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Matthew 7:2 For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.

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People who call our community their own.



Matt Reynolds of Klooz Brews in Lebanon was in beautiful downtown Crawfordsville recently when he was spotted by one of The Paper's roving photographers!

THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 The Indiana Department of Transportation announces U.S. 136 will close on or after Monday, Sept. 12 between State Road 63 and U.S. 41, near Veedersburg. Crews will be removing an existing culvert and replacing it with a new, reinforced concrete box structure. The closure is expected to last through mid-October, weather permitting. The official detour follows S.R. 63 to S.R. 32 to U.S. 41 and back to U.S. 136.

2 Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb is directing flags in Huntington County to be flown at half-staff to honor U.S. Marine Sergeant Jackson Payne Wright who passed away on Aug. 20 at his base in Kaneohe, Hawaii. Flags should be flown at half-staff from sunrise to sunset today. 2. Holcomb also asks businesses and residents in Huntington County to lower their flags to half-staff to honor Sgt. Wright and his service.

3 Raymond Turner lives Fort Worth, TX and works at the Cook Children's Hospital there. Christina Sadberry also lives in Fort Worth and frequently takes her 4-year-old son to the very same hospital for medical treatments. The Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC] says that one day not so long ago Turner's wife, Maria, got him one of those DNA kits that tells you about your genetic heritage. And, you guessed it, Ms. Sadberry was a match. So, Maria tracked her down on Facebook and they made a connection. Christina got a chance to see a photo of Mr. Turner and recalled seeing him at the hospital that very same day. The long-lost siblings had finally found each other.

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CEL&P To "Fill The Bucket" With A Community Food Drive

Crawfordsville Electric Light & Power (CEL&P) employees are hosting our first "Fill the Bucket" community food drive to benefit the FISH Food Pantry of Montgomery County. As your Public Power provider, CEL&P takes pride in providing our customers with reliable, low-cost electricity while giving back to the community we serve.

Now until Oct. 4, customers are invited to join CEL&P employees as they "Fill the Bucket" by bringing non-perishable donations to CEL&P's lobby, drive-thru, or given directly to CEL&P employees that you see working in the community.

CEL&P employees will deliver the collected items to the FISH Food Pantry on Oct. 5 in coordination with other community service activities the company will be participating in during Public Power Week.

"Crawfordsville Electric Light & Power has been part of the Crawfordsville community for over 130 years," said Phil Goode, General Manager of CEL&P. "The company and employees are always looking for ways to give back



to those we serve. Ending the food drive during Public Power Week allows our employees and customers to come together and support our local food bank while celebrating the benefits of public power."

Suggested donation items include, but are not limited to:

- Non-perishable food items such as pasta, soup, peanut butter, and jelly
- Baby formula and baby foods
- Diapers
- Personal care items such as deodorants, hair care products, feminine hygiene, shaving needs, laundry detergent

Please contact CEL&P via email at amcarthur@celp.com or by phone at (765) 362-1900 Ext. 8045 with any questions regarding the food drive.

Kids Eat Right Month

By Josie Austin, Purdue Dietetic Intern



As school has started and August comes to an end so is Kids

Eat Right Month. The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and the Academy Foundation consider Kids Eat Right Month a time to highlight the importance of children's healthy futures through smart shopping, healthy eating, and active lifestyles. Even though the month is coming to an end it offers many ways to ensure our children's health throughout the years to come.

Healthy Eating: Snacks are a great way to encourage healthy eating during and after school. One way to do this is to put the focus on whole grains, fruits, and vegetables and to watch for added sugars, saturated fat, and sodium. When it comes to added sugars, it is recommended that they do not make up more than 10% of your daily calories. Added sugars are any sugars that are not naturally found in a food and have been added.

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Butch Proclaims That Elvis Is Still "The King"



BUTCH DALE
Columnist

My wife and I watched the new "Elvis" movie at the East-side Ten theater in Lafayette a few weeks ago. The cost... thirty dollars for two tickets, one bucket of popcorn, and one large drink! Slightly more than

the 35 cents I paid for a ticket and bag of popcorn at the old Sunshine Theater in Darlington to see the first movies Elvis made in the 1950s!

But hey, it was worth it. The movie was good, and the actor who portrayed Elvis had him down spot on. However, by the end of the movie, we both had seen enough of Col. Tom Parker, portrayed by Tom Hanks. We would rather have seen more of Elvis than his manager, but those of you who have seen the movie may feel differently. My daughter and her family watched the movie in the theater, and she has now watched it three more times at home!

I was only 8 or 9 years old when Elvis started recording songs in the mid-1950s. His music was just totally different than what my parents had been listening to. In fact, his looks, his style, the way he talked, the way he acted... was different and more unique than any other musician. Many high school boys wanted to act and look like Elvis, especially his hairstyle and his shirt collar flipped up in the back. Why?... because the girls loved Elvis! He seemed like the all-American boy, but with smoldering sexuality. Like most fans, I was not impressed with his movies.

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The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 7:16 a.m.
SET: 8:17 p.m.



High/Low Temperatures
High: 88 °F
Low: 64 °F



Today is...

- National Food Bank Day
- World Coconut Day



What Happened On This Day

- 1666 The Great Fire of London begins
- 1789 U.S. Department of the Treasury is formed



Births On This Day

- 1913 Bill Shankly Scottish footballer, manager
- 1964 Keanu Reeves Canadian actor

Deaths On This Day

- 1969 Ho Chi Minh Vietnamese politician, 1st President of Vietnam
- 1973 J. R. R. Tolkien English philologist, author

HONEST HOOSIER

So streaming TV has surpassed cable TV for the first time. I'm not sure if that proves that things are changing or that I miss the days when we had three stations to choose from.



INSIDE TODAY'S EDITION

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TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Smoking does not relieve stress - it actually reinforces it. 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.



OBITUARIES

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TODAY'S QUOTE

"All at once summer collapsed into fall."
Oscar Wilde

TODAY'S JOKE

What is a tree's least favorite month?
Sep-Timber!

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OBITUARIES

Kenny Mayes

March 1, 1958 - Aug. 30, 2022

Kenny L. Mayes of Crawfordsville passed away Tuesday night at Methodist Hospital. He was 64.

Born March 1, 1958 in Springfield, Ill., he was the son of Lawrence Mayes and Anna Marie Lavey Mayes.

He married the former Karen Ooms on Feb. 8, 2001.

He worked as a maintenance man, most recently at the Laser Car Wash, before his health forced him to retire. He enjoyed woodworking and was active with Montgomery County Woodworkers and Carvers as well as a local penturning group.

Survivors include his wife, Karen Mayes of Crawfordsville; step-son, Robin Cannon; brother, Ronald Mayes.

A celebration of the life of Kenny Mayes will be held from 3 - 6 p.m. on Sept. 11 at VFW Post 1431, 117 North Water Street, Crawfordsville. Arrangements were entrusted to Burkhart Funeral Home.



Marshall "Gumby" Weber

Aug. 17, 1959 - Aug. 22, 2022

Marshall B. Weber of Indianapolis passed away Monday evening at St. Vincent's Hospital, five days after turning 63.

Born Aug. 17, 1959 in Lafayette, he was the son of Thomas Weber and Jean Fowler Weber.

He graduated from Crawfordsville High School, class of 1977 and then earned a degree from ITT Technical Institute.

He was an avid Minnesota Vikings fan. He loved to read, watch movies and host family and friends gatherings. He was a draftsman who worked on the design of many bridges, including some in Montgomery County.

Survivors include his sister, Linda (Ken) Hauser of Terre Haute; brother, Dale (Becky) Weber of Robertsdale, AL; sisters, Donna (Tim) Taylor Ratliff of Crawfordsville, Brenda (Matt) Yano of Gulf Breeze, FL, Karen (Michael) Ellinghausen of Indianapolis, Ind., Lavon Hazard of Indianapolis; two nieces; three nephews; one great-niece; and one great-nephew.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and brother-in-law, Jeff Taylor.

He will be cremated per his wishes and buried at Calvary Cemetery in Crawfordsville. A celebration of the life of Marshall Weber will be held on Oct 14, 2022 at Lake Holiday Clubhouse from 4 - 8 p.m.

Michael J. "Mike" Fishero

July 21, 1955 - Aug. 30, 2022

Michael J. "Mike" Fishero of Crawfordsville passed away Tuesday morning at home. He was 67.

Born July 21, 1955 in Crawfordsville, he was the son of Larry Keith Fishero and Nancy Beck Fishero.

He graduated from Crawfordsville High School. He later graduated from the Cliff Mann School of Floral Design in Denver, Colorado. He married Deborah "Jolly" Brennan on Nov. 28, 1988. Together they owned and operated Earth Works Flowers and Gifts.

He worked in his family business, Fishero and Fishero, his entire adult life, serving as co-owner. His company was responsible for many noteworthy projects, including the Marie Canine Plaza. He was a member of the Elks, Home Builders, helped at the Athens Art Gallery and served on the board of the Park and Rec, as well as the Old Jail Museum. He was past Chairman of the Strawberry Festival Committee and served on the committee for several years.

Survivors include wife, Deborah "Jolly" Fishero of Crawfordsville; mother, Nancy Fishero; son, Andrew Fishero and brother, Matt (Gwenda) Fishero.

He was preceded in death by his dad, Larry; and a sister, Cindy Fishero.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Details will be announced as they become available. Contributions in memory of Mike Fishero may be made to the Montgomery County Community Foundation, P.O. Box 334, Crawfordsville, IN 47933 or the Athens Arts Gallery, P.O. Box 206, Crawfordsville, IN 47933.

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



Births

A daughter, Eleanor Joyce Teague, was born on Aug. 31, 2022 at Witham Health Services to Adam and Rocio Teague. The baby weighed 8 pounds, 10 ounces.

This is the couple's first child.

Maternal grandparents are Manuel and Evelia Hernandez; paternal grandparents are Mikel and Rhonda Teague. Maternal great-grandparents are Antionio Mendoza; paternal great-grandparents are Ellen Teague and Marilyn Gough.

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Kyle Gobel To Join Justice & Pyle

Attorney Kyle D. Gobel will join the law firm of Justice & Pyle in Crawfordsville effective September 1. He plans to become a partner in Jan. 2023.

Gobel is a graduate of Crawfordsville High School and graduated with honors from Hanover College in 2006. He graduated cum laude from Indiana University McKinney School of Law in 2010. He has



Kyle Gobel

worked in the Montgomery County Prosecutor's Office and has worked in

private practice in Crawfordsville and Frankfort.

Gobel has extensive experience in family law, criminal defense, and civil litigation. He has represented criminal defendants in cases ranging from misdemeanors matters to high-level felony cases, including several jury trials. He is also a registered domestic relations mediator.

Gobel currently serves as Vice President of the

board of the Boys and Girls Club of Montgomery County and is a member of the West Central Regional Community Corrections board.

Gobel and his wife Erin reside in Crawfordsville and have a nine-year-old daughter.

Justice & Pyle is located at 506 E. Market Street in Crawfordsville. Gobel can be reached at (765) 364-1111.

\$10K Prize Up For Grabs For College Savings Month

September is National College Savings Month, and Governor Eric Holcomb has highlighted the importance of saving for education with a Proclamation establishing September 2022 as College Savings Month in Indiana. To celebrate, one individual will be selected to win a \$10,000 account deposit in the CollegeChoice 529 Education Sweepstakes.

To enter the Sweepstakes, individuals 18 years of age or older must complete the entry form available at www.collegechoicedirect.com/september by 11:59 p.m. on Sept. 30. The winner will be randomly selected from all eligible entries to receive a \$10,000 CollegeChoice 529 account deposit.

"The semester is in full swing, and with school on the mind, there's no better time for Hoosiers to begin saving for their educational goals," said Kelly Mitchell, Indiana Treasurer of State. "This \$10,000 giveaway will make a tremendous impact whether a family is

saving for a technical or trade program, a registered apprenticeship, or a 4-year degree."

CollegeChoice 529 provides account owners and gift contributors flexibility when it comes to saving for education after high school. Funds can be used at any eligible school or registered apprenticeship program, both in- and out-of-state. Accounts grow tax-deferred and distributions are tax-free as long as the money is withdrawn to pay for qualified education expenses like tuition, books, computers, equipment, and fees.

Indiana taxpayers may also be eligible for an annual state income tax credit of 20 percent of contributions to their CollegeChoice 529 accounts, worth up to \$1,000 each year (\$500 for married couples filing separately).

"We would love to see a record number of families enter the contest," said Marissa Rowe, executive director of the program. "Imagine what \$10,000 could do for a Hoosier student."

For full contest rules and to enter, please visit www.collegechoicedirect.com/september. For more information about CollegeChoice 529 Savings Plans, visit www.collegechoicedirect.com/plans.

About CollegeChoice 529 and the Indiana Education Savings Authority:

CollegeChoice 529 is Indiana's tax-advantaged 529 education savings program and is offered and administered by the Indiana Education Savings Authority, a state government quasi-agency and board chaired by Treasurer of State Kelly Mitchell. CollegeChoice 529 includes the Direct, Advisor, and CD Plans and has more than \$6.3 billion in assets under management in over 418,000 accounts as of July 31 of this year.

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Duke Energy Indiana, Toray Resin Company Commence Operation Of Solar Facility

Duke Energy Indiana's solar energy facility at Toray Resin Company's Shelbyville campus is now in service. The new facility is capable of generating up to 900 kilowatts of electricity to help power the plastics manufacturer's operations while offsetting carbon emissions.

The solar project is the first to come from a Duke Energy pilot program that aims to make it easier for businesses, schools and nonprofits to incorporate clean, renewable energy sources into their energy mix.

"We're excited to partner with Toray Resin on this renewable energy venture," said Stan Pinegar, president of Duke Energy Indiana. "This unique leasing

arrangement will help power the company's manufacturing operations in a sustainable and cost-effective way, while also demonstrating how our neighbors, businesses and communities can come together to make meaningful progress toward a cleaner energy future."

Under the program, Duke Energy will own, operate and maintain the Blue River Solar Facility on Toray Resin's Shelbyville campus for a monthly service fee. The program provides Toray Resin with the advantages of clean energy to help power their operations, while minimizing upfront costs and maintenance obligations.

"Toray Resin Company and our parent, Toray

Industries, intend to be a leader in the future use of renewable energy by jointly developing affordable, reliable and cleaner energy," said Dennis Godwin, president of Toray Resin Company. "This joint agreement with Duke Energy Indiana further advances Toray's commitment to reduce our carbon footprint by investing in renewable power solutions like solar that are reliable, scalable, cost-efficient, sustainable and directly support our core business strategy."

Construction on the 8-acre, ground-mounted solar project began in October 2021 and was completed in late Aug. 2022. The facility consists of 2,487 solar panels that are each 6

feet tall, 3-1/2 feet wide, and 1-1/2 inches thick. The solar array is located on the east side of Toray Resin's campus, between Mausoleum Road and Boomer Way.

Under Duke Energy's solar services pilot program, eligible Indiana customers can lease an on-site solar system for a period of up to 20 years. Duke Energy installs, operates, owns and maintains the system, while customers receive all of the kilowatt-hour (kWh) and solar renewable energy credit (SREC) output. Initial program capacity is limited to a total of 10 megawatts (MW) for eligible commercial and industrial customers within the Duke Energy Indiana service territory.

\$500K Available From IDEM For Community Recycling Projects

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) yesterday announced the availability of grant funding for recycling and household hazardous waste (HHW) collection and disposal from the agency's Community Recycling Grant Program.

"We are happy to offer this grant funding to help educate communities about recycling and waste reduction. These grants will fund projects that improve recycling efforts throughout Indiana," said IDEM Commissioner Brian Rockensuess.

Counties, municipalities, solid waste management districts, universities, schools, and nonprofit organizations in Indiana are eligible to submit a Community Recycling Grant application requesting \$1,000 to \$100,000 in funding.

Applications will be accepted through Oct. 6, 2022.

The Community Recycling Grant Program is funded through IDEM's Solid Waste Management

Fund. Eligible projects should focus on education and promotion of recycling, processing of recyclable materials, waste reduction, or HHW and organics management (including yard waste management and composting). Grant funding is intended to create successful, cost-effective, and sustainable programs. Applicants must demonstrate a direct or indirect increase in waste diversion because of the project.

To apply, please visit IDEM's website. For additional information, contact 800-988-7901 or crgp@idem.IN.gov. Final funding determinations will be made December 2022.

IDEM (idem.IN.gov) implements federal and state regulations regarding the environment. Through compliance assistance, incentive programs and educational outreach, the agency encourages and aids businesses and citizens in protecting Hoosiers and our environment.



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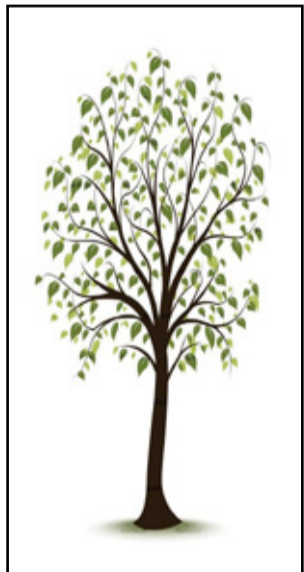
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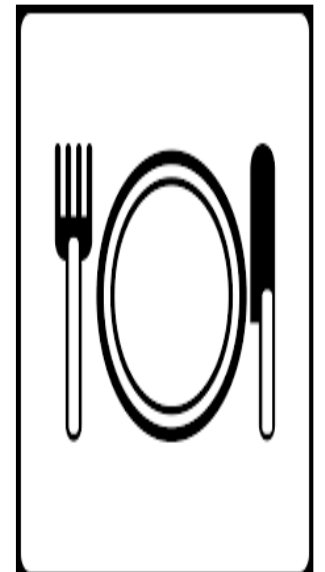
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Clean Sweep!

We recently bought a new vacuum cleaner. We shopped around and decided to purchase an Oreck. Two weeks later, we got this email from the company:

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Wolfsie,
Thank you for buying a new Oreck. We hope it brings you many years of vacuuming pleasure. Please call us today about hosting an Oreck party. Your friendly Oreck Sales Team

The truth is that I don't have any intentions of spending a single enjoyable moment with my vacuum. I was a bachelor until I was 33 years old and I managed to maintain a very active social life without hovering over a Hoover or dallying with a Dirt Devil. In addition, I have always felt there is something frightening about vacuum cleaners. Every dog I have ever owned agrees.

It was a friendly gesture by Oreck, to be sure, although I have no recollection of a similar follow-up after the Wolfsies bought our state-of-the-art sump pump. And I've gone through all my previous correspondence and no one cared a whit whether I had a positive experience with our document shredder. As a general rule, I don't want annoying phone calls and letters asking me if I'm a satisfied customer. If I have a garbage disposal that is not disposing, the load of goop in my sink is a good indication that I'm not happy with my purchase. I think I'll skip hosting a party.

When I had my car serviced, the dealership called me every other day for a week to see if I was happy with my new brake pads. I told them that I couldn't be more thrilled and that I'd be willing to throw a happy hour for all their customers, so people could vent about some of the poor brake pad choices they've made in the past. (Assuming any of those people are still alive.)

Now, let's talk about that Oreck party. My wife and I are not big on "entertaining," the term my mother used for dinner parties when I was growing up. As a kid, I



DICK WOLFSIE
Funny Bone

kept waiting for Mom to break into song when the guests arrived and for my father to commence a little soft-shoe.

But what about a vacuum cleaner bash? I'm not usually at a loss for words, but I'd be stuck for snappy conversation while guests clustered around the artichoke dip. I took a speech class in college and once spoke off-the-cuff for 15 minutes on the topic "Life Before Rubber Bands." Nevertheless, the prospect of chatting with 20 people who shared similar cleaning devices was daunting. Who knows what I'd be asked?

"So, Dick, I understand you and your wife have a new Oreck. Enlighten the group with some of your favorite moments."

"It's hard to pick our favorites. The night the bag of Fritos fell on the rug was unforgettable. We loved the time the dog shredded the down pillow." I'll tell people that Mary Ellen has a special place in her heart for Christmas morning when there was packing foam all over the living room floor.

Mary Ellen and I will pass on the Oreck party. We still have feelings for our first vacuum and it was tough saying good-bye. It wasn't easy for Kirby the past few decades. He was the product of a bygone era when people were not as progressive in their thinking. Until the day Kirby died, he pretty much remained in the closet.

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

Indiana Allocates \$22.9M For School Safety Projects, Highest-Ever Single Year Investment

The Indiana Secured School Safety Board has approved more than \$22.9 million in matching state grants, marking the fourth consecutive year of record-breaking school safety investments. The grants will be allocated to 425 schools, which is the largest number of schools to ever apply.

"We continue to prioritize investments in school safety to help students and staff succeed without the worry of violence in Hoosier schools," Gov. Eric J. Holcomb said. "This funding allow schools to address their specific safety needs through additional personnel and programs designed to prepare for and prevent school violence."

The General Assembly allocated \$19 million the past two years for the Secured School Safety Grant (SSSG). Legislators will set future allocations during this year's budget session. With the addition of \$3.9 million in funds unspent from previous grant cycles, Indiana was able to fully fund all top priority, eligible requests

from all schools that applied. Additionally, the funding will cover all eligible requests for additional training for School Resource Officers and staff.

With this funding, Indiana now has invested more than \$132.9 million in school safety since 2013, when the SSSG program was initiated.

For FY23, the Board approved \$22,911,714.45 in school safety funding. The performance period for the grant begins Sept. 1.

The allocation of funds include:

- \$15,567,558.92 to 272 projects for SRO and LEO personnel costs;
- \$1,500 to one threat assessment project;
- \$6,468,821.16 to 133 projects for equipment and technology;
- \$1,800 to one active event warning system project;
- \$37,161.37 to 12 projects for training and;
- \$834,873 to 18 projects for student/parent support services programs.

"These grants allow Indiana to make a real

and tangible impact on students, staff and administrators at schools across the state," said Rusty Goodpaster, director of the Secured School Safety Board. "We're proud to be able to help make these schools safer while Hoosier kids receive a world-class education."

The Secured School Fund is administered by the Indiana Department of Homeland Security. Visit the IDHS website for a full breakdown of SSSG awards (schools and total award received).

The SSSG issues matching grants for eligible items and then schools match those funds at a certain level, either 25 percent, 50 percent or 100 percent. The match requirement is based on average daily membership of the school district, the total amount of the project or what the request covers.

Eligible items in the grant include funding for school resource officers (SROs) and law enforcement officers in schools; equipment and technology; active event warning systems (no matching

requirement); firearms training for teachers and staff that choose to allow guns on school property; threat assessments and to implement a student and parent support services program. Common ineligible requests include vehicles, clothing/uniforms or vape detectors for schools.

The Indiana School Safety Hub also provides schools with a wealth of resources, training opportunities and other information designed to give schools the tools they need to keep students and staff safe.

About the Indiana Department of Homeland Security:

Established in 2005, the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) leads the way to a safer and more secure Indiana. With jurisdictions involving emergency management, building code enforcement, as well as training and certification for first responders around the state, IDHS works to provide a safe, secure and resilient Indiana.

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AG Todd Rokita Is Working To Protect Indiana State Employees' Retirement Funds

Attorney General Todd Rokita issued an advisory opinion yesterday affirming that Indiana law requires Indiana Public Retirement System (INPRS) investments to be based solely on the financial interests of Hoosier public employees and retirees.

"Hoosiers deserve assurance that these retirement funds are being invested solely for financial interests," Rokita said. "Any other commitment or stated purpose is unlawful."

INPRS board members here in Indiana have steadily worked hard to serve the best interests of Hoosiers. But increasingly, actions by outside investment firms hired to manage Indiana's investments threaten to erode this financial stability.



AG Todd Rokita

ESG investment strategies represent a threat not only to the savings of individual retirees, Rokita said, but also to the larger national economy and democratic policy-making processes.

"We must root out investment-management companies that scheme to leverage Hoosiers' retirement funds to advance leftist social and economic agendas

that otherwise cannot be implemented through the ballot box," Rokita said. "The proliferation of ESG investing has begun to affect state pension funds across the nation. We're going to make sure that Indiana is not among the states being duped by this kind of mismanagement."

To that end, the AG's office is demanding answers from BlackRock, an investment management company that has been sole manager of Indiana's large cap equity index fund — and one of several managers of the state's international equity fund, real estate assets and public equity fund. BlackRock has publicized that it has made a "firm-wide commitment to integrate ESG information" into

its investment processes. BlackRock's activities include involvement with a program that may represent an illegal agreement to restrict the production of fossil fuels, which may run afoul of federal and state antitrust laws.

"These woke Big Businesses are collaborating with their leftist allies to subvert the will of the people, including by investing Hoosiers' hard-earned money in ways that work against the best interests of Indiana families," Rokita said. "Our advisory opinion makes clear that oftentimes this collusion is not only unconscionable and unethical, but it's also illegal. And we're going to hold these firms accountable and give INPRS the tools to do so as well."

Expo Gives Hope To Indiana Small Business Owners

The 2022 Indiana Small Business Expo will be held again on Sept. 16 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, in downtown Indianapolis and a portion of the proceeds go to Indiana Veteran Business Owners and to mentorship programs for boys without role models.

The event will bring together businesses statewide of various industries for networking, workshops and Keynote Speaker, Norma Lawrence Unser and Al Unser Jr., will participate.

This is a passion project for Hoosier Realtor Kelly Sparks, and she believes that the power of divine connection and generosity has helped her survive and thrive. Kelly knows the value of working hard as an entrepreneur and the importance of collaborating with other entrepreneurs to grow and to pivot in business.

Ms. Sparks has proven that by taking a leap of faith with the goal of entrepreneurship and serving others along the way that she was able to come out of poverty while overcoming many oppositions.

Ms. Sparks has had challenging circumstances as a single mother with her two sons, one of which has had major heart surgeries and the



other nearly died from an unexpected illness. Kelly shares, "We've been burglarized; homeless, carless and inundated with medical bills and one adversity after another, but I never gave up on helping others, while being my sons' hero which was always my focus!"

While Ms. Sparks was serving her networking group it led her to take a leap of faith in rebranding and revitalization of Indiana Small Business Expo in 2020, she funded it herself and created successful networking events. "I believed in my entrepreneurial dream so much that I knew it could help other entrepreneurs to believe in their dreams and to hold on through Covid." The Indiana Small Business Expo provides return on invest-

ment with new client connections generated, and the venue has grown even larger and gained many Sponsors that want to be involved.

"I was fortunate that I had the opportunity of attending both the June and November [2021] Indiana Small Business Expo's. Besides the fact that I got to meet new small business owners, I generated a \$6,000 return on investment and have gained several new clients," shared Delaram Moghaddam of Delaram Art & Design.

What is the outlook for small business in Indiana? We're still navigating the post-2020 changes and pivots, sometimes almost daily. But one thing remains constant - small business is the backbone of the Hoosier heartland

and only thrives when we all come together to support each other.

Norma Lawrence Unser, Small Business Owner, Executive Director of Wings and Wheels Foundation will deliver a Keynote Talk. Al Unser Jr. will join her.

Additional Speakers include Global Speaker, Coach, Author and Trainer, Hazel Walker of BNI. Author, Small Business Owner, India Brown of PM Phase. Speaker, Brand Expert, Author, and Coach, Yolanda Smith of Branding 4 Success. President of International Chambers Group, Ron Chambers.

An Official Sponsor for Indiana Small Business Expo is Rainmakers. Nancy Sunshine, owner and CEO of The Sunshine Group Inc., Rainmakers and Thrivent.

There are still booth and sponsorship opportunities, just go to www.indianasbc.com/expo for more information.

All networking groups and entrepreneurs, at any stage of their business are encouraged to attend and support this wonderful cause and create new connections. All attendees have a chance to win door prizes.

Learn more and get tickets at www.indianasbc.com/expo



Indiana Farm Bureau AgELECT And ELECT PACs

Indiana Farm Bureau's political action committees, ELECT and AgELECT— the organization's federal and state-level, nonpartisan political action committees — have endorsed 86 candidates for the 2022 general election.

"Indiana Farm Bureau endorsements are an important piece of the organization's grassroots effort," said INFB President Randy Kron. "The goal of our PACs is to back candidates who are willing to listen to issues impacting agriculture. INFB's advocacy efforts rely on supporting public officials who will advocate on behalf of Hoosier agriculture and serve as our voice at the Statehouse and in Washington D.C."

This year, grassroots volunteers representing each county Farm Bureau in the state conducted almost 200 individual interviews of

candidates for the robust endorsement process. From there, those recommendations went to an oversight committee made up of appointed Farm Bureau member volunteers from each district. Then the INFB board of directors took a final look at the list to provide their recommendations. Ultimately, two of the three entities must agree on a decision in order for an endorsement to occur.

The ELECT and AgELECT endorsement process stays true to the grassroots nature of the organization. INFB endorsements are recognition of candidates' support of policies that will foster a positive environment for agriculture and rural communities across the state.

INFB's endorsements for the 2022 general election can be found by visiting: <https://infb.org/2022endorsements>

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According to the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) children consuming too much sugar can have an increased risk of obesity, tooth decay, heart disease, type 2 diabetes and a variety of other diseases. Saturated fat has a similar recommendation to added sugars, in that they should be limited to 10% of the daily calories. Saturated fats are any fats that are solid at room temperature. Saturated fats can contribute to heart disease by promoting fat deposit build-up in the arteries and raising cholesterol levels. Lastly, sodium should be limited in order to reduce the risk of high blood pressure and damaging the heart and kidneys. The sodium recommendations set by the Dietary Guidelines for Americans for sodium vary by age. For children 13 and under sodium should be limited to 1,800 mg or less depending on age and anyone above the age of 14, sodium should be limited to 2,300 mg per day to limit risks of heart and kidney disease. Some typical snacks that kids would like to enjoy like chips, candy, soda, and snack cakes all contain some combination of so-

dium, added sugar, and saturated fats. Swapping out those kinds of foods with healthier snacks can be a simple way to help your kid eat right.

Some snack ideas include: fresh fruit, low-fat yogurt, whole grain crackers, and vegetables like celery and carrots with veggie dip or peanut butter. If you choose a fruit cup or applesauce, consider how much added sugar there is and what the fruit is packed in (preferably its own juice). To take things a step further in encouraging healthy eating with kids is to get them involved in planning and preparing their snacks and meals. Lending a hand during meal and snack preparation can make them more open to trying a variety of foods and give them a hands-on way to understand nutrition. Remember, snacks and meals don't have to be complicated to be delicious and healthy.

Active Lifestyle: It is recommended for kids to get 60 minutes of vigorous activity a day. What is vigorous activity? Vigorous activity is generally described as an activity that makes one's heart beat faster and breathing harder. According to the

CDC there are a number of benefits for kids that come along with being physically active like improved blood pressure and aerobic fitness, reduced risk of depression, improved attention and memory and stronger bones. Some examples of vigorous activity could include chase during tag or running during sports like basketball, football, and kickball. Other forms of activity that may be more moderate are walking, swimming, and climbing. At the end of the day, any way that you get your body moving is great.

Get the Family Involved: Building a healthy lifestyle for your kids doesn't have to be a solo act. Share family meals together to further enrich the experience of eating healthful meals. Sharing meals together also deepens family bonding and health. You can get active as a family as well. Consider going on family walks, bike rides, or playing games together to encourage activity for your child and you. Making changes as a family can help build solid foundations for your child to later model their healthy lifestyles after later on.

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They were, for the most part, simple plots and just a vehicle for him to sing...but they were enjoyable and cheap entertainment for teenagers at the Ben-Hur drive in.

But then along came the Beatles, Rolling Stones, Beach Boys, and an entirely different style of music...Elvis faded out for a few years...until his 1968 "Comeback Special." Wow! The women went wild over that one...his new look in black leather and his new songs...Elvis was hot again! He brought in sold-out crowds in Vegas, and then continued touring the country later on. My wife found out that Elvis was going to perform at Market Square Arena on June 26, 1977. She just had to go! And since I had always been an Elvis fan...sure, why not?

The concert started at 8:30pm, but we arrived early to make certain

we didn't get hung up in traffic and found our seats, which were up fairly high in the arena. I brought along a pair of binoculars just in case. The arena was jam-packed with 18,000 fans, all of whom waited nervously through an hour and a half of the opening acts...until finally "that music," you know, the music that is played and gives you goosebumps before Elvis comes on stage, started up...and the crowd went wild. Elvis then appeared on stage, and women went berserk. My wife grabbed those binoculars, and held on to them tight the rest of the evening. He sang many of his older songs, along with his ballads, for the next 80 or 90 minutes. Yes, Elvis was overweight and he kept wiping away perspiration, but he was amazing, dynamic, and just plain spectacular. He still had it! It was a con-

cert to always remember. Little did we know that just six weeks later, Elvis would be gone. He died at his Graceland home on August 16, 1977. We had been lucky enough to attend his last concert. When he left the stage that night, he looked at his fans and said, "We'll meet you again. God Bless. Adios." Market Square Arena was torn down in 2001, but at the corner of Market and Alabama streets, there is a plaque commemorating Elvis's last concert. The "King" may be gone, but he and his songs are still floating around in our baby boomer minds. "Thank you...thank you very much." Elvis, you were the best!

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