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Furry Friends Get 'AWL' Wet



Indie and Spud get their Hula on with Misha Anderson (left) and Nickee Sillery (right) from AWL.



Precious Pup deciding whether or not she wants to swim.



Waylon "ruffing" up the beach balls!



You can lead a dog to water but you can't make him swim!



The Paper photos courtesy of Gwynn Wills

Dogs from the Animal Welfare League enjoyed a romp in the pool at Crawfordsville Parks and Rec on Friday. Fawn Johnson and Kelly Price from the Parks and Rec oversaw the event. Staff and volunteers supervised the playful pups as well as coaxing the more timid of the group into the water. All month long the Animal Welfare League is participating a half off adoption special, Clear the Shelter. Visit <https://store.theanimalrescuesite.greatergood.com/products/clear-the-shelters-animal-welfare-league-of-montgomery-county-indiana?fbclid=IwAR...> to donate or visit the shelter to adopt one of these cuties.

The Animal Welfare League is located at 1104 Big Four Arch Rd in Crawfordsville.

TODAY'S QUOTE

"When tempted to fight fire with fire, remember that the Fire Department usually uses water."
Unknown

TODAY'S JOKE

Did you hear there were a bunch of car break-ins at the parking garage? That is wrong on so many levels!

TODAY'S VERSE

Psalm 27:1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Women aged 65 years or older should have a bone density screening. Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Paper and online at www.thepaper24-7.com.



HONEST HOOSIER

Remember when our elders used to tell us it was better to be thought a fool than to open our mouths and remove all doubt? Maybe some



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Obituaries

Sunday, August 14, 2022

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Carl Ray Seale

Oct. 16, 1935 - Aug. 4, 2022

Carl Ray Seale passed away on Aug. 4, 2022 at Wellbrooke in Crawfordsville following a brief illness.

He was born on Oct. 16, 1935 in Big Stone Gap, Virginia to Carl and Mary Osborne Seale. He was their only child.

He married Patricia Kidwell in the First Christian Church in Sullivan, Ill. on Aug. 15, 1965. They had three children, Carla Lynne, who was a full-term stillbirth, Kevin Lee and Michael David.

In high school he played trombone in the band. In his Senior year, he played first trombone in the Virginia All-State Band.

After high school graduation, he went to the University of Kentucky, where he majored in Chemistry. After graduating from Kentucky, he entered the seminary at Wheaton College, where he earned his Master of Divinity. He later earned a Master's degree in chemistry from Purdue University.

While he was at the University of Kentucky, he and eleven friends bought a small airplane- an Aeronca Champ, and took flying lessons. He pursued an aviation interest up to becoming a multi-engine and instrument instructor. He helped start the Montgomery County Civil Air Patrol and was an Indiana Civil Air Patrol check pilot.

After receiving his Master of Divinity degree, he was invited to join the faculty of the chemistry department as a full-time instructor. While teaching at Wheaton, he felt very strongly that one of his gifts was teaching young people, so he and Pat moved to Crawfordsville in August, 1966 for him to teach chemistry at Crawfordsville High School. He continued to teach at Crawfordsville H.S. until the fall of 1971 when he accepted a position as a Chemistry teacher and Science Department chairman at the new North Montgomery High School, where he retired in 2001. In the fall of 1992, he was selected by the Indiana Department of Education to be one of six teachers to receive the Milken National Educator Award in the Spring of 1993. This was the first year for Indiana to be part of this program.

He was an active member of First Baptist Church; he served on the Board of Deacons, the Board of Christian Education, and the Board of Trustees. He taught the high school class for several years. He was a member of the Open Door Class and Keenagers.

In planning his retirement, he built a woodworking shop to accommodate his interests. When time permitted, he enjoyed doing woodworking projects. He also enjoyed gardening, especially when the weather cooperated.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his daughter, Carla Lynne; six brothers-in-law; four sisters-in-law; several nieces; and a nephew.

Survivors include his wife; his son, Kevin of Crawfordsville and his son, Mike (Cecilia) of Columbia, Ky; three sisters-in-law; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be 4 - 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 7 and a memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 8 with burial to follow at Oak Hill Cemetery North. All services will be at Burkhart Funeral Home, 201 West Wabash Avenue, Crawfordsville. Pastors Brian Holt and Isaac Zull will conduct the service.

Memorials may be sent to the Open Door Class at First Baptist Church, 1905 Lebanon Road, Crawfordsville, IN 47933.

Donald Eugene Tuel

Feb. 8, 1959 - Aug. 4, 2022

Donald (Don, Donnie) Eugene Tuel 63 of Crawfordsville Indiana passed away in his sleep Thursday Aug. 4, 2022.

He was born Feb. 8, 1959 in Sullivan Ind., to Barbra Husky and Kermit Tuel.

He graduated from Jo Burns High School in Cedar Hill, Tenn. He became an Indiana State Certified Paramedic in 1988 in Columbus, Ind. He was a Paramedic Instructor in Sullivan, Ind. and the Crawfordsville area. He was employed by Star Ambulance Service for 22 years. He was known to many in the Crawfordsville and surrounding area EMS, fire, and police community and will be missed by many in his family of first responders. He was known for his quick wit and sense of humor.

Survivors include his children, Amanda (Jamie) Brown and Arron (Loriann) Tuel; five grandchildren, Tristan Brown, Aidan Melton, Bentley Tuel, Kolton Tuel and Aubriella Tuel; his father, Kermit Tuel; brothers, Ronald Tuel and Rodney Tuel; and sisters, Tanya Tuel and Tammie McKinney. He was a beloved uncle to many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews. He also leaves behind his pup Tayla.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Barbra Tuel.

Services will be held at New Hope Christian Church, 2746 US-231, Crawfordsville IN. Visitation will be held on Aug. 11 from 11 a.m. - two p.m with a service to follow.

Memorial donation in his honor can be made to the American Lung Association or the American Heart Association.



Janet M. Goff Shoaf

Nov. 9, 1949 - Aug. 6, 2022

Janet M. Goff Shoaf age 72 of Wingate, passed away at 10:38 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6, 2022 in Franciscan Health East, Lafayette. She had been in failing health since June.

She was born in Crawfordsville, Nov. 9, 1949, daughter of the late Paul Ray and Lois Marie Miles Goff. She was formerly married to Onia Lee Shoaf with who she had two daughters.

She was a 1967 graduate of Coal Creek Central High School, where she was a first chair flutist, and active in 4-H. Her first job following graduation was with JC Penny in Crawfordsville. She later was employed by RR Donnelley & Son in shipping, Tipmont REMC, Home Depot and Quilters Harvest in Shadeland. She was a former member of Sugar Creek Quilters Guild and a member of Pleasant Hill United Church of Christ in Wingate, where she served as financial secretary.

She was a meticulous seamstress and quilter, often taking on mending and alterations for family and friends. When her daughters were little she sewed many of their outfits and clothing. She made quilts for children's hospitals, knitted many hats for Christmas gifts and dish cloths too pretty to use. She enjoyed her dog Autumn, baking, quilting, knitting and traveling to Missouri to visit Christy and family. She enjoyed all animals but especially loved horses and dogs. In her spare time she enjoyed bingo, adult coloring books and euchre.

Survivors include two daughters; Christina Marie (Robert) LaFaver of Green City, MO and Laurie Lee Bane of Waynetown; three siblings, Dan (Martha) Goff of Crawfordsville, sister, Paula Goff of Battleground and brother, Alan (Michelle) Goff of Crawfordsville; grandchildren, Stetson Hodgen, Daylen (Isaac) Fruits and Makenna Bane; step-grandchildren, Carrie (Luie) Sanchez, Marrisza (Zack) Western and Blythe LaFaver; step-great-grandchildren Kinsley, Kolby and Kip Western.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and dear friend, Tammy Lockwood.

Visitation hours are 12 (noon) - 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2022 with funeral services following at 2 p.m., with her brother, Pastor Alan Goff officiating at Family and Friends Funeral Home of Wingate. Interment will follow in New Richmond Cemetery. Memorial contributions be made to the Montgomery County Animal Welfare League.

Visit us online at www.familyandfriendsfh.com to sign the guest book or share a condolence.

Annette L. Veenstra Moore

Oct. 17, 1962 - Aug. 5, 2022

Annette L. Veenstra Moore, age 59 of rural Waynetown, passed away unexpectedly in her home Friday afternoon Aug. 5, 2022, following a period of poor health.

She was born in Hamilton, Ontario on Oct. 17, 1962, daughter of the late Richard and Alice DeGroot Veenstra.

She married Vernon Moore on Valentine's Day and he survives.

She attended high school in Hamilton and proudly received her GED from Ivy Tech State College. She and her family moved to the Waynetown community 15 years ago from West Lafayette. Her bubbly personality and kindness made her a natural as a waitress at The Spartan Inn in Wingate, Steak 'n Shake and Cracker Barrel in Crawfordsville. She also had been employed by Penguin/Random House.

She enjoyed taking her family to the New Hope Chapel in Wingate for holiday services.

She enjoyed her friends, unselfishly being there for people and her sons.

Survivors include two sons, Brandon Moore and Shawn (fiancé Emily) Moore, both of Crawfordsville; a brother, Sidney (Brenda) Veenstra; daughter, Amanda; and sons, John and Thomas.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and brother, Peter.

A gathering of family and friends will be held, 6 - 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 15, 2022 at Family and Friends Funeral Home of Wingate. A memorial service will follow at 7 p.m., with Pastor Duane Mycroft officiating.

Visit us at www.familyandfriendsfh.com to sign the guest book or share a memory.



Denise Cochren

Nov. 5, 1959 - Aug. 9, 2022

Denise K. Cochren of rural Crawfordsville passed away Tuesday evening at home at the age of 62.

Born Nov. 5, 1959 in Benton, Ill., she was the daughter of Roy Pyle and Edna Sharpe Pyle Reaves.

She grew up in Marion, Ind. and graduated from Marion High School. She married Phil Cochren on April 19, 1989.

Survivors include her husband, Phil Cochren of rural Crawfordsville; step-son, Sean Cochren; mother and step-father, Edna and Gerald Reaves; sister, Deb Brown; brother, Don Pyle; sister, Doneta Pyle; and sister, Amy Gwaultney.

She was preceded in death by her dad; and a sister, Diane Pyle.

In keeping with her wishes, there will not be a public service. Her family will hold a private gathering to remember her. Cremation arrangements were entrusted to Burkhart Funeral Home.



Jeffrey Dale Pitcock

Oct. 3, 1959 - Aug. 9, 2022

Jeffrey Dale Pitcock, age 62, of Crawfordsville, passed away on Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2022 at Wellbrooke of Crawfordsville.

He was born in Crawfordsville on Oct. 3, 1959 to Corvin D Pitcock and Shirley (Deckard) Fulwider.

He graduated from North Montgomery High School in 1977. He enjoyed fishing and trapping. He lived in South Carolina for 27 years. His favorite pastime was deep sea fishing. He made many friends there and became known as the local "Mr. Fix it." Even though he was an ornery fellow, he was a joy to be around and will be missed by many.

He truly didn't know a stranger. In the short time he had in Crawfordsville at Wellbrooke he touched many people. He was a ball of energy and loved making people laugh. He was still joking up until his last few days. He had a deep faith and knew he was going to a better place and we look forward to seeing him again.

Survivors include his parents, Corvin (Eleanor) Pitcock and Shirley (James) Fulwider; two siblings, Cheryl (Keith) Griggs and Cindy (Will) Frazee; a niece, Carissa Griggs; and two nephews, Luke (Shelley) Griggs and Joel (Haley) Griggs.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents.

Cremation was chosen with no services. Sanders Priebe Funeral Care is entrusted with care. Share memories and condolences online at www.sandersfuneralcare.com.



Ronald V. Williams

Feb. 7, 1967 - Aug. 9, 2022

Ronald V. Williams of Crawfordsville passed away Tuesday at home. He was 55.

Born Feb. 7, 1967 in Crawfordsville, he was the son of Ronald Williams and Barbara J. Taylor Williams.

He graduated from Crawfordsville High School. For the past 38 years, he's been a member of Laborer Local 274 in Lafayette.

Survivors include his parents, Ronald and Barbara Williams; daughter, Cassie Williams; son, Wesley Williams; brother, Kenneth (Sharon) Williams; sister, Deborah (Kent) Rhodes; brother, Kevin Williams; and brother, Mike (Lisa) Williams.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents.

Visitation is scheduled from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13 at Burkhart Funeral Home, 201 W. Wabash, with services starting at 1 p.m., led by Pastor Dan Aldrich. Burial will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery South.

Online condolences may be made at www.BurkhartFH.com.



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1. What percentage of people live in Warsaw?
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2. How old is Kosciusko County?
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3. How many live in the county, but not in Vincennes?
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4. What is the population density of the county?
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Answers: 1. About 17 percent 2. 183 Years
3. 63,799 People 4. 144/sq. mi.

Did You Know?

- Kosciusko County was formed in 1836 and was named after the Polish general Tadeusz Kosciuszko who served in the American Revolutionary War and then returned to Poland
- The population in 2010 was 77,358 with 13,559 residing in the county seat, Warsaw
- Warsaw, named after the capital of Poland in tribute to Tadeusz Kosciuszko, platted on October 21, 1836. Warsaw's post office was established in 1837.
- According to the 2010 census, the county has a total area of 554.39 sq mi square miles

Got Words?

Located in the northern part of the state, Kosciusko County is close by to one of the largest cities in the state, Fort Wayne. How do you think this location might impact the people who live and work in Kosciusko County?

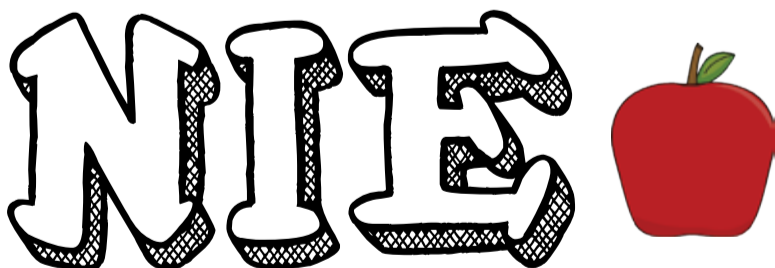
Word Scrambler

Unscramble the words below!

1. KOSUICSOK
2. WWAASR
3. DLPOAN
4. NAERICMA
5. RYANIOUTLOSRE

Answers: 1. Kosciusko 2. Warsaw 3. Poland
4. American 5. Revolutionary

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Analysis Of Global Tree Population Explains Baffling Trends In Species Richness

Local species richness, the number of species that coexist in a local community, is a key measure of biodiversity. Scientists have known for more than 200 years that large numbers of local species live near the equator, then decline toward the middle and higher latitudes. However, why local species richness differs from place to place remains largely unknown.

Purdue University has now led a study involving 249 co-authors from more than 50 nations that analyzed a database of unrivaled size and detail to understand the geographic variation of local tree species richness across the world's forested regions and the underlying causes of this global pattern. They found that multiple factors, such as landforms, soil and human impact control local species richness, especially in the tropics.

"Conventionally, people would've expected that temperature and precipitation are the main drivers behind the local species richness and biodiversity patterns," said Jingjing Liang, associate professor of quantitative forest ecology at Purdue. "However, one of the surprises that we found, especially in the tropical region, is that it is actually a combination of different factors."

The study, based on 1.3 million sample plots and 55 million trees archived in the Global Forest Biodiversity Initiative database, appears in the journal *Nature Ecology and Evolution*. The co-author list includes 11 Purdue scientists affiliated with the Forest Advanced Computing and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory, the departments of Forestry and Natural Resources and Botany and Plant Pathology and the Rosen Center for Advanced Computing. Video is available online.

"It is exciting to see the leadership skills and technical knowledge that Jingjing brings to enable a global assessment of biodiversity patterns."

He brought together an impressive group of experts and lots of data to accomplish this important task," said Karen Plaut, Purdue's Glenn W. Sample Dean of Agriculture.

The researchers meshed the findings, covering 97% of the world's forests with previously established trends of species richness of other organisms by latitude. The trend starts at on average 98 species per hectare (an area covering nearly 2.5 acres) at the equator. The number of species declines until it becomes stable at about four species per hectare at both 50 degrees north and south of the equator. The team pinpointed locations of the most diverse tropical forests on Earth (in Amazonia with more than 200 tree species per hectare), as well as the most diverse temperate forests (in south-central Chile with up to 50 species per hectare).

"Given the very limited resources available for biodiversity conservation, the high-resolution species richness and co-limitation maps produced here are foundational to optimizing conservation efforts globally as well as locally," said study co-author Mo Zhou, associate professor of forest economics and management at Purdue. "They will help enable spatially explicit and coherent planning that is ecologically sound and economically efficient."

One-third of the study co-authors are based in traditionally underrepresented regions such as Africa and South America. Liang was able to harness the strengths of his highly diverse team via Science-i, a web-based platform that he founded.

"Every single aspect of the project is documented and made available to every co-author instantaneously, so everyone can discuss, contribute and provide inputs in a transparent, fair, and streamlined fashion," Liang said.

The research will help scientists better understand

the dire statistics for life on Earth, said study co-author Bryan Pijanowski, director of Purdue's Center for Global Soundscapes.

"One out of every seven species is in the threatened-endangered category," he said. "Right now, we don't have good assessments of what creates the natural patterns of diversity that we've seen on Earth and how human disturbance affects that. The paper focuses on both of those aspects."

The resources at Purdue's Rosen Center for Advanced Computing, including the Brown and Bell supercomputing clusters, were needed to process the gigabytes of data that the co-authors provided. But first, the researchers had to organize and format their massive global data set in the same way, then analyze it with one modeling approach.

"The analysis and modeling framework that was used in this study is really quite novel in itself," said study co-author Douglass Jacobs, the Fred M. van Eck Professor of Forest Biology and associate department head of Purdue Extension. "One of the most exciting things about this paper is the potential to use the same type of framework to tackle even more pressing, more ambitious questions in the future."

The possibilities for future work include using the global network and database to look at patterns of change in biodiversity over a period of years.

"Scientists are trying to quantify climate-change impacts at a local, regional and, potentially, global scale," Jacobs said. Such studies could help answer questions related to how climate change affects tree growth and survival at various scales.

Scientists from underrepresented nations around the world can now leverage the Science-i platform to propose new ideas that the entire team can help support.

"There are brilliant

young scientists from developing countries across the world, but they are limited by their resources to conduct high-impact research," Liang said.

A Ph.D. student working in the Jacobs lab already is taking advantage of the Science-i platform. Aziz Ebrahimi had studied the Persian walnut of Iran earlier in his career. Now he uses Science-i to survey the global diversity of walnut species.

A task ahead will be to make it easier for scientists everywhere to obtain clean, consistent and readily adapted datasets from underrepresented regions of the world.

"That could be a research initiative in its own right. And Jingjing has the platform to accomplish that goal," Jacobs said.

In a separate but related NASA-funded project, Liang and Pijanowski have combined their efforts to map global biodiversity patterns by using their datasets on tree diversity and animal sounds. With these datasets—the largest of their kind in the world—the duo will map global diversity patterns while accounting for their natural and human-driven causes. Plus, they continue to add new data collected by passive recording devices, drones, and sensors mounted on the International Space Station.

"We've been challenged for hundreds of years to understand biodiversity patterns on Earth," Pijanowski said. "It's only recently that we are able to collect the data and assemble it and bring it all together and have the computers help us to analyze it. I'm hoping that this is the first of many studies on different kinds of organisms at a global scale."

This work is supported in part by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (101771 and 1016676), National Aeronautics and Space Administration (12000401), and the National Science Foundation (NSF-DBI-2021898).

Basket Weaving Workshop Offered At Monroe Lake

Monroe Lake is hosting a Coil Basket Weaving Workshop on Wednesday, Sept. 14 at 10 a.m. at Paynetown State Recreation Area as part of Salt Creek Valley History Week.

Participants will learn the traditional craft of coil basket weaving and make a miniature coiled basket of their own (about 5 inches in size) during the 75-minute workshop. They'll also learn a bit about the history of basket making in the Salt Creek Valley area, which was known for another type of traditional baskets made from woven strips of white

oak. The workshop costs \$10 and is limited to 12 people, ages 13 and older. Registration is required at bit.ly/coiled-basket2022 by Sept. 11.

For information on other programs being offered during Salt Creek Valley History Week, which is from Sept. 10 to 16, see bit.ly/SCVhistoryweek2022.

Questions should be directed to the Paynetown Activity Center at 812-837-9967 or email Jill Vance at jvance@dnr.IN.gov.

To view more DNR news releases, please see dnr.IN.gov.

BBB Tips On Donating To Victims Of The Evansville Explosion

Authorities continue to investigate the cause of the horrible explosion in Evansville, Indiana on August 10th that killed three people and damaged about 40 homes. Some will be seeking to make donations to help the victims and their families. We encourage potential donors to be aware of the different circumstances that often emerge in tragedy-related philanthropy and offer the following tips.

Crowdfunding advice Crowdfunding has become so popular that it is not unusual for fundraising to start within hours after a tragedy has occurred. Please keep in mind that while some crowdfunding sites take precautions in carefully screening, vetting and managing postings after a tragedy, others might not. If unsure, review the posting procedures described on the crowdfunding site and also find out about transaction fees and other specifics.

Does the appeal respect victims and their families?

Charitable organizations or crowdfunding postings raising funds should get permission from the families to use either the names of the victims and/or any photographs of them. Don't assume there is

an official connection if photos are displayed.

How will donations be used?

Be cautious about vague appeals that don't identify the intended use of funds. For example, is money being collected for funeral expenses, reconstruction or other family needs? Also, unless told otherwise, donors will assume that collected funds quickly collected after a tragedy will be distributed or spent just as quickly.

Tax Deductibility Contributions that are donor-restricted to help a specific individual/family are not deductible in the U.S. as charitable donations, even if the recipient organization is a charity. See IRS Publication 526, page 7, for more information on this subject.

Review recent announcements to avoid duplication of effort.

Be mindful of public announcements that identify assistance being provided to victim families to help avoid donating to duplicative efforts.

Check out charities with Give.org.

As always, we remind donors to check out charities by visiting BBB's Give.org to verify if the charity meets the BBB Standards for Charity Accountability.

Eight Purdue Researchers Receive \$470,000 To Strengthen The Marketplace Appeal Of Their Work

Creating groundbreaking inventions to improve lives requires more than an idea: It needs research and development, which involves funding. Two Purdue University funds are helping researchers take those R&D steps.

Eight Purdue University researchers have received more than \$470,000 from the Trask Innovation Fund and Proof of Concept Fund to make their work more attractive for commercial use. Both funds are managed by the Purdue Research Foundation Office of Technology Commercialization.

"Researchers face a gap between creating their technology and advancing it to the point that it is ready to be licensed and brought to market. Researchers need funding to bridge that 'valley of death,'" said Brooke Beier, senior vice president of commercialization for Purdue Research Foundation. "PRF recognizes the

importance of funding to translate research into products that are viable for startups and industry. These programs are two examples of helping Purdue technologies advance toward commercialization."

The Proof of Concept Fund was established in 2021; this is its first round of funding. It invests up to \$100,000 in select Purdue technologies for commercialization-directed research or related projects. Industry leaders are involved in the selection, design and oversight of the funded projects.

"This engagement of industry professionals reflects the Proof of Concept Fund's objective to fund work that will substantially improve the probability of a startup company being investible or a license with an existing company being executed," said Abhijit Karve, director of business development for the Office of Technology

Commercialization.

Proof of Concept Fund recipients, their college, project title and total award amount are:

- Rahim Rahimi, College of Engineering, "Microneedle Array Patch for Wound Oxygenation and Biofilm Eradication," \$89,604.
- Yoon Yeo, College of Pharmacy, "Flexible, Non-cationic, Cold Chain-Free Nanocarrier for Systemic Delivery of RNA Therapeutics," \$98,629.
- Jeffrey P. Youngblood, College of Engineering, "Sustainable Lidded Rigid Trays for Food Packaging," \$99,244.

The Trask Innovation Fund awards up to \$50,000 to support short-term projects that enhance the commercial value of Purdue's intellectual property. Trask Innovation Fund recipients, their project and award amount are:

- James Caruthers and Enrico N. Martinez,

College of Engineering, "Production of Lignin and Clean Cellulose from Nonfood Biomass," \$50,000. Somali Chaterji, Colleges of Engineering and Agriculture, "Serverless Cloud Engineering for Complex Machine Learning Workloads: Fast and Furious for Your Hardest Data Analytics Tasks," \$33,991.

- Vilas Pol, College of Engineering, "Safer High-Voltage Solid-State Batteries," \$50,000.
- P. Ramachandran, College of Science, "Selective Therapeutic for Clostridiodes Difficile Infection," \$50,000.

These and other inventions created by Purdue researchers across all academic disciplines and campuses are available for further development and licensing. Contact otc@prf.org for more information.

The application deadline for the next round of Trask Innovation Fund awards is Sept. 23.

New Website Will Help Indiana's Lake Michigan Coastal Communities

A new online tool now available on the Indiana DNR's website will provide Indiana's Lake Michigan coastal communities with a one-stop shop for information about coastal resources.

Called the Indiana Coastal Atlas, and available at on.IN.gov/coastal-atlas, the website presents information about the coastal program area using maps, pictures, and informational text.

The Indiana Coastal Atlas was developed by the Indiana DNR's Lake Michigan Coastal Program (LMCP), in partnership with the Indiana

Geographic Information Office (IGIO). The project was funded in part by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Office of Coastal Management.

The LMCP (on.IN.gov/lakemichigancoastalprogram) supports coordination and partnerships among local, state, and federal agencies and local organizations for the protection and sustainable use of natural and cultural resources in the Lake Michigan region.

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Red Cross Issues Steps To Keep Students Safe As They Head Back To School

School bells will be calling students back to the classroom soon and the American Red Cross – Indiana Region has steps everyone can take to help kids remain safe as they head back to school.

As parents get ready for the start of a new school year, it's a good time to think about emergencies, such as weather-related disasters, and draw up an emergency plan for their household. Know what the emergency plan is at your child's school and develop a family emergency plan so everyone will know who to contact and where to go if something happens during the school day. Details are available at redcross.org/prepare.

"There are a lot of things to think about for the start of a busy new school year, but don't forget to include safety," said Chad Priest, CEO of the American Red Cross – Indiana Region. "We ask parents and guardians to consider familiarizing their children with these measures to help keep them safe as they head

back to school."

CELL PHONES A DISTRACTION The National Safety Council (NSC) reports that distracted walking can be dangerous, even deadly. Teach your students the following:

- Don't text or talk on your phone while walking. If you must text, move out of the way of others and stop on the sidewalk.
- Never cross the street while using an electronic device.
- Do not walk with headphones in your ears.
- Drivers can be distracted too. Never use a phone while driving.

TAKING THE BUS

Students should get to their bus stop early and stand away from the curb while waiting for the bus to arrive. Young children should be supervised.

Board the bus only after it has come to a complete stop and the driver or attendant instructs them to get on. They should only board their bus, never an

alternate one.

All students should stay in clear view of the bus driver and never walk behind the bus.

WALKING TO SCHOOL

Cross the street at the corner, obeying traffic signals and staying in the crosswalk.

Never run out into the street or cross between parked cars.

Use a route along which the school has placed crossing guards.

Parents, walk with young children and those taking new routes or attending new schools, for the first week to ensure they know how to get there safely. Arrange for the kids to walk to school with a friend or classmate.

GOING BY CAR

Everyone should always wear a seat belt.

Younger children should use car seats or booster seats until the lap-shoulder belt fits properly (typically for children ages 8-12 and over 4'9"), and ride in the back seat until they are at least 13 years old.

If a teenager is going to drive to school, parents should mandate that they use seat belts.

RIDING A BIKE There may be more young people on bikes as the school bells ring. They should:

- Wear a properly fitted helmet and bright clothing.
- Ride on the right side of the road, with traffic, in a single file.
- Come to a complete stop before crossing the street; walk bikes across the street.
- Stay alert and avoid distracted riding.

SLOW DOWN Drivers should slow down, especially in residential areas and school zones, and know what the yellow and red bus signals mean. Yellow flashing lights indicate the bus is getting ready to stop, and that motorists should slow down and be prepared to stop. Red flashing lights and an extended stop sign indicate the bus is stopped and children are getting on or off.

Motorists must stop when they are behind a bus, meeting the

bus, or approaching an intersection where a bus is stopped. Motorists following or traveling alongside a school bus must also stop until the red lights have stopped flashing, the stop arm is withdrawn, and all children have reached safety. This includes two and four-lane highways. If physical barriers such as grassy medians, guide rails or concrete median barriers separate oncoming traffic from the bus, motorists in the opposing lanes may proceed without stopping.

KEEP LITTLE ONES SAFE Keeping all students safe is the primary concern for everyone, but there are special steps for parents of younger kids and those going to school for the first time:

Make sure the child knows their phone number, address, how to get in touch with their parents at work, how to get in touch with another trusted adult and how to call 911.

Teach children not to talk to strangers or accept rides from someone they don't know.

Finally, download the free Red Cross First Aid app for instant access to information on handling the most common first aid emergencies. You can find it by searching for 'American Red Cross' in your app store or at redcross.org/apps. Learn and practice First Aid and CPR/AED skills by taking a course (redcross.org/takeaclass) so you can help save a life.

About the American Red Cross:

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Indy Airport Hosts Behind-The-Scenes Look At Massive Runway Construction

The Indianapolis Airport Authority recently hosted a private tour of the first phase of its \$190 million construction project under way at the Indianapolis International Airport to enhance capacity for Runway 5R-23L and the initial construction and electrical phase of Taxiway D.

This construction investment will be instrumental for both passenger and cargo aircraft and the future of aviation operations at the Indy airport.

IAA officials discussed the project at length on the airfield construction site with elected officials, state and city leaders and local news media, explaining the project will create more than 2,700 jobs and has spent more than \$14.2 million to date

with more than 15 diverse businesses. The IAA anticipates more diverse business participation as the project proceeds in subsequent years.

"This is public asset management in its finest form," said IAA Executive Director Mario Rodriguez who led the IAA to secure more than \$100 million for the project, including the largest Federal Aviation Administration Airport Improvement Program grant in the airport's history – and the largest in the country received in last year's funding. "This project will pay dividends to the community for decades to come and will play a crucial role in Indiana's economic growth over time."

The first phase of the

construction is expected to be completed in October 2022, with the two additional phases of construction in 2023 and 2024 during April through October of each year.

"To put it into perspective, the project will use enough concrete to replace the smallest pyramid in Giza, which is equivalent to building a two-lane highway from Indianapolis to Terre Haute," said Jarod Klaas, IAA senior director of planning and development.

The existing concrete will be recycled into the new runway pavement section, and a new concrete that captures carbon dioxide, preventing it from contributing to global warming, will also

be used.

"IND will be the first airport in the United States to use this carbon-capturing concrete technology and is another concrete example of our commitment to long-term sustainability," Klaas said.

Additional sustainable improvements will include LED lighting and an extra inch of concrete to extend the life of the concrete runway, from a 20-year expected life cycle to a 40-year life cycle, providing an additional two decades of resiliency. The construction process has also had substantial environmental benefits, such as construction waste management, water reuse, material reuse, and reduced emissions and fuel by using onsite

materials.

The IAA is pursuing ENVISION certification for this project to ensure the delivery of infrastructure that tackles climate change, addresses public health needs, creates jobs, and spurs economic recovery.

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 airport each day, and 22,600 area jobs have a connection to the airport. In 2021, IND served more than 7.1 million business and leisure travelers. IND is consistently ranked, year after year, as the best airport in North America and the nation, based on ease of use, passenger amenities, customer service, local retail offerings and public art. The airport is home of the world's second largest FedEx operation and the nation's eighth-largest cargo facility.

For more information, visit IND.com.

Red Gold Tomato Growers Awarded For Conservation Efforts

The Indiana State Department of Agriculture and Red Gold recently announced the winners of the 2022 Red Gold Stewardship award. Nick Totzke Farms of Stevensville, Mich., was selected as the first-place winner, and Wischmeyer Farms LLC of Ottawa, Ohio received second place.

"This award is a wonderful way to recognize producers for the conservation efforts they are implementing on their farms," said Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch. "The State of Indiana is so fortunate that Red Gold is rooted here in the Hoosier State. I commend each of Red Gold's tomato growers for their efforts in producing exceptional tomatoes while also advancing soil conservation efforts both here in Indiana and across the Midwest."

This presentation, now in its 14th year, is a partnership between Red Gold and the Indiana State Department of Agriculture. The award

is presented to Red Gold growers who value improving soil health and water quality on their operations.

"Red Gold is very proud of our tomato growers for continuously practicing good soil and water conservation practices," said Curt Utterback, Director of Agriculture at Red Gold. "Many are generational farms, and they know the importance of being good stewards. We appreciate being partners with ISDA in promoting an annual awards program. It was an honor to be able to formally recognize this year's winners Nick Totzke Farms and Wischmeyer Farms."

Located in southern Michigan, Nick Totzke has put a strong emphasis on not only raising excellent crops, but also the conservation of the land they farm. In addition to tomatoes, they grow corn, soybeans, grapes, green beans, peas and banana peppers. On each of their farms, they have implemented

a variety of stewardship practices to reduce nutrient runoff and conservation practices, such as cover crops and grass filter strips.

"Family owned; family grown. Being good stewards of the land feeds our family and everyone else," said the Totzke family.

Second place winner, Wischmeyer Farms LLC, is located in northwestern Ohio. On their family farm, they grow tomatoes, corn, soybeans, and wheat. The Wischmeyers have implemented a multitude of conservation practices such as cover crops, filter strips, reduced tillage, and grass filter strips, among others, to promote soil health and water quality on their farm.

"In participating in the Red Gold Stewardship Program, we have been made more aware of the different conservation programs available, as well as been more innovative to build soil health for future generations,"

said Tom and Brian Wischmeyer.

The Midwest is leading the pack in soil conservation efforts. Specifically in the Hoosier state, farmers utilize a variety of soil conservation practices and planted more than 1.5 million acres of cover crops in 2021.

"Conservation of our soil is top of mind for producers, and the Red Gold Stewardship Award is an excellent way to recognize the work being done in the specialty crop sector," said ISDA Director Bruce Kettler. "Congratulations to both of this year's winners on this impressive achievement."

As the top winner, Nick Totzke Farms received a \$1,000 scholarship and the option to ship an extra truckload of tomatoes per day during harvest season. Wischmeyer Farms LLC was awarded a \$500 scholarship and the opportunity to ship an extra half truckload of tomatoes per day during harvest.

Scrapbooking Workshop At Paynetown SRA, Sept. 12

Monroe Lake is hosting a Family Heritage Scrapbooking Workshop on Monday, Sept. 12 at 9 a.m. at Paynetown State Recreation Area as part of Salt Creek Valley History Week, a celebration of Salt Creek Valley's past.

This three-hour workshop will cover best practices for preserving and sharing family photos, heirlooms, and other historical documents. This event includes basic tips on scrapbook page making, archival considerations, balancing originals against copies of photos, layout and page design, color choices, cropping techniques, choosing adhesives, and other considerations. Digital scrapbooking options will be discussed.

Participants will also complete at least two memory scrapbook pages of their own. The \$15 workshop fee includes four 12 x 12-inch base papers (two with print design), six 8 1/2 x 10-inch solid color mat-décor sheets, two black journaling pens,

two plastic page protectors, one roll of adhesive dispenser, photo mounting corners (for use with original photos), and a poster board to create a smooth tabletop work surface. All materials will be archival-quality and acid-free.

The workshop will be presented by Susan Snider Salmon, an experienced genealogist and a genealogy instructor for the Ivy Tech Center for Lifelong Learning. Space is limited to 12 people and restricted to ages 16 and older. Advance registration is required at bit.ly/heritagescrapbook2022 by Aug. 26.

For information on other programs being offered during Salt Creek Valley History Week, which runs from Sept. 10 to 16, see bit.ly/SCVhistory-week2022.

Questions should be directed to the Paynetown Activity Center at (812) 837-9967 or email Jill Vance at jvance@dnr.IN.gov.

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Kid-Friendly Recipes to Power Through School Days



Cheeseburger Turnovers

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A menu of filling, delicious recipes is just what your family needs to make each school day a successful educational adventure. Satisfying lunch and dinner ideas can give loved ones the fuel they need while delicious desserts provide motivation for growing minds to get homework finished before enjoying a treat.

When weeks get hectic due to busy schedules, these recipes offer simple solutions to make cooking easier while limiting time spent in the kitchen. Start with a lunch that's as easy to make as it is to pack in a lunchbox, recharge in the evening thanks to a veggie-forward main course and satisfy everyone's sweet tooth with a chocolatey favorite to round out the day.

Keep your family full and energized each school day with more recipe ideas at Culinary.net.

Make School Lunches a Breeze

There's a lot to remember when sending your student off to school each morning, from backpacks and school supplies to last night's homework. Don't forget one of the key ingredients to a successful day: lunch.

These Cheeseburger Turnovers provide the energy little learners need to power through their afternoon lessons. One winning idea to make the week easier is to prep a full batch of these easily packable, kid-friendly handhelds Sunday night so you've got lunch ready for each day.

To find more school day recipe inspiration, visit Culinary.net.

Cheeseburger Turnovers

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1/2 cup onion, chopped
- 2 tablespoons ketchup

- 1 tablespoon mustard
- 1 can flaky biscuits
- 1 cup shredded cheese
- dill pickle slices, halved
- 1 egg, beaten

Heat oven to 375 F.

In large skillet, cook ground beef and onion until beef is thoroughly cooked and onions are tender. Drain. Stir in ketchup and mustard.

Separate biscuit dough. On ungreased baking sheet, flatten biscuit dough to form 6-inch rounds. Spoon beef mixture onto one side of flattened dough. Sprinkle with cheese. Top with dill pickle half. Fold dough over filling. With fork tines, press dough edges to seal. Cut two slits in top of dough to release steam. Repeat with remaining dough, beef mixture, cheese and pickles.

Brush each turnover with egg wash.

Bake 18-22 minutes, or until deep golden brown.



Lentil Bolognese with Veggie-Based Penne

A Perfect Pasta for School Nights

Weeknight meals are all about putting tasty dishes on the table in a short amount of time so you can share precious moments together despite busy schedules.

In a matter of minutes, you can prepare this Lentil Bolognese with Veggie-Based Penne for a quick yet flavorful recipe that can be enjoyed by little ones and adults alike. Featuring Veggiecraft Farms Cauliflower Penne as its key ingredient, this family meal makes it easy to incorporate vegetables without sacrificing taste. Available in popular shapes like penne, spaghetti and elbow, and made with lentils, peas and cauliflower, zucchini or sweet potato, the veggie-based pastas are gluten-free, non-GMO, vegan, Kosher and good sources of protein and fiber.

Visit veggiecraftfarms.com for more information and family-friendly recipes.

Lentil Bolognese with Veggie-Based Penne

- 1 cup dry French green lentils or brown lentils
- 1 jar (24 ounces) marinara sauce
- 1/2 cup vegetable broth
- 1 box Veggiecraft Farms Cauliflower Penne

Toppings:

- fresh basil
- Parmesan cheese
- red pepper flakes

Cook lentils according to package directions. Drain then return to pot and add marinara and vegetable broth. Stir well and simmer over low heat about 10 minutes.

Cook penne according to package directions. Top cooked pasta with lentil Bolognese, fresh basil, Parmesan cheese and red pepper flakes.

A Heaping Serving of Homework Motivation

Heading back to school doesn't have to mean forgetting the fun of warm weather treats. Once the homework is done and you've enjoyed dinner with loved ones, turn your attention to a dessert that tastes like it was prepared by a professional baker.

This S'mores Skillet starts with a sweet brownie base made with Domino Light Brown Sugar and is then infused and topped with traditional s'mores ingredients. Just combine in a skillet then bake – or grill for that familiar outdoor feel – until warm and gooey.

Find more dessert ideas to sweeten up back-to-school season at DominoSugar.com.

S'mores Skillet

Prep time: 30 minutes

Cook time: 10 minutes

Servings: 6

- 8 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 3/4 cup semisweet chocolate chips, divided

- 2 ounces unsweetened chocolate
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 large eggs
- 1/2 cup Domino Light Brown Sugar
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 1 cup mini marshmallows, divided
- 6 graham crackers, roughly crumbled, divided

Preheat oven or grill to 350 F.

Place medium heat-proof bowl over medium saucepan simmering with water. Add butter, 1/4 cup chocolate chips and unsweetened chocolate; melt. Remove from heat and allow mixture to cool 15 minutes.

In small bowl, whisk flour, baking powder and salt.

In large bowl, mix eggs, sugar and vanilla. Add chocolate mixture and mix until well combined. Stir in flour mixture. Add 1/4 cup chocolate chips, 1/2 cup mini marshmallows and three graham crackers to batter.

Pour mixture into 8-inch skillet. Top with remaining mini marshmallows, chocolate chips and graham crackers. Grill or bake 10-12 minutes. Remove from grill. Cool 10 minutes and serve.



S'mores Skillet

A Fast, Flavorful Solution to Simplify Family Meals

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While the first step to a successful family meal is finding a recipe everyone loves, a second important piece to the puzzle is creating a dish that leaves enough time for special moments together at the table. You can skip complicated prep by serving easy-to-make favorites that call for versatile ingredients and simple instructions.

These Sheet Pan Hawaiian Veal Meatballs are a perfect example of a quick yet delicious meal your loved ones can enjoy without committing an entire evening to the kitchen. With veal as a key ingredient that cooks fast and easy, it's ideal for weeknights and meal prepping ahead of busy weeks.

Plus, it'd be a cinch to double the meatballs and freeze half of them to make prep even easier the next time your family craves the sweet and savory combination of pineapple, fresh veggies and tender veal. To find more quick, flavorful dinner inspiration, visit Veal.org.



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Sheet Pan Hawaiian Veal Meatballs

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Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 30 minutes
Servings: 6

Meatballs:

- 2 pounds ground veal
- 1/2 cup plain breadcrumbs
- 1/4 cup milk
- 3 green onions, chopped
- 1 large egg
- 2 teaspoons garlic powder
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground ginger
- 2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 1 cup Hawaiian barbecue sauce, plus additional for serving, divided

Vegetables:

- 1 small head broccoli, cut into florets
- 1 small red bell pepper, seeded and cut into 1/2-inch slices
- 1 small yellow bell pepper, seeded and cut into 1/2-inch slices
- 1 small red onion, cut into 1/2-inch slices

- 1 small pineapple, cut into 1-inch chunks
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- kosher salt, to taste
- freshly ground black pepper, to taste

- 2 green onions, for garnish
- 2 teaspoons sesame seeds, for garnish
- 6 cups cooked long-grain white rice

To make meatballs: Preheat oven to 450 F and line two rimmed baking sheets with parchment paper. In large bowl, mix veal, breadcrumbs, milk, green onions, egg, garlic powder, ginger and salt until just combined. Portion veal mixture into 2-inch balls. Place in even layer on prepared baking sheets.

Bake about 15 minutes. Remove from oven.

To make vegetables: Toss broccoli, bell peppers, red onion, pineapple and oil together until coated. Season with salt and pepper, to taste.

Arrange vegetables in single layer on baking sheets with meatballs. Flip meatballs and brush with sauce. Bake until vegetables are tender and meatballs are golden-brown, or until internal temperature reaches 160 F, about 15 minutes.

Drizzle with barbecue sauce. Top with green onions and sesame seeds. Serve with rice.

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Outdoor Power Equipment Helps Weather A Storm Or Power Outage

Having the right outdoor power equipment on hand year-round is important, says the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI), which advises home and business owners to grow familiar with safe operating procedures and think ahead before foul weather or a power outage disrupts life.

"It's important to be prepared year-round given any season can be storm season. We see more people investing in portable and whole house generators and having other outdoor power equipment on hand such as chainsaws and water pumps to mitigate any damage from felled trees and water damage and floods," says Kris Kiser, President & CEO of OPEI, an international trade association representing manufacturers and suppliers of outdoor power equipment, small engines, battery power systems, portable generators, utility and personal transport vehicles, and golf cars.

He notes that outdoor power equipment is becoming faster, lighter, more efficient, and more technologically-advanced. "There's a power source for every need including battery/electric, propane, solar and gasoline," he says, noting each has different maintenance and care requirements. "Always read and follow the manufacturer's manual."

To get ready for inclement weather, identify which equipment is needed. Chainsaws or pole saws can trim limbs and shrubs ahead of a storm and handle clearing. String trimmers, pruners and chainsaws can also remove combustible material from around your home, making it less vulnerable to wildfires.

A portable generator will power key appliances and charge cell phones when utilities go down. A whole house generator can keep the lights and appliances on and running. Before an outage, plan where the generator will be set up (never in a home or garage, and always away from your home and any air intake) and determine how to secure it if needed. Buy and install a carbon mon-



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oxide detector, too. Get outdoor-rated extension cords for portable generators and consider adding an approved cover to your generator for rainy weather.

Water pumps can help get water and muck out of basements and homes. Be sure you know how to operate the pump. Never pump substances that your equipment is not designed to cope with. Pay attention to avoid overheating and follow all safety precautions.

A utility type vehicle can transport people and supplies quickly in an emergency. Keep the vehicle stable and drive slowly. Do not turn mid-slope or while on a hill. Consider taking a safety course.

Always read the directions provided by outdoor power equipment manufacturers and be sure to follow all manufacturer's safety and usage recommendations before you need it—not waiting until an emergency. Practice how to operate equipment. Save a digital copy of the owner's manual on your computer if possible, so it can easily be consulted in the future.

Make sure to have the right fuel on hand and charge batteries ahead of an outage. Gasoline-powered equipment uses E10 or less fuel and most manufacturers recommend adding a fuel stabilizer. Fuel that is more than 30 days old may phase separate and cause running problems, so it's important to purchase fuel just ahead of a storm. Store fuel safely and only use an approved

fuel container.

One of the most important things operators can do for safety is to pay attention to energy levels and health. Preparation for bad weather, a power outage and storm cleanup can be taxing. Do not operate power equipment when tired or overly fatigued. Drink plenty of water and take regular breaks. Always use safety equipment like chaps, gloves, eye protection or hearing protection.

About OPEI
OPEI is an international trade association representing manufacturers and suppliers of outdoor power equipment, small engines, battery power systems, portable generators, utility and personal transport vehicles, and golf cars. OPEI is the advocacy voice of the industry, and a recognized Standards Development Organization for the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and active internationally through the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), and the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) in the development of safety and performance standards. OPEI owns Equip Exposition, the international landscape, outdoor living, and equipment exposition, and administers the TurfMutt Foundation, which directs the environmental education program, TurfMutt. OPEI-Canada represents members on a host of issues, including recycling, emissions and other regulatory developments across the Canadian provinces.



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English Thyme growing in the garden.

Harvest, Store And Preserve Herbs Straight From The Garden

By Melinda Myers

Keep enjoying your homegrown herbs all year round. Harvest throughout the growing season and include them in garden-fresh meals. Then preserve a few for the winter ahead.

Snip a few leaves or leaf-covered stems as needed. For the same intensity of flavor, you generally need two to three times more fresh herbs than dried except for Rosemary which has an equally strong flavor fresh or dried. So, if the recipe calls for one teaspoon of dried parsley use one Tablespoon (3 teaspoons) of fresh parsley leaves.

Continue harvesting herbs as needed throughout the growing season. And don't worry about harming the plant because regular harvesting encourages new growth which means more for you to harvest. Just be sure to leave enough of the leaves intact to maintain plant growth.

You can remove as much as fifty percent of the leaves from established annual herb plants. This is about when the plants near their final height. You can remove up to one third from established perennial plants that have been in the garden for several months or more. Harvest when the plant has formed buds, but before they open into flowers for the

greatest concentration of flavor. This is the perfect time to harvest herbs you plan to preserve.

Use a pair of garden scissors or bypass pruners for faster and easier harvesting. Make your cuts above a set of healthy leaves to keep the plants looking good. Then, preserve the flavor and zest of herbs with proper storage and preservation.

Store thin leafy herbs like parsley and cilantro for up to a week in the refrigerator. Place the stems in a jar of water, like a flower arrangement, and loosely cover with a plastic bag. Keep basil out of the fridge to avoid discoloration and others on the counter for quick and frequent use.

Wrap dry thicker-leaved herbs like sage and thyme in a paper towel, set inside a plastic bag and place in a warmer section of the refrigerator.

Freeze sprigs, whole leaves or chopped clean herbs on a cookie sheet. Or pack clean diced herbs in ice cube trays and fill the empty spaces with water. These are great for use in soups and stews. Store the frozen herbs and ice cubes in an airtight container or baggie in the freezer.

Or bundle several stems together, secure with a rubber band and use a spring type clothespin to hang them in a warm, dry place to

dry out. Make your own drying rack from an old embroidery hoop, string, and S hooks.

Get creative and use some of your herbs to make a fragrant edible wreath. Use fresh herbs that are flexible and easier to shape into a wreath. They will dry in place and can be harvested as needed.

Speed up the drying process in the microwave. Place herbs on a paper towel-covered paper plate. Start with one to two minutes on high. Repeat for 30 seconds as needed until the herbs are brittle.

Store dried herbs in an airtight plastic or glass jar.

Keep enjoying these fresh-from-the-garden flavors throughout the remainder of the season. And consider preserving a few for you, your family, and friends to enjoy throughout the winter.

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5 TIPS TO CREATE A COMFORTABLE FOREVER HOME

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For most homebuyers, their dream homes are not something they're likely to find already on the market. With a unique vision of your dream home's look, location and features, building a custom home is generally the easiest way to make that dream a reality.

To keep things moving as smoothly as possible amid what can be a complicated process, consider these tips as you embark on the journey.

Set a Realistic Budget

You'll need to start by determining how much you can spend on your house. Typically, the cost of building a home is around \$100-\$200 per square foot, according to research from HomeAdvisor. You'll also need to account for the lot price as well as design fees, taxes, permits, materials and labor. Materials and labor should make up about 75% of the total amount spent, but it's wise to build in a buffer for price changes and overages. While building your budget, consider what items and features are "must-haves" and things that should only be included if your budget allows.



Matt Blashaw

Identify the Perfect Location

Think about where you'd like to live and research comparable lots and properties in those areas, which can give you a better idea of costs. Because the features of many dream homes require a wider footprint, you may need to build outside of city limits, which can make natural gas more difficult to access. Consider propane instead, which can do everything natural gas can and go where natural gas cannot or where it is cost prohibitive to run a natural gas line. Propane also reduces dependence on the electrical grid, and a propane standby generator can safeguard your family if there is a power outage.

"As a real estate agent and builder, I have the pleasure of helping families select their dream homes," said Matt Blashaw, residential contractor, licensed real estate agent and host of HGTV's "Build it Forward." "The homes we design and build are frequently in propane country, or off the natural gas grid. Propane makes it possible to build an affordable and comfortable, high-performing indoor living spaces and dynamic outdoor entertaining areas."

Keep Universal Design Principles in Mind

Many homebuyers want to ensure their space is accessible to family members and guests both now and for decades to come. As the housing market slows and mortgage rates rise, buyers may look to incorporate features that allow them to age in place. Incorporating principles of universal design – the ability of a space to be understood, accessed and used by people regardless of their age or ability – can make it possible to still enjoy your home even if mobility, vision or other challenges arise as you age.

For example, the entryway could have a ramp or sloped concrete walkway leading to a front door wide enough to accommodate a wheelchair with a barrier-free threshold. Inside, wider hallways and doorways, strategic lighting and appliances installed at lower heights are mainstays of universal design. Counters of varying heights, drop-down cabinet racks and roll-under sinks in kitchens and zero-entry showers, slip-resistant flooring and grab bars in bathrooms offer enhanced accessibility.

Consider Alternative Energy Sources

With today's electric grid, more than two-thirds of the energy is wasted; it never reaches homes. Unlike electricity, propane is stored in a large tank either above or below ground on the property. A 500-gallon tank can hold enough propane to meet the annual energy needs of an average single-family home – enough to power major systems in a home.

Propane pairs well with other energy sources, including grid electricity and on-site solar, which makes it a viable option for dual-energy homes. Like natural gas, propane can power major appliances such as your furnace, water heater, clothes dryer, fireplace, range and standby generator. Often, propane works more efficiently with fewer greenhouse gas emissions than electricity, meaning your home is cleaner for the environment.

Propane can even power a whole-home standby generator, which is often a big selling point. When a homeowner purchases a standby generator, a licensed electrician installs the unit outside the home and wires it to the home's circuit breaker. When a power outage occurs, the generator automatically senses the disruption of service and starts the generator's engine, which then delivers power to the home. From the warm, comfortable heat of a propane furnace to the peace of mind offered by a propane standby generator, many homeowners trust propane to provide a safe, efficient, whole-home energy solution.

Build a Team of Experts

Hiring the right people can make the process of turning your dream into reality go much smoother. Start by researching reputable builders, paying special attention to the types of homes they build to find a style that matches what you're looking for as well as price ranges for past homes they've built. Consider how long the builders have been in business and if they're licensed and insured.

Depending on your builder's capabilities, you may also need to hire an architect or designer. In addition to your real estate agent to assist with purchasing the lot and selling your previous home, you may need assistance from other professionals, such as a real estate attorney, landscape architect and propane supplier. A local propane supplier can work with the builder to install a properly sized propane storage tank either above or below ground and connect appliances.

Find more ideas for building your dream home at Propane.com.



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Propane-Powered Appliances

You may be surprised to learn propane can power major appliances, which can increase the value of a home because of their high performance, efficiency and reduced dependence on the electrical grid.

Furnace

A propane-powered furnace has a 50% longer lifespan than an electric heat pump, reducing its overall lifetime costs. Propane-powered residential furnaces also emit up to 50% fewer greenhouse gas emissions than electric furnaces and 12% fewer greenhouse gas emissions than furnaces running on oil-based fuels.

Boiler

Propane boilers have an expected lifespan of up to 30 years, but many can last longer if serviced and maintained properly. High-efficiency propane boilers offer performance, space savings and versatility as well as a significant reduction in carbon dioxide emissions compared to those fueled by heating oil.

Standby Generator

Propane standby generators supply supplemental electricity in as little as 10 seconds after an outage. Plus, propane doesn't degrade over time, unlike diesel or gasoline, making it an ideal standby power fuel.

Clothes Dryer

Propane-powered clothes dryers generate up to 42% fewer greenhouse gas emissions compared to electric dryers. They also dry clothes faster, which can reduce energy use and cost.

Range

With up to 15% fewer greenhouse gas emissions compared to electric ranges, propane-powered ranges also allow for greater control of heat levels. Plus, their instant flame turnoff capabilities help them cool faster.

Tankless Water Heater

Propane tankless water heaters have the lowest annual cost of ownership in mixed and cold United States climates when compared with electric water heaters, heat pump water heaters and oil-fueled water heaters. They also only heat water when it is needed, reducing standby losses that come with storage tank water heaters.

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USDA Invests \$14.5 Million In Taxpayer Education, Program Outreach Efforts For Farmers

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is investing in two outreach and education efforts for farmers, including those who are new to farming or who have been historically underserved by USDA programs. USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) is investing \$10 million for agriculture-oriented taxpayer education as well as \$4.5 million in outreach for the Conservation Reserve Program's Transition Incentives Program (CRP TIP), which helps with access to land for beginning and socially disadvantaged farmers. Both efforts help advance equity and access to USDA programs and agriculture.

"Running a farm operation is tough, and we are working to help meet gaps where farmers need assistance," said Julia A. Wickard, FSA Executive Director in Indiana. "First, filing taxes for an agricultural operation can be challenging and many agricultural producers may not have the funds to hire accountants or tax professionals to assist, especially for new and historically underserved producers. This new initiative offers support to producers in navigating tax season. Second, we want to make sure producers are aware of our many program options, and Conservation Reserve Program Transition

Incentives Program (CRP TIP) provides a unique opportunity for producers with expiring CRP land to help bring new farmers into the fold."

Taxpayer Education FSA's \$10 million investment funds the new Taxpayer Education and Asset Protection Initiative. As part of the first phase of this work, FSA has established a partnership with the University of Arkansas and the National Farm Income Tax Extension Committee. This partnership is establishing hubs for taxpayer education while developing and delivering tax education resources to farmers, ranchers, agricultural educators and tax professionals through partnerships with stakeholders and minority-serving institutions across the country.

Many producers are not aware that receiving USDA program funds for activities, such as conservation contracts, disaster assistance payments, and pandemic relief are taxable income, and need support to assist with short- and long-term business planning associated with their program payments. To address these issues, FSA is investing in partnerships with the University of Arkansas, the National Farm Income Tax Extension Committee and other partners to develop and deliver taxpayer education to producers

to help them better understand the important relationships between federal income taxes and USDA farm programs. The next phases of this work will include a suite of online resources for producers, continuing education opportunities for tax attorneys and CPAs, as well as cooperative agreement funding and training opportunities for stakeholder organizations.

"Many rural areas lack legal and certified accounting services, and agricultural producers need additional knowledge and/or resources to integrate tax planning into their financial planning," said Ronald L. Rainey, Assistant Vice President of the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture. "This partnership will help the University of Arkansas and USDA work together to overcome inequalities in tax services to serve agriculture communities."

These tax education partnerships focus on addressing the immediate needs of producers by delivering agricultural tax and asset protection training and information to farmers as well as developing infrastructure to support rural taxpayer education and tax preparation for limited resource, beginning, and historically underserved farmers for the long term.

Tax Estimator Tool

Additionally, USDA is updating and expanding online tax resources for producers, including the new Tax Estimator Tool, an interactive spreadsheet that producers can download to estimate tax liability. It is for informational and educational purposes only and should not be considered tax or legal advice. Producers may need to work with a tax professional to determine the correct information to be entered in the Tax Estimator Tool. The tool is available at ruraltax.org.

Registration is also open for a webinar on Using the Tax Calculator to estimate your tax burden. The webinar will be held on Aug. 15 at 2 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. Previous webinars, fact sheets and other resources are available on farmers.gov/taxes.

Available Funding for CRP TIP Outreach

TIP provides financial incentives to CRP participants with expiring contracts, if they sell or rent the land to a beginning producer, veteran farmer, or a producer from a socially disadvantaged group.

FSA is making available up to \$4.5 million in funding and expects to award 15 to 20 partner and stakeholder organizations to conduct outreach and provide technical assistance to promote awareness and understanding

of CRP TIP among agricultural communities, in particular those who are military veterans, new to farming, or historically underserved.

Eligible stakeholders include Federally-recognized Indian tribal organizations, State governments, local governments, nonprofit organizations, and higher education institutions. Interested stakeholders may submit one-to-two-year proposals and must submit their applications via Grants.gov by October 14, 2022.

Deputy Under Secretary Montaña added: "This technical assistance funding will be critical in helping our external stakeholders connect contract holders to beginning producers, and make sure landowners understand TIP."

CRP TIP Training for Staff FSA will also train field employees on CRP TIP to improve and increase staff and producer awareness and support participation. Training will help staff understand the larger issues that can affect landowners' considerations around CRP TIP and allow them to further help producers.

More Information Producers interested in CRP TIP and other USDA programs should contact their local USDA Service Center to learn more or to apply for programs.

Indiana Farmland Prices Soar To Record Highs In 2022

The Purdue Farmland Value and Cash Rents Survey suggests Indiana farmland prices grew at a record pace between June 2021 and June 2022, exceeding previous highs set in 2021. Statewide, top-quality farmland averaged \$12,808 per acre, up 30.9% from the same time last year. The average per acre price of average-quality farmland similarly increased by 30.1% to \$10,598. Poor quality farmland prices exhibited the largest increase of 34.0% to \$8,631.

"Multiple factors are influencing the increase in farmland prices, including positive net farm incomes, relatively strong commodity prices, inflation, and high farmer liquidity," said Todd H. Kuethe, Purdue associate professor and the Schrader

Endowed Chair in Farmland Economics and survey author. "However, rising interest rates are associated with increased costs of borrowing, which put downward pressure on purchases financed through mortgages."

Statewide cash rental rates also increased across all land quality classes in 2022. Average cash rents increased by 11.5% for top-quality land, 10.8% for average-quality land, and 13.2% for poor-quality land. The increases in cash rents were the highest observed since the 2011-2012 period. Across the three quality grades, cash rents also reached a record high in 2022 at \$300 per acre for high-quality farmland, \$252 for average-quality, and \$207 for poor-quality land. At the

regional level, the largest cash rental rate increases for top- and average-quality land were in the Northeast (21.3% and 13.2%, respectively), and the largest increase for poor-quality land was in the Southwest region (18.6%). Across all three quality grades, the highest per acre average cash rent was observed in the West Central region.

While rental rates across all three quality grades increased in almost all regions, the cash rental rates grew at a slower rate than market prices. As a result, rent as a share of land value declined relative to 2021.

The price appreciation rates for farmland transitioning out of agricultural production or sold for recreational purposes surpassed the previous record

growth rates observed in 2011. Statewide, the average price of transitional land was up 36.5% from June 2021, with an average price per acre of \$24,240. Recreational land prices grew by 21.8% to an average per acre price of \$9,121. For the remainder of 2022, respondents expect transitional land to increase modestly by 2.3%, while the value of recreational land is expected to hold relatively stable.

For more in-depth analysis on the survey, the Purdue Center for Commercial Agriculture will host a free webinar 1-2 p.m. ET Aug. 24. Join Purdue agricultural economists Todd Kuethe, James Mintert and Michael Langemeier as they break down the Purdue Farmland Values Survey and

USDA Land Values report, discuss marketing strategies for 2022 corn and soybean crops, and make projections for 2023 corn and soybean returns. Register for the free webinar at <https://purdue.ag/landvalues2022>.

Purdue's Department of Agricultural Economics conducts the Purdue Farmland Value and Cash Rent Survey each June and publishes it in the Purdue Agricultural Economics Report. The survey is produced through the cooperation of numerous professionals knowledgeable of Indiana's farmland market. These professionals provided an estimate of the market value for bare poor, average, and top-quality farmland in December 2021, June 2022, and a forecast value for December 2022.

Inflation Remains Number One Challenge Facing Small Business

NFIB's Small Business Optimism Index rose 0.4 points in July to 89.9, however, it is the sixth consecutive month below the 48-year average of 98. Thirty-seven percent of small business owners reported that inflation was their single most important problem in operating their business, an increase of three points from June and the highest level since the fourth quarter of 1979.

"The uncertainty in the small business sector is climbing again as owners continue to manage historic inflation, labor shortages, and supply chain disruptions," said Bill Dunkelberg, NFIB Chief Economist. "As we move into the second half of 2022, owners will continue to manage their businesses into a very uncertain future."

State-specific data isn't available, but State Director Natalie Robinson said, "Indiana's small businesses are determined to get through this, but they're cautious. They're not going to make any unnecessary investments until they're confident the economy is once again moving in the right direction."

Key findings of the national survey include:

- Owners expecting better business conditions over the next six months increased nine points from June's record low level to a net-negative 52%. Expectations for better business

conditions have deteriorated every month from January to June of this year.

- Forty-nine percent of owners reported job openings they could not fill in the current period, down one point from June but historically very high.

- Seasonally adjusted, a net 37% plan price hikes, down 12 points.

- The net percent of owners raising average selling prices decreased seven points to a net 56% (seasonally adjusted). The decline is significant but the net percent still raising prices is inflationary.

- The net percent of owners who expect real sales to be higher decreased one point from June to a net negative 29%.

- The Uncertainty Index increased 12 points from last month to 67.

As reported in NFIB's monthly jobs, a net 48% reported raising compensation and a net 25% plan to raise compensation in the next three months. Nine percent of owners cited labor costs as their top business problem and 21% said that labor quality was their top business problem, remaining in second place behind inflation.

- Fifty-one percent of owners reported capital outlays in the last six months. Of those making expenditures, 36% reported spending on new equipment, 21% acquired vehicles, and

14% improved or expanded facilities. Nine percent spent money for new fixtures and furniture and 5% acquired new buildings or land for expansion. Twenty-two percent of owners plan capital outlays in the next few months.

- A net negative 5% of all owners (seasonally adjusted) reported higher nominal sales in the past three months. The net percent of owners expecting higher real sales volumes decreased one point to a net negative 29%, the second weakest quarterly measure ever.

- The net percent of owners reporting inventory increases rose five points to 1%. Not seasonally adjusted, 18% reported increases in stocks and 15% reported reductions as solid sales reduced inventories at many firms.

- Thirty-two percent of owners reported that supply chain disruptions have had a significant impact on their business. Another 36% report a moderate impact and 23% report a mild impact. Only 9% report no impact from recent supply chain disruptions.

- A net 2% of owners viewed current inventory stocks as "too low" in July, down three points from June. By industry, shortages are reported most frequently in manufacturing (20%), wholesale (20%), retail (19%), non-professional ser-

vices (14%), and transportation (14%). A net 1% of owners plan inventory investment in the coming months down three points from June.

- The net percent of owners raising average selling prices decreased seven points from June to a net 56% (seasonally adjusted). Unadjusted, 8% reported lower average selling prices and 65% reported higher average prices. Price hikes were the most frequent in wholesale (80% higher, 8% lower), manufacturing (73% higher, 7% lower), construction (73% higher, 4% lower), and retail (72% higher, 6% lower). Seasonally adjusted, a net 37% plan price hikes, down 12 points. The seasonal adjustments for price plans and actual prices were revised. The data in this report reflect those changes.

- The frequency of positive profit trends was a net negative 26%, down one point from June. Among owners reporting lower profits, 40% blamed the rise in the cost of materials, 17% blamed weaker sales, 10% cited labor costs, 10% cited lower prices, 4% cited the usual seasonal change, and 2% cited higher taxes or regulatory costs. For owners reporting higher profits, 42% credited sales volumes, 26% cited usual seasonal change, and 16% cited higher prices.

- Three percent of owners reported that all their borrowing needs were not satisfied. Twenty-five percent reported all credit needs met and 62% said they were not interested in a loan. A net 5% reported their last loan was harder to get than in previous attempts. One percent reported that financing was their top business problem. A net 19% of owners reported paying a higher rate on their most recent loan.

The NFIB Research Center has collected Small Business Economic Trends data with quarterly surveys since the 4th quarter of 1973 and monthly surveys since 1986. Survey respondents are randomly drawn from NFIB's membership. The report is released on the second Tuesday of each month. This survey was conducted in July 2022.

About NFIB

For almost 80 years, NFIB has been the voice of small business, advocating on behalf of America's small and independent business owners, both in Washington, D.C., and in all 50 state capitals. NFIB is nonprofit, nonpartisan, and member-driven. Since our founding in 1943, NFIB has been exclusively dedicated to small and independent businesses and remains so today. For more information, please visit www.NFIB.com

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FSSA Announces Pilot Program In Indiana County Jails

The Indiana Family and Social Services Administration's Division of Mental Health and Addiction today announced the launch of a pilot program designed to engage incarcerated individuals with mental health and substance use disorders with certified peer professionals and wraparound services.

The Integrated Reentry and Correctional Support program (IRACS) provides peer-driven, Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) support for inmates with mental health and substance use disorders upon arrival at one of the five Indiana county jail pilot sites. SIM provides a comprehensive picture of how individuals with mental health and substance use disorders encounter and move through the criminal justice system, aiming

to divert them away from the justice system into treatment.

"The first three steps an individual takes upon exiting the justice system are often the most important steps they will take in their recovery journey," said Douglas Huntsinger, executive director for drug prevention, treatment and enforcement for the state of Indiana. "Regardless of how an individual ended up in the justice system, how they move forward matters. By providing access to peers and wraparound services while individuals are incarcerated, we intend to reduce recidivism and future involvement in the justice system."

The IRACS program is a collaboration between DMHA, Indiana Forensic Services and the Indiana Recovery

Network, programs of Mental Health America of Indiana, and is being launched at Blackford, Daviess, Dearborn, Delaware, and Scott County jails. Inmates booked at each of the five jails will be evaluated as potential IRACS support clients, resulting in treatment and formal support for identified clients.

Forensic peer teams are stationed at each jail and consist of a certified program supervisor, certified peer support, resource peer navigator, reentry peer, and peer engagement coordinator, all employed by the Indiana Recovery Network's regional recovery hubs. These teams work within the jail settings and collaborate with correctional, pre-trial and nursing staff and all community providers to support incarcerated individuals

during their time in the program. Jail staff will receive special training to support IRACS personnel and incarcerated clients.

Using the IRACS Recovery Engagement Pathways, peers will walk alongside each identified client and provide responsive support and resources relevant to their needs. These pathways are reentry-focused and can change as their legal process develops and sentencing is established.

"The engagement pathways allow forensic peer teams to meet individuals as soon as they enter through the door of the jail and provide one-on-one support at a critical moment when meeting someone, where they're at, can make all the difference," said Jayme Whitaker, vice president of forensic services at Mental Health Amer-

ica of Indiana. "With the vision and funding provided by state leadership and the strong local collaborations in all five pilot counties, the IRACS forensic peer teams are meeting people at some of their hardest moments and ensuring they have someone to walk alongside them, every step of the way."

The IRACS program is funded through June 2023 by Recovery Works, Indiana's voucher-based system to support partnerships between the justice system and mental health and addiction treatment providers. Each of the five pilot sites has received a grant of up to \$500,000 to build their teams and the infrastructure necessary to support a full-spectrum reentry process that collaborates with community partners outside the jail to ensure

continuity in care upon release.

At the conclusion of the pilot program, data gathered will be reported by the participating sheriffs to FSSA for evaluation. If proven successful, the State of Indiana is committed to expanding the IRACS program to more Indiana county jails within the next three years.

"I want to thank the state of Indiana, local government and health officials, and all the volunteers who have made the IRACS program possible in Delaware County," Delaware County Sheriff Tony Skinner said. "We have been hit especially hard with substance use and untreated mental illness for the past several years and this program is exactly what our community needs to help us stem the tide and begin recovering."

Five Reasons To Have Your Eyes Checked: Blurry Vision Isn't One Of Them

As we age, our eyes are increasingly susceptible to a number of ocular conditions. One such condition – Age-Related Macular Degeneration (AMD) – impacts nearly 22 million people in the U.S. alone. This disease causes the blurring of an individual's central vision and is typically caused by the aging of the macula – the part of the eye responsible for the sharpness of vision. It is the leading cause of vision loss for older adults.

The unfortunate reality

of AMD is that 30% of eyes diagnosed with the disease could have been treated if diagnosed early. But 78% of patients do not seek treatment until their vision is irreversibly damaged.

Dr. Mohamed Abou Shousha, an ophthalmologist at the University of Miami's Bascom Palmer Eye Institute, and founder and CEO of the vision technology company, Heru, shares five risk factors that could indicate the presence of this condition.

1. Your age

As the name suggests, aging is one of the leading causes of AMD. In fact, AMD impacts 1 in 8 adults over the age of 60. As you age, it is important you ask your doctor to test your eyes for indicators of AMD.

2. Family history
If a family member has been diagnosed with AMD, it is likely you could be as well. Studies have shown that if you have a close relative, such as a sibling or parent, you are 15-20% more likely

to develop AMD.

3. Overweight? Smoke?

If you are overweight and smoke, you have key risk factors that make you especially vulnerable to the disease.

4. Your eyes do not adjust to the dark

Dark adaptation is a measure of the time it takes for your eyes to adjust when moving from bright lights to areas with dim lighting. If adjusting to the dark takes longer for you than normal, it could be an indicator of

AMD.

5. You have difficulty seeing at night

If you notice difficulty driving at night, have trouble seeing pedestrians walking along underlit streets, or fail to notice that final step on the staircase, this could indicate the presence of AMD.

"Most individuals suffering from AMD do not know they have it until the disease has progressed significantly," said Dr. Abou Shousha. "Early detection is a key to preventing perma-

nent vision loss and that can easily be done with regular eye examinations, coupled with healthy living."

The American Ophthalmic Association (AOA) recommends an annual eye exam for adults 65 years and older and every two years for adults 18-64 years of age. Those intervals could change based on risk factors and on the recommendation of a physician.

To learn more about Heru, visit www.seeheru.com.

Signs Of A Concussion And Treatment To Follow

I see a number of patients each year who have suffered a concussion. Usually this is an athletic injury, but it is commonly seen in others as well. Concussions have always been a part of sports, particularly those involving high-energy impacts including football, wrestling, soccer, lacrosse, and basketball. Intensive research, along with lawsuits including the one the NFL Players Association brought against the NFL, are causing research to move rapidly to help get a firmer grasp on how to prevent and manage concussions.

A concussion is a trauma-induced alteration in mental status that usually does not involve a loss of consciousness and does not have to be a result of a blow to the head. In fact, only ten percent of concussions are associated with a loss of consciousness.

Concussions are the result of soft brain tissue moving violently inside the bony skull. It is important to realize that this movement can result in varying degrees of



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microscopic injuries to brain tissue, the majority of which do not show up on radiologic imaging studies like CT or MRI scans.

Concussions alter the ability of brain cells to use energy to communicate. The brain's demand for energy exceeds what can be delivered, resulting in the many concussion signs (observable by others) and symptoms (what the athlete perceives). The injured brain is at increased risk of additional injury, sometimes catastrophic, until this mismatch of energy supply and demand is resolved.

Concussion signs may include appearing dazed, stunned, or confused. Observers may note the person is moving clumsily, saying nonsensical things, or exhibiting mood changes such as aggression or sadness. It may cause amnesia, either retrograde (forgetting what happened before the injury) or anterograde (forgetting events after the incident – a more concerning symptom).

Most sufferers usually report a headache. Other common symptoms may include nausea, dizziness, balance problems, blurred or double vision, light or noise sensitivity, "brain fog," concentration or memory problems, fatigue and changes in sleep patterns.

Athletes who sustain a concussion should be immediately removed from the contest or practice until they are evaluated by a certified athletic trainer, coach, or physician who has received training in concussion management. This is especially critical in young athletes who are likely

more susceptible to potential severe neurologic injury if they are allowed to return to competition before recovering from a concussion.

Although a patient's signs and symptoms may appear to resolve, often the brain has not recovered completely. There are subtle neurologic changes that often can't be picked up by doing a medical history or physical examination.

Computerized neurocognitive testing such as ImPACT, has enhanced our ability to manage concussions more effectively. These tests are more objective and, most importantly, can assist us in getting athletes back on the field more safely. Typically, athletes take a baseline examination at the start of the season and repeat the test at varying times following a concussion. Athletes are usually kept out of competition until their physical exam is normal and their test returns to their baseline.

All NFL and NHL teams and most colleges utilize neurocognitive

assessment software. Thankfully, its use has filtered down to the high school level in most areas. While not infallible, most doctors consider these tests to be a standard aid in the management of concussions. However, it is important to note that these tests are but one tool in determining a patient's readiness to return to normal activity. Concussion is a clinical diagnosis that requires an assessment by a clinician with experience in concussion management.

We are constantly searching for tools to aid in the diagnosis and management of concussions. Some of my patients have brought the "concussion blood test" to my attention. These questions have originated from headlines such as this one from the New York Times: "Concussions Can Be Detected With New Blood Test Approved by FDA." Unfortunately, this is inaccurate.

The test was developed to detect two proteins released into the blood-

stream that indicate there is bleeding in the brain, not to aid in the diagnosis of concussion. The test will be used primarily in emergency rooms to determine if a patient needs a CT scan to evaluate for bleeding in the brain.

There are steps that can be taken to help reduce the risk of suffering a concussion. It is critical to teach players to wear properly fitted safety gear and instruct them on proper technique, especially tackling in football. Prevention of falls is also important in non-athletes as well.

Everyone should understand the potential serious nature of even a "minor" concussion. Athletes in particular need to be taught to report their own or their teammates' symptoms or signs immediately.

More information may be found at www.cdc.gov/TraumaticBrainInjury/

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The New Himes Saga - #1 - Dan And His Son John

Next saga: the Daniel Himes family! Although this family was not original land owners, they were still Montgomery Countians early on with most remaining here, others spreading elsewhere. Daniel Himes was born in Roanoke County, Virginia (near Bonsack's Station) 24 May 1795 possibly the son of Abraham and Elizabeth Himes. Dan married there 30 Oct 1817 to Mary Sarah (Polly) Wrightsman (born in Botetourt 15 July 1796), daughter of John W. and Mary Christina Coulter Wrightsman. Neither sets of parents came our way!

Bonsack Station was on a trading path and went back to 1740, the path going from Lynchburg VA to Big Lick, VA. A very large number of German Baptists went there after the Revolutionary War. Oddly, it was not named Bonsack until 1852 after that family donated land for a depot (Virginia and Tennessee Railroad) and before that time was "Stoner's Store," (Wikipedia) and since Stoners from Botetourt County came to the area where the Himes came in MoCo, seems logical that Stoner's Store was actually where Daniel was born.

Parents of nine children (John, David, Susanna, Daniel, William, Jacob, Mary Ann, Abraham and Sarah Elizabeth), the first five were born in Botetourt County while the others were born in Ross County, Ohio where Dan, Mary and family moved in 1826.

An interesting tidbit in regards to the family's move to Ohio was that they had two dogs with them but while crossing the Ohio River, one of the pooches decided he wasn't going, jumped off the ferry, turned around and swam back to Virginia. Love it!

At Ross County, they built



KAREN ZACH
Around The County

a nice log cabin and remained for 19 years while Daniel and some of the older sons farmed near Hillsboro. Some of the sons also worked for an iron forge, and others at a distillery. (Family Histories of Montgomery County, Indiana).

Ready to roam again, aiming for an even better life, Daniel Sr. and son Dan walked to the Ladoga area in the Fall of 1845 where many families from Botetourt County had settled, including some of their own family members, William Gish and his wife, Julia, whom the Himes' came to visit and who helped them get settled but the Gish family shortly moved on to Jefferson County, Kansas.

The Himes remained here and leased some property from Samuel Britts, cleared the land and built a cabin where they stayed many years. Britts even furnished the two Dans a team and Beniah Hostetter accompanied the men back to Ohio to get the family. Although in Clark Township (about a mile north of Ladoga) area where they did business, and the children completed their growing-up years and had children of their own, the early property was actually in Scott Township. Dan (thanks to K&M on Find-



AGrave) and Polly are buried at Harshbarger Cemetery (24 May 1795-17 Feb 1879) and May (15 July 1796 - 19 Oct 1866).

I nixed four other Sagas as I didn't like the way they were developing, and almost nixed the Himes' as well, but I think I may have figured out just what happened to their oldest son, John. He is listed in the 1850 MoCo census as age 35, making him born in 1815 or so. The Family Histories (p 196) states he was born in 1818 (family bible gives Sept 17th) died in 1894, having gone back to Ohio to spend the rest of his life. There was no proof to him returning to Ohio, just a statement, and to the contrary, I have found some good proof (hoping this'll prompt a good Himes researcher - have a couple in mind) - to do some more research on this.

So, here we go. Eliza Jane McVey (born 22 Feb 1818 in Ohio died 21 May 1904 in Danville, Hendricks County, Indiana) daughter of Solomon

and Rachel Coutts married John on 5 December 1839 in Highland County, Ohio. At the time of Eliza's death she was married to Elias Grimes, passing in Hendricks County; however, she was buried in the Ladoga Cemetery where I think her husband (1818-1854) is buried. She is buried as Eliza Jane Himes (census and tombstone shows a 3-year diff). The two are together in the Clark Township 1850 census, with their children: John; Olivia W. and recently born Rachel. Before his death they would have another daughter, Martha. If John went back to Ohio, why would Eliza Jane be here and his children stay here, marry and pass away? So, I truly believe the John Himes who passed away in 1854 was Daniel and Mary Wrightsman's son, husband of Eliza Jane McVey and father of John William; Olivia W; Rachel A and Martha Jane. Had another thought that he may have been Daniel's by a first wife but is in their bible as theirs. I also found many John Himes in various Ohio counties but none fit. It just all makes sense that he would NOT have gone back to Ohio without his wife and children and they must have had a good marriage since she was not buried with either of her other two husbands but as Eliza Jane Himes near John with similar stones.

John William son of John and Eliza Jane was born in Fiancastle, Ohio 22 Feb 1843 and passed away at 2020 N Talbot in Indianapolis 23 May 1930. He is buried in the Old Thorntown Cemetery with his wife, Hephzibah (Grove). They were married for many years and parented George, Lida, Martha, Charlie, John M. (after his father?). John did the mail route in Sugar Creek Township, Boone County for

quite some time as I wondered why they'd be there. Question solved!

Olivia Himes shows-up in two census records and then seems to disappear. On the 1900 census her mother notes that some of her children had already passed away so guessing one was Olivia.

Rachel married William E. Pearson 16 March 1870 and they were parents of at least two sons, Clarence and Charles. Rachel as many of this family, disappeared after the 1880 census thus according to mom's 1900 census, another one gone. Her husband remarried Lula Brewer and died 20 June 1912. Buried Ladoga Cemetery.

The last child I found of John Himes and Eliza Jane McVey was Mattie (Martha Jane) who married William J. "Worth" Pennington. She was born in Clark Township 5 July 1851 and died 4 July 1908 in Jackson Twp, Putnam County, one day shy of her birthday. They were parents of four children: Minnie Della; Hattie Belle; Harry Alvin and Edgar Cornelius.

So, several grandchildren for John Himes, the man who disappeared. The man I feel is buried with his beloved wife in Ladoga, but not 100% sure of his fate. Thus, you have read about Daniel the fellow who begins this Saga and my seasoned theory of his oldest, John -- now, be prepared to read about the rest of Daniel and Polly Wrightsman Himes' family!

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Butch Talks How He Cannot Live Without His Coffee!

With inflation and the recession... (YES, WE ARE IN A RECESSION despite what Ol' Joe says), my wife and I have been trying to cut back on a few items at the grocery that we normally would purchase... doughnuts, various snacks, candy, select cuts of meats, dog treats, etc... all of these considered "extras." I would guess that many of you are doing the same. Saving that extra \$20 will buy four gallons of Biden gas for the weekly work commute.

We take our time and shop wisely, but we usually buy the same food each week. Yes, we are stuck in a rut of what we like to eat, and basically rotate eight or nine meals. I don't like change.

We may skip some items, but there is one item that I do not skimp on... COFFEE! I absolutely cannot get through one



BUTCH DALE
Columnist

day without it... Folgers 100% Columbian from the Arabica beans. A carton of 24 K-cups has increased from \$12.98 to \$14.98. I don't care how much it costs, I will still buy it! The first thing I do when I awake and get dressed is stagger out to the Keurig and hit the ON button. While it is warming up and

bubbling and hissing, I grab my Farmall tractor coffee cup and wait for the Keurig to do its thing. Just the smell starts to get me going... it's crazy! After a few sips, my mind is clear. I am ready for the day! I then sit down at my laptop and read The Paper and check my E-mails. Smooth sailing.

I did not drink coffee as a child. My Dad always said that coffee would stunt my growth, so I was stuck with tea and hot chocolate. I started drinking coffee when I was hired on the Sheriff's Department in 1977... and was hooked. Coffee made me more alert and cleared my mind, especially during patrols and investigative interviews. I also often provided a cup of coffee to a suspect during questioning. They relaxed more... and guess what? They started to remember a "few details" that they had forgotten earlier! "Oh,

yes, now I remember... maybe I did accidentally steal that car."

When my oldest son started Purdue in 1990, I took on a second full-time job here at the library. I worked as the librarian from 11 am to 6 pm, then headed home to change clothes and grab a bite to eat before starting my shift as a deputy sheriff from 7 pm to 4 am. I survived on cigarettes, coffee, and Diet Pepsi. Thank God, I was able to quit smoking when I left the Sheriff's Department in 1997! But coffee and Diet Pepsi have remained staples in my daily routine. I only drink half of a Diet Pepsi (caffeine free) each day, but I drink SIX half-cups of coffee every day... coffee with caffeine... no sugar and no funky flavors!

I have read that coffee is an antioxidant that can reduce the risk of cancer. It likely scares the bejesus out of cancer cells.

It reminds me of my drill sergeant at the police academy. It is a "take charge" drink. Strong! Bold! Rich! Lively! Brewed by Roast Masters! Coffee gives orders... "Think! Talk! Move!... and sometimes "Get to the bathroom NOW!" It doesn't fool around like those sissy drinks. After supper, I sit down with a cup of coffee... and it gives MORE orders... "Grab a book! Sit down! Turn on your reading light! Shut up! Relax!" Ah, yes... my coffee, a good book, peace and quiet. All is right with the world! Thanks, Mr. Folgers and Mr. Keurig. I love you both.

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Brian Was Employee Of The Nanosecond

Brian called the other day. My friend wanted to let me know that, after two years of retirement, he was going back into the workforce. It didn't surprise me completely, because I was just as shocked two years ago when Brian decided to retire early.

At 57, I thought he had several more years of productive work life ahead of him. But his job had become boring, and his boss was a jerk, and -- well, you know. There just comes a time. Brian didn't need to work, and he sure didn't need the stress.

What really surprised me the most about his recent announcement is where Brian decided to return to work. Brian is working retail. To top it off, he's working for one of those "everything for a dollar and a quarter" discount stores near his home.

"You've got to be nuts!" I said to the man whose most recent employment brought him a six-figure engineer's salary, and who once owned an eight-figure construction business in the early 2000s. "Those are some of the most put-upon, least respected, most under-appreciated employees on the planet. What



JOHN MARLOWE
With the Grain

makes you want to join them?" "It's fun," he said. "Fun?" I said. "What makes long hours on your feet, surly customers and low pay fun?" "I just make it fun," he said. Now, don't get me wrong. Retail jobs are as noble as any other, as long as you love what you are doing. I just get the feeling that most people in retail don't. I'm certain Brian doesn't. That's because I know the secret that obviously his new employer failed to pick up on: Brian hates people.

I know what you're thinking. You think I'm exaggerating. Probably I mean Brian doesn't like crowds. Maybe he despises folks who don't agree with him. Perhaps he's just perturbed by annoying people.

Nope. I mean he hates people. Period.

Give Brian a set of blueprints, a scale, maybe a calculator and a pen he'll grow your business five-fold. However, I wouldn't dare let him near the "trust fall" game on an employee bonding retreat.

"Oh. You mean I'm supposed to catch her?" I can hear him say.

Young people, old people, shy people, bold people, they all rate the same with Brian. If it were up to him, people would have the life expectancy of mayflies. Once we concluded the birthing process, we'd all die off.

"So, how do you make your job fun," I asked, noting to myself that it had been a long time since I'd had a good cringe.

"Well," he said, "the store's owner is so desperate for employees, I get away with murder."

Oh, dear heavens! Even I didn't think he'd go that far.

"If my boss wants me to do something that I don't want to do," Brian said. "I just tell him 'no.'"

I'm beginning to understand why the shelves are never stocked in those discount stores. "OK, I can see some enjoyment in bossing around your boss, but that still means you've got to deal with the general public at the counter," I said.

"Sure! But that's where the most fun is," he said.

"I guess I just don't see it."

"Well, like the other day," Brian began. "A man came in to buy some antacids. I could tell he was drunk, so I thought I'd have some fun. I picked up the large package, and ran it across the scanner. But instead of putting it in the bag, I set it down on the same side of the counter he set it on. I picked it up the second time, and scanned it again. I did this over and over. You should have seen the man's eyes when I told him he owed \$217.43!"

"Sheesh, Brian! And he went for that?"

"I threw in some sample-sized men's deodorant for free, and he left the store thanking me."

"Okay, but you can't get

away with that every day, right?" I hoped.

"Naw, you have to be creative. Our scanners are old and unsophisticated. If there is a multiple item purchase, we can't just scan one item, and then type the quantity on the keypad. We have to scan every item individually."

"Now, that would bore me," I said.

"Not if you make a game out of it," Brian said. "Just Tuesday, a lady brought 75 pencil erasers to the counter, on sale for Back-to-School. I proceeded to scan them one at a time. Several minutes into the scan -- with concern on my face -- I stopped. I looked the lady in the eyes, and said 'I count 37 so far. How many do you have?'"

"I can't believe you didn't get in trouble," I said.

"Well, the boss did call me into his office that day," Brian admitted.

"I'm not surprised," I said. "They want to make me Manager. Profits are up 18 percent this month."

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Timmons Is Taking A Break From The Heavy Stuff

It seems a lot of my scribbles lately have been heavy on the heavy stuff. I don't know what it is. The more I look around at the world, the more I worry for my grandpups. Still, there's a limit as to how much I can rant and rave, and most certainly on how much you are willing to read.

So let's lighten up a bit this week, shall we?

One of our readers was kind enough to send me an e-mail with a bunch of thought-provoking and smile-inducing images and words. I take no credit for any of these, but they are certainly worth sharing. I hope you enjoy them as much as I did.

I'm old enough to remember when paper bags were being blamed for the destruction of the trees – and plastic bags were the solution.

Kind of makes you wonder what "common wisdom" will tell us in 40 or so years, doesn't it?

I'm so old I remember when multiplication was called



TIM TIMMONS
Two Cents

"Times Tables."

Oh, me too! And I remember even more a few nuns at Our Lady of Grace losing patience with one young moron, uh, me, who couldn't seem to grasp the table involving sevens!

I'm so old that when I was a kid we actually had to win to get a trophy.

Sadly, that no longer means you're THAT old!

When I was a kid I didn't need an Elf on the Shelf to

motivate me during Christmas time. I had a belt on the shelf that motivated me to behave the whole year through.

Didn't we all!

Some of y'all never held a flashlight for your dad when he was working on the car . . . and had him yell at you for not shining it in the right place. And it shows.

What I wouldn't give to have another day of working on the car in the garage with my dad, or my grandpa.

This one just has a picture of an old man and a young kid walking arm in arm and says: Spend time with your elders. Not everything can be found on Google.

Amen!

Y'all enjoy those 20s, 30s and 40s, because in your 50s that check engine light is gonna come on.

Amen, again!

If Jesus tried to feed the 5,000 today, he'd hear: I can't eat fish. I'm vegan. Is that bread gluten free? Has

the fish been tested for mercury?

It'd be funny if it weren't the truth.

One minute you're 21, staying up all night drinking beer, eating pizza and doing sketchy stuff just for fun. Then in the blink of an eye, you're 50, drinking water, eating kale and you can't do any sketchy stuff because you pulled a muscle putting on your socks.

Those pulled muscles hurt!

I survived playing in the mud, getting spanked, rusty playgrounds, second-hand smoke, toy guns, lead paint, no seatbelts, no helmets and drinking from the hose?

And most of those things were pretty darn fun!

One of my favorites is a photo of a toy cap gun. You remember the cowboy six shooters that had the roll of caps inside? The caption simply says: I can smell this photo.

So can I!

And my favorite one: Kids today will never know the joy of laying around and reading the Sunday funnies.

I'm sure every generation looks back and feels similar. I have no idea where things are going and what kind of world those aforementioned grandpups will grow up in. But one thing I do know, I don't think we're in a better world than the one our grandparents grew up in. And unless we made some course corrections pretty quick, I'm pretty sure it ain't getting any better.

So I hope you'll bear with me when I harp on some of the silliness that goes on today. If we all say enough is enough, then maybe your grandpups and mine have a shot.

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Wolfsie Wants To Know If Have You Herd Of G.O.A.T.s?

Want to know who the G.O.A.T. is (The Greatest of All Time) for any particular endeavor? If you google G.O.A.T. for baseball announcers, there is little disagreement. Number one is Vin Scully.

Scully passed away recently at the age of 94. He called Dodgers games for 67 years, both in Brooklyn and L.A. He wasn't just an announcer and play-by-play man (he did both): he was also a poet and a painter. On the radio, he created vivid pictures of what was happening on the field, but in the TV booth, he helped the viewer understand the game, and when great moments happened in baseball as they so often do—like Henry Aaron's homerun



DICK WOLFSIE
Life in a Nutshell

to break Babe Ruth's 40-year record in 1974—he knew when to let the cheers of the crowd tell the story. Rumor has it when Aaron hit that historic blast, Scully retreated to the restroom to heed nature's call because he decided the next two minutes of the game did not require "his" call. When he returned to the mic, that's when

you heard his poetry. It's worth listening to the YouTube.

Carl Erskine, Hoosier native and former Major League pitcher, is now the only living Dodgers link to the Jackie Robinson age of baseball, covering the late '40s and '50s. (With one exception: Robinson's widow, Rachel, just celebrated her 100th birthday.) I spoke to Carl at a retirement village in Anderson, Indiana, where he and his wife Betty are about to celebrate their 75th wedding anniversary in October.

I threw him a few softball questions, because I knew he was a fan of the off-speed pitch. He explained to me what made Scully great. Just as important as his pas-

sion for the game, said Carl, "You always felt he was talking directly to you. You don't get that feeling today with many broadcasters. The voice of the announcer is part of people's lives. Sometimes they get bigger rounds of applause than the players."

Former Colts sportscaster Bob Lamey revered his peer, and he agreed with Carl's sentiment that you always felt you knew Scully, that he was part of your family...even more so than the players were. According to Lamey, one of Scully's greatest skills was to adjust his style to the broadcasting situation. Obviously, being on the radio required more visual description of the plays than announc-

ing on TV, and Lamey described how Scully had a different presentation for day vs. night games. During summer afternoon contests, where there were many families in attendance, he might give a little extra explanation for something like a squeeze bunt or the infield fly rule. But at night, well, those were the true fans, not just folks looking for pleasant afternoon entertainment. "They knew what a squeeze bunt was," Lamey mused. "No explanation needed."

"Most importantly," said Lamey, "I never once heard Vin Scully talk about himself. It was always about the game...and the fans and the players. Even if you were not a Dodger fan,

he made the game fun. There will never be another one like him."

As a kid, I used to hide a transistor radio under my pillow and listen to night games, falling asleep to Vin's voice while he described a Jackie Robinson steal or a Carl Erskine overhand curve ball crossing the plate for the final out. Now, you may not agree that Vin Scully was the G.O.A.T., but this week it has been my honor to go to bat for him.

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Ask Rusty – What Are My Wife's Benefits While I'm Living And As My Widow?

Dear Rusty: I will be 70 in January and my wife will be 65 in February, at which time we will both go on Medicare. I am currently working, and my approximate Social Security benefit will be around \$2,900. My wife was a stay-at-home mom and, therefore, has minimal Social Security benefits on her own. At 65 she is eligible for \$870 and at full retirement age will qualify for \$990. A few questions: if she starts to draw benefits at 65, what would be her total spousal benefit? If she waited until her full retirement age, what would the amount be? Of greater concern, what would be her survivor benefit given the same criteria as mentioned above. **Signed: Planning Ahead**

Dear Planning Ahead: Based on the Social Security amounts in your



ASK RUSTY
Social Security Advisor

email, your wife is eligible for a spousal benefit while you are both living. Her spouse benefit when she claims will consist of her own Social Security retirement benefit plus a spousal boost to bring her payment to her spousal entitlement. Spouse benefits are computed using full retirement age (FRA) benefit amounts, so if your age 70 benefit is "around \$2900" then your FRA (age 66) benefit amount (known as your "primary insurance amount") should be around \$2,225. Your wife's base spou-

Social Security Matters by AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor Russell Gloor

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sal boost would be the difference between her FRA amount and 50% of your FRA amount, so her total benefit, if taken at her full retirement age, would be about \$1,112 (her \$990 plus a \$122 spousal boost). But taken at age 65, both her own benefit and her spousal boost would be reduced. At age 65 your wife's total benefit would be around \$963 (her own \$870 plus a reduced spousal boost of about \$93).

Regarding your wife's survivor benefit as

your widow, if she has reached her full retirement age (66 years and 8 months), at your death she would get the same amount you were getting when you died – the \$2,900 you will get by claiming at age 70. Your wife's survivor benefit as your widow will replace the smaller spousal amount she was receiving while you were both living. Since your wife will be already collecting a spousal benefit from you, if she has reached her FRA when you pass your wife will be auto-

matically awarded her survivor benefit at that time. If she hasn't yet reached her FRA when you pass, the spousal portion of her benefit will stop but she can request a reduced survivor benefit early. In that case her early survivor benefit will be actuarially reduced by .396% for each month before her FRA it is claimed. If you were to die in the month your wife turns 65, her early survivor benefit would be about \$2668.

One final thought about Medicare: if you continue to work and have "creditable" healthcare coverage from your employer, you can defer enrolling in Medicare Part B (coverage for outpatient services), thus avoiding the Part B premium until you stop working. If your wife is covered under your "creditable" employer healthcare plan, she can also defer enrolling in Medicare Part B un-

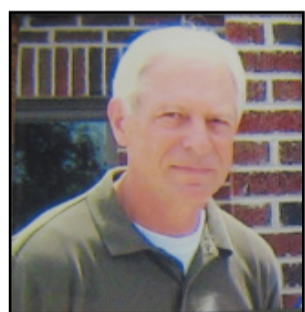
til that coverage ends ("creditable" is a group plan with at least 20 participants). However, enrolling in Medicare Part A (coverage for inpatient hospitalization services), for which there is no premium, is mandatory to collect Social Security after age 65.

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Butch's Random Thoughts, Observations, And Questions

First...on the national scene...OK, what about Donald Trump? Is he a criminal? Or was he set up AGAIN by the DOJ and deep state? I guess we'll find out... eventually. To be honest, I never liked Trump, but I voted for him in 2016. There was no way I could have voted for Hillary, one of the most conniving and corrupt politicians in U.S. history, in my opinion. And yes, I would definitely vote for a woman for President. Women have more common sense than most men. Condoleezza Rice, Tulsi Gabbard, and Kristi Noem come to mind. Now what about poor Bill Clinton? How would you like to wake up every morning and see Hillary's mug? No wonder he had hundreds of affairs. Reminds me of JFK. Both intelligent and capable Presidents. Just couldn't keep their pants zipped up. But JFK had a beautiful wife. Still can't figure that one out.

Well, Trump is business smart and cares about the future of our



BUTCH DALE
Columnist

country. He did a lot of good things, but he is also arrogant and doesn't know when to keep his mouth shut. At times he was his own worst enemy, but at least he tried to drain the DC swamp. And then there is Barack Hussein Obama, who almost single-handedly destroyed Black/White relations in our country, and certainly gave impetus to the creation of Black Lives Matter and Defund the Police movements. He made it possible for George Floyd, a drugged-up, eight-time convicted felon who resisted arrest, to become a hero because of the actions of a stressed-out police officer...while one

of our greatest Supreme Court justices, Clarence Thomas, also Black and a self-made man, is often considered a traitor by many of his race and looked down upon. Go figure. Barry, I know you are sitting in your new \$15 million home on Martha's Vineyard, counting your money and smiling right now... and likely planning your next instructions for ol' Joe. Thanks a lot.

Other observations.... Some men are now identifying as females even though they are biological males, and yes, there are females identifying as males...and they prefer to use a restroom that reflects their "gender identity." But hold on. Now there are children who are identifying as animals. They call themselves "furrries." I am aware of one local boy who identifies as a dog. No kidding. Will the school accommodate him and put in a litter box or pee pad?

One of my grandsons plans to attend Butler or Purdue after

he graduates this year. The cost at Purdue per year for tuition, fees, and books is \$11,880. When I started at Purdue as a freshman in 1966, my tuition, fees, and books cost \$410. That's right...\$410, which if you factor in inflation, comes to \$3,749 in today's dollars. Purdue is ranked as one of the "best buys" of all colleges, but why have the costs increased so much? And what about Butler? The yearly cost of tuition, fees, and books at Butler is...hold on to your hat...\$44,460! Add in meals, housing, and miscellaneous costs and it goes up to over \$64,000. No wonder the Butler mascot bulldog looks well fed!

Each afternoon I hear radio commercials for local banks. The bank representative says, "We are part of the community...your neighbors and friends." OK...fine... great. So here is my question...if they are my "friend," why are they charging me 7% for a loan, and only paying

me 1/2% on my savings account? That doesn't sound too friendly to me. Sounds more like they are trying to stick it to me.

And speaking of money, after eating at a restaurant in Lafayette last Sunday, I had to drive through a car lot on Sagamore Parkway to turn around. In the lot was a new full-sized SUV "on sale" for \$87,500. For God's sakes, a person could buy a fairly decent house for that price! There were used trucks in the \$40-\$60,000 price range...many with high mileage. How is this even possible?

Other random questions...Why do actors and actresses give me their views on politics? Why do I care what Whoopi Goldberg or Bette Midler think? No one cares what I think, but at least I know that. Another thing...I am tired of hearing about North Korea and Iran developing nuclear bombs. Why don't we just bomb their leaders off the

face of the earth and get it over with? With regards to the hundreds of thousands of illegal immigrants crossing our border, how many are bringing killer drugs into our communities? How many are terrorists? If an Islamic Jihad member or Al-Quaeda nutcase brings in a small nuclear bomb inside a suitcase, who is Dementia Joe going to blame?

And my last questions...Why can't this country elect one good, decent, intelligent, capable, and respected person as our President? Someone like Ronald Reagan or Franklin Roosevelt?...Why did Priscilla leave Elvis and break his heart?...and last, but not least...Who shot J.R. Ewing? (Sorry, I was working two jobs at that time. I can't remember.)

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Time To Trade In America's Broken Education System For One That Works

By David J. Ferreira and Chris Sinacola

President Biden is currently weighing a massive cancellation of federal student loan debt. It's easy to see why. The nation's total student debt load now exceeds \$1.7 trillion.

The situation is even worse given that many student debt holders leave school without a degree -- yet must still struggle for years to pay back their loans.

Moreover, it's far from clear whether all this spending on higher education is providing our economy with the workers it needs. Even as the number of Americans with a college degree has risen, a range of vital industries -- from construction and manufacturing to car repair -- have seen the supply of qualified workers steadily shrink.

A long-running ed-

ucational experiment in Massachusetts could point the way out of both these crises. The state's extensive network of vocational-technical schools -- or "voc-tech schools," as they're known -- offers high school students a path to career success that doesn't require an expensive four-year college degree.

By expanding this educational model to more states, policymakers could slash student debt while also addressing the skilled-worker shortage in some of the nation's biggest industries.

That so many Americans are struggling to pay down student loan debt is evidence of a larger higher-education crisis. Today, it's conventional wisdom that even a modest middle-class existence requires a four-year college degree.

The perceived necessity of a college education has enabled institutions to charge increasingly exorbitant tuition. Student debt levels have risen in tandem.

At the same time, those who drop out of college without a degree, or never attend to begin with, are often condemned to low-paying jobs with few reliable paths to more gainful employment. This situation describes an enormous segment of the American workforce. By one estimate, more than 44% of the nation's workers have low-wage jobs. Of those, just under half have a high school diploma or less.

Yet companies across the economy are in dire need of skilled workers. The manufacturing sector's skilled labor shortage is on track to reach more than 2.1 million

workers by the end of the decade, according to one recent study. Across the economy, some 4 million skilled positions sit unfilled right now.

In short, America's current approach to higher education is failing everyone from debt-ridden college graduates to low-wage non-college graduates -- and even understaffed businesses. Massachusetts's voc-tech model might offer a solution.

Unlike in traditional high schools, students in the Bay State's 41 voc-tech schools spend half their time on academic work and half learning a technical trade such as automotive technology, carpentry, electronics, advanced manufacturing, or the culinary arts.

Far from detracting from academic performance, the hands-on

component of voc-tech curricula actually complements and deepens student understanding of the liberal arts. In fact, students at voc-tech schools perform roughly on par with their peers from traditional high schools on state tests -- even though they're spending half as much time on academic instruction.

The dropout rate for students in the state's voc-tech schools is one-third that for students in traditional high schools.

What this suggests is that students who graduate from voc-tech schools are just as prepared as their peers in purely academic schools to pursue a college degree. But voc-tech students also leave school with the technical know-how to begin a fulfilling, well-paying career in one of the many industries where skilled labor is in

desperately short supply.

The result is an education model that serves the needs of students while also spurring growth and creating opportunity throughout the economy -- something the status quo education system has failed to do.

There's no reason the voc-tech model must remain exclusive to the Bay State. By following Massachusetts's example, states across the country have a chance to trade in a broken, expensive approach to education for one that actually works.

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Don't Look To California For Ideas On Addressing Homelessness

By Wayne Winegarden and Kerry Jackson

No matter how bad the homelessness problem looks in other metropolitan areas, they pale compared to California's. While the state accounts for not quite 12% of the U.S. population, roughly 28% of the nation's homeless are in California. The lesson: Don't copy the Golden State's policies for mitigating homelessness -- they simply don't work.

California's homeless population was not quite 139,000 in 2007. Within seven years, it had fallen to about 114,000. From there, it grew sharply to more than 161,000 in 2020. Over the same period, the total homeless in the rest of the states fell

from a little more than 508,000 to 419,000.

This happened even though California's economy expanded about 50% faster than the rest of the country from 2014 to 2020.

Clearly California does not have the answers.

In April 2020, as the coronavirus pandemic struck, Project Roomkey was introduced in California. The program's mission was to house the homeless in hotel and motel rooms, as well as trailers, to help flatten the curve of viral infections and "preserve hospital capacity," said the governor's office.

From Project Roomkey grew Project Homekey, which directed state and federal funds for the

purchase and renovation of hotels and motels, which would then become permanent housing for the homeless.

While well-intentioned, both programs have a structural flaw: they follow the failed "housing first" approach.

Yes, the homeless need homes. But housing first, which has been the official state policy since 2016, is better described as housing-and-nothing-else. According to a Cicero Institute study, attempts to alleviate homelessness based on housing first appear "to attract more people from outside the homeless system, or keep them in the homelessness system, because they are drawn to the promise of a perma-

nent and usually rent-free room." Housing first is nothing more than a husk of a program because it doesn't treat the root causes of homelessness, which for many are addiction or mental illness, and often both.

Despite the shortcomings of housing first, California's commitment to Project Homekey has racked up billions in expenditures of federal and state dollars without having much if anything to show for all the spending.

In Los Angeles, where a third of the state's 161,548 homeless are located, Project Homekey has not met expectations. The 15,000 rooms that were set as the goal were never provided, while the

excessive costs of Homekey have made it unsustainable.

A different set of problems has beset homeless housing in San Francisco. An investigation by the Chronicle found that the city's effort to shelter the homeless operate "with little oversight or support," which has led to "disastrous" results. Rodents infest rooms, crime and violence is common, and death, often from overdoses, a frequent visitor. Nevertheless, the city, as well as other Bay Area communities where Project Homekey has shown itself to be insufficient, remain dedicated to the program and its poorly aimed spending.

Here's some advice for lawmakers across

the country looking to beat homelessness: don't ignore effective innovations from the private sector that are changing people's lives. Treating the addictions and mental health struggles that are at the core of the problem must be a priority.

California continues to insist its way is the only way. Until that changes, the state has nothing to offer other states in their struggle to reduce homelessness.

Dr. Wayne Winegarden and Kerry Jackson are co-authors of the new Pacific Research Institute brief "Project Homekey Provides No Way Home for California's Homeless." Download a copy at www.pacificresearch.org.

Medicare For All Would "Fix" What Isn't Broken

By Janet Trautwein

Medicare for All remains on the congressional docket. Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., recently re-introduced his bid for a single-payer system, claiming it would guarantee all Americans health coverage while lowering costs and saving lives.

That's a compelling sales pitch. However, the reality is that Medicare for All would outlaw private health insurance and force millions of Americans onto a single government-run plan. And contrary to what its proponents might suggest, Medicare for All would lead to worse care for patients at higher cost.

Even the idea's supporters don't seem to know what it entails. According to polling from the Kaiser Family Foundation, two-thirds of Medicare for All supporters believe they'd be able to keep their

private insurance under a single-payer healthcare system.

Sen. Sanders's bill, of course, would ban private plans. That might not sit well with the 14 million Americans who purchase private plans through the Affordable Care Act's exchanges. Almost three-quarters of enrollees like the plan they have now.

Outlawing private insurance coverage also wouldn't go over well with the 180 million Americans with employer-sponsored coverage. More than seven in 10 are satisfied with their plans.

That makes sense. Employers compete for employees in part by offering generous health insurance. Workers benefit from the great coverage, and employers benefit by being able to attract and retain quality workers.

By forcing everyone onto the same insurance plan, Medicare for All would take that bargaining chip away from employers and employees alike.

It's no surprise that overall support for Medicare for All -- which usually hovers around 50% -- drops to just 37% when people realize it would eliminate private health insurance.

Support drops to just 26% when people learn single-payer would lead to delays in care.

Delays are endemic to single-payer programs like Medicare for All. That's because the government would pay hospitals and doctors below-market rates in order to deliver the savings Sen. Sanders promises.

Medicare and Medicaid pay less than private insurers do. A single-payer plan would extend those low

payment rates to everyone.

Providers today charge privately insured patients more to make up for low reimbursements from public plans. They wouldn't be able to do that under Medicare for All. The result would be budget deficits for 90% of hospitals, according to one study from FTI Consulting.

Providers would have little choice but to restrict access to services -- if they're able to keep their doors open. Patients would face long waits for subpar treatment.

That's exactly what happens in other countries with single-payer health care. In the United Kingdom's National Health Service, there are more than 6 million people waiting for hospital care. Thousands have been waiting for more than two years.

Similarly, under Cana-

da's single-payer system, patients face a median wait of nearly six months from the time they're referred by a general practitioner to receipt of treatment from a specialist.

Under Medicare for All, American patients would experience similar fates. That was the conclusion of Phillip Swagel, director of the Congressional Budget Office, who recently told Congress that single-payer would increase "congestion in the healthcare system, including delays and forgone care."

Those delays and forgone care would cost Americans a lot of money -- more than \$30 trillion over a decade.

Less than 10% of the American population is uninsured. There are far more cost-effective ways to expand access to affordable coverage.

For example, the addi-

tional subsidies provided by the American Rescue Plan Act have helped more than 3 million Americans secure coverage through the Affordable Care Act's exchanges for less than \$10 a month. Extending those subsidies permanently could continue to make private coverage affordable for millions.

The Affordable Care Act has also driven down coverage inequities, especially in states that have expanded Medicaid. That's a testament to the power of building on the parts of our healthcare system that are working.

Lawmakers should focus their efforts there -- not on Medicare for All.

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Friendship, Not War, Is the Antidote To Niceness

By Lewis Waha

Christians are known for being nice, or at least trying to be. But some reject niceness, saying it's outmoded. They see a fool's errand in trying to persuade a culture that has turned decisively hostile against Christians. The case has been well articulated by pastor and professor James Wood. Through essays and other media, he's advocated against "winsomeness" and in favor of alternative values: courage, clarity, and resilience.

But Wood's campaign sparked an ugly debate at its outset. Journalist David French criticized Wood's essay "How I Evolved on Tim Keller" as justifying "cruelty and malice." Podcaster Skye Jethani decried critics of winsomeness as fearful of the broader culture. In return, blogger Rod Dreher identified contemporary Christian niceness as a form of denial

and "cowardice."

Such dissension among serious Christians is disappointing but unsurprising. Whatever its merits, Wood's essay came with tribal baggage. First, its given title implicitly disses widely respected evangelist Tim Keller as an old dinosaur to evolve beyond. Second, the essay functions as a deconversion story. It rallies members of one tribe based on their shared negative experiences with another. As Wood tells it, he left a tribe of resentful "Kellerites," who swear by Keller's "winsome approach" to engaging the culture. By being pleasant and avoiding offending others, they hope to "gain a hearing" for the gospel. But wrongfully, they have extended the imperative to not offend to politics. As a result, they bind the consciences of American Christians who voted for the offensive Donald

Trump in 2016.

Perhaps Kellerites' false judgments against their fellow Christians are real and well documented. But charity requires setting aside these "atrocious stories," as James Davison Hunter might call them. Only then can we grasp a finer point in Wood's follow up essay, which gestures toward politics as the "prudential pursuit of justice." He thinks Christians on the center-right could learn from the Christian left because they get "the nature of politics." As he puts it: "Most Christians on the left are passionate about the pursuit of justice (as they perceive it), and they are not overwrought in concern about how their political actions will help or hinder the reception of the gospel message."

It's sensible enough that for Wood, passion and the willingness to offend for justice's sake are essential

to politics. What's questionable though is whether the Christian left's passion and forthrightness are good examples of this. After all, they aren't major players in American politics. Playing second fiddle to their allies the secular left, they are sheltered from the costs of being offensive or decrying their perceived enemies. By contrast, Christians at the center-right pull much more of their own coalition's weight; emulating the left's "passion" would turn off moderate allies who make the difference between electoral victory and defeat.

Political prudence then, cuts both ways. One must believe enough in one's own cause to advocate with verve. But one must also persuade allies who don't share the same viewpoint or even speak the same political language.

This latter part of political prudence belongs to

the ideal of civic friendship. Persuasion is key here. Through it, citizens arrive together at truth and a shared vision of the common good. That vision includes perpetuating "the city" as a unified polity, not splintering it by civil war or civil divorce. And since the bloody wars of religion of the 16th and 17th centuries, civic friends have rejected totalizing victories that would exile the vanquished.

Christians and others have taken this modern ideal of tolerance for granted over the course of American history. But we've wavered in recent years, as some are tempted to return the old vision of politics as enmity and total war.

To be sure, there really is such a thing as being too nice. But niceness is a strawman, not a serious position. Populists cast their bromides against it, urging people to grow a

spine and shake off their denial that the other side is pure evil. Ultimately, rhetoric against niceness diverts us from discussing the common ground we share on kindness.

Kindness always admits of speaking hard truths in love. At the same time, not every effort to avoid offending others is cowardice. As the proverb goes, discretion is the better part of valor. Courage and passion to confront enemies fall short if they are only in service of waging politics as war. The pluralistic reality we find ourselves in requires that we practice the discipline of civic friendship as well. Then we might not just pursue justice but achieve an actual measure of it.

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The Longest-Running Show In The History of American Theatre Finds A New Home At Myers Dinner Theatre

The sixth Main Stage production in Myers Dinner Theatre's 26th Anniversary season will be *The Fantasticks*, book and lyrics by Tom Jones and music by Harvey Schmidt, opening Aug. 17 with seating for dinner beginning at 11:30 a.m., and running through September 4th. This production is being Co-Directed by James Stover and Dion Stover. Since its opening in May 1960 at the Sullivan Street Playhouse in New York, and its subsequent revival at the Jerry Orbach Theatre, *The Fantasticks* remains the longest-running production of any kind in the history of American Theatre. Produced by special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).

"Try To Remember" a time when this romantic charmer wasn't enchanting audiences around the world. At the heart of its breathtaking poetry and subtle theatrical sophistication is a purity and simplicity that transcends cultural barriers. The result is a timeless fable of love that manages to be nostalgic and universal at the same time. A funny and romantic musical about a boy (Evan Schmit), a girl (Emmie Wright), and their two fathers (TJ Bird and Ty Hanes) who try to keep them apart. The narrator, El Gallo (Jordan Jones), asks the audience to use their imagination and follow him into a world of moonlight and magic. The boy and the girl fall in love, grow apart and finally find their way back to each other after realizing the truth in El Gallo's words that, "without a hurt, the heart is hollow." *The Fantasticks* is an intimate show that will engage the audience's imagination and showcase a strong ensemble cast, featuring award-winning local harpist (Taylor Mermoud). Its moving tale of young lovers who become disillusioned, only to discover a more mature, meaningful love is punctuated by a bountiful series of catchy, memorable songs, many of which have become classics.

The Fantasticks opens Wednesday, Aug. 17 and runs through Sept. 4, with Wednesday and Saturday matinees seating for meals at 11:30 a.m. and curtain at 1:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday evening performances seating for meals at 6 p.m. with curtain at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinee with seating for meals at 12:30 p.m. and curtain at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased by phone at (765) 798-4902, ext. 2, or by visiting the MDT website at www.myersdt.com. Performance dates vary, so consult the online calendar for show dates and times. Theatre prices are \$49.50 for dinner and theatre, \$35 for students (ages 4-18), and show-only for \$33. Prices do not include taxes, handling fees or gratuity. Season tickets, group pricing and bus parking are also available. Myers Dinner Theatre is located at 108 Water St., Hillsboro, IN and is handicap accessible.

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A free public reception is scheduled for Aug. 26 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Haan Museum of Indiana Art.

The guest speaker is Rachel Perry, author, art historian, and former fine art curator at the Indiana State Museum.

The regionalist movement focused on realistic documentations of everyday life in the Midwest in the Depression era. The Haan collection includes the finest examples of

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The Museum also is announcing the return of the popular Lunch & Learn program. The next one is scheduled for Sept. 27 beginning at 11:30 a.m. Museum co-founder Bob Haan will share a presentation related to the Regionalist Painting Exhibition.

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