as he was one of the superintendents of the Montgomery County Poor Farm. He and his family were there in the early 1900s for 15 or so years. In the ‘10 census it showed he was over 49 people, 31 males and 18 females, ranging from 24-91 years old, two others just into their 90s. He married Lillian Warren and they had two children, Frances and Fairy and he helped raise a stepdaughter. Fairy married Ernest Francis at age 18 and Frances married Arnold Houston in Darlington 3 June 1917 with her grandfather, Lewis Dunbar performing the marriage. Also, a grocery man, he operated one at Garfield for quite awhile, passing May 14, 1949 and is buried at Green Lawn.

Lewis M. loved talking about the early days in Sugar Creek Township and growing-up in the Darlington area. “He was a kind gentleman with full white beard and always dressed in the black of the Dunkard Community,” wrote his granddaughter Mary Dunbar Anderson. He spoke of ponds and when they were frozen in the winter they could travel quite a ways in the horse-drawn sleighs!” Snakes were plentiful as well as prairie chickens, wild geese, ducks and cranes. There was little time to go to school and the children were always busy helping their parents, planting, shearing sheep’s wool for clothes; whatever needed to be done. When they did attend school, they sat on a slab bench “made out of split logs with pegs for legs!” Along with the sheep, the Dunbars and others raised hogs and horses, corn and buckwheat. Horses in the area were quite prominent as there were several excellent horsemen.

Just a couple of years before the good Rev. Lewis passed away he desired to go visit son Silas and family at Crawfordsville. So, he started walking down the railroad from his home on Academy Street in Darlington toward their home, leaving at 1:23 arriving at his son’s at 20 minutes after 2:00, not tired or hot but feelin’ mighty fine and glad to see his family. At the time to return home, he was ready to do the same but at age 80, the family insisted they take him home. He also walked to his farm several times a week near Bower’s Station. His slogan was, “Keep busy and you need not get old!” Amen! He passed away a few days shy of his 83rd birthday and is buried in Green Lawn Cemetery at Darlington (thanks to Velma Dalton for the nice FindAGrave picture and memorial). So, here you have read #9 of the Dunbar Saga about a wonderful man with deep faith who helped others when he could and who passed good genes on to his family! Bless ya’ Lewis “M” Dunbar!!

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Butch Meets A Person Who Had No Conscience

The recent killing of those children and a teacher in Texas was an incomprehensible, senseless act by someone who had no conscience or sense of right and wrong. This terrible tragedy brought back memories of people who I came in contact with when I was a deputy sheriff here in Montgomery County. During my first year, I had to transport a convicted murderer to the courthouse. I asked him why he had shot the victim, who had caught him stealing. He could have just fled the scene, as the man was elderly and unarmed. His response... “What makes the difference? He was old anyway. He would have died in a few years. I can’t see why everyone made such a big deal out of it.” I was stunned. I had never met anyone before who had no conscience. Sad to say, but during my years with the Sheriff’s Department, I met several others like him... two of whom literally got away with murder (but that’s a story for another time).

We all want our kids to grow up to develop a conscience and know right from wrong. Parents with strong moral values can set the standards of compassion, honesty, and courage to stand up for what is right. Kids must learn a sense of purpose, peaceful conflict resolution, and how to serve others. They must be taught that there are certain boundaries. Teachers can play a big part of this development, too. The teachers who I had in school in the 1950s and 1960s certainly demanded that we show kindness and compassion for our classmates.

In addition, our local religious leaders can definitely teach right from wrong. The Ten Commandments are rules that everyone should live by. I attended Sunday school and church as a child, as did the vast majority of youngsters here in the Darlington community. We also attended Vacation Bible School during the summer. Now I will say this...going to church does not necessarily guarantee that a child will grow up to be a good person. Some of the most evil and disgusting people who I ever arrested...went to church every Sunday...and I know many good, compassionate people who never attended church their entire life. But when youngsters attend Sunday school and church, in most instances it can lay the groundwork for knowing right from wrong, develop kindness and compassion, and forge a conscience.

However, as you may know, religion, for the most part, has been removed from our schools,



BUTCH DALE
Columnist

and church attendance is certainly not what it used to be. I have a photo of the boys and girls who attended Vacation Bible School in the summer of 1947, and according to a news article in the Darlington Herald, 110 children, from three churches, attended that summer. Last year (in 2021), even though our town’s population is still around 800 as it was in 1947, only 45 children attended Vacation Bible School.

As a youngster, my favorite movies were “Wizard of Oz” and “National Velvet.” Unfortunately a few kids today have been brought up on...and their minds saturated with violent movies... in addition to violent video games, violent so-called sports like WWE, violent music, and yes...social media. They have become desensitized to violence. Watching Bruce Willis, Matt Damon, Nicholas Cage, and other Hollywood actors kill hundreds of people in the movies, annihilating people in gory video games, watching “fake athletes” hurt one another, listening to disgusting rap music, and seeing hurtful postings on Facebook can have detrimental psychological effects on anyone. The results are teenagers who have no compassion, no moral compass, and no respect for human life.

Don’t get me wrong...the vast majority of kids today are good, compassionate, and caring individuals who do have a conscience. They do know right from wrong. I see those kids every week at the library. But it’s the small percentage of the ones with no conscience and no sense of right and wrong who we need to help...before it’s too late. And folks, if we don’t help those teenagers and get them on the right path, this country is in for more tragedies like the one in Texas.

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This Local Fund Needs You More Than Ever

It's June and for most of us, the annual fund drive for the organization formerly known as MUFFY is months away. But not everyone. The United Way of Montgomery County, led by Gina Haile, is already working on this year's drive.

Why should you care? Because this may be one of the most important drives in the last half century.

Before going any further though, let's get one thing straight. The organization has received a fair amount of criticism through the community, including a lot from this corner. If you ask me, it was well deserved. This group had more missteps than you'd find at a seventh-grade sock hop. However, that was all BG - before Gina. Although she would be the first to tell you the organization still has a ways to go, it is light years past the abyss it had fallen into. I believe Haile has righted the ship and has it sailing into better waters.

And that's a good thing because what feels like a perfect storm is brewing that will make social services more important than ever.

Let's take gas prices. How much pain are you feeling at the



TIM TIMMONS
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pump? Add on to that the rising cost of a gallon of milk, a loaf of bread, a pound of ground beef, rising inflation . . . oh, and let's not forget the Fed's decision last week to hand us the largest interest rate increase since 1994. All of those things - and more - will mean dollars from paychecks won't go as far. It will mean that businesses will suffer, and that will mean hours can get cut, jobs can go unfilled . . . we might even get to the point where layoffs are discussed again.

It's that perfect storm. The need for social services goes up, and that means those organizations need more money. Yet be-

cause our wallets are stretched thin with the higher prices we're all paying, we cut back.

Perfect. Storm. Think what that means to struggling families.

Make no mistake about it, the effects of the perfect storm won't trickle down to the good organizations that do the work of the angels - it'll come roaring down like the eruption of Mt. St. Helens.

Look, you can't catch the news anymore without seeing some tragedy. From shootings to missing kids to violence upon violence, things are bad and getting worse. We've been very fortunate here in God's country to avoid a lot of it. Some of that is good luck. But an awful lot is the work from groups like our local police, like the Youth Service Bureau or the Family Crisis Shelter or the Boys & Girls Club. Do things happen? Absolutely. But life would be dramatically worse without their efforts.

To be clear, this isn't nay-saying from the Chicken Littles of the world. This is from a guy who has volunteered countless hours over the last few decades with multiple non-profits. I can tell you that

homeless shelters, facilities that help battered women, organizations that serve youths . . . all get their limited resources stretched to the breaking point - and sometimes beyond - when times get tough.

This is why it will be important when the good folks from the United Way of Montgomery County come calling this year - led by Haile and this year's drive chair Dr. Kathy Steele - to dig deep and do what you can.

See, that's the other side of when things are rough. They don't just get rough for the folks in need, they get rough for us all. That means it's a little harder to give than it might usually be.

So I am hoping that our business leaders - companies like Lakeside Books, Nucor Steel, International Paper, Crawford, CSI, Pace Dairy, Random House, Acuity, Raybestos and now Tempur Sealy - step up and step up big, both with allowing employees to do in-house campaigns and with potential corporate donations.

With Dr. Steele leading the charge, I'm sure the schools will be well represented, but here's hoping they go even

further.

I know the farmers are getting hammered with fuel prices, but the ag community in Montgomery County has such great leaders. Here's hoping they find it in their hearts to share the bounty.

And look, here's one more point. There are a lot of us who gripe and moan about government not being the be-all, end-all to everything. Too many people turn to the government for help or for bailouts way too often. I couldn't agree more. That's another reason the United Way is so important. It's not taking our tax dollars. It's not money being taken from us whether we want to or not. It is voluntary, neighbors helping neighbors - exactly the way it should be.

What's the old saying, when times get tough the tough get going? Here's a big hope that we all do so again. It will be needed.

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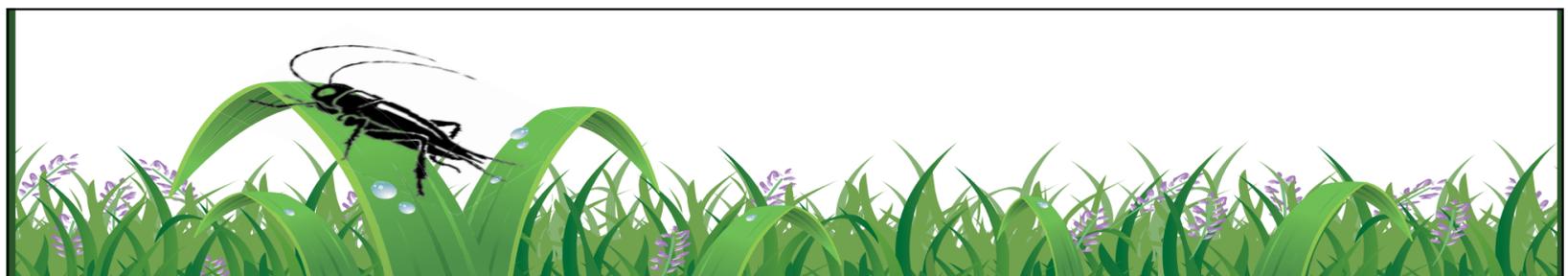
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My Marriage In Jeopardy



Wally Cox (died 1972, age 48)
Joan Rivers (died 2014, age 81)

No, that would depress me even more. Bad idea.

At 7 p.m., during or just after our dinner, and before Jeopardy, we usually watch Wheel of Fortune, despite neither of us being very good at it. Here's one that stumped us a few nights ago:

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Mary Ellen guessed "This hand was made for you and me." I said: "This band was made for you and me." The right answer, of course, was "This LAND was made for you and me." I mean, how embarrassing! We decided to stop having wine with dinner.

During COVID, Jeopardy fever spilled over into our daily lives, since we had nothing better to do. Typically, around 6 p.m., Mary Ellen would say something like...

"Sautéed chicken with green beans and sweet potatoes."

Then I'd reply, "What's for dinner?"

How much more fun can a couple have than that? (Now, remember, we are both in our seventies.)

Even when we had little arguments, our obsession with Jeopardy was evident. Mary Ellen would say to me in a broadcaster's voice:

"He leaves all the kitchen cabinet doors open, forgets to close the fridge door and also leaves the garage door up."

"Who is Dick Wolfsie?" Saying it out loud made me feel like I had been tricked into pleading guilty to these crimes. But I'm a very competitive person. I wanted to win.

My wife is a stickler for game rules. For example, while driving, I once said, "I think we're lost." I was quickly corrected by Mary Ellen. "Please put that in the form of a question."

"What does Dick Wolfsie say when the GPS isn't working?"

As we celebrated our 42nd anniversary last week, we reminisced about our decision to get married way back when. Mary Ellen said: "When her husband-to-be had this nutty idea to be a TV personality, she unselfishly quit her good job in Chicago and went with him to Indianapolis."

"Who was Mary Ellen Swegles?" I said without a moment's thought.

"That is correct," said my wife. "That's exactly the question I was looking for."

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Ask Rusty - Will Claiming Early Affect My Wife's Survivor Benefit?



ASK RUSTY
Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: My wife will be turning 62 and eligible to collect Social Security this year. We realize it will be a reduced amount. I am 52 and have been the sole income earner for most of the last 20 years. We also have an adopted son who will be turning 14 this year. We realize he will receive a dependent benefit until he turns 18 and this may affect her widow's benefit amount? Signed: Confused Husband

Dear Confused Husband: When your wife claims her own SS retirement benefit (e.g., at 62) will have no effect on the benefit available to her as your widow. The only thing that would affect her survivor benefit as your widow is her age when she claims it. Claimed before her FRA, her survivor benefit would be reduced, but claimed at or after her FRA, your wife's survivor benefit as your widow will be 100% of the amount you were receiving (or, if you are not yet collect-

Social Security Matters by AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor Russell Gloor

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ing, the amount you were entitled to receive) at your death. Your wife would get that amount, instead of her smaller personal amount.

However, for your awareness, your wife's spousal benefit while you are both living (which she can claim when you start your own SS benefit) will be less than half of your FRA benefit amount because she claimed her own SS retirement benefit at age 62. The reason is that your wife's benefit as your spouse when you claim will consist of her own reduced SS retirement benefit, plus a spousal boost to bring her payment up to her spousal entitlement. Since her spousal boost will be added to her own reduced early benefit, her total payment as your spouse will be less than 50% of your FRA benefit amount.

If your wife claims her own SS retirement benefit at age 62, she can also apply for your adopted minor son's benefits based on her personal lifetime work record. Although your wife's personal early benefit will be cut (by 30%) for claiming at age 62, your son's benefit as your wife's minor child

will be based on your wife's full retirement age (FRA) benefit amount. Your son's benefit from your wife will be 50% of your wife's FRA amount (not her age 62 amount). As you know, your son will get that amount until he is 18 (or 19 if he is still in high school).

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The Cat Who Came At Midnight

Lilian Jackson Braun was an American novelist, who was famous for writing cozy mysteries. Cozy mysteries are a sub-genre. Some readers like them, because all of the sex happens "off stage," leaving a more comfortable reading experience.

All of Ms. Braun's bestselling stories have titles that begin "The Cat Who . . ." For example, my favorite title is The Cat Who Sniffed Glue (1988).

From 1966 to 1968, she wrote three "Cat" novels to critical acclaim, and then -- much like a mystery in one of her books -- disappeared from the publishing world entirely for over 18 years. Equally as mysteriously, she reappeared in 1986 to release 27 more books before her death at age 97, in 2011.

It is believed that the two main characters in her novels, felines Koko and Yum Yum, were modeled after her own two Siamese cats. Cat lovers everywhere were enrapt, and waited impatiently for the release of her latest whodunit.

One of them was NOT my Cousin Jim.

Although Cousin Jim lives only about 40 minutes from Ms. Braun's residence in Tryon, N.C., I would have to say that Jim's love of cats is fur-deep at best. Cats are aloof and stand-offish, withdrawn and reserved, and Jim likes to maintain a reciprocal amount of affection. Jim might throw a box on the back porch for a cat to sleep in, but he's not about to let the critter curl up in bed with him to read one of Ms. Braun's novels.

Earlier this year, Cousin Jim was reclining on the sun porch after a long day writing software code -- unwinding in the gentle North Carolina night breeze -- when an uninvited visitor showed up. If not for the river of white fur flanking

the right side of her face, or the four white boots on her feet, the cat was as dark as the lightless sky.

After a cordial greeting, the two spent the first encounter just staring at each other through the blackness. Then about midnight, the cat slinked again into the darkness.

The next night, the cat showed up again, and again the two shared the general space of his back porch, until the cat sauntered off -- again around midnight -- into the tall undergrowth of the ravine behind Jim's house.

This routine continued over the course of several weeks, each one gaining confidence in the other, until a rather wobbly bond was formed. Jim ultimately began furnishing cat treats, and an occasional bowl of premium cat food. The cat provided the entertainment and affection, eventually willing to curl up on the wicker recliner at Jim's feet.

It was obvious that Cousin Jim was becoming attached to the cat, and probably the same could be said of Gabby. Jim named the cat Gabby, because "the dumb thing won't shut up while I'm trying to work."

Gabby presented a problem for Jim. The only reason Jim was in North Carolina was to take care of my Aunt Sharon in her enfeebled last few years. Jim's Mother had retired to North Carolina to escape the cold, harsh Chicago winters, and Jim really had no other connection to the place. He had no intentions of remaining there after her passing. In fact, a pending purchase of Jim's new software meant he may have to move to Austin, maybe as soon as summer's end.

"What if she actually belongs to someone?" asked Jim just a week ago. "I can't just take her with me. That's cat-napping!"

"You might just leave her there to wander wild," I suggested.

"No! What if she falls off one of these cliffs around here?" he said, although I thought the likelihood was as remote as the terrain.

"You'll know what to do," I reassured him. "Things nearly always work themselves out."

I heard from Jim, Wednesday. His voice was weak, and carried an undertone of melancholy in each word.

"What's wrong?" I asked.

"It's Gabby," he said.

"Oh, no! Did something happen to her?"

"Well, kind of."

Jim told me the story. Gabby was missing. She didn't show up in the evening. Instead, she wandered in at midnight -- the time she usually departs. She was disheveled and distressed. She wouldn't let Jim touch her. She wouldn't eat. He called his friend, Troy, who has cats. Troy was little help.

Gabby staggered about, wanting to lie down, yet unable to decide where or how. She was belligerent, and caterwauled her anguish nonstop.

"Oh no!" I said.

"Yep," replied Jim. "The first kitten was born right at midnight. Jet black. One each for the next two hours."

"What are you going to do, now?" I asked.

"I really don't know," said Jim with zero enthusiasm. "I really don't know."

Jim's got a real Lilian Jackson Braun cozy mystery on his hands, I thought. I can't say he's finding it very comfortable, though. Nevertheless, he was right about one thing:

It has a whale of a cliff-hanger.

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Make Today A Good One



GLENN MOLLETTE
Guest Column

By Dr. Glenn Mollette
Let's all try to spend today and the rest of our lives more wisely. With rising inflation, we are all having to spend our hard-earned paychecks with care. Life is the same. We have less life today than yesterday. We don't have as much life to spend today. We are all clueless how much life we actually have left to spend. Even if we have a lot of life left there is no guarantee of the quality of our remaining lives.

Being able to walk, talk, breathe, see, hear and mentally function are all incredible gifts. Try to take care of what you have and even then, life changes beyond our control. We are all susceptible to injuries or diseases that can diminish the quality and

end our lives.

Spend time with the people you care about. At least call them on the phone and visit as often as you can. We can all think of people who have departed this life who we miss. The only time you have people for sure is today.

Consider what you really need to make you happy. How much stuff does it take? We spend life accumulating and storing up. Eventually we have to figure out what to do with all our stuff. Do we give it away or leave it for someone else to worry about? Leaving our junk for others to throw away or put in a yard sale may not be a very nice way to treat family or loved ones. Friends of mine from Ohio are now about 82 and recently sold their nice large house and moved into a smaller place. They've spent the last year unloading a lifetime of accumulated things. It's not easy to do but what are you going to do with all that stuff you aren't even using now?

What are the simple things of life that you enjoy? There are aspects of life that we have to do and some that we enjoy doing.

If we can squeeze in some of the enjoyable then life is a lot more fun. Often what we enjoy in life is not the exotic or chaotic but often simple routines we do all the time.

Continue to invest in yourself. Take a class, learn a new hobby, and make a new friend. We need the old friends and a few new friends. Old friends often keep us grounded while new friends bring new thoughts and ideas.

Continue to cultivate your faith and the spiritual side of your life. Your life is more than flesh and blood. Being at peace with God and yourself can only make your life feel more meaningful and level.

Life is flying by. Find time to drink a glass of lemonade and sit on the porch. Be sure to savor that morning cup of coffee. Take a walk or ride by your favorite lake or stream. Have a scoop of ice cream. You may or may not have less money but we all have one less day. Make today a good one!

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

Butch Investigates Late Night Shenanigans



BUTCH DALE
Columnist

When I joined the Sheriff's Department as a deputy, I soon found out that police officers must respond to many types of situations. Yes, there are the usual calls to accidents, domestic disturbances, assaults, traffic complaints, thefts, etc. and I can't count the number of times I had to herd in horses, cattle, goats, and other livestock that were on the roadways. One time I chased a donkey up and down State Road 47 south for over an hour before I was able to get it back in its pasture...and yes, I did call it a few unmentionable names during that episode!

But some of the most interesting calls we received were for "suspicious vehicles." You never knew what to expect! During my first month as a deputy sheriff, a lady called in at midnight about a car parked on the roadway near her house. The car had its blinker lights on, so she and I both assumed the driver was having car trouble. I arrived in a few minutes and pulled up alongside the car and aimed my spotlight into the front seat section. I could see no one inside, so I started to exit my patrol car to search the interior and get a plate number...when up popped a face through the driver's side window. It was a mild-mannered student who had been in my U.S. History class at North Montgomery that past spring. He was laying across the front seat, and I could hear someone else giggling.

"Well, hello, Robert." His face turned as red as a beet, and he nervously replied, "Hi, M-M-M-Mr. Dale!" I leaned up slightly and shined my light, and...OOPS! I had interrupted Robert and his female companion in the middle

of their primal mating instincts! And no, I am not referring to dancing the tango. "What's the trouble, Robert, did your car die on you?" I inquired, trying to keep a straight face. He bent down and acted like he was looking under the dash, and stated matter-of-factly, "No, Mr. Dale, I'm just ch-ch-checking my fuses." To which I replied, "Well, Robert at least you were lucky enough to find a very, VERY friendly female mechanic to assist you." He smiled a big sheepish grin. He knew he had been caught in the act. "Robert, for crying out loud, isn't there somewhere you can go park... instead of right in the middle of the roadway?" "I don't know, Mr. Dale, do you have any ideas?" I burst out laughing.... "Yes, Robert, there is a cemetery just down the road, but I suggest you call it a night and head home." I headed back to the jail, and Robert and his sweetheart cruised on down the road. I found out later that I had not arrived at the scene soon enough. Nine months later, little Robert Junior was born!

I caught hundreds of people through the years all over the county, including well known places such as Spooky Hollow and under the Jim Davis bridge. If we thought lovebirds were inside the car, it was our policy to turn on our red lights, honk our horn, and wait a few minutes before approaching the vehicle... to give the couple time to get their act together. When I was County Sheriff, on one cold winter night I received a call of a suspicious vehicle parked in the grass behind Northridge Middle School. I parked my patrol car, turned on the red lights, honked, and waited five minutes. As I approached the car, I noticed that all of the windows were fogged up. I knocked on the driver's side window, and then a hand from inside wiped away the moisture from the glass. When the driver saw me, he rolled down his window. The teenage boy was the son of a well-known farmer.

I addressed him by his first name, and asked him what he was doing.... "We were just talking."...to which I replied, "Well, do you both have to take all of your clothes off just to talk to each other?" He cracked a big smile, but I then informed him he had exactly one minute to get dressed and come back to my car...and bring identification for himself and his companion. And he made it in under a minute! I looked at the girl's driver's license. She was the daughter of a local attorney. "What would her Dad say if I told him what you two are doing?" "Oh, God, please don't!".... "Well, I wouldn't do that...but what would happen if I told your Dad?".... "Mr. Dale, he would definitely kick my *****!" "Well, I think you might want to tell him... You need to take her on home, don't you think?"...and off they went...embarrassed, exasperated, sweaty, and hopefully promising not to succumb to late night shenanigans on public school property again.

One time I caught a married female cousin of mine parked under a bridge with someone...and it wasn't her husband. You should have seen the look on her face! And a few times I caught long-time married couples. I guess they just wanted a little more excitement in their love life. But in most instances, it was teenage couples who evidently had very little control over their raging hormonal urges. Well, if you are a police officer, what are you going to do? It's been going on since Henry Ford invented the Model T and people went on car dates. And when I see these people today... the former teenage "parkers" who are now grown up and have a family, I don't say a word...I just kind of laugh to myself inside and remember those funny incidents!

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

Western Movie Memories



When you think of western films even forty plus years after the passing of the legendary John Wayne, who comes to most people's minds?

Who can ever forget his greater than life presence on the screen no matter what film was rolling through the projector like "She Wore A Yellow Ribbon," "The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance," "The Sons of Katy Elder," "True Grit," "Rooster Cogburn," and "The Shootist."

Many remember Roy Rogers, Gene Autry, Hopalong Cassidy and even Lash La Rue but do you recall the first generation of western heroes that dominated the silver screen: Tim McCoy, Tom Mix, Hoot Gibson, Harry Carey, Buck Jones, William S. Hart and Ken Maynard. Do any of those names ring a bell?

Unless you are a true western devotee it is likely that these legendary actors, some of who demanded huge salaries and drew large crowds at personal appearances, bring with them a question mark. Many do not realize that the film industry actually began with a western.

In that film short, a cowboy points his gun at the camera and fires. That was the extent of the film and as it was shown around the country, audiences actually ducked thinking they might be hit by flying lead.

William S. Hart was the first actor to work to bring realism to western film but authenticity gave way to more entertaining fare in films with Tom Mix, Hoot Gibson and later Buck Jones.

Broncho Billy Anderson and Harry Carey rode the range above them all in the second decade of the twentieth century with scores of silent films. Anderson appeared in the Thomas Edison's "Great Train Robbery" in 1903 that actually is considered the first western feature film.

Of all the western heroes there was none that could out draw Tim McCoy. McCoy could draw and

shoot in 1/4 of a second. He was one of the highest paid and most admired western heroes of that era. While many of the silent stars didn't easily move into talkies when they began in the 1930s several did, and McCoy was among those dominating the 1930s.

Even John Wayne, once a prop guy after three years of extra and bit parts and a couple starring roles played bit parts in Tim McCoy Columbia movies "Texas Cyclone" and a co-starring role in "Two-Fisted Law" in 1932. However, if you catch those on video today you will often find Wayne given top billing while the star is relegated below him.

I never had the pleasure of knowing Tim McCoy but through my association with the late Ramblin' "Doc" Tommy Scott, I feel that I do. Tim McCoy traveled with Scott's road show from 1963 until shortly before his death. I have heard countless stories of his exploits and consider him to be one of the greatest of the western stars.

"Unlike many who played cowboys and were referred to as 'drug store cowboys' Tim McCoy was a real cowboy," Scott shared in an interview.

Although he was born in Saginaw, Michigan, McCoy longed for the west and that is where he went as soon as he was old enough.

"The first town he settled down in was Lander, Wyoming, a real old timey Western town," Scott said. "The sidewalks were boards and the streets were dirt and mud when it rained. He had a room up over a saloon. He went to sleep at night to the sound of cowboys walking on the sidewalks, their boots clicking on the hard wood, and horse's hooves beating on the hard ground, and over it all was the jangle of spurs, the holler of drunken cowboys, laughter of loose women, and high tinkle of a piano. It was like music to his ears."

McCoy went from being a cowhand, to a rancher, to military officer to Adjutant General of Wyoming all before he ever set foot on a movie set.

His Hollywood career began in a way as an Indian liaison while Paramount was making the film "Covered Wagon" in 1923.

When the film toured Tim hosted a prologue with several of his Indian friends that appeared before the film including at

London's Pavilion to rave reviews.

After returning to America MGM signed him to shine on the silver screen.

According to Tim's son, Ronald McCoy, who is retired professor of history, McCoy also longed for authenticity in his films and he also desired to show Indians in a positive light rather than in the conventional form in movies.

He managed to do that long before Kevin Costner's "Dances with Wolves" was hailed for its approach when McCoy lensed "End of the Trail" for Columbia in 1932 near Lander, Wyoming.

"The story was very pro Indian. It was about how they were being cheated by the whites and how the treaties were being broken," Ronald said. "It was very rare for the time. He helped put the movie together in terms of the writing and they filmed it up on the Arapahoe and Shoshone Wind River Reservation."

Ronald, who co-authored "Tim McCoy Remembers the West" with his father, said Tim was most proud of that film from his nearly 100 movies.

"His idea was he had found history so interesting because of the people and the stories. He felt that too often academics squeezed all the life out of it," he said. "Taking a great story and making it dull. His idea was to keep it interesting."

Tim McCoy was not only one of the greatest western stars but he was one of the greatest westerners who tried to preserve and protect what he loved about the American West. You can also read more about him and other western stars in "Doc" Tommy Scott's autobiography "Snake Oil, Superstars and Me" found at www.DocTommyScott.com .

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Indianapolis Symphonic Choir Announces 2022-23 Season Featuring World Premiere Performance And Return Of Fan Favorites

One of the nation's most established symphonic choruses, the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir announces their upcoming concerts for the 2022-23 season, which will culminate with the highly anticipated world premiere of "Toward A Secret Sky", composed by the renowned Augusta Read Thomas who was commissioned by the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir in 2020.

The season kicks off with a free Community Sing at Sun King Brewery in Downtown Indianapolis, followed by the return of the popular Mood Indigo at Indiana Landmarks, a cabaret-style evening featuring jazz standards, the Great American Songbook, Broadway and more. The annual fan-favorite Festival of Carols performances will celebrate the holiday season at The Palladium in Carmel and, for the first time, Clowes Memorial Hall on the campus of Butler University. Gala Bel Canto in February will benefit the Symphonic Choir's education and community engagement programming. The April 2023 premiere of Thomas' work marks the third major commission for the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir in 20 years, following Kyle Gann's "Transcendental Sonnets" in 2002, and Mohammed Fairouz's "Zabur" in 2014, which the Choir subsequently performed at New York's famed Carnegie Hall and recorded via Naxos Records.

In addition to the Choir's self-produced performances, the season will feature collaborations with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra. For more information, visit www.indychoir.org.

Lineup Information
The 2022-2023 lineup includes the following Indianapolis Symphonic Choir self-produced concerts (tickets on sale Monday, August 1):
Community Sing
Monday, Sept. 26, 2022

FREE! 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Sun King Brewery, Downtown Indianapolis
An evening of communal singing, with the option to sing along with those around you or sit and enjoy as a listener.

Mood Indigo
Saturday, Oct. 15, 2022 at 2:30 p.m. & 5:30

p.m.
Indiana Landmarks, Cook Theater
The return of a popular favorite! Another entry point to choral music in a cabaret style featuring jazz standards, the Great American Songbook, Broadway, and pop culture.

Festival of Carols
Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2022 - Clowes Memorial Hall

Friday, Dec. 16 - Sunday, Dec. 18, 2022 - The Palladium, Carmel

A family tradition filled with a variety of holiday favorites performed by the Choir and other guest artists, featuring baritone Michael Precely and the Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra. Spotlight Choirs from Franklin Community High School and North Central High School, and of course Santa! Festival of Carols will continue to offer performances with sign language interpretation (ASL).

Gala Bel Canto
Saturday, Feb. 25, 2023 at 6 p.m.

Biltwell Event Center
Join the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir for its annual fundraising event benefiting education and community engagement programming. Includes complimentary valet, cocktails, silent auction, performance by the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir, seated plated dinner, and dancing.

In-CHOIR-ing Minds
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A FREE educational event, In-Choir-ing Minds is an innovative initiative that the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir developed in an effort to make music feel more accessible to younger audience members and those members who haven't had the privilege of music education.

Sacred Masterworks:
Toward a Secret Sky featuring soprano Christina Pier and the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra

Friday, April 28 & Saturday, April 29, 2023
Hilbert Circle Theatre

The world premiere of "Toward A Secret Sky" by Augusta Read Thomas with text by the 13th-century Persian poet Rumi will be paired with Francis Poulenc's "Gloria". This new choral-orchestral masterwork was commissioned by the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir in 2020

as part of the organization's mission to create and perform new choral masterworks. "Toward a Secret Sky" is made possible with generous support from the Lilly Endowment and the Allen Whitehill Clowes Charitable Foundation.

The season will also include the following collaborations with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra.

George Frideric Handel's Messiah
Friday, Dec. 23, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

The Palladium, Carmel
Mendelssohn's Midsummer Night's Dream
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Butler University student, Oberlin Conservatory alumna announced as new conducting fellow

The Indianapolis Symphonic Choir announces Kiki Porter as its newest conducting fellow for the 2022-24 academic years.

Porter is an incoming master's student in choral conducting at Butler University, and recent graduate of Oberlin Conservatory with a Bachelor of Music degree in Vocal Performance. She was introduced to musicianship early in life as a member of the Metropolitan Opera Children's Chorus, where she sang in more than 250 performances in 16 different operas over seven years.

Porter is Choir Director at Oberlin's First United Methodist Church. She also conducted spiritual and classical pieces with Oberlin College Choir and Chamber Singers and served as assistant director in Oberlin Opera Theater's production of Handel's Acis and Galatea. During the COVID-19 lockdowns, she virtually conducted and assembled a rendition of Brandon Ulrich's "A Heaven Full of Stars" with Dr. Gregory Ristow.

Focusing on large-scale choral-orchestral masterworks, the Conducting Fellowship is a collaborative initiative between the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir and Butler University. The two-year Fellowship provides full-tuition and stipend. Upon successful completion of the program, the

student will have earned a master's degree in choral conducting from Butler University and gained practical and applied experience addressing the artistic and administrative needs of leading symphonic choirs. The Conducting Fellowship provides a 360-degree experience in the guidance of a premier symphonic chorus, including artist programming, development, communications, governance, and outreach initiatives. For more information on the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir Conducting Fellowship, visit indychoir.org/outreach/conducting-fellowship/.

Auditions
The Indianapolis Symphonic Choir is currently accepting audition requests, with the next round of auditions scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 17. The audition consists of a solo work of the performer's choice (accompanist provided), a predetermined vocal excerpt, and a sight-reading piece that is provided at the audition. The deadline to request an audition is Sept. 4, 2022.

For more information and details on how to schedule an audition, or for the latest updates on our COVID policy, visit indychoir.org/auditions.

About the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir

The Indianapolis Symphonic Choir is proud to be one of the nation's most established and dynamic musical institutions. Among the most active symphonic choruses in the United States, the Choir reaches more than 20,000 persons each season through performances and education & community engagement programs. The 150 volunteer singers demonstrate the Choir's commitment to musical excellence through their talent and dedication during each 10-month season. The Indianapolis Symphonic Choir was founded in 1937 at the request of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra to perform the great choral-orchestral repertoire. This continued partnership exhibits the best of collaborative ideals – two independent arts organizations combining their strengths to create beautifully lasting musical results. For more information, visit www.indychoir.org.

Celebrate Diversity And Inclusion During The '22 Diversity Walk

On Saturday, Aug. 27, Terre Haute and surrounding communities will come together to celebrate diversity and inclusion during the eighth annual Diversity Walk.

The Diversity Walk is a free event in downtown Terre Haute that welcomes all people of varying ages, races, creeds, colors, orientations, and abilities. Join us as we "Walk the Walk" to unify our community and spread messages of respect and acceptance.

The 1.5-mile walk will begin and end at the corner of 6th and Ohio, in the First Financial Bank parking lot, in downtown Terre Haute. Registration will open at 9 a.m., and the walk will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Following the walk, participants are invited to stay for a brief program and an opportunity to come together in unity to celebrate the differences that make our community stronger. Over the past seven years, thousands have attended this important event, and the hope is that the 2022 event is even bigger than ever before.

You can register as an individual participant, and we have a new team registration option as well. Forming or joining a team is a great way to experience an event! The camaraderie and support you'll feel from the rest of your team is like no other. By forming a team during the registration process, you will become the designated team captain and will be in charge of rallying your team for the big day!

The Diversity Walk

brings together a diverse group of people to break down barriers, build relationships and show what's possible with the right access, opportunities, and support. Together, we "Walk the Walk" and celebrate the strides we're taking to educate the community about the value of diversity and inclusion and the positive impact that it could have on our region's socio-economic strength and quality of life for all.

About the Diversity Walk

The Diversity Walk was originally conceived in 2014 as part of a community-wide Terre Haute Tomorrow initiative. Melvin L. Burks, CEO of Hamilton Center, Inc., served as the chair of the Terre Haute Tomorrow Diversity/Socio-economic Committee, and the theme for the Committee was "building relationships and enhancing trust." The Committee focused its efforts on finding ways to educate the community about diversity and inclusion and the positive impact that it could have on our region's socio-economic strength and quality of life for all. The Diversity Walk was created as a result of these efforts, and it has grown to include more than 5,000 participants. Hamilton Center Inc., with a group of many dedicated community leaders meet throughout the year to plan the event, raise awareness, and help make diversity and inclusion a strategic priority for Terre Haute's tomorrow. For more information about the Diversity Walk, visit www.diversity-walk.org.

Chris Stapleton And Pilgrimage Festival Launch Fundraiser Sweepstakes

Acclaimed 8x GRAMMY Award-winning musician Chris Stapleton and Franklin, TN's Pilgrimage Music & Cultural Festival have partnered with Fandiem to launch a fundraising sweepstakes campaign to benefit Outlaw State of Kind. Founded in 2016 by Chris and his wife, Morgane Stapleton, the charitable fund supports a variety of causes that are close to the couple's hearts.

This special benefit campaign offers one lucky fan and a guest an all-expense-paid VIP trip to the 2022 Pilgrimage Festival in Franklin, TN, plus a signed Chris Stapleton Gibson ES-335 vintage burst guitar.

Starting at \$10, participants can "Donate To Win" this prize package, which includes:

- ☐ Signed Chris Stapleton Gibson ES-335 vintage burst guitar
- ☐ Two (2) 2-Day VIP Village Passes to Pilgrimage Music & Cultural Festival in Franklin, TN on September 24 - 25, 2022 including:
 - ☐ Express entry to the Festival
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 - ☐ And so much more!
 - ☐ Round trip travel to Franklin, TN + 3-night

- ☐ hotel stay for two (2)
- ☐ Ground transportation stipend to/from festival
- ☐ Tour of the Gibson Garage and Exclusive Backstage Vault
- ☐ Pilgrimage Music Festival Merch package
- The fan-sourcing fundraising sweepstakes is running until September 7, 2022, and fans can "Donate To Win" exclusively at www.fandiem.com/pilgrimage. The more fans donate, the more chances they have to win – and the more they support Outlaw State of Kind.

Founded by Better Than Ezra singer and Franklin resident Kevin Griffin, W. Brandt Wood and Michael Whelan, Pilgrimage is dedicated to supporting local creators of all kinds including chefs, artisans, jewelers, brewers and more. Beyond music, Pilgrimage Festival features historic music cities sharing their stories at the Americana Music Triangle Experience, local craftsmen selling their wares in Makers Village, a food truck park with 16 of the area's best culinary offerings on wheels, 30 beers on tap at the Craft Beer Hall and Pilgrimage Festival's Culinary Program, which boasts over 40 local and regional restaurants and cafes.

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City Of Crawfordsville Urges Residents To Use Safe Practices Around Injured Animals

By Matt Lepper
The City of Crawfordsville and the Animal Welfare League want Crawfordsville residents should avoid contact with injured wild animals. They can be a source of zoonotic diseases, which pose significant risks to people. A prime example of a negative consequence of human-animal interaction are zoonotic diseases. Defined by the CDC, zoonotic diseases are diseases provoked by microorganisms spreading between animals and people. Said microorganisms can be viruses, bacteria, parasites, and fungi. The different types of microorganisms can subsequently cause different illnesses, some mild and some severe. The diseases also vary by the source of the microorganism. In Indiana, there are multiple zoonotic diseases

that originate and spread from different sources. To name a few, West Nile Virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis are two mosquito-borne diseases that can be found in Indiana. Hoosiers can contract Lyme disease and Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, which are tick-borne diseases. As for Zoonotic diseases, anthrax, rabies, tularemia, and brucellosis can be found in Indiana. Reading a list full of potential, harmful diseases that result from interaction with animals is not very encouraging. However, there are ways in which you can reduce your chances of contracting zoonotic, tick-borne, and mosquito-borne diseases. For starters, keeping your hands clean defends against zoonotic diseases as well as a grocery list of other ailments. Always

wash your hands after being around animals, even if you didn't actually touch any animals. There are multiple practices that can aid in avoiding bites from these insects such as; wearing long clothing that covers your skin, using insect repellent, eliminating standing water surrounding your property, and (once again) properly washing your hands. A more simplistic solution is to avoid bites and scratches from animals, especially animals that are not domesticated. Getting vaccinated for rabies is a tremendous preventative measure against zoonotic disease. If you happen to spot an injured wild animal, please call the Animal Welfare League of Montgomery County at (765) 362-8846 or dial 911, and they will direct you as needed.

Here Are Six Tips To Mitigate Mental Health Risks For Youth

(Family Features) Today's kids are experiencing unprecedented levels of stress and anxiety at home, school and in their communities. The COVID-19 pandemic, which affected kids in all those places, only exacerbated the problem. The surgeon general issued an Advisory on Youth Mental Health Crisis to highlight the urgent need to address the growing concern. "It is normal for children to experience emotional distress as they develop and mature," United States Surgeon General Vivek Murthy said. "However, the number of youth struggling with feelings of anxiety, depression and thoughts of suicide over the past decade have increased. The future well-being of our country depends on how we support and invest in the next generation." Even pre-pandemic, mental health challenges were the leading cause of disability and poor life outcomes in young people with up to 1 in 5 children ages 3-17 in the U.S. having a mental, emotional, developmental or behavioral disorder, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "The pandemic has been incredibly disruptive for youth since it has affected routines, access to social activities and virtually every aspect of their lives," said Robyn Knecht, director of counseling for St. Joseph's Indian School, a Native American residential school that helps students move beyond the cycle of poverty, addiction and mental illness with an education and opportunities for a brighter future. "Offsetting those impacts requires an active response from trusted adults

that promote healthy development and well-being." If you're concerned about your children, or another child close to you, consider these tips from Knecht and St. Joseph's. Create a Support System of Family, Peers and Teachers The people surrounding youth influence their behavior directly and indirectly. Each child needs a team of actively involved adults at home, school and within the community leading by example and encouraging success. Similarly, encouraging friendships with peers who demonstrate positive habits and good decision-making skills can provide a sense of connectivity and beneficial peer pressure. Encourage Academic Achievement and Aspirations Not every student is destined to be valedictorian, but every student can give his or her best effort. Encourage and recognize effort in studies, be conscious of struggles and work with educators to find additional support when needed. Talk about the future and impress upon your child many careers require further training through college, trade school or another form of advanced education. Talk with your child about setting academic goals and equip him or her with the tools necessary to achieve them. Find things your child is passionate about and encourage participation in activities that foster development. Set Clear Expectations for Behaviors and Values Although it's natural to test limits, kids need clear boundaries. Consistently communicating your expectations for behavior and values sets a bar for

your child and demonstrates your care and commitment to his or her success. Backing up your expectations with reasonable consequences when your child falls short can help teach responsibility and accountability. Teach Coping and Problem-Solving Skills How your child responds to and navigates challenges is as important as the outcome. Teaching your child how to accept disappointment, navigate conflict and be solution-oriented in the face of adversity can serve him or her throughout life. Promote Involvement in Social Activities A sense of connectivity is important for humans at any age. Encouraging participation in group activities can help create opportunities to form bonds with other children whose families share similar values and interests. Examples include sports teams and religious groups, as well as age-appropriate jobs where teens can interact with other kids learning the value of hard work. Don't Be Afraid to Seek Outside Help If you notice changes in your child's behavior or routine, be inquisitive and partner with him or her to work through them. If your child doesn't open up, it's OK to find another trusted adult he or she can connect with. Ask your child if there is someone he or she would feel comfortable talking to and look into counseling services in your community. Additionally, mentor and social service programs can help support your child's journey and foster a supportive network. Find more ways to address the challenges facing today's youth at stj.org.

Vet-Approved Tips To Help Keep Pets Safe This Summer

(Family Features) Extreme temperatures and booming sounds can have big impacts on pets. With record-breaking heat across much of the nation, the experts at Freshpet are helping pet parents with these tips to help keep their pets healthy and safe this summer. Heat Heat stroke can occur quickly in dogs. Without the ability to sweat the same way humans do, it's important for pet parents to understand ways to cool their pets down when temperatures rise and how to avoid common mistakes to keep their pets safe. "Just because we can manage the heat and humidity, doesn't mean our pets can," said Dr. Aziza Glass, Freshpet's expert veterinarian. "Our pets are vulnerable to temperatures over 80 F. However, there are things we can do to keep our pets safe and protected from heat-related injuries and some may come as a surprise." * Limit time outdoors: While outdoor activities are typically recommended for pets, their inability to sweat the same way humans do can cause them to heat up quickly. Limit walks to early morning or after the sun sets and stay indoors as much as possible the rest of the day. * Fill their water

bowls: Just like humans, clean water is essential for helping pets manage the heat. Cool water can help cool down your pet's body temperature. Moisture-rich fresh food like options from Freshpet - made with 100% farm-raised chicken, beef or fish and all-natural fruits and veggies - can also help with hydration. * Avoid shaving your pet: While summer cuts for long-haired dogs are OK, shaving your pet can expose his or her skin to harmful sun damage and cause overheating more quickly. Glass recommends pet parents educate themselves on how to recognize heat stroke. Heavy panting, drooling, high body temperature, increased heart rate and fatigue are some signs of heat stroke in dogs. "If you believe your dog is having a heat stroke, bring him or her indoors immediately to help cool down," she said. "A common mistake is putting the pet in a cold ice bath. That can actually shock the system and cause quick changes in blood pressure. Instead, soak a towel in room temperature water and wipe your dog down to start the cooling process. Afterwards, proceed immediately to your primary care veterinarian or closest emergency center." Fireworks

Booming sounds and crackling fireworks can send some pets into sensory overdrive. According to Glass, with an elevated ability to interpret sound frequencies audibly and physically, dogs' sensitivities to loud noises means some celebrations can make for particularly anxious events. While some dogs hide under beds or jump fences to flee the sounds, there are ways to help make fireworks less stressful for canine companions. * Create a calm environment: Be aware if you or your neighbors plan to launch fireworks. If so, create a space to help your dog deal with the noise. A sound machine, lavender oil on his or her collar and blankets can help. * Remain indoors: Avoid taking your dog outside if you're planning to view fireworks or set off your own. A dog's first reaction may be to flee from the noise and search for a safe spot, placing him or her in more danger. * Stay close: Pets feel less anxious when they feel safe. Make sure you or someone they feel safe with is by their side until the fireworks are over, offering comfort, treats and affection throughout the event. For more summer safety tips for pets, visit Freshpet.com.

What To Do If You Can't Pay Your Rent

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 America, 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, especial-

ly 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 for 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 counseling services from Take Charge America. About Take Charge America, Inc. Founded in 1987, Take Charge America, Inc. is a nonprofit agency offering financial education and counseling services including credit counseling, debt management, student loan counseling, housing counseling and bankruptcy counseling. It has helped more than 2 million consumers nationwide manage their personal finances and debts. To learn more, visit takechargeamerica.org or call (888) 822-9193.



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