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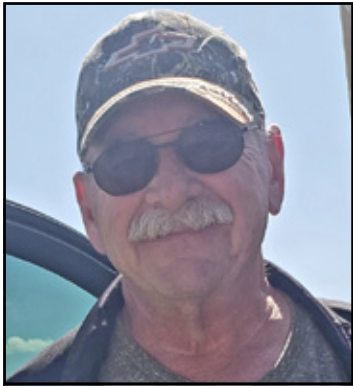
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TODAY'S VERSE

Romans 12:14 Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not.

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Donald Carson gives a happy smile for The Paper on a beautiful sunny morning. Thank you for your smile, Mr Carson!

THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 Indiana Republican Sen. Mike Braun proposed a balanced budget plan recently. The Braun Budget was a comprehensive federal budget plan designed to throw the brakes on out-of-control government spending, fight inflation by balancing our federal budget and unleash American prosperity and energy independence. However, the Democrat-controlled Senate killed it by a 65-34 vote. Braun had this to say: "Today I forced the Senate to vote on a balanced budget. My budget would make the Trump tax cuts permanent, unleash American energy independence, fight Biden's inflation crisis, and provide the most robust national defense of any plan out there. Sadly, the majority of the Senate voted to raise taxes, weaken our national security, and keep driving our nation into bankruptcy."

2 It happened on July 12 -- a New York City event known as "Manhattanhenge," when the sun sets in perfect alignment with the streets of Manhattan. And as usual, huge crowds of tourists joined Manhattanites to get a glimpse of the phenomenon, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. They gathered on the East side of town facing due West to watch the sun as it made its descent beyond the Hudson River, its rays falling perfectly between Manhattan's skyscrapers. It happens each year for two days in May and two days in July. Astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson came up with the moniker, Manhattanhenge, comparing it to Britain's Stonehenge.

3 You can help introduce youth who attend the Indiana State Fair to the joy of fishing by volunteering at the Indiana DNR's Fishin' Pond, which is located beside the Natural Resources Building on the fairgrounds in Indianapolis. The Fishin' Pond, which is an annual highlight of the fair, is a free, immersive experience for ages 5 to 17. Volunteers are needed to help youth register to fish, bait hooks, remove fish from hooks, and use fishing equipment during all days and times the Fishin' Pond is offered. The Fishin' Pond is open July 29, which is the fair's opening day, as well as all Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays that follow through Aug. 21. Two separate volunteer shifts are available on each of those days, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. ET.

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Fatal Two-Vehicle Crash on SR 47

A fatal crash involving a semi-truck and a Toyota Camry occurred this past Thursday, July 21, on SR47. At approximately 3:31 a.m. on Thursday morning, Montgomery County Sheriff's Deputies were called to the scene of a head-on crash in the 10400 block of State Road 47 South. There, deputies found a 2020 Toyota Camry, driven by Pedro Dimas, had collided with a semi-truck driven by Jerry Patton.

Sheriff's deputies determined that the Camry had been heading south when it crossed the center line and struck the semi, sending both vehicles off of the road. It remains unclear what caused the Camry to cross the center line. Dimas, a 37-year-old from Irvine, Kentucky, was pronounced dead at the scene. Patton, 63, of Tangiers, Indiana, received minor injuries.

The crash remains under investigation by the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff's deputies were assisted at the scene by the Crawfordsville Police Department, Crawfordsville Fire Department, Waveland Fire Department, Montgomery County Coroner, Montgomery County Emergency Management, Wilsons Towing and Froedges Towing.

The Daily Almanac

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RISE: 6:33 a.m.
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High: 93 °F
Low: 70 °F



Today is...
• Hammock Day
• National Mango Day
• Summer Leisure Day



What Happened On This Day
• 1894 World's first competitive motor race
• 1983 First solo helicopter flight around the world



Births On This Day
• 1946 Danny Glover American actor
• 1992 Selena Gomez American actress, singer

Deaths On This Day
• 1916 James Whitcomb Riley American poet
• 1934 John Dillinger American bank robber, murderer

Butch Plans New Jobs For National Politicians!



BUTCH DALE
Columnist

You know, folks, I will admit it. I have been very critical of our national politicians recent-

ly. Maybe I rushed to judge-ment. I just don't know if these people were nincompoops and liars before they were elected...or they became that way after they were elected. Only an idiot would go into politics nowadays, so perhaps they suffered brain damage in childhood. Who knows? But then it dawned on me. Perhaps our current politicians are good, decent human beings. What if they just chose the wrong occupation? So for their own benefit, for the sake of our country's future, and by the grace of God, I have selected the most appropriate occupations for our

most infamous political figures... you know, the ones we can't seem to shake:
1. BERNIE SANDERS... Hot air balloon salesman (since he has plenty of hot air to go around), 2nd choice: Carnival "barker" at ring toss tent (not sure if they have carnivals in Russia though)
2. ELIZABETH WARREN...Country music singer (only sings one song "Cherokee people, Cherokee tribe... so proud I lived, so proud I LIED")
3. BETO O'ROURKE...

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Law Enforcement Cracking Down On Speeding

Montgomery County motorists might slow it down a little. Law enforcement agencies all across Indiana are taking part in a multi-state effort to address the troubling rise in speeding and aggressive driving. Across the Midwest, officers will be out in full force showing zero tolerance for drivers traveling above the posted speed limit.

The Speed Awareness Day enforcement campaign will take place on July 27 and is part of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's "Great Lakes, High Stakes" initiative. The overtime patrols are funded with federal grants administered by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI).

Participating states include Indiana, Illinois, Michigan,

Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin.

"We have a growing crisis on our roadways and driving too fast and aggressively is at the center of it," said Devon McDonald, ICJI Executive Director. "This isn't a game. There are no second chances. If you die in a crash or end up killing someone, that's it. We can and we must break this cycle."

Mirroring national trends, Indiana has seen a drastic increase in deadly crashes and speeding-related fatalities since the start of the pandemic.

In 2020, a total of 897 people lost their lives on Indiana roads, a 10% increase from 2019. Of those fatalities, 238 or approximately one-fourth involved speeding. That's the highest

number in the past decade and an 18% increase from the previous year, despite having fewer drivers on the road.

Even more concerning, early projections from ICJI show that overall traffic deaths rose last year to 931 fatalities, and Indiana is once again on track to surpass that in 2022. Speeding, along with other dangerous driver behaviors, such as impaired driving and not wearing a seat belt, are some of the leading causes.

"People who travel at excessive speeds are more likely to engage in other forms of reckless driving," said Robert Duckworth, ICJI Traffic Safety Director. "Speeding, by itself,

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HONEST HOOSIER

After much hand-wringing, the new firearms carry law hasn't been as big an issue as we were told it would be.



TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Are you a "shoveler?" - put down your fork in between bites of food and chew your food thoroughly. 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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For Your Information

Ivy Tech Lafayette will host the Food Finders Food Bank Mobile Pantry on the college's southside campus on Tuesday, July 26, 2022 at 11 a.m. The Mobile Pantry will be located on the Ivy Tech Lafayette Campus located at 3101 S. Creasy Lane, Lafayette. The Mobile Pantry will be distributing food, including fresh produce, an assortment of frozen items, essential non-perishable items, and breads to people in need. This will be a drive-through distribution. All clients must remain in their vehicles at all times, and must not arrive prior to 10:30 a.m. Anyone in need of emergency food assistance is welcome to attend.

TODAY'S QUOTE

"The best thing to hold onto in life is each other."
Audrey Hepburn

TODAY'S JOKE

Hey Zoey, what did the bread do on summer vacation?
Gee Grandpa, I don't know, what?
Just loafed around!

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OBITUARIES

Francine Gantz Rickett

Feb. 17, 1923 - June 8, 2022

Francine Gantz Rickett, a longtime wife, mother, grandmother and entrepreneur whose richly rewarding life took her from Iowa to Indiana to California, died June 8, 2022, in Santa Maria, Calif. She was 99.

She was born Feb. 17, 1923, the youngest of four children born to Edwin and Madge Gantz, both of whom preceded her in death, as did her siblings, Edwin, Henry and Marjorie.

Following high school graduation and a stint of nurse training, she met Ned Rickett, an Army officer. The couple wed in 1943.

Their first child, Henry, was born in Greenville, Miss. Their remaining five children, Daniel, Roberta, Roger, Kerry and Ned were born in the town the family would long call home, Crawfordsville, Ind.

It was there that Mrs. Rickett helped shape and fortify the interests of her six children. She brought enthusiasm to her eldest three sons' pursuit of football for the Crawfordsville High School Athenians, rarely missing a home game. Similarly, her lifelong love of music was reflected in her fervent support of Roberta and Roger as they engaged in singing, dancing and acting. She was a Cub Scout den mother for Kerry and the other boys and encouraged Daniel's and Ned's artistic pursuits.

An abiding religious faith, musical passion, talent for floral and culinary arts and a commitment to family indelibly marked her many personal and professional endeavors and those of the people she loved.

Faith and family coalesced most Sundays, when, following services at First United Methodist, she helped prepare dinners that regularly included her mother-in-law, Mary K. Rickett, and often the family of her sister-in-law Jean Rich, whose daughter Patty maintained a lifelong bond with Francine.

As her children left home, she delved more deeply into her passions for gardening and cooking. She greatly enjoyed crafting floral arrangements, working for a time at Milligan's Flower Shoppe, tending her own flower gardens and preparing floral arrangements for her home and church. She turned her joy of cooking into a catering business in which she renovated her Crawfordsville kitchen and hired help. The business continued in Santa Maria, where she and Ned moved in 1999.

She also made time to help those less fortunate, exemplified by her spearheading a 1967 campaign to solicit items from residents in Crawfordsville and nearby communities as Christmas gifts for people experiencing mental illness.

Raising a family, tending to a business and volunteering provided challenges, but deeper struggles emerged that affirmed her resolve and character.

Among them was a cancer diagnosis a few years after the youngest of her children had graduated high school, prompting her to undergo a double mastectomy. She channeled the experience through volunteering in which, one-to-one, she counseled other women who were navigating the same, difficult waters. Cancer also would claim the lives of two of her children in her lifetime, Roger in 1973 and Kerry in 1998.

The following year, she and Ned move to Santa Maria, bringing them closer to their son Henry and his wife, Linda. Ned, her husband of 67 years, died in 2010.

Survivors include her children, Henry, Daniel, Roberta and Ned; and her grandchildren, Christopher, Andrew, Evan, Tarin and William.

A memorial service took place July 9 at St. Andrew United Methodist Church, in Santa Maria.

An interment of ashes service will take place July 28 at 10 a.m. at Oak Hill Cemetery, in Crawfordsville.

Local Governments Moving Toward Compliance With Indiana's New Cybersecurity Reporting Law

The Indiana Office of Technology (IOT) is reminding local governments and political subdivisions that the annual deadline to update cybersecurity incident contacts is Sept. 1. To date, just over 600 political subdivisions have complied, compared to the more than 3,000 throughout the state who fall under the contact-reporting requirement of House Enrolled Act 1169 (2021).

HEA 1169, which was unanimously passed by the Indiana General Assembly, requires that all Indiana political subdivisions and state agencies provide their cybersecurity contact information,

such as entity representative's name, telephone number and email, to the State's IOT division to report any cybersecurity incidents.

"Having a full database of contacts will allow us to share information across Indiana units of government, enabling better coordination, increased awareness and protection against cyberattacks," said Tracy Barnes, Indiana's chief information officer.

"Cyber attacks are not a far-off possibility in the future. Just recently, Kentucky and Arkansas experienced significant cyber security breaches, and local governments across the nation are

experiencing attacks regularly. These attacks are now a regular threat, and we need to be ready to protect against and thwart them."

Cyberattacks increased by 31% from 2020 to 2021, according to Accenture's State of Cybersecurity Resilience 2021 report. The number of attacks per company increased from 206 to 270 year over year.

In addition to helping the state build its coordination contact database, IOT is also working with a number of local units of government to enhance their cybersecurity defenses by providing no-cost or low-cost services. Examples

include providing IN.gov domains and secure .gov email accounts, which provide certainty to citizens that they are dealing with an official government body, cybersecurity training, low-cost websites and an office productivity suite.

To learn more about the services IOT provides, go to <https://on.in.gov/IOTlocal>.

Indiana local units of government can report their contact information to <https://on.in.gov/1169>

Hoosiers, business owners, educators and government officials can find helpful cybersecurity information and tips at <https://cybersecurity.IN.gov>.

Manchester University Honors Class Of 2022

Manchester University conferred degrees to the Class of 2022 in May.

Levi Doe, Linden, master's degree in Accountancy

Sydney Newton, Crawfordsville, magna cum

laude, bachelor's degree in Psychology and Psychology & Religious Culture

The list of 2022 conferred more than 260 graduates includes students who finished requirements in December 2021 and

May 2022.

Some students participated in the May 21 Commencement exercises who are currently completing final requirements for their degrees. Their graduation announcements will come

after completion.

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The Unlikely Story Of Parke H. Davis And The 1931 Boilermakers Football Team

Until reading "Perfect Warriors," the story of the 1943 undefeated Purdue football team, I didn't know Parke H. Davis from Fenway Park.

Between 1869 and 1936, when The Associated Press poll was launched, there seldom was such a thing as a consensus national champion. Davis, a former player at Princeton in the early 1890s, took it upon himself in 1933 to determine the national champion from 1869 onward.

Dan Jenkins described Davis' process in the Sept. 11, 1967 edition of Sports Illustrated.

"Perhaps a bit irritated by the flood of experts on the scene, the most noted historian football has ever known, Parke H. Davis, decided to set all the records straight in the 1933 edition of Spalding's Football Guide," Jenkins wrote. "Davis went all the way back to the first inflated pig bladder to pick the national champions for every season. He used no special formula. He simply looked at the schedules and the results and chose his teams."

Here's where Purdue comes into the story.

In 1931, Noble Kizer guided the Boilermakers to a 9-1 record and a share of the Big Ten championship with Michigan. That season, Purdue shut out six opponents and outscored its rivals 192-39. A 21-14 loss at Wisconsin was the only blemish on the record.

That performance was enough for Davis to declare Purdue and Pittsburgh his co-national



KENNY THOMPSON
Columnist

champions. Davis defied the consensus wisdom of other organizations, which preferred Southern California in 1931.

All three are recognized by the NCAA Football Records Book as tri-national champions. You'll find it on page 115 of the 2021 edition.

Davis didn't live to see the era of wire service rankings, passing away in 1934 at age 62.

The 1931 Boilermakers had two first-team All-Americans, end Paul Moss and center Charles Miller. Halfbacks Jim Purvis and Fred Hecker, quarterback Paul Pardonner, Moss and Miller were chosen All-Big Ten.

In a 2000 interview, Miller recalled Kizer and the 1931 Boilermakers.

"I don't think we ever should have lost a game the entire time I was in college," said Miller, who was the starting center for the undefeated 1929 Boilermakers as a sophomore.

During his three years on varsity at Purdue, the Boilermakers went 23-3. Nine points kept Purdue from three consecutive undefeated seasons (14-13 to Michigan and 7-6 to Indiana in 1930 in addition to the Wisconsin loss



Noble Kizer

in 1931).

"Red Sleight, Pest Welch, Glen Harmeson, Alex Yunevich were great players. Man for man we were as good as anybody in the country," Miller said.

Sleight and Welch were the first two All-Americans in Purdue history. Yunevich is up for election to the College Football Hall of Fame this year for his success as a coach at Alfred University. Harmeson pulled off the unique feat of earning All-Big Ten honors in football, basketball and baseball. He would go on to coach football for five seasons at Wabash College, compiling a 25-10-6 record from 1946-50.

Miller, who was 90 in 2000, bristled when he talked about the loss to Wisconsin in 1931. That day, Miller recalls Kizer starting his No. 2 defensive unit.

"He forgot the psychology of a winning ballclub," Miller said of

more than two seasons on the sideline has a better winning percentage at Purdue.

Nephritis, a condition in which tissues in the kidney become inflamed and have problems filtering waste from the blood, hospitalized Kizer in July 1937. Although Kizer had to resign as football coach, he was able to resume his athletic director duties until his death at age 40 on June 13, 1940.

"Noble Kizer was indeed a nobleman," Purdue president Edward C. Elliott said.

"God rest the soul of the finest man I ever met in the world of sports," wrote Journal & Courier sports editor Gordon Graham.

Noteworthy Former Purdue All-American Jaden Ivey made a good first impression with the Detroit Pistons.

Before injuring his ankle early in the Pistons' second Summer League game, Ivey put up 20 points, six rebounds and six assists in 32 minutes against Portland in his unofficial NBA debut.

In five minutes against Washington, Ivey put up 11 points and two assists.

Trevion Williams averaged 7.4 points, 6.6 rebounds and 1.8 assists in five games with the Boston Celtics. His best Summer League performance came against Memphis with 11 points, 11 rebounds and three assists in just over 17 minutes.

Sasha Stefanovic didn't get much exposure in Las Vegas, appearing in one

game for San Antonio. Stefanovic recorded three points and four rebounds in 16 minutes against Memphis.

Two veteran former Boilermakers also participated in the Summer League.

Dakota Mathias averaged 4.8 points, 3.5 rebounds and 1.7 assists for Memphis in six games. Mathias' best game came on July 6 with 11 points, eight rebounds and two blocks against Oklahoma City.

Vince Edwards appeared in one game for the New York Knicks, the championship of the Summer League against Portland. Edwards had a rebound and a steal in four minutes. ...

Purdue quarterback Aidan O'Connell is among the preseason candidates for the Maxwell and Davey O'Brien awards.

The Maxwell Award honors college football's best player. Drew Brees took home this award in 2000. The O'Brien Award is presented annually to the nation's best quarterback.

Four other Big Ten quarterbacks are on the O'Brien preseason list: Ohio State's C.J. Stroud, Penn State's Sean Clifford, Michigan State's Payton Thorne and Maryland's Taulia Tagovailoa.

Kenny Thompson is the former sports editor for the Lafayette Journal & Courier and an award-winning journalist. He has covered Purdue athletics for many years.

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600 Words To The Wise!

MONDAY: People sometimes ask me if I can finish a column in one sitting (like I do with Denny's Grand Slam breakfast) or if I dabble with it, like my wife's spinach soufflé. I've used both methods, but the pressure of completing a story in one day has taken its toll. I'm not as young or as creative as I used to be. My column can be no more than 600 words each week, so if I take Sundays off and divide by six days, I'd have to write exactly 100 words a day. Which means that I'm done today.

TUESDAY: I've been wrestling with whether I am going to count the day of the week at the beginning of the paragraph as part of the exactly 100 words I am going to write each day. I've just decided that I will, because it gives me one less word to write and I am always looking for some new opportunity to skip on work. As you can tell, I still haven't decided what the column is really about this week, but I believe a funny idea is about to emerge any second. Heck, who cares? I'm finished. Time for lunch.

WEDNESDAY: Okay, here's my idea for this week's humor column. One of the medications I am now taking lists a major side effect as belching. When I was a kid, that would be the kind of drug we would have all been hooked on



DICK WOLFSIE
Funny Bone

because there is nothing funnier than belching in class when you are seven years old. And then I realized how bizarre it would be if I took an overdose of that medication as an adult and had to go on TV. But here's the funniest part: uh oh, sorry. I'm out of words. Have a nice...

THURSDAY: Not sure about that belching idea. Seems awfully sophomoric. Here's a topic possibility: I can't sit at the computer and write my weekly column if there are dirty dishes in the kitchen sink. Or if my bed isn't made. (Nah, that's just too weird, even for me.) Wait, how about this: my spice rack in the kitchen is arranged alphabetically and I couldn't fall asleep last night because I didn't know if should put the garlic salt under G or S. I could develop that into a column, but why would I? It's quitting time. 100 words. Exactly. Really.

FRIDAY: Thank goodness it's Friday. I could have said TGIF, but why save words? I'm liking the idea of spreading the

writing out each day. The only downside is that this may be the worst column I've ever written. But it will be exactly 600 words, and accuracy is very important. Occasionally one of the newspaper's editors gets a little touchy about some obscure grammatical point and next thing you know my intentional triple-negative is gone. So please, editors, don't not change this sentence, because it will mess up my count. Otherwise, this is another perfect 100 words. Yup.

SATURDAY: My column is almost complete for this week. While you might question why any legitimate newspaper would print this drivel, a few readers may think this is a clear work of creative genius. That's the wonderful thing about humor: it's so subjective. Of course, the truth is I didn't write about anything of substance this week because I never sat down long enough to have one good idea. I was so obsessed with how long each paragraph would be, I forgot to put in any funny lines. So what? This is my final 100. Take my word for it.

Dick Wolfsie spent his career sharing his humor, stories and video essays on television, radio and in newspapers. His columns appear weekly in The Paper of Montgomery County. E-mail Dick at Wolfsie@aol.com.

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Special Session Update: Rep. Negele Authors Legislation Supporting Taxpayer Refunds, Hoosier Families

State Rep. Sharon Negele (R-Attica) issued the following statement in response to her proposed legislation authorizing another round of automatic taxpayer refunds and making significant investments to support Hoosier families, including new and expectant mothers, and babies. Negele's proposed legislation will be formally filed as House Bill 1001(ss) on July 25, which is the first day of the special session:

"Record-high inflation is putting the squeeze on everyone and leading to higher costs, whether it's the grocery bills, utility bills or everything in between. This automatic taxpayer refund would go a long way in providing quick relief by providing individual filers with \$225 and joint filers with \$450. Thanks to more than a decade of fiscal responsibility, Indiana is in a strong position to do

what's right and put money back in the pockets of hardworking Hoosiers.

"As we await a bill from the Senate to take action on further protecting life, my proposal also offers more than \$20 million in tax relief and appropriates more than \$58 million toward proven programs that support moms and babies. It's critical Indiana steps up to support struggling families and expectant moms in crisis, and encourages more Hoosiers to consider adoption. Through education, prevention and access to quality care, we can decrease the number of unwanted pregnancies, and create an environment where struggling moms can care for their baby both during and after pregnancy. I look forward to working on this issue with my fellow legislators during the special session beginning July 25."

ANTICIPATED

HOUSE SCHEDULE:

Monday, July 25
10 a.m. House Session
Tuesday, July 26
10 a.m. House Session
11 a.m. Ways & Means - House Bill 1001(ss) - (Testimony, Amend and Vote)

Session will reconvene upon adjournment of Ways & Means (Committee Report Adoption)

Thursday, July 28
Time TBD - House Session - House Bill 1001(ss) - (2nd Reading)
Friday, July 29
Time TBD - House Session - House Bill 1001(ss) - (3rd Reading)
Week of Aug. 1

House to consider Senate passed legislation Under Indiana code, the special session must end no later than Aug. 14, 2022, but legislative leaders anticipate concluding their business within two weeks after convening.

State EV Infrastructure Deployment Plan Available For Review And Public Comment

The Indiana Department of Transportation today announced a draft version of Indiana's Electric Vehicle (EV) Infrastructure Deployment Plan is available online for review and public comment.

The plan is required by National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) program, part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law passed in November 2021. Through the NEVI program, Indiana will receive significant federal formula funding over five years to support the construction and operation of Direct-Current Fast Charging (DCFC) stations along alternative fuel corridors as designated by the Federal Highway Administration.

The intent of the NEVI program is to increase the

availability of fast, reliable EV charging infrastructure across the country to reduce range anxiety and make EV ownership and operation more convenient.

Indiana's plan includes state agency coordination, public engagement, vision and goals, initial contracting and procurement guidance, existing and future conditions analysis, implementation considerations, cybersecurity planning, and civil rights and equity requirements.

The plan may be viewed online at <https://www.in.gov/indot/current-programs/innovative-programs/electric-vehicle-charging-infrastructure-network/> under the "Draft Deployment Plan" tab. Written public comment on the plan

can be submitted online through the "Public Comment Form" tab and will be accepted through Aug. 20, 2022.

INDOT must submit the plan to the Joint Office of Energy and Transportation for federal review by Aug. 1, 2022. The Joint Office anticipates completing review of state plans by Sept. 30, 2022. The plan will be updated annually over the life of the NEVI program.

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Applebee's® And Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation Continue Fight Against Childhood Cancer

Starting yesterday, Applebee's restaurants across the country have transformed into "lemonade stands," in celebration of Applebee's annual fundraising campaign with Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation (ALSF), a nonprofit organization dedicated to funding pediatric cancer research and family support programs. Now through Aug. 21, Applebee's invites guests to join in the fight to end pediatric cancer.

Since 2005, Applebee's restaurants across the country have collectively raised more than \$13.2 million for ALSF and its mission and look to make a bigger impact this year with the help of the Neighborhood.

Guests can support the cause in a variety of ways, including purchasing a digital lemon in increments of \$1 and \$5 on Applebees.com or the Applebee's mobile app,* making an online donation when purchasing a gift card on Applebees.com, or by celebrating National Lemonade Day with Applebee's!

On National Lemonade Day, Aug. 20, guests can purchase a lemonade or fruit flavored lemonade at a neighborhood Applebee's, and 25 cents from each lemonade will be donated to Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation. Contact your local restaurant to learn more. "We're honored to

continue our long-standing partnership with Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation to help in the fight against pediatric cancer," said John Cywinski, Applebee's President. "Over the past 18 years, together with our restaurant partners and guests, we've raised more than \$13 million - but we know the fight continues, and we hope to raise even more in 2022."

Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation was established in 2005 to continue the mission of four-year-old Alexandra "Alex" Scott. While fighting her own battle against cancer, Alex set up a lemonade stand in her front yard to raise money for "doctors to find a cure" for all pediatric cancers. One in 285 children will be diagnosed with cancer by the time they turn 201 and yet pediatric cancer research is vastly and consistently underfunded.

"After 18 years, Applebee's continues to be a loyal partner who has shown tremendous support of our core mission," said Liz Scott, Alex's mom and Co-Executive Director of Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation. "After all these years, the fight continues, and we're excited to give Applebee's restaurants and customers even more opportunities to help kids fighting cancer. We are

so grateful to be a part of a community that comes together in support of these families."

For more than 40 years, Applebee's restaurants remain committed to Doin' Good in the Neighborhood®. Local restaurants make a positive impact on the communities around them throughout the year by hosting hundreds of events or fundraisers in their restaurants, whether to help local heroes and military, support children and schools, raise funds for local charities that help neighbors, or even to help their own team members who may be in need. In addition to these local efforts, for the past 14 years, Applebee's and its franchisees have thanked veterans and active military on Veterans Day by serving nearly 11 million free meals. Together, Applebee's donates millions of dollars and thousands of volunteer hours to Doin' Good in the Neighborhood each year.

Participating locations in your area include: Anderson, Avon, Bloomington, Brownsburg, Camby, Carmel, Crawfordsville, Columbus, Edinburg, Fishers, Frankfort, Franklin, Greenfield, Greenwood, Indianapolis, Kokomo, Logansport, Marion, Muncie, New Castle, Noblesville, Plainfield, Shelbyville and Speedway.

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Create A Dream Yard For Your Dog This Summer

According to the ASPCA, 23 million households in America – and 3.7 million in Canada – welcomed a new pet into their pack during the pandemic. People have been using their backyards more in recent years for everything from working and entertaining to vacationing and working out. But for dogs, this backyard business is old hat.

“No one loves the family yard as much as the family dog,” notes Kris Kiser, President of the TurfMutt Foundation, an organization that advocates for the care for and use of green spaces, as well as pet rescue. “It’s my rescue dog, Mulligan’s, favorite place to be, so I do everything I can to make it safe and enjoyable for her, which ultimately makes it better for me, too.”

Kiser and Mulligan have advice for creating a dream yard for your pets and the whole family this summer: Plant Real Grass

Plastic grass is uncomfortable on paws (and bare feet), gets very hot during the summer, is difficult to clean, and is worse for the environment since it requires water for cleaning and usually can’t be recycled. The bottom line: real grass is the best option for pets, people and the environment.

Select the Right Plants

& Grasses

Choose a type of turf grass that will withstand the “ruff” housing of your pet. Buffalo and Bermuda grasses can be a good choice, depending on your climate zone. For other plants and shrubs, check the ASPCA’s list of toxic and non-toxic garden plants for advice before planting. You’ll want soft, sturdy foliage near walkways. Save delicate, decorative flowers for elevated flowerbeds and patio pots. Pro tip: place plants close together in areas you want to designate as off-limits to your dog to create boundaries.

Consider Pollinators & Other Wildlife

Nature starts in your backyard, which provides habitat and food for birds, butterflies, bees and more. Each of these species help pollinate food crops and flowering plants, so take them into consideration, too, when you’re selecting plants for your backyard.

Plan for Fun

Add a splash pool, build a sandbox for digging or even create a canine obstacle course to provide hours of fun. After a day of play, your dog will need a place to relax so think of where you can plant trees or bushes that provide shade for snoozing.

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About TurfMutt

TurfMutt was created by the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute’s (OPEI) TurfMutt Foundation and has reached more than 70 million children, educators and families since 2009. Through classroom materials developed with Scholastic, TurfMutt teaches students and teachers how to “save the planet, one yard at a time.” TurfMutt is an official USGBC® Education Partner and part of their global LEARNING LAB. TurfMutt is an education resource at the U.S. Department of Education’s Green Ribbon Schools, the U.S. Department of Energy, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Green Apple, the Center for Green Schools, the Outdoors Alliance for Kids, the National Energy Education Development (NEED) project, Climate Change Live, Petfinder and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. In 2017, the TurfMutt animated video series won the coveted Cynopsis Kids Imagination Award for Best Interstitial Series. TurfMutt’s personal, home habitat is featured in the 2017-2020 Wildlife Habitat Council calendars. More information at www.TurfMutt.com.

Is It Time To Break Up With Your Internet Service Provider?

(StatePoint) Surprise fees, contracts, price hikes – it’s no wonder that broadband customers are the least satisfied customers in America according to the American Consumer Satisfaction Index. But having reliable and affordable internet access is no longer a luxury. Today, home internet is essential for everyday activities, like connecting us to our classrooms, workplaces, healthcare providers, loved ones, and so much more.

Here’s what to know about the biggest pain points broadband customers experience, and a few tips for avoiding them.

Switching

According to industry leaders working to disrupt broadband, switching internet providers is often easier said than done.

“Broadband customers are stuck and switching almost never happens. Internet providers rank dead last in customer satisfaction out of all industries year after year and people want to switch,” says Mike Sievert, CEO of T-Mobile. “Internet providers make switching such a nightmare. You have to wait for your installation window, sometime between now and next February, drill holes in your walls, then spend the next week resetting all your connected devices. All that before you even know if it is going to work for you.”

New services that offer a trial period without locking you into a long-

term contract, as well as help cover the cost of terminating your current contract, can make things easier, says Sievert.

Pricing

Internet providers are notorious for luring customers in with low promotional prices, then jacking them up after the first or second year. On average, providers raise prices more than 30% after the promotional period ends. And that’s before all the fees -- fees for activation, equipment, installation, even self-installation. In 2020 alone, internet providers charged customers more than \$9 billion just in monthly fees. At a time when prices for everything are going up, locking in your price for internet access can help you plan your long-term budget. Look for a modern contract that locks you in at an affordable price, and then read the fine print to ensure there are no hidden taxes or fees -- or future price hikes planned.

Cable

Millions of Americans are still stuck in a costly cable TV and internet bundle, where the price for one service skyrockets as soon as you drop the other. Companies like T-Mobile are helping customers cut the cord. With T-Mobile’s Internet Freedom, you can get great streaming deals, like \$50 off any streaming device with Home Internet and any T-Mobile voice line, and 50% off YouTube TV for 12 months with Home Internet and

Magenta MAX. YouTube TV is a good alternative to cable TV at a fraction of the cost. Plus, T-Mobile customers can get Netflix, Paramount+ and other streaming deals when they sign up. Internet Freedom will also cover any early termination fees up to \$500.

Business Internet

The frustration doesn’t stop with residential internet customers. Most business owners know how messy, complex and costly staying connected can be. Many internet providers slap additional fees onto contracts just to label it “business internet.” Even worse, businesses with multiple locations are forced to navigate a patchwork of providers, all with different contracts, prices, policies, equipment, service level agreements, and customer care teams. With Internet Freedom from T-Mobile, businesses can get high-speed internet at affordable rates, with features like static IP addresses and content filtering, so businesses can be sure their connection is used only for business purposes.

To learn more about Internet Freedom from T-Mobile or to see if broadband service is available at your address, visit www.t-mobile.com/isp.

If you’re unsatisfied with your current internet provider, there’s no need to feel stuck. New services can help make the switch affordable and stress-free.

➤ BUTCH

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Supervisor of gun confiscation program (he will go door-to-door and personally confiscate all firearms from legal gun owners, starting in his home state of Texas... Good luck, Beto, you're going to need it!)

4. KAMALA HARRIS...Children's author of new series entitled "Giggles" (various titles: Giggles Visits the Border, Giggles Visits Ukraine, Giggles Has the Giggles, etc...the kids will love it!)

5. NANCY PELOSI... Financial Adviser for Congressmen who need insider trading information (her husband can vouch for her), 2nd choice: Professional paper shredder (and Donald Trump can vouch for that one)

6. BILL AND HILLARY CLINTON...Professional hit team for the mob (hey, don't laugh... so far they haven't missed...ten "mysterious" deaths and counting)

7. DONALD TRUMP...New owner of Twitter, Tik-Tok, and Facebook (he will announce that he is the only person allowed on those sites)

8. GAVIN NEWSOM...Captain of the new TV Love Boat (every one will feel good...until he institutes a new boat tax, makes everyone wear a mask, lets felons board for free, and the boat

sinks)

9. MAXINE WATERS...Halloween scary mask designer (she could sell millions of just her mug alone, and keep paying her daughter with campaign funds!)

10. RAND PAUL AND TED CRUZ... Professional complainers (they have plenty of practice on FOX News)

11. ALEXANDRIA OCASIO CORTEZ... Bartender (her former occupation...Dear God, why couldn't she have stuck with it?)

12. BARACK OBAMA...Host of new TV show called "Greatest Liars of the 21st Century" (perfect fit!), 2nd choice: Community activist in Timbuktu, or any country in the world that will take him...we are willing to pay them)

13. MIKE HUCKABEE...Star of the new TV version of "Captain Kangaroo" (NEWT GINGRICH can be "Mr. Greenjeans!")

14. ILHAN OMAR... bomb maker for Palestinian terrorists, 2nd choice: Food taster for North Korean leader Kim Jong-un

15. CHUCK SCHUMER AND ADAM SCHIFF...unemployed (can't find them a job... sorry, no one likes them)

16. SARAH PALIN, TULSI GABBARD, AND NIKKI HALEY... stars of the recreated TV

show "Charlie's Angels." (GEORGE W. BUSH could portray Bosley and MIKE PENCE could be Charlie...he has the perfect John Forsythe hair!)

17. AL GORE... Inventor (perhaps design a solar-powered jet for himself instead of polluting the atmosphere with his current private jet so he won't be a hypocrite any more)

And last, but not least...18. Joe Biden... greeter at Wal-Mart (he could mumble all day to himself and no one would notice it, and if lucky, someone might shake his hand when he sticks it out this time; however, if he says, "C'mon, man, read the polls, Jack", he will need a teleprompter so he can say, "Hello, welcome to Wal-Mart." ... and hopefully he won't say that when people are LEAVING).

Well, those are my suggestions. These politicians would be happier at jobs in which they can succeed. Our country can get out of its rut and move forward. And we can all let out a big sigh of relief. It's a WIN-WIN for everyone!

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➤ SPEEDING

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puts people at risk, but when you combine that with other unsafe choices like drinking or texting while driving, you've got a recipe for disaster."

Statistics show that young people, especially male drivers, are particularly susceptible to high speeds and represent the largest demographic involved in speeding-related crashes. Parents are encouraged to talk to their teens about the dangers of speeding and ignoring the rules of the road.

"Parents are critical to making a difference on this issue," McDonald said. "Teens will often adopt driving habits based on those around them, whether good or bad, which is why we need every driver, parents especially, to set a good example."

Throughout the campaign, law enforcement officers will be issuing citations for those driving above the posted speed

limit, as well as working to raise awareness about the deadly consequences of speeding and aggressive driving.

Speeding reduces a driver's ability to steer safely around another vehicle, a hazardous object or an unexpected curve. As speed increases, so does the likelihood of a crash and the degree of crash severity leading to more severe injuries for the driver, passengers, pedestrians and other road users.

Speeding also increases the potential for loss of vehicle control, especially in inclement weather, and reduces the effectiveness of occupant protection equipment.

Drivers who encounter someone speeding or following too closely should allow them to pass by safely steering out of the way. Since speeding is tied to aggressive driving, it's important to give them plenty of space, as they may lose control of

their vehicle more easily.

Motorists are encouraged to call the police if they believe a driver is following or harassing them.

For additional safety information on speeding, visit www.nhtsa.gov.

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