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Hey Boss, See You In New Ross!







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New Ross is the place to be on Saturday when the Walnut Township Community Organization sponsors their 13th annual Walnut Township Community Day. The theme for the day is "Honoring Our Local Officials."

The day will be a fun-filled event for the entire family starting at 8 a.m. and lasting until 9 p.m. There will be garage sales, a vendor market, 3-on-3 basketball tournament (plus a 3-point

shooting contest), Lego Display, pie baking contest and auction, free kids activities during the afternoon, car show, a parade, games and free face painting for the kids during the evening, bingo and a 50/50 drawing. There will be a concession stand open during the entire event, plus lots of great food with breakfast at the New Ross Christian Church. Lunch and dinner will be served by the "He Men" at the Walnut

Township Fire Station in New

Booth space is available for you or your organization to advertise your organization or sell your wares. There is no charge for booth space. Contact Martha Janssen at (765) 723-1543 for information about booth space.

As the TV guy says, but wait! That's not all!

There is also the 8th annual car, truck and motorcycle show. Registration fee is \$15. Dash plaques for the first 50 entries. This will be a judged event with Trophies to "Top 30" and Best of Show award. There will also be a People's Choice Award. Music will be provided by Fat Rat. Contact Bonnie Rice at (765) 723-1672 for information about

Over at the New Ross United Methodist Church, visitors will be able to see a Lego Display. This is free and open to all adults and kids to view

the amazing display of Lego creations. There will also be an area where kids can experiment and build with Legos.

The New Ross Conservation Club will be holding their 5rd annual Pie Baking Contest with entries due by 1 p.m. at the main stage. Contact Martha Janssen at (765) 723-1543 for information.

Of course the entire day is presented by the Walnut Township Community Organization.

Want TO PLAY?

While most visitors will be eating, perusing the many booths and fun events at New Ross Community Day Saturday, a bunch of athletes will be hard at work trying to win on the basketball court.

The 8th annual 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament and a 3-point shooting contest will be going on. Registration for both events is from 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. at the New Ross basketball court in downtown New Ross. The 3-point shooting contest begins at 10 a.m. and the 3-on-3 basketball tournament begins immediately following the 3-point contest.

The registration fee for the basketball tournament is \$30 with an 18-and-under age group plus a 19-and-over age group. The basketball tournament winning team and the runner up will receive a cash prize for each age

group. The registration fee for the 3-point shooting contest is \$5. The 3-point shooting contest winner and the runner up receive a cash prize. Call Gary Johnson at (765) 418-9269 for additional information.

New Ross Community Day Schedule of Events

the car show.

8 - 10 a.m. Breakfast at New Ross Christian Church 8 a.m. Yard Sales open all over town

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9 - 9:45 a.m. Registration for 3-Point Shooting Contest & 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament
9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Concession Stand Open at Community Club Building.

10 a.m. 3-Point Shooting Contest

After 3-point shooting contest 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament

10 a.m. Vendor Market opens

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Car Show Registration

11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Lunch Served at Fire Department

11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Music by "Mobile DJ" at Car Show

11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Music by Ivan Brown at main stage

11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Lego Display at New Ross Methodist Church

1 p.m. Register Entries for Pie Baking Contest

1:30 p.m. Pie Judging

2 p.m. Pie Auction

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2 p.m. Pie Auction
2 - 4 p.m. Free Kids Activities
2:30 p.m. Car Show Judging
3:30 p.m. Car Show Awards Presentations
4 p.m. Parade "Honoring Our Local Officials"
5 - 8:30 p.m. Dinner Served at Fire Department
6 - 8 p.m. Kids games by Southmont Band Boosters
6 - 8 p.m. Free face painting
6 - 9 p.m. Bingo
9 p.m. 50/50 drawing



About WTCO

The Walnut Township Community Organization is a 501 (c) (3) Not-for-Profit organization which was started 14 years ago.

The mission of the WTCO is to build a strong, secure and supportive community environment for all residents of Walnut Township through social events and community service activities. The goal is for all residents of Walnut Township to take pride in being a member of this community and in its appearance to others. The WTCO has renovated the Community Club building in New Ross to make it a beautiful part of the downtown landscape and it will be used as a museum and meeting room, plus upgraded the basketball court. The WTCO's other annual activities / projects include a Valentine Day event at Walnut Elementary for kids in our community, Easter Egg Hunt, a project to display 39 American Flags throughout New Ross, Scholarship for Southmont graduate, beautification project for the Township which includes flowers planted, a Hometown Fish Fry, the annual Community Day festival, Candy Corn Carnival (Halloween costume contest and games) and the Jingle Bell Jamboree festival.

TODAY'S QUOTE

"Nothing ever comes to one that is worth having except as a result of hard work." Booker T. Washington

TODAY'S JOKE

Dad told Little Johnny that tomorrow, most people don't have to work. Little Johnny asked why and his dad told him because it's Labor Day. Little Johnny didn't blink. "But if they don't have to work, shouldn't that be No Labor Day?"

🗢 TODAY'S VERSE

to the left.

Isaiah 30:21 And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn

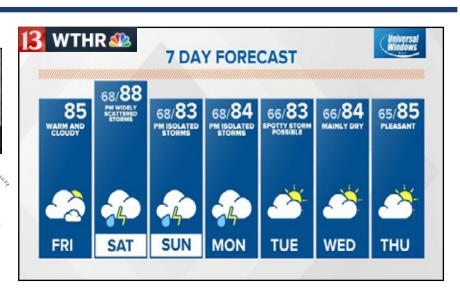
TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Parents need to set the example - everyone in the family needs to wear bike helmets. 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

Here's remembering Howdy Howard Samuel Wilcox, a famous racer who was born right here in Crawfordsville. Howdy led the Indianapolis 500 for the final 98 laps in 1919. He died in an accident just four years later



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Aurilla Ann Brewer Nov. 16, 1930 - Aug. 28, 2022

Aurilla Ann Brewer passed away on Sunday, Aug. 28, 2022 at Whitlock Place.

She was born on Nov. 16, 1930 in Crawfordsville to Jacob and Zetta (Herron) Bunnell.

She married David W. Brewer on Dec. 31, 1949 in Mellott, Ind. She worked for RR Donnelly as a teletype operator for over 20 years and retired

from Kroger as Head Cashier after over 35 years. She was a member the First Baptist Church in Crawfordsville and their Keenager Group. She was also a member of the Pink Ladies and Red Hats Society. She loved traveling, creating cross stitch pictures, reading books and baking. Most of all, she loved being with her

Survivors include three children, Rick Brewer (Peggi), Candy Morrison (Dan) and Scot Brewer (Amy); five grandchildren, Shane Chezem (Beth), Cindy Hall, Breck Strow (Dan), Tiffany Collins (Jason) and Austin Brewer; 13 great-grandchildren; eight great-great grandchildren; two sisters, Irene Sablic and Judy Thomas; and several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her parents; husband, David; and sisters, Gladys Zachary, Francis Ziegler and Ava Hinds.

Visitation is scheduled on Saturday, Sept. 3, 2022 at Sanders Priebe Funeral Care, 315 S Washington Street in Crawfordsville from 11 a.m. until the time of the service at 1 p.m. The service will be livestreamed at www. SandersFuneralCare.com. Burial will follow at Oakland Cemetery in Elmdale, Ind. Memorial donations may be made to the First Baptist Church, 1905 Lebanon Rd., Crawfordsville, IN 47933 or Animal Welfare League, 1104 Big 4 Arch Rd, Crawfordsville, IN 47933. Share memories and condolences at www.SandersFuneralCare. com.

Colonel Richard "Pat" Patrick Jaques Feb. 25, 1937 - Aug. 26, 2022

Colonel Richard "Pat" Patrick Jaques, age 85 of Crawfordsville, passed away peacefully on Friday, Aug. 26, 2022 at home while surrounded by his loving family.

He was born in Indianapolis on Feb. 25, 1937 to the late Richard Paul Jaques and Bernyce Pearl Howell.

He graduated from North Vernon High School (1955), Purdue University with a Bachelor's degree in Industrial Education (1959), Central Missouri State University with a Master's Degree in Business (1969) and the College of Naval Warfare with distinction (1977). He proudly served his country as an officer in the United

States Air Force for 28 years, retiring as a Colonel in

The jobs most rewarding to Colonel Jaques were as the Commander of the 447th Strategic Missile Squadron, Grand Forks AFB, ND and as Commander of the 91st Strategic Missile Wing, Minot AFB, ND where he was responsible for the readiness of 150 Minutemen missiles, host wing commander for a missile wing, bomb wing and fighter interceptor squadron. His command consisted of 3,500 military and 575 civilian personnel and support of a military base community of 13,500 people.

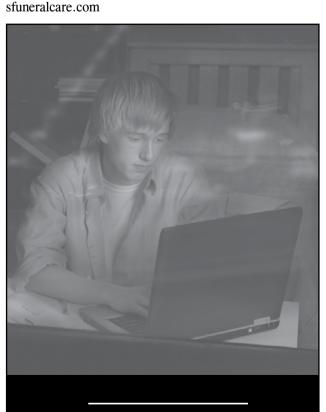
In retirement he enjoyed camping and boating, mowing the grass, taking care of flowers, watching birds, traveling, loved the ocean, and loved wining and dining

his guest and relatives. On May 31, 1958 he married the love of his life, Judy

Goodin, who survives. Survivors inlcude two daughters, Yolanda Pastuszak of Lincoln, Nebraska and Tiffany (Steve-who was like a son to him) Vanous of Peyton, Colorado; four grandchildren, Jamie (Jessica) Howard, Joe (Michela) Pastuszak, Tyler (Andrea) Vanous, and Courtney (Cameron) Ackley; and three great grandchildren, Carter, Colton and Sophie Mae who is on the way.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and two brothers, Thomas Jaques and Monte Howell.

Visitation is scheduled at Sanders Priebe Funeral Care, 315 S Washington St, in Crawfordsville on Friday, Sept. 2, 2022 from 12 p.m. till the time of the funeral service at 2 p.m., with Rev. Layton Malone officiating and military honors will be provided by the United States Air Force and Legion Post 72 Honor Guard. Cremation will follow the service. Memorial donations may be given to the Animal Welfare League of Montgomery County, 1104 Big Four Arch Road, Crawfordsville, IN 47933. Share memories and condolences online at www.sander-



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Bruce C. Dennison

July 16, 1954 - Aug. 27, 2022

Bruce C. Dennison, 68 of Crawfordsville passed away Saturday, Aug. 27, 2022 in Crawfordsville.

He was born July 16, 1954 to Claude & Helen Swarat Dennison.

A 1972 graduate of Crawfordsville High School, he worked for Raybestos for 33 years, and retired from Nucor Steel in February 2022.

He loved to play golf and listen to music. He was a member of the Senior Mens Golf Association and the Eastside Baptist Church.

He married Linda Miller Bridges on Jan. 9, 1981, she survives.

Survivors include two sons, Jason of Sparta, WI & Phillip (Amy) of Crawfordsville; two brothers, Clint (Shain) of Nashville, TN and Matt of Columbus, MS; a sister Wendie of Bon Aqua, TN; two granddaughters and one grandson. He loved his wife, children, grandkids and family.

Funeral services are scheduled 12 p.m. Friday at Hunt & Son Funeral Home with Pastor Steve Whicker officiating. Visitation will be from 4 - 7 Thursday and one hour prior to the service on Friday. Cremation will follow the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Bruce Dennison Memorial Golf Fund, envelopes will be available at the service.

Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.huntandson.com

Sharon (Ingram) Ingersoll March 28, 1940 - Aug. 26, 2022

Sharon (Ingram) Ingersoll, age 82 of Crawfordsville, passed away at 10:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 26, 2022 at Ben Hur Health & Rehab surrounded by family.

She was born in Crawfordsville on March 28, 1940 to the late Clarence & Gladys (James) Ingram.

She was a 1958 graduate of Ladoga High School. She worked at RR

Donnelley's for 10 years before going to work for Coastto-Coast Hardware when they opened their Distribution Center in Crawfordsville. She worked there for 15 years until they closed. She then worked at the new Sam's Club in Lafayette and worked there until she had to retire for health reasons in 2005. She enjoyed playing solitaire, going on vacations and traveling, watching the birds and feeding the squirrels, and loved family togethers.

She married Edwin E. Ingersoll on Aug. 23, 1969 at the Alamo Christian Church; he survives. They lived in several homes including three new homes in Crawfordsville before moving to Lafayette for 31 years then moved back to Crawfordsville for the last 7 years.

Survivors include her husband of 53 years, Ed; a daughter, Judith Craig and partner Alan Carrell of Russellville; a son, William D Strickler of Crawfordsville; three grandchildren whom she helped raise, Joshua W. Strickler of Lafayette, Jessica Strickler of Lafayette, and Jason Craig (Katie Sulc) of Crawfordsville; eight great grandsons, Jonathan Strickler, Nick Bellah, Malikah Bellah, D J Bellah, Gavin Bellah, all of Lafayette, Austin Sulc. Hayden Craig, and Zach Craig, all of Crawfordsville, and one sister, Joan French of Ladoga.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and a sister, Sandra Cope.

Visitation is scheduled at Sanders Priebe Funeral Care, 315 S Washington St, in Crawfordsville on Thursday, Sept. 1, 2022 from 12 p.m. till the time of the funeral service at 2 p.m. The service will be live-streamed and recorded which can be viewed on her obituary page at www.sandersfuneralcare.com. Burial will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery. Share memories and condolences online at www.sandersfuneralcare.com.

Tammera Denise "Tammie" Wethington Aug. 18, 1959 - Aug. 27, 2022

Tammera Denise "Tammie" Wethington, age 63, of Ladoga, passed from this world on Aug. 27 at 1:43 a.m., with family by her side, in Lane House Nursing

Home, Crawfordsville after a long battle with cirrhosis. She was born on Aug. 18, 1959 in Crawfordsville, to Theodore Wethington and Carolyn Sue (Boling) Weth-

ington, both deceased. She lived her life as a fighter; a champion of many causes; and completely passionate about her beliefs. She loved life, people, and animals. She always saw the good in people and accepted them as they were. She loved intensely. Fiercely loyal, she provided loving care and comfort to many family and friends in their final days. She was a bartender for over 30 years and had a unique sense of humor that carried her through some of her toughest health issues and situations. She taught her kids how to see people and situations through a different lens of warmth, humor, and compassion. She leaves behind a strong legacy, incomparable blessings, and memories that will endure and impact us long past her time here.

Survivors include two children: Gary Richard Sams, Jr. (Jamie) and Suanna "Shadon" Brown (Ryan); five grandchildren: Zachary Carrell, Kaitlynn Sams, Jacob Reath, Nolyn Brown, and Keaton Brown; three sisters: Teddie Sue McHan (Dan), Theresa Mullen (Bernie), and Tracy McGuire (Mike). She was also called "MeMe" by Amy Browning and her children: Taelyn, Kamryn &

Private services and burial will be conducted in Ladoga for the close family on August 31st followed by a Celebration of Life from 5:30 - 7:30 pm at the Old Normal Hall in Ladoga. Friends and family are invited to come and celebrate her life and their shared memories. Please come in casual and comfortable attire. Memorials in Tammie's memory may be made to the Montgomery County Humane Society. You are invited to visit www. serviesmorgan.com where you may leave an online condolence for the family. Servies & Morgan Funeral Home has been entrusted with Tammie's funeral arrangements.

Obituary deadline The Paper publishes obituaries daily at www.thepaper24-7.com. All obituaries must come from a funeral home. A photo may be included and should be sent as a high-

resolution JPEG. Daily obituary deadline is 3 p.m. for the following day's print publication.

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Charles "Chuck" Edward Helvie

March 9, 1944 - Aug. 26, 2022

Charles "Chuck" Edward Helvie of Bringhurst, Ind. went to be with the Lord on Friday, Aug. 26, 2022 on his mother's birthday. He died peacefully in his sleep at the age of 78 at the Crawfordsville Hospital from complications related to cancer.

He was born in Flora, Ind. on March 9, 1944 to the late Walter Helvie and Catherine Dunkle Helvie.

In 1963, he fulfilled one of his dreams by enlisting in the US Marine Corp. Due to an injury he was given a medical discharge. He returned to Carroll High School in Flora where he graduated with the class of 1963.

years.

He married Katherine Piper in 1964. Later in life he married Sally Willis from Elkart, Ind.

He started working at a very young age helping his Uncle Dick Johnson on the farm baling hay and other farm chores. Right after school he worked at Fairfield in Lafayette for a few years, but ended up at Chrysler

Corp in Kokomo where he retired after being there many

He was an avid reader of Westerns and Syfy books. He enjoyed collecting coins, but his favorite pastime was writing and perfecting computer data software programs.

The last few months of his life, he made his home with his niece, Jean Lear, in Crawfordsville, where they spent many hours on the back porch enjoying the tranquil sounds of the water falls from her pond. Many days his son James would join them and Chuck would be very content.

Survivors include his three sons and one daughter, Charles Helvie, of Kokomo, Ind., James (Brenda) Helvie of Ladoga, Ind., Arthur (companion Christie) Helvie of Wichita, Kansas and Melissa (Kent) James of Kokomo, Ind.; seven grandsons; two granddaughters, seven great grandsons; and three great granddaughters. He is also survived by his sisters, Ann Helvie (Jim) Byrum and Charlotte Helvie Hicks both of Flora.

He was preceded in death by three loving and caring sisters, Estella Helvie Everman, Betty Downham Johnson and Virginia Downham Gibson; and one brother, James "Jim" Helvie.

Funeral services are scheduled at Hunt & Son Funeral Home, 107 N Grant Ave, Crawfordsville, Ind. on Wednesday, Aug. 31. Visitation will start at 12 noon, with funeral services to follow at 2 p.m. A meal will be provided for family and friends at the home of his niece, Jean Lear following the funeral. Online condolences may be made at www.huntandson.com

Eugene 'Gene' Davis May 20, 1936 - Aug. 28, 2022

Eugene 'Gene' Davis age 86 of rural Lafayette, passed away at 4:53 a.m.

Sunday, Aug. 28, 2022 in Franciscan Health Lafayette East Hospital. He was born in Roselawn, Ind. May 20, 1936 son of the late Harold

Eugene and Ruby Davis. He married Jayne Leader Oct. 22,

2020 and she survives.

Fair.

He was a graduate of Monon High School and following graduation farmed in the Monticello area. He also drove a school bus in White County. He moved to the Shadeland area in 1980 and continued to farm, was employed by Eli Lily Labs and was a bus driver for Tippecanoe School Corporation. He was proud to have driven 60 consecutive years and never missed a day driving. He was named 2015-2016 'Bus Driver of the Year' by TSC. In addition to his regular route, he

enjoyed transporting sports teams and fieldtrips. On his 'hobby farm' he raised Quarter Horses and was an accomplished breeder and showman. He raised and exhibited nine champion Mare/colts at the Indiana State

He had a big heart and was a loving, caring, sweet kind devoted husband. He enjoyed spending time and sorting out world affairs with fellow bus drivers at Mc-Donalds.

Survivors include his wife, Jayne; five children and their grandchildren and great-grandchildren; three step-children and their grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, first wife Mary Ann; a son; and a sister.

Visitation hours are 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., with funeral services following at 1 p.m., with Pastor Jerry Miller officiating, Thursday, Sept. 1, 2022 at Family and Friends Funeral Home of Wingate. Burial will follow in Tippecanoe Memory Gardens, West Lafayette. Memorial contributions in his memory may be directed to McCutcheon's MAV Club. Visit us at www.familyandfriendsfh.com to sign the guest book or share a condolence.

Cynthia "Cindy" Spires

July 29, 1949 - Aug. 26, 2022

Cynthia "Cindy" Spires 73 of Crawfordsville went home to be with the Lord, Friday at home with her family by her side.

She was born July 29, 1949 in Chicago, Ill. to Leonard & Dorothy Dulen Potter.

She served as the County Recorder in Starke County for 14 years. She was married to John Spires on March 4, 1965, he preceded her in death Oct. 17, 2011.

Her greatest joy was her family. Her passion was

cooking and taking care of people. She was blessed with many wonderful friends. Survivors include her children, Johnny (Yesenia)

Spires, Lisa (Perry) Thompson and Jason Spires; grandchildren, Alyssa, John, Shane, Raul, Bianca, Edward, Sam, Grant, Dylan, Danielle, Lauren, Nicholas, Graham, Cholle, Emma and Robert; and nine great-grand-

She was preceded in death by her sister, Lenore Tazelaar; Judy Spires; and brother Richard Potter.

A Celebration of life is scheduled at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 30 at the Autumn Woods Recreation Center, 100 Aspen Drive, Crawfordsville.

Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.huntandson.com





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William H. Sering

June 12, 1943 - Aug. 27, 2022

William Herbert Sering, 79, rural Hillsboro, passed away unexpectedly at his home on Saturday, Aug. 27, 2022 at 7:50 p.m.

He was born in Danville, Ill. on June 12, 1943. He was the son of the late Oscar Leroy and Isabell (Lawton) Sering. He grew up in Newtown and later Indianapolis, graduating from Carmel High

School in 1961. After graduation from Carmel High School, he went on to graduate from Western New Mexico University in Silver City, New Mexico, one of his crowning achievements. He later moved to Crawfordsville and for the past 28 years has lived in rural Hillsboro.

He worked for Crawford Industries in Crawfordsville for 24 years and later for Form Flex in Bloomingdale as a customer service representative and later as shift supervisor until his retirement. He enjoyed watching baseball played at all levels with the Chicago Cubs and Atlanta Braves as his two favorite teams. He also enjoyed fishing. He was an excellent

He was first married to Tricia C. Cawthon and she preceded him in death. He later married Donna R. Nicoson.

Survivors include his two sons, William (Sheri) Sering, Waveland and Christopher (girlfriend - Alicia Maxwell) Sering, New Richmond; seven grandchildren, Michael Sering, Gabriel (MacKenzie) Sering, Melissa (Demetrius) King-Beecham, Benjamin Sering, Matthew Sering, Kaitlyn (Zack) Higgins and Callie Sering; and five great-grandchildren, Will, Collin, Hazel, Rhett and Aven.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Dale Sering.

Friends may call at the Maus Funeral Home, Hillsboro, on Aug. 31 from 5 - 8 p.m. A gravesite service will be held on Thursday, Sept. 1 at 1 p.m. in the Newtown Cemetery, Newtown, Ind., with Pastor Rodney Coffman officiating. Condolences may be sent on line to www.mausfuneralhome.com.

Beverly "Bev" Dee Surber

Sept. 1, 2022

Bev Surber, 76, Indiana died on Thursday, Sept. 1, 2022 at Wellbrooke of Crawfordsville. She was a longtime resident of Crawfordsville,

She was born in Crawfordsville as the daughter of Pat and Ruth (Dawson) Keller.

She graduated from Crawfordsville High School in 1964. She

worked at Crawford Food Stores in Crawfordsville for 13 years. Following her work with Crawford's, she joined Alcoa in Crawfordsville, retiring after 17 years of service.

She had an adventurous spirit and traveled cross county on her motorcycle. She was also very fond of covered bridges. She traveled the country looking at them. In her later years, she never tired of visiting the covered bridges in Parke County.

She attended and was a member of Mt. Zion United Methodist Church and was a member of the New Ross Bible Study. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, as well as a former member of the Moose Lodge Auxiliary. She was a member of the Indiana and Oregon Covered Bridge Society's. She was a volunteer for the Meals on Wheels Program in Crawfordsville and volunteered at the Franciscan Hospital Gift Shop. She was also the caregiver for her dear Uncle Archie for many years, taking him to various venues, where he would play his fiddle, and taking him out for Sunday dinner.

During recent years, she enjoyed lunching with friends, playing cards at the Moose Lodge, as well as the American Legion. She brought sunshine to many friends and acquaintances by always remembering to send a card for birthdays with a home-baked cakesometimes baking 4 or more a week! A select few of her friends were also treated to a personal concert featuring her rendition of the Happy Birthday Song! Her caring ways, quick wit and humor will be missed by many.

She will be sorely missed by her sweet, furry companion, Lovie, her best friend and Wednesday lunch date, Pam Abney, and her "right hand" Yvonne Ratcliffe. During the last year, her constant companion and caregiver was her beloved "lil sis" Connie Lewis. Connie filled her final days with love and laughter.

Survivors include her daughter, Angela Buck (Greg) of Austin, Texas and her son Chad Campbell (Laura) of Brentwood, Tenn.; five grandchildren, Collier Campbell, Rachel Campbell, Caroline Campbell, Megan Buck and Joe Buck; and sister, Connie Lewis.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her son, Mark E. Campbell; and her sister, Patti Williamson. Memorial contributions may be made to the Mont-

gomery County Animal Welfare League, where she rescued Lovie.

Cremation was chosen with visitation to be held on Saturday, Sept. 10, 2022 at Mt. Zion Methodist Church, 2131 Black Creek Valley Road in Crawfordsville from 1 p.m. until the time of the service at 2 p.m. Share memories and condolences at www. SandersFuneralCare.com.

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 Lafavette. 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 nephew; one great-niece; and one great-nephew.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and broth-

er-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.

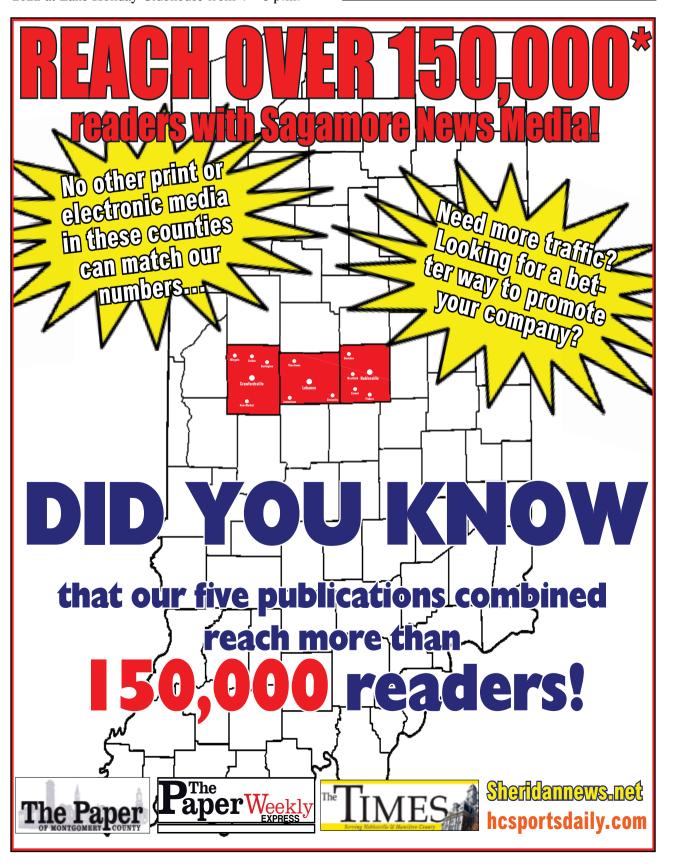
A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Details will be announced as they become available. Contributions in memory of Mike Fishero may be made to the Montgomery County Community Foundation, P.O. Box 334, Crawfordsville, IN 47933 or the Athens Arts Gallery, P.O. Box 206, Crawfordsville, IN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

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

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Did You Know?

- LaPorte county is part of the Northwest Indiana and Michiana regions of the Chicago metropolitan area.
- The population in 2010 was 111,467 with 22,053 residing in the county seat, La Porte
- LaPorte County was formed in 1832. La porte means "the door" or "the port" in French. French travelers or explorers so named the area after discovering a natural opening in the dense forests that used to exist in this region, providing a gateway to lands further west
- According to the 2010 census, the county has a total area of 613.26 Square miles

Got Words?

Located in the northernwest part of the state, LaPorte County is close by to one of the largest cities in the country, Chicago. How do you think this location might impact the people who live in LaPorte County but work elsewhere?

LaPorte

Number Stumpers

1. What percentage of people live in La Porte the city?

2. How old is LaPorte County?

3. How many live in the county, but not in the City of La Porte?

4. What is the population density of the county?

3. 89,414 People 4. 186/sq mi Answers: 1. About 20 percent 2. 187 Years

Word

Scrambler

Unscramble the words below!

1. TEPORLA

2. CCHIGOA

3. CHRENF

4. STEW

5. RFOESTS

4. West 5. Forests Answers: 1. LaPorte 2. Chicago 3. French

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Indiana Allocates \$22.9M For School Safety Projects

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 program was initiated.

in school safety since 2013, when the SSSG

For FY23, the

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

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.

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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.

For more information about IDHS, visit dhs. in.gov.

Eighteen Faculty At Purdue University Recognized For Early Career Success

Eighteen Purdue University assistant and associate professors received National Science Foundation Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Awards in fiscal year 2022 to fund research from sensorized farms to quantum networks at the world-renowned, public research university.

CAREER awards recognize faculty who have the potential to serve as academic role models in research and education and to lead advances in the mission of their department or organization. The five-year grants are NSF's most prestigious award in support of early career faculty.

"These awards reflect the caliber and industry of our younger faculty and the steady growth of our research portfolio as a result of consistent, targeted investments," said Theresa Mayer, executive vice president for research and partnerships. "We congratulate our recent NSF CA-REER award winners. and we are proud to have them as colleagues.'

Faculty receiving a CAREER award ranging from \$330,000 to \$730,000 in fiscal year 2022 are:

Xiaoping Bao, assistant professor of chemical engineering, for Engineering ex vivo Human Cardiogenesis with Optogenetics. Bao (College of Engineering) will use the award to seek control over the formation of organized cardiac organoids from hiPSCs using optogenetics, a biological technique to control the activity of cells or tissues with light, and then to use these to study cardiac maturation and heart diseases.

Christopher Greg Brinton, assistant professor of electrical and computer engineering, for From Federated to Fog Learning: Expanding the Frontier of Model Training in Heterogeneous Networks. Brinton (College of Engineering) will use the award to establish a new paradigm that will enable efficient



model learning at scale by integrating machine learning with the orchestration of "fog" networking resources from the edge to cloud.

Berkay Celik, assistant professor in computer science, for Compositional IoT Safety and Security in Physical Spaces. Celik (College of Science) will use the award to integrate research activities aimed at designing and developing algorithms and tools that formally produce the composite behavior of an Internet of Things system and a rigorous foundation for reasoning about an IoT environment's global safety and security. The results of this project will ultimately enhance the current verification and validation practices of IoT systems and build trust in national infrastructure and protect

citizens. Somali Chaterji, assistant professor of agricultural and biological engineering, for Robust and Adaptive Streaming Analytics for Sensorized Farms: Internet-of-Small-Things to the Rescue. Chaterji (colleges of Agriculture and Engineering) will use the award to bring together **Internet of Small Things** with machine learning, creating a compute fabric that is adaptive to cyber and physical conditions and provides prompt actuation, resilient to noisy sensor nodes and communication channels.

Daniel T. Dawson, assistant professor of atmospheric science, for Variability of Severe Convective Storm Mode and Hazards as a Function of Environment and Pre-convective Updraft Forcing. Dawson (College of Science) will use the award to compare

sophisticated computer simulations of severe storms with the behavior of real-world storms, investigating how severe storm "modes" depend on the details of early storm development across a range of different environments.

Letian Dou, assistant professor of chemical engineering, for Understanding and Quantifying Ion Migration and Diffusion in Two-Dimensional Halide Perovskite Heterostructures. Gao (College of Engineering) will use the award to understand stability problems in these promising semiconducting materials, developing novel structures from two-dimensional perovskites and quantifying how ions diffuse and migrate under heat, light and electrical

James M. Gibert, associate professor of mechanical engineering, for Exploiting Time Dependent Behavior and Structure in Developing Programmable Materials. Gibert (College of Engineering) will use the award to introduce new mechanisms to program the stiffness and time-dependent mechanical and inertial behavior of materials, supporting the development of a new generation of programmable materials that can control and monitor vibrations and shock events

in real time. Harsha Honnappa, assistant professor of industrial engineering, for Methods for Data-Driven Service Engineering. Honnappa (College of Engineering) will use the award to study the fundamentals of data-driven engineering of service systems, which will ultimately increase operational efficiency and cost-effectiveness, a task with significant socioeconomic implications for the United States. With a fundamental understanding of large operational data sets and emerging machine learning technologies, his work will help to identify an appropriate mathematical model for design and operation of such systems.

Mahdi Hosseini, assistant professor of electrical and computer engineering, for Active Nonlinear Photonics with Applications in Quantum Networks. Hosseini (College of Engineering) will use the award to address outstanding challenges to large-scale quantum networks by investigating nonlinear interaction of electromagnetic fields with engineered materials for quantum network applications.

Kuichao Ma, assistant professor of physics and astronomy, for Synthetic Quantum Materials in Superconducting Circuits. Ma (College of Science) will use the award to develop efficient protocols for creating and controlling synthetic quantum materials and their properties and to investigate the microscopic dynamics of quantum materials in open driven-dissipative settings. The findings will provide insights on material discovery and design for applications in quantum information

science and engineering. Aaron B. Morris, assistant professor of mechanical engineering, for Using Stochastic Techniques to Understand and Predict the Flow of Non-spherical Particles. Morris (College of Engineering) will use the award to develop a physics-based stochastic model that accounts for irregular particle shapes to predict particle dynamics more accurately in large-scale systems, helping to extend granular flow theory for idealized spherical particles to more realistic granular media and providing new solutions to technical challenges that occur in

particle technology. Paul Parsons, assistant professor of computer graphics technology, for Supporting Data Visualization Design Practice. Parsons (Purdue Polytechnic Institute) will use the award to advance the practice of data visualization design and strengthen relationships between the research and practi-

tioner communities. Elsje Pienaar, assistant professor of biomedical engineering (College of Engineering), for Complexity From Simplicity: Multi-scale Computational Deciphering of the Viral Life Cycle. The award, granted as part of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, will use a combination of experimental data and computer simulations to understand and predict the complex interactions that drive Ebola virus infection. Such an understanding will allow the identification of any weak points in this protein network that can be

targeted with new drugs. Alex Psomas, assistant professor of computer science, for Incentives, Fairness, and Efficiency without Monetary Transfers. Psomas (College of Science) will use the award to address theoretical questions in aspects of algorithm design for internet transactions that allocate scarce resources - such as food donations, vaccines, kidneys for transplant – where the input must be solicited from strategic agents with their own private preferences over the algorithm's output.

Pedro Fonseca, assistant professor of computer science, for Towards Reliable Operating Systems through Scalable Control- and Data-Flow Analysis. Fonseca (College of Science) will use the award to develop testing techniques that are especially suited to find software bugs in modern operating system kernels, an essential – but particularly large and complex - software component of servers, desktops, mobile devices and embedded devices.

Neera Jain, assistant professor of mechanical engineering, for Enabling Human-Aware and Responsive Automation through Cognitive State Modeling and Estimation. Jain (College of Engineering) will use the

award for research that enables autonomous systems such as machines, robots and vehicles to respond safely and collaboratively to human interactions, thereby promoting the progress of science and advancing the national prosperity and welfare. Her work will build a new modeling framework that accounts for human cognitive constructs established within the social sciences, such as trust, workload, perceived risk and self-confidence, while being amenable to rigorous mathematicai analysis.

Jing Tian, assistant professor in computer science, for A Model-Guided and Holistic Approach for Peripheral Security. Tian (College of Science) will use the award to systematically improve the security of peripheral devices (such as USB keyboards, drives, Bluetooth speakers and headsets) by discovering and reducing vulnerabilities that could enable peripheral attacks ahead of time, detecting malicious tampering within peripheral devices once connected, and responding to peripheral attacks.

David Yu, assistant professor of civil engineering and political science, for Evolution of Collective Disaster Memory: A Dynamic Behavioral and Systems Analysis toward Community Resilience. Yu (colleges of Engineering and Liberal Arts) will use the award to study collective disaster memory, a cultural trait whereby information on disastrous events is widely shared among contemporaries or passed down to subsequent generations through conversations, historical texts or built environment features. His work will test a hypothesis related to explaining variation in the durability of collective disaster memory in the context of flood hazards, flood memory and the built environment for



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Indiana Coal Company Violated Safety Standards After Risk Of Catastrophic Explosion

The Federal Mine Safety and Health **Review Commission** has ruled unanimously that the operator of a Francisco, Indiana coal mine violated mandatory safety standards when it continued to operate an energized drill during a methane inundation, creating the risk of a catastrophic explosion.

On Aug. 24, 2022, the commission determined that allowing the drill to remain energized, and continuing to work, were unwarrantable failures. The commission also determined that the mine manager who oversaw the dangerous work was personally liable for the violations.

"The Mine Act is clear that operators have the ultimate responsibility to prevent mining hazards and dangerous working conditions," said Assistant Secretary for Mine Safety and Health Chris Williamson. "The U.S. Department of Labor will continue to enforce the law and hold mine operators accountable when

they put lives at risk and fail to protect miners' safety and health."

The Mine Safety and **Health Administration** issued two citations: one for failure to deenergize the drill, and the other for performing work. MSHA designated both as "unwarrantable failures" to comply with mandatory standards, a designation that establishes more severe consequences for violations caused by aggravated conduct. The commission assessed a penalty of \$96,000 on Peabody Midwest and a \$6,000 penalty on the manager.

MSHA also proposed a penalty against the manager who supervised the work, because he knew or should have known that he was required to shut down the drill and stop work.

Peabody Midwest was conducting exploratory drilling in an underground coal mine when the drill punched through the coal bed and into an old mine. Methane gas began blasting

through the drill hole. Methane-measuring devices indicated that the methane was over five percent by volume, into the range where it is explosive if an ignition source is introduced to the atmosphere. A rotating drill or any energized electrical equipment can be an ignition source.

MSHA mandatory standards require operators to take certain action when the concentration of methane rises above 1.5 percent by volume. Operators must evacuate the area, deenergize equipment and disconnect it at the power source, and perform "no other work" until methane levels fall below one percent. Instead of doing so, Peabody Midwest continued to run the drill, pulling out drill bits in attempt to clear the hole so that it could be plugged.

Susannah Maltz of the Office of the Solicitor handled the case before the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission.

HHS Announces \$1 Million To Implement Biden-Harris Administration Blueprint For Addressing The Maternal Health Crisis

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, through the Health Resources and Services Administration, announced this week an investment of \$1 million to improve maternal health and implement the White House Blueprint for Addressing the Maternal Health Crisis in Indiana. Funding aims to help reduce disparities in maternal outcomes and support the state in tackling inequities in

maternal health. "Today, black women are three times more likely to die from a pregnancy-related cause in this country than white women. That has to change," said HRSA **Administrator Carole** Johnson. "To make meaningful change, we need to center our work on the individuals and families we are serving, and that is what today's investments aim to do. The Biden-Harris Administration is committed to prioritizing equity and

Indiana Public Retirement System investments

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"Hoosiers deserve

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Rokita said. "Any other

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reducing the unacceptable disparities in maternal and infant health. Through these awards, we are taking additional action to implement the Blueprint that the president and vice president have laid out for driving impactful solutions and providing our nation's families with the support and resources they need to lead healthy lives."

About 700 people die each year during pregnancy or in the year after. Thousands of women each year have unexpected outcomes of labor and delivery with serious short- or long-term health consequences. Rural populations tend to have worse maternal health outcomes than individuals living in urban areas, and there are disparities experienced by racial and ethnic groups.

HRSA award: Supporting State-led Maternal Health Innovation: HRSA is awarding \$1 million to the Indiana State Department of

Health through its State Maternal Health Innovation Program to create a state-led maternal health task force bringing the voices of key leaders and pregnant and postpartum individuals together and using state-specific maternal health data to develop and use innovative approaches to address the most pressing maternal health needs and address disparities in health outcomes. Innovations can cover four categories: provision of direct clinical care, workforce training, maternal health data enhancements, and community engagement.

HHS is committed to supporting safe pregnancies and childbirth, eliminating pregnancy-related health disparities, and improving health outcomes for parents and infants across our country. As part of this work, HRSA also continues to conduct analysis of the workforce needs to address these critical

Indiana Awards More Than \$138,000 To 14 Institutions To Promote College Readiness

The Indiana Commission for Higher Education, in partnership with Indiana Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) awarded \$138,574 to 14 organizations to expose high school juniors and seniors to postsecondary opportunities and assist them in completing the necessary steps for applications, financial aid and college success during 'Bridge to College Days.

The Indiana GEAR UP Bridge to College Day is designed to support collaborative efforts focused on the following college and career readiness

- priorities: • 21st Century Scholar Success Program (SSP) completion and maintaining academic eligibility
- Parent and family en-
- gagement programming Financial aid and
- Understanding

literacy information

universities

 Career exploration and preparation activities

"Education beyond high school provides an opportunity for personal prosperity, and we know there isn't a one-size-fitsall approach to deciding what post-graduation pathway is best," said Indiana Commissioner for **Higher Education Chris** Lowery. "The Bridge to College Day grant recipients play a critical role in exposing students to a variety of postsecondary options and career paths while making sure students are aware of available financial aid and on-campus resources so they feel empowered to apply.

Funding for the grants is made possible through Indiana GEAR UP. Indiana GEAR UP is led by a collaborative team of staff from Purdue University and the Indiana Commission for Higher Education. Indiana GEAR UP will follow

and provide support to a targeted cohort of of seven years (2016goals of Indiana GEAR UP is to increase the are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education.

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

State Eyes Retirement Funds And Woke Causes Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita issued an advisory opinion earlier this week affirming that Indiana law requires

Attorney General Todd Rokita

based upon any so-called this financial stability. ESG investment strategies represent a threat not only to the savings of activist-driven agendas individual retirees, Rokiintended to achieve radta said, but also to the ical environmental and larger national economy social policies. Examples and democratic policymaking processes. eradicating fossil-fuel in-

"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, Rokita is demanding answers from BlackRock, an

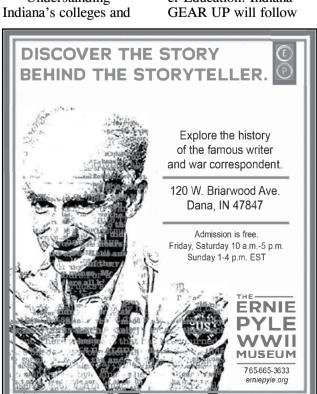
investment management company that has been sole manager of Indiana's large cap equity index fund — and one of several managers of the state's international equity fund, real estate assets and public equity fund. BlackRock has publicized that it has made a "firmwide commitment to integrate ESG information" 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 added. "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."



About the Indiana Commission for Higher Education







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Purdue Provides Insights Into Food And Economic Security Crises

With the war in Ukraine entering its seventh month and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic still being experienced, growing challenges threaten the world's economic and food security.

Purdue University College of Agriculture experts in the areas of food and economic security and energy share their perspectives on these critical issues.

Gebisa Ejeta, World Food Prize laureate and professor of agronomy, is an expert in the areas of food security, international agriculture and global development. He has served at the highest levels of science and policy advisory, including as special adviser to the USAID administrator, science envoy of the U.S. State Department and as a member of the National Academy of Sciences Board on Agriculture and Natural



Resources, the U. S. Board for International Agricultural Development and the UN Secretary's Scientific Adviso-

ry Board.
Ejeta emphasizes that combining the work of universities as generators of knowledge and discovery with that of private-sector producers and processors, through the power of markets and trade, is where a win-win can occur in addressing the inequities around the world, both within and between nations.

"The gap is growing. It is a gap in resources and in the knowledge base. For the betterment of humanity, we need to narrow these gaps," he says. "There are still abundant natural resources and a sufficient knowledge base to support more equitable economic opportunities to feed, nourish and shelter humanity. That is essential if we are to be able to feed humanity and keep our planet in perpetuity."

Michael Langemeier, professor of agricultural economics and associate director of Purdue's Center for Commercial Agriculture, specializes in agricultural finance and farm management. He underscores concern for farmers when the margins by which they earn a living have been consistently shrinking.

"Agriculture can't be rushed and is a relatively slow process," he says.

"The industry can't respond immediately to changing needs and demand. Farmer sentiment has been volatile since COVID. Supply chain issues from COVID have also not yet been resolved, which puts pressure on all businesses."

Jayson Lusk, distinguished professor and head of agricultural economics, is also the director of the Center for Food Demand Analysis and Sustainability. As he considers the past several years and looks ahead, he speculates about how the United States and the world will respond.

"Economic conditions and food supply disruptions are occurring that could lead to political instability in more countries across the globe. We aren't there yet, but there is reason to be concerned," Lusk says. "The agricultural system can't immediately increase supply. The hamburger you are eating today is the result of decisions made three years ago."

An agronomy associate professor who specializes in wheat breeding and genetics, Mohsen Mohammadi highlights the gap in productivity between research and growers' farms.

"International partnership is critical to bridge the gap from here to our full potential. We must open the doors and share our knowledge and innovations," he says.

Specifically addressing the potential losses with Ukrainian wheat exports, Mohammadi explains the possible impact.

"There is no other supply to substitute for the Ukrainian wheat. This season, the best thing everyone can do for global food security is to collect and facilitate the trade of wheat to get it where it needs to go," he says.

Research professor Farzad Taheripour's research bridging energy and agriculture has become increasingly relevant with volatile gas prices and increasing environmental concerns.

"Right now, we have a contradiction of goals," Taheripour says. "We want to secure a supply of crude oil to maintain consumption of gasoline at lower prices, but for environmental concerns we also want to move away from petroleum products and increase use of cleaner sources of energy."

Taheripour also emphasizes that these issues are defined by policies across the globe.

"The recent increases in gas and crop prices suggest that we need to implement a set of well-defined policies to manage both the agricultural and energy market as these markets interact in various ways."

Three Universities Join CDC Midwest Center's Effort Against Ticks And Mosquitoes

Purdue University, Indiana University and the University of Notre Dame have joined the Midwest Center of Excellence for Vector-Borne Diseases. The \$10 million Midwest center, led by the University of Wisconsin-Madison, is funded for five years by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"The new Indiana partners are fortifying the center's capacity to advance innovative vector-control approaches for mosquito and tick threats that are unique to the Midwestern environment," said Lyric Bartholomay, professor of pathobiological sciences at University of Wisconsin-Madison and co-director of the Midwest Center of Excellence for Vector-Borne Diseases. "Connections to these three outstanding universities provide the exciting potential to train Hoosiers to join the battle against vector-borne diseases."

diseases."

The first round of funding for the center in 2017 established a collaboration between universities and public health agencies in Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa, Michigan and Minnesota. Together they work to better control mosquitoes and ticks —vectors that

spread pathogens.

The academic partners, which will work closely with the Indiana Department of Health, all have industry connections and expertise in vector-control product development. This includes designing, testing and



evaluating new insecticides, sprays and devices to control mosquitoes and

"We're grateful and excited to be included in this second round," said Catherine Hill, professor and interim head of Purdue's Department of Entomology in the College of Agriculture. "Unfortunately, mosquitoes and ticks don't pay any attention to state borders."

All three universities will conduct a series of user-acceptance studies for products designed to control ticks and mosqui-

"Having buy-in from the stakeholders, particularly for vector control, is critical," said Molly Duman Scheel, the Navari Family Professor of Medical and Molecular Genetics at the IU School of Medicine-South Bend. "When they feel like they're part of the technology development process, people embrace it. And if they embrace it, they have more tendency to use it."

The project also will provide opportunities for early career scientists. A key goal is to produce the next generation of



vector biologists by training students and giving early career scientists new professional opportunities.

"Because Indiana is now part of the center, the educational piece is going to be big," said John Grieco, research professor of biological sciences at Notre Dame. "We're now included in all discussions around the various vector-related issues in our state. It pulls everybody together as a cohesive unit."

Hill's Purdue team is pursuing minimum-risk plant-derived products for controlling Lyme

disease and tick pests.

"Ticks are a big problem," Hill said. "And one tick, in particular

— Ixodes scapularis, the Lyme disease tick — is a vector of Lyme disease and multiple other diseases in the region."

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The lone star tick
(Amblyomma americanum) and the dog tick
(Dermacentor variabilis)
also pose problems for
Indiana. And as climate
change continues, they
pose a potential invasive
problem for regions
north of Indiana, as well.

"The emphasis is going to be on the Lyme dis-



ease tick because that's public enemy No North America," Hill said. But the Asian longhorned tick may someday pose a threat. An invasive species first detected in the United States in 2017, it has now become established here. The tick is found in 17 states, including Kentucky, on Indiana's southern border. If it moves north, it could become a vector of various human-disease pathogens. But the tick also threatens livestock and other animals.

In her Purdue Extension role, Hill receives many queries about how people can control ticks on their properties without using highly toxic, synthetic insecticides. Purdue's goal of a plant-based product would help. There are permethrin-based or pyrethroid-based neurotoxins available that are reasonably safe for humans, Hill said, "but I don't like the thought of putting that in the envi-

ronment."
Scheel's lab will
target Culex mosquitoes,
carriers of the West Nile
virus.

"West Nile virus is one of the big impacts

on Hoosiers in terms of mosquito-borne illnesses in the United States," said Scheel, who is also an adjunct associate professor of biological sciences at Notre Dame. The virus affects Chicago, too, where her lab will join the center's ongoing field tests for Culex larvae control.

Scheel's lab is modifying yeast to include an environmentally safe, RNA-based pesticide that can be fed to mosquitoes. The yeast is dead when fed to the larvae, which prevents releasing the live microorganisms into the environment. Researchers widely use RNA technology to study gene function. Scheel aims to move the technology from the lab to the field.

"The RNA is directed specifically against mosquito genes and not humans or other insects," she explained. "Some pesticides used broadly across the world are not environmentally friendly or specific to mosquitoes."

In recent years,
Scheel's team has conducted extensive public engagement studies on Trinidad in the Caribbean with funding from the U.S. Agency for International Development and the Department of Defense. Her team will begin doing public outreach in the United States, too, with the CDC grant support.

"When we do this stakeholder engagement, we also teach a lot of people about mosquitoes. That'll be an immediate impact," Scheel said.

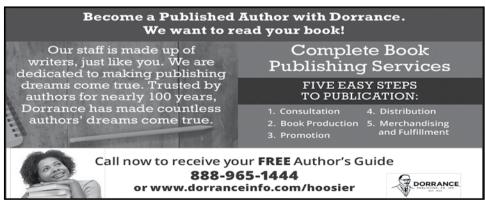
The lab that Grieco runs with Nicole Achee, research professor of biological sciences at Notre Dame, is developing spatial repellants. Unlike topical repellants for the skin, spatial repellents include hanging strips or tabletop devices that create a mosquito-free environment within a certain area.

"We're trying to focus more on the natural products — botanicals, geranium oils and other extracts — because those are going to be much more accepted by the U.S. market," Grieco said.

Grieco and Achee have tested mosquito control methods to reduce malaria and dengue in Africa, Asia and Central and South America. Their work has included knowledge, attitudes and practices evaluations of their products among local residents. They envision students in Notre Dame's Master of Science in Global Health program to undertake such evaluations as capstone projects.

The Notre Dame researchers recently began conducting trials of improved practices (TIPS) to make product improvements. Now they will begin adding lessons learned from the TIPS studies into their U.S. evaluations.

Once a final product is developed, it must then pass through many U.S. and global regulatory agencies to ensure that it meets environmental safety requirements.





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Smoked Chuck Beef Ribs

Recipe courtesy of Jess Pryles on behalf of Beef Loving Texans Cook time: 10 hours, 30 minutes Servings: 8

- 1 slab beef chuck short
- ribs (about 4 pounds) tablespoons kosher salt
- tablespoons coarse black pepper
- 1/4 cup cider vinegar 1 cup water

Preheat smoker or pellet grill to

Pat ribs dry with paper towel; remove moisture on surface.

Combine salt and pepper. Rub beef ribs well on all sides and ends with seasoning,

coating generously. Place ribs in smoker and close lid. Cook 5-6 hours.

In spray bottle, combine cider vinegar and water. Lightly spritz ribs every 30 minutes for first 4 hours of cooking.

Ribs are ready when completely probe tender. If parts still feel tough, continue cooking.

Once completely tender, remove ribs from smoker then wrap tightly in butcher's paper and place in small cooler to rest 30 minutes.

To serve, slice ribs between



Cook Like a Pitmaster from the Comforts of I

or home chefs looking to take their cooking skills to the next level, it all starts with a little inspiration and a few new skills. Turn family meals into extravagant adventures, take backyard barbecues to new heights and impress friends and neighbors with pitmaster-worthy recipes.

In fact, it can be as easy as turning on the TV. From beef ribs and barbacoa to curried brisket rice and pho rub beef belly spring rolls, viewers are in for a treat by tuning into season 3 of "BBQuest: Beyond the Pit," a video series that dives into the long-held traditions, new flavors and everyday inspiration that make Texas barbecue legendary.

The show follows four themes that capture the essence of Texas barbecue: legacy and tradition; creativity and innovation; Texas trailblazers; and family and community.

You can bring barbecue flavors home and cook like a pitmaster with dishes recreated from the series and developed by "Hardcore Carnivore" cookbook author Jess Pryles, including Smoked Chuck Beef Ribs, Grilled Jalapeno Cheddar Meatballs and Szechuan Skirt Steak with Crispy Rice.

"Since launching BBQuest four years ago, it's truly remarkable to see how much has changed and yet stayed the same when it comes to Texas barbecue, and that's exactly what you see in season 3," said Rachel Chou, Texas Beef Council's director of consumer marketing. "There has been so much exciting innovation around cooking methods and international flavors while there's still a huge dedication to long-held recipes and smoking techniques.'

Learn more about the show and find inspiration to bring the taste of barbecue to your kitchen at BeefLovingTexans.com.

Grilled Jalapeno Cheddar Meatballs

Recipe courtesy of Jess Pryles on behalf of Beef Loving Texans Cook time: 1 hour, 15 minutes

- Servings: 15 1/2 cup tortilla chips, crushed
 - 3/4 cup milk
 - pounds ground beef 3 fresh jalapenos, seeded and finely diced
 - 1 block (8 ounces) cheddar cheese, finely diced
 - 1 tablespoon paprika
 - 2 teaspoons garlic powder 2 teaspoons kosher salt

Place crushed tortilla chips in large bowl. Add milk

and allow chips to soften about 10 minutes.

After milk is absorbed, add beef, jalapenos, cheese, paprika, garlic and salt. Mix well to combine then scoop approximately 1/3-1/2 cup of mixture to form meatball; repeat with remaining mixture.

Place meatballs on plate or tray and refrigerate 30 minutes to firm.

Heat grill to medium for two zone cooking. Place meatballs on indirect heat side of grill away from coals or lit burner; close lid. Grill 25-35 minutes, or until meatballs reach 165 F internal temperature on

meat thermometer. Remove meatballs from grill and cool slightly before serving.





uan Skirt Steak with Crispy Rice

Szechuan Skirt Steak with Crispy Rice

Recipe courtesy of Jess Pryles on behalf of Beef Loving Texans Total time: 35 minutes Servings: 2

- 2 teaspoons Szechuan peppercorns
- teaspoon five spice powder
- teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 skirt steak or bavette steak (about 1 pound) 1/4 cup vegetable oil, divided
- 2 teaspoons milk or cream 2 cups cooked white rice sesame seeds (optional) scallions, thinly sliced (optional) cucumber, sliced (optional)

cilantro leaves (optional) In skillet over low heat, toast peppercorns until fragrant, swirling in pan to keep from burning, about 2 minutes. Allow peppercorns to cool slightly then add to spice grinder or mortar and pestle with five spice and salt. Crush until fine powder forms.

Pat skirt steak with paper towel to remove moisture

then season well with Szechuan salt on both sides. Place skillet over high heat then add 1 tablespoon oil. When skillet is hot, add skirt steak and cook 5 minutes per side for medium-rare or medium doneness (135-150 F), turning occasionally. Remove steak from skillet then tent with foil to rest 3 minutes. Temperature will rise about 10-15 F to reach

145 F for medium-rare; 160 F for medium. Lower heat to medium-high then add remaining oil and milk or cream. Add rice, pressing down gently with large spoon to form large, flat disc covering entire base of pan. Season with Szechuan salt, if desired, then lower heat to medium and cook 10 minutes until grains begin to turn brown and become crisp on bottom. Break up rice in pan to mix soft and crispy grains.

Slice skirt steak across grain. To serve, place rice in two bowls. Layer with sliced skirt steak. Sprinkle with sesame seeds and chopped scallions then place cucumber and cilantro

on top, if desired.

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A Savory Solution to Stretch Your Grocery Budget



Garlic-Rosemary Butter Roasted Chicken Thighs and Veggies with Mushroom Orzo Ri

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In today's world, grocery shopping can seem more like a burden than an opportunity to gather supplies for your family's favorite meals. With prices of everyday ingredients fluctuating almost daily, it's important for many families to make their dollars go further at the store.

Easy ways to stretch your grocery budget, like using versatile ingredients, can make the checkout experience a little less impactful on your household's finances. Consider the benefits of mushrooms, which provide a delicious option to enhance flavor in favorite recipes while extending portions in an affordable way.

Save Money

Stretch your dollars by stretching your meals using a process called "The Blend." Blending finely chopped mushrooms with ground meat can extend portion sizes of your favorite meaty recipes and help your bottom line. Chop your favorite mushroom variety to match the consistency of ground meat, blend the chopped mushrooms and meat together then cook to complete the recipe. For burgers, use a blend of 25% finely chopped mushrooms and 75% ground meat. For tacos or chili, use 50% mushrooms and 50% meat or an even higher mushroom-to-meat ratio.

Savor the Flavor

experience in blended recipes like burgers, where the chopped mushrooms help hold in the juiciness. Or, you can chop, quarter, slice or enjoy them whole in recipes like Garlic-Rosemary Butter Roasted Chicken Thighs and Veggies with Mushroom Orzo Risotto, Creamy Spinach, Mushroom and Lasagna Soup or Blended Pasta Sauce paired with your favorite pasta.

One Carton, Multiple Dishes

Thanks to mushrooms' versatility, you can buy one large carton of mushrooms to chop up then bulk up multiple dishes, from a morning omelet to hearty soups to blended burgers.

Serve Up Nutrition

Low-calorie, low-sodium, fat-free and cholesterol-free, mushrooms are nutrient rich and can play a starring role in a variety of meals. With an array of fresh varieties and nearly endless ways to prepare them, they can be your powerhouse from the

Find more recipe ideas and ways to make the most of your grocery store dollars at MushroomCouncil.com.

Recipe courtesy of Emily Weeks, MS, RD, on behalf of the Mushroom Council Prep time: 20 minutes Cook time: 50 minutes Servings: 4

Chicken:

- 8 boneless, skinless chicken thighs salt, to taste pepper, to taste
- 6 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 16 ounces mushrooms, such as
- white button, crimini or portabella, quartered
- 3 zucchinis, sliced in half moons large carrots, thinly sliced
- sprigs fresh rosemary, leaves removed and roughly chopped 4 cloves garlic, minced

- 4 cups chicken or vegetable broth
- tablespoon unsalted butter 1 tablespoon extra-virgin
- small yellow onion, diced garlic cloves, minced
- 16 ounces mushrooms, such as white button, crimini or portabella, finely chopped 1 cup uncooked orzo pasta

Pat chicken dry. Season with salt and pepper, to taste. In large skillet over medium-high heat, melt butter. Sear chicken until brown on both

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sides, 4-5 minutes on each side. In large bowl, toss mushrooms, zucchinis and carrots with rosemary and garlic.

On large baking sheet, spread vegetables. Nestle chicken into vegetables. Drizzle with butter and juices from pan. Bake 20 minutes until chicken is

cooked through and vegetables are tender.

To make orzo: In small pot over medium-low heat, warm broth. Using skillet from chicken over medium heat, add butter and olive oil. Add onion, garlic and mushrooms.

Cook, stirring occasionally, until onions soften, 3-4 minutes. Add orzo and black pepper. Stir and cook orzo 2 minutes. Add white wine and cook until evaporated, about 1 minute.

Add broth to orzo, 2/3 cup at a time, stirring until liquid is absorbed. Repeat with remaining broth, waiting until last batch is absorbed before adding next. Remove from heat and stir in Parmesan.

Serve in individual bowls with chicken and roasted vegetables atop mushroom orzo risotto.



Blended Pasta Sauce

Blended Pasta Sauce Recipe courtesy of the Mushroom

- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin
- olive oil 1 medium yellow onion, finely chopped
- 3 garlic cloves, minced 1 pound mushrooms (such as white button, crimini or portabella), finely chopped 1 pound 80% lean ground beef
- 1 tablespoon Italian seasoning
- teaspoon kosher salt jar (24 ounces)

marinara sauce

cooked pasta salt, to taste pepper, to taste

garlic and cook 1 minute.

grated Parmesan cheese In large pot over medium heat, add oil and cook onions, stirring occasionally, until just soft, about 3 minutes. Add

Add mushrooms and cook 5 minutes, or until mushrooms are soft and reduced

Add ground beef, Italian seasoning and salt; cook until browned throughout, about 6 minutes, stirring and breaking up lumps. Skim off fat, leaving about 2 tablespoons. Stir in marinara sauce and reduce heat to low. Cook 10 minutes.

Serve over cooked pasta, season with salt and pepper, to taste, and top with



Creamy Spinach, Mushroom and Lasagna Sour

Creamy Spinach, Mushroom and Lasagna Soup

Recipe courtesy of Emily Weeks, MS, RD, on behalf of the Mushroom Council Prep time: 10 minutes Cook time: 30 minutes Servings: 4

- tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- cloves garlic, minced medium onion, small diced
- ounces mushrooms, such
- as white button, crimini or portabella, sliced
- jar (24 ounces) marinara sauce can (15 ounces) diced tomatoes tablespoons tomato paste
- teaspoons balsamic vinegar teaspoon granulated sugar
- tablespoon dried basil 1/2 teaspoon salt
- teaspoon oregano 1/2 teaspoon black pepper

1 bay leaf

- 3 cups vegetable broth
- lasagna noodles, broken
- into pieces 1/2 cup heavy cream 5 ounces fresh baby spinach
- 1 cup whole milk ricotta 1/2 cup shredded mozzarella cheese,

for topping Heat large pot over medium heat. Add olive oil, garlic, onion and mushrooms. Cook, stirring occasionally, until onions and

mushrooms soften, 4-5 minutes. Add marinara, diced tomatoes, tomato paste, vinegar, sugar, basil, salt, oregano, pepper, bay leaf and broth. Bring to boil over high heat then reduce heat to low and simmer. Add lasagna noodles and cook, stirring often,

until softened, about 15 minutes. Remove from heat and remove bay leaf. Stir in heavy cream and spinach until wilted,

2-3 minutes. Divide between bowls and top each with dollop of ricotta and sprinkle of mozzarella. Sunday, September 4, 2022 D1

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and Shrubs

Beneficials

The new website builds on a wealth of Purdue Extension knowledge, using high-quality images to quickly sort through the thousands of problems gardeners can encounter on landscape plants and flowers.

Gardening Solutions At Users' Fingertips, Regardless Of Thumb Color

Purdue Extension's latest mobile website, can help gardeners make sure they're never again caught with their plants down.

The Purdue Plant Doctor website is a mobile-friendly one-stop shop where gardeners can navigate the bewildering maze of insect, disease and abiotic problems that affect the hundreds of landscape trees, shrubs and flowers used in Midwestern



"Every year, homeowners invest millions of dollars in their landscaping materials, and due to insect diseases and sometimes a lack of experience, problems come up. This is a free, easily accessible way to identify and fix those problems," said Janna Beckerman, a Purdue Extension plant disease specialist and content specialist for the website.

The website builds on a wealth of Purdue Extension knowledge, using high-quality images to quickly sort through the thousands of problems gardeners can encounter on landscape plants and flowers. Problems found

on each kind of plant are ordered based on how common they are in Midwest gardens and yards. Once problems are diagnosed, the website guides users through methods to treat their plants.

Today, many websites available to assist growers in plant health management are sponsored or developed by companies that produce gardening chemicals or products. Cliff Sadof, a Purdue Extension entomologist

the website, said those apps tend to suggest particular products, whereas Purdue's websites are focused on research-based treatment methods.

Shrubs, and

"We start with the least toxic approaches before we suggest using insecticides or fungicides," Sadof said. "We want to teach people how to treat the underlying problems before turning to chemical solutions. We also have a section devoted to commonly found beneficials, so someone doesn't mistakenly harm pollinators and other beneficial insects.'

Beckerman said the website was designed to appeal to the new growers that discovered their green thumb during the pandemic.

"We hope this website helps growers regardless of level improve their gardening experience," she said. "For this reason, photos of each plant are included to guide growers through the diagnostic process.'

Winning Perennials For Your Garden

By Melinda Myers

After a busy summer of vacations, BBQ's, and garden care, it is fun to turn our attention to planting. Fall is a great time to plant perennials and many garden centers are busy refreshing their supply of perennial plants. Consider including one or more of these winners when making your perennial plant selections this fall.

Hostas are an excellent choice for those shady spots in the landscape but with so many cultivars to choose from the selection process can be overwhelming. The America Hosta Growers Association (AHGA) decided to help growers and gardeners with the selection process by introducing the AHGA Hosta of the Year. Each year since 1996, members of the AHGA select and feature a Hosta of the Year. The winning hosta must grow well in all regions of the country, be widely available, and have a retail price of about \$15 the year it was selected.

Island Breeze is this year's winner. Hardy in zones three to nine, its strong growth rate, thicker leaves and wide green leaf margins with bright yellow centers made it a winner. The leaf centers emerge a brilliant yellow then turn chartreuse in the summer when grown in heavy shade and a lighter yellow in more sun. The leaf stems, petioles, have red speckles that bleed into the base of the leaves, adding to their ornamental appeal. Dark lavender flowers appear on red stems in mid-sum-

birds to the garden. You may also want to consider this year's Pe-

mer, attracting humming-



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Blue Heaven was discovered and introduced for its taller, more upright habit that does not tend to flop like many others

rennial Plant of the Year little bluestem (Schizachyrium scoparium) and its cultivars for those sunny spots in the landscape. Each year, Perennial Plant Association (PPA) members select a winner based on the plant's suitability to thrive in a wide range of growing conditions, its ability to provide multiple seasons of interest, have good insect and disease resistance, and be low maintenance. This year's selection of the native little bluestem and its cultivars allowed perennial experts the opportunity to promote the species or the cultivars that will do

the best in their region. The native little bluestem is hardy in zones three to ten and grows two- to four-feet tall. The

blue-green leaves turn

reddish bronze in fall and are complemented by fluffy white seeds that persist into winter. This grass prefers full sun with loam or sandy soil and tends to flop or decline in heavy clay soil and damp sites.

PPA Board members helped gardeners across the country and in Canada by sharing the top performing little bluestem cultivars in their regions.

A relatively new introduction, Jazz, was a favorite in both the Central and Mid Atlantic regions. This shorter cultivar is 24 to 30 inches tall and 18 inches wide, with sturdy stems and silvery blue

Carousel is another dwarf cultivar, growing 30 inches tall and wide and was recommended

by the Great Lakes PPA Board member. Its bowl shaped growth habit, upright flower stems and kaleidoscope of copper, pink, tan, and dark orange-red fall color make it a nice addition to the garden.

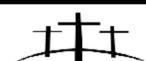
Standing Ovation is a favorite of the Canadian, Western and Mid-Atlantic PPA Regional Board members. The spiky bluish-green stems in a tight upright growth habit provide a vertical accent in perennial borders. The brilliant orange, red and vellow fall color ends the season with a blaze of color.

Western and Mid-Atlantic PPA Board members both added The Blues to their list of preferred little bluestem cultivars. It has deep blue leaves that transform to a rich purple and burgundy in the fall. This cultivar is usually a foot taller than Jazz, growing up to four feet tall and two feet wide.

These are just a few of the many beautiful perennials suitable for home gardens. Check out past winners and of course leave room for a few new plants you just cannot resist.

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

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FAMILY FEATURES

In the world of design, what's old inevitably becomes new again, and a similar pattern is inspiring today's on-trend color palettes for home decor. The latest styles reflect reviving and comforting colors influenced by heritage and romance, lending to a look that is familiar in an individualistic way.

With more people living their everyday, working lives at home, many homeowners are discovering the contentment that comes with slowing down. Often that means looking to the past to find comfort for moving forward.

Nostalgia serves as an emotional tool that delivers deeprooted serenity and powerful healing properties. Looking to the past is often beneficial during times of uncertainty and can be an opportunity to bring styles and practices back to the present to create an appreciation of the past.

Whether living through the romance of rural lifestyles, the comfort of home or the nostalgia from far-off times, some of today's most beloved design aesthetics celebrate the past, present and future while bringing balance, hope and comfort for you and your family to embrace.

Timeless Color

Using color to evoke feelings and emotions is hardly new but combining a carefully curated color palette with other design elements can allow you to create a look that pays homage to the past while breathing pays life into your living space.

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Reimagining classic, familiar tones allows you to achieve a design motif that is equal parts reminiscent and refreshing.

"The Vintage Homestead Color Collection offers an effortless look that reveals the importance of being hopeful to find stability and balance," said Ashley Banbury, HGTV Home by Sherwin-Williams senior color designer. "Our 2023 Color Collection of the Year revives elements from the past that are perfectly paired with vintage, comfortable and classic colors."

Blending Past and Present

Striking a balance between old and new can take many forms, as these styles show:

■ Heritage Revival: An interest in reviving the past is evident in design trends like a remerging appreciation of antiques and vintage elements, such oversized furniture and traditional shapes. To capture this style, your design should focus on contrasting old and new for a mix-andmatch look. Ultimately, the aesthetic is a look that feels simultaneously individualistic and curated.

A cohesive color scheme can allow the various elements to stand on their own while working in harmony for an intentional design. For example, the HGTV Home by Sherwin-Williams 2023 Color Collection of the Year includes a combination of

familiar tones that have been thoughtfully curated by design experts who borrow color and design concepts from the past for a hopeful future and a sense of belonging. Hues like Poetry Plum and Hot Cocoa evoke warmth and depth, while moderate shades like Restrained Gold and Glamour offer fresh ways to incorporate mid-range neutrals. Meanwhile, soft tones like Natural Linen and Cool Beige offer subtle color for lighter, brighter spaces.

- Mixing and Matching of Eras: A new take on retro design is emerging in which eras are blended and new and old furnishing work side by side. To get this look, you'll craft a space that marries historical and contemporary design, celebrating both the old and new. To design for longevity, incorporate pieces that are ambiguous in era and stand the test of time.
- Vintage Homestead: Reviving design elements from the past with mixed patterns, classic shapes and vintage decor adds up to comfortable and comforting design. With this trend, prints and patterns encompass a range

of styles, reinforcing how interiors connect to fashion. Mixing classic elegance with sleek vintage shapes is refining the concept of polished comfort. To achieve the look, curate pieces in heritage shapes and patterns, along with retro accents. Be sure to incorporate vintage

lighting and glass, as well.

A versatile color choice like Darkroom, the 2023 Color of the Year from HGTV Home by Sherwin-Williams, is an alluring shade that is classic enough for heritage interiors but also modernly retro for a throwback-inspired aesthetic. It's a neutral perfect for creating an eclectic yet modern look inside and out. Indoors, use it on the walls to offset more earthy brown and taupe tones in your furnishings and textiles.

Get inspired to combine the past with the present for a comforting design that's all your own at hgtvhomebysherwinwilliams.com.



CRAFTING A CONSERVATORY

Today's homeowners are also increasingly interested in biophilic design and bringing the outdoors in, which prompts a conservatory aesthetic in home design. To achieve the look, design your space to make maximum use of natural light in creative ways. Incorporate large potted trees and statement plants that blur the lines between indoors and outdoors.



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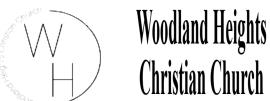
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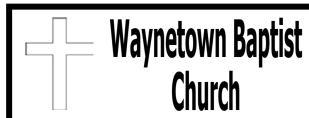
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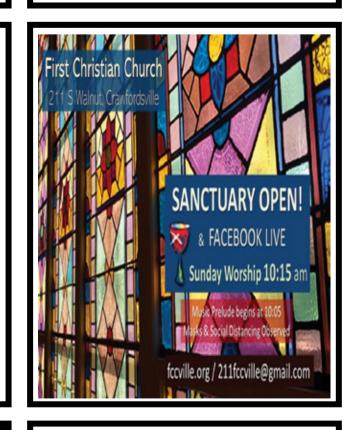
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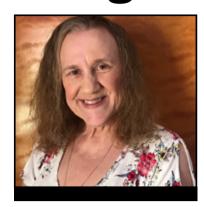
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The Himes Saga #4 - Next Up Is Daniel Himes

Daniel Himes, Jr. is next up, and was born in Fincastle County, Virginia on April 17th in 1823 passing away the first day of August in 1894, having been a farmer, carpenter, gunsmith and cooper. His tombstone is a bit unique, being a white marble signed by Speed & Zook Marble Co of Crawfordsville – pictures from FindAGrave by K&M. Dan was 27 years old when he married Mary Louise Harshbarger born right here in MoCo 30 January 1833, thus ten years younger than her husband. May 16, 1850 was the date and I think it was neat that their first born, Salome (named for her mother) showed up about four years later, giving them some time together as a couple. Now, I chose this Dan's father, Dan to do the saga on, but believe me, this Dan could easily have his own with an even dozen children. Enjoy the brief view.

Salome A. Himes married Thomas Watkins 14 Jan 1872 here but went west to Mesa, Colorado, then on to California. Son Ray Ralph was born in Indiana in late November '72. He passed away shortly after his brother Bur did. Ray was a home builder, married Anna May Thompson in Chicago and had one daughter, Ardis. Daughter Ivy born here 2 Oct 1877 died in LA 3 March 1964. She married twice, Callo Smith (two daughters Velma and Valeta and two sons, Virgil and VV) almost all married to or was a house carpenter then Ivy passed away as a Rayburn (26 July 1938). Son Lee Watkins was also a building contractor and lived in LA, marrying and had one daughter, Shirley. Bur Carl enlisted in the Navy at Pugent Sound, Washington in Feb 1903 at age 21, owned an olive stand in his later years and passed away in 1966 never married I don't believe. Daugh-

ter May married Paul Clifford



KAREN ZACH
Around The County

Perry and died at almost 98 in California. One son (Paul Jr) was born to Paul and May who was a metallurgist. Wow! Max Watkins, also a carpenter was just 20 years old when he passed away in LA. Hope that is it, let me know if I missed someone!

John Caylor Himes was also in the carpentry business. Marrying Dora Faught in Hendricks County (July 1889) they had one child, Fred Caylor who I don't believe ever married.

Dan and Mary pushed the middle name of their next but by only one day (b Feb 13th in 1858) Lydia Valentine married John L. Minnich. They had three sons (George Otto; Sam A; Lee R) all born in Indiana and in 1910, they too moved west to the Pomona, California area where they are buried.

I'd like to come back and research more on the next son, Samuel H. Himes born in MoCo 23 April 1860 and died here 29 Jan 1935. In Jefferson County, Iowa 7 Sept 1886 he married his long time wife (Mary) Josephine Helton who I assume he met when out visiting with his brother, Dan (or perhaps vice-versa). At any rate, he and Josephine came back to Indiana where their three children were born: Nellie, Gene



and Norman. They lived the normal life of the farmer in Clark Township, he involved with the roads, jury duty, school and such. Nellie V. Himes married Homer Kessler and mothered several children (Geneva, Jeanette, Maybelle, Josephine, Irene and Homer). Eugene Helton Himes passed away young (his wife Margaret living to 94) at age 54. A mechanic, they were parents of Marianne (who passed at age 5 of scarlet fever), Lila and David. Norman Himes is buried (born 23 Jan 1904 passing two days after his 82nd birthday) in Old Hickory, Tennessee where he and his wife Juanita Burriss went to live near their only son, Samuel Cornelius (who fathered 10 children and had 20 grands at his passing).

Silas M. died quite young not even 30 years old, having had a horrid case of typhoid fever and never really well thereafter. He taught school early on and worked for Tinsley & Martin as an excellent salesman and display connoisseur. Having married Minnie Caplinger, they had no children as far as I know.

Mary Elizabeth died young, as well, just 41 having married Hugh Harter 13 Sept 1888 and having a daughter, Lelia and son Hugo, having passed with tb after a



year's illness.

Daniel Peter Wrightsman
Himes first married Ada Myrtle
Miller and later Susie Womack.
He and Ada had at least two children, Carl and Herman; he and
Susie had none. "Wrightsman"
was an excellent plumber at Delta,
Colorado (where he is buried)
for over four decades but lived in
Glenwood, Iowa for a few.

Sophia Edna was born at Ladoga 9 July 1869 and died there 31 Aug 1945. On 21 October in 1896 she married George M. Huntington. These children (Charles Marshall, Mary Louisa, Earl Gregg, Silas Haskins who became a colonel and lived to 94, Nellie Ruth, Eva Delia and Daisy Grace) blessed this home. Thought it was interesting that in the 1920 census George's father, Hiram and Mary's mother, Mary both lived with them, both in their late 80s. George was a railroad conductor. They too are buried in the Ladoga Cemetery.

Charles C. married Irene
Davidson, moved to Indianapolis for most of their married life
where he was a salesman for
granite work / monument type
pieces. The Himes' had at least
Doris Louise, Sam F. (died at 25
of uncontrolled heart dilations),
Sherman (passed with pneumo-

nia at 14 1/2) and Bonnie (marr Richard Willem and had one son Charles Richard).

Charity married Sam Brubaker who was an architect and they were parents of Letha (who married Pryor Timmons Smith, a missionary in Columbia where she passed away with a stroke and is buried there - one child I believe, PT Smith Jr); Kenneth Eugene was a machinist in Waukegan, Illinois; Eva Mary (called Minnie) married Oscar Hansen (b Norway and a home decorator and sculptor spending most of their time in Chicago) – parents of at least one son Philip. Joseph Daniel Brubaker worked as Chief Engineer at a radio station in Evanston, the area where most of these folks lived. Charity remarried at age 46 to Perry Stump at Crawfordsville.

Minnie Ada married John H. Mummert and they farmed in Cass County (near Tipton). They parented a son, Ralph and daughter, Mary, Ralph marrying later in life, staying in Cass and had no children. Mary Mummert passed at age 24 ½ of pleurisy.

And the last one? In the 1860 census Daniel and Mary's oldest child was George W, age nine and I can find nothing about him so guessing he is one of those who did not grow to adulthood (they had 11 living in the 1881 Beckwith History – those are above). Dan died at age 71 years 3 months and 22 days and is buried with his dear wife appropriately in the Harshbarger Cemetery. So, there you have Part IV of the Himes Saga.

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Butch Meets A Candidate For U.S. President

As a high school student in the 1960s, I never took much interest in politics. Neither did any of my classmates. After all, we were too busy studying, participating in various clubs, playing sports, dating, and just having fun! It was an exciting time in our lives. We listened to the Beatles, the Beach Boys, the Rolling Stones. We looked forward to going to the Country Diner each weekend to eat and watch all the hoppedup cars drive around and up and down US 136. And there were trips to the nearby Ben Hur Drive-In theater, hopefully with a date, and if not, with several friends...some of whom were hiding in the trunk of the car to avoid paying for a ticket! The questions we had were..."Who's dating whom?" "Which boy has the fastest car?" and "Which team will win the County Tourney this year?" We could have cared less about national politics. Yes, we were shocked and saddened by the assassination of JFK in 1963, and most of us, to this day, remember



BUTCH DALE Columnist

where we were when we heard about that tragic event. But to teenagers, life goes on. Although we thought about the future...what we would do after graduation...we lived for the moment.

After starting college in 1966, I took a little more interest in national politics, mainly because a few professors mentioned it in class. But I was married, working full time, trying to make ends meet, and looking forward to

earning my degree. As a sophomore in 1968, going to the movies was still cheap entertainment. and I watched such classics as The Graduate, To Sir With Love, 2001: A Space Odyssey, and Planet of the Apes. I had heard that Elvis was going to make a comeback later that year. The Presidential election of 1968 was not a big concern for me. Besides, I was only 19 years old, and at that time the voting age was 21. However, I got word that one of the candidates was coming to Lafayette to campaign. I thought that perhaps this might be my only chance to ever see a Presidential candidate in person.

A classmate told me that this candidate was going to arrive at the Purdue airport and then make a few stops around town, but he didn't know which locations. There would be a large crowd at the airport, and my chances of getting up close would be slim. Perhaps the courthouse? Columbian Park? The fairgrounds? Then it dawned on me that this

famous candidate might just stop by his party's headquarters, which was located downtown on Main Street. I parked my '65 Chevy a block away, and walked to the headquarters, which appeared to be vacant. I stood in the doorway for about an hour, wondering if I had made the wrong decision. But then people started showing up, and in the next half hour, a crowd of approximately 75 to 100 people had assembled. I then watched as a long line of cars headed west on Main Street, until finally a limousine stopped in front. The candidate had arrived! He smiled, waved to the cheering crowd, and headed to the front door, where I had claimed my permanent spot. As he passed by, I stuck out my hand...hoping for a handshake, which he kindly obliged...and then thanked me for being there. I could not believe that I had actually met a famous national politician! The entourage, followed by reporters and photographers, went inside...and since I was late for a class, I headed to my car to make

it back to Purdue in time. What a story I could tell my wife that evening!

My meeting with a Presidential candidate occurred on May 1, 1968, just before the primary election on May 7th. The candidate proceeded to win 9 out of the 11 Indiana Congressional districts, and continued campaigning around the country. Most people concluded that he would likely be the next President of the United States

...Until June 5, 1968, when he was shot and killed by an assassin in Los Angeles, California. You see, the man I shook hands with that afternoon in front of the Democratic headquarters in Lafayette was JFK's younger brother... Robert F. "Bobby" Kennedy. That was a day and a handshake I will never forget.

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ridding mice is a 9-Iron. I was

at work, and a mouse startled

me before dashing behind a row

of boxes. I reached for the only

"weapon" handy, and grabbed my boss's golf club from the bag

nearby. The mouse made another

bered him right on the sweet spot.

air, landing on both feet about 40

yards from where I was standing.

He froze for a moment, then gath-

ered his senses and dashed under

The mouse tumbled through the

pass, and sure enough, I clob-

Putting Backspin On A Mouse

There's a mouse in my pantry . . . and he might just be staying there.

Living with the countryside right out my back door, it really isn't strange that a mouse has set up lodgings inside the cozy confines of my larder. In fact, I count on it happening two times each year.

For whatever reasons, I seem to attract the little rodent residents in large numbers each spring and fall. Logic tells me that their arrival coincides with the agricultural activities in the fields around me. Farmers plant in the spring and harvest in the fall, and a mouse is no match for a 45,746 pound John Deere combine.

The other possibility is that mice come in to enjoy the new fall lineup of television shows.

This predictable late fall mouse forecast is why I found it so disconcerting when an entire Mouse Family Robinson showed up at my place late-August. That's way too early. Something is definitely amiss in micedom.



JOHN MARLOWE With the Grain

I've caught eight of them, so far!

Oh, I suppose there is the remote possibility that I'm catching the same mouse over and over again. I use a live-catch mouse trap

I spent \$29.95 for this catchand-release upscaled mouse penitentiary. It consists of nothing more than a metal box, open on two ends, with a series of baffles inside, designed to addle the mouse once the aroma of bait lures him (or her) inside.

The problem is that some mice leave a trail of breadcrumbs, and are able to retrace their steps to freedom, to dine again once more another day.

I've been using the metal box ever since the girl I was dating introduced me to it. It doesn't work well, but I carry a torch for pretty women and stainless steel. Her name is Joni, and she is very much an Earth child. She lives by the tenet that all life is sacred.

She rescues stray animals, live-traps her mice and shoes wayward bees back outside through open doors and windows. She is vegan, and proudly proclaims that she never eats anything that "has a Mother and Father." I believe that's the same criterion she uses for choosing her men.

Joni scoops up her captured mouse in the live-catch trap, saunters to the back fence, opens it, and then cheerfully exclaims, "It's been nice knowing you, little fella." It's the same thing she said to me last January.

Despite its inconsistency, I still use the metal box. I haven't found anything better. I hate using the spring-loaded snap traps. There's just something sinister about enticing a little mouse to enjoy a hunk of cheese, only to slam a wire guillotine onto the back of his neck. I get the same funny feeling when I'm eating McDonald's French Fries, and my chest tightens.

Those sticky traps are the worst. Once a mouse pulled himself and the trap through the coils of my electric stove, in a clever attempt to free himself. It didn't work, and for hours I worked to separate the glue-covered squealing mouse and trap from the burner. For six months afterwards, every time I scrambled some eggs, I couldn't chomp down before making certain that what I was eating really was bacon.

One of the finest tools for

the dumpster. My boss came out and noticed the 9-iron in my hand. "What's that?" he yelled. "Looks like a double-bogey to

me," I said.

Every time a mouse invades my 50-year-old home, I always wonder if rich people have the same problem with little varmints dashing all over their palatial estates. I've decided no . . . unless we are

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Who's Paying Attention To The Big Stuff?

Last week we talked about a quote from Thomas Jefferson. OK, pardon the drastic switch but this week let's look at a quote that "sort of" came out of Wonderland - with Alice.

A lot of people attribute – if you don't know where you're going any road will get you there - to Lewis Carroll's delightful (and somewhat frightening) story of Alice in Wonderland. The scene in reference was when Alice came across the Cheshire Cat.

Thing is, that's not exactly what was said. Alice asked the crafty feline which way she should go and the cat said it depends on where she wanted to get to. Alice said she didn't much care - and CC uttered the famous and mis-quoted reply, "then it doesn't matter which way you go."

Not sure how that popped in my addled brain the other day, but it got me to thinking. Where do we want to go as a country? Or better yet, what's our goal?

And please, save me the political rhetoric. I don't much care to hear a bunch of blarney I have trouble believing

anyway. No, I mean the substantive stuff. What is it we want to be as a country? What do we stand for? Not the stuff in the weeds.



TIM TIMMONS **Two Cents**

The. Big. Stuff.

Once upon a time (seems a fitting phrase since we started out talking about Alice, don't you think?) we were a nation of what Bill Murray brilliantly called mutts in the classic movie Stripes. We welcomed the world's tired, poor, huddled masses. If they yearned to breathe free, we lit Lady Liberty's lamp to show them the way home.

That wasn't all.

We didn't exactly say it (but like my Grandpa used to say, what you do says more than anything coming out of your pie hole), we also stood for being the best. And we were pretty proud of that, too.

In terms of the Big Stuff, we were a nation that welcomed immigrants and we had a competitive streak.

You can probably toss in a few other things, too.

For example, we said it first and started practicing it later - we are all brothers, equal in standing under God's watch. Yup, we pretty much sucked at it for a while, but we kept trying to get better - and we did. No, we're still not perfect, but we strive.

Any Big Stuff I left out? Maybe. But for today's ramblings, let's stick with these.

With all that in mind, can you define what the goal of our country is now?

We still welcome strangers to our strange land, but now it's more under cover of darkness with a flashlight instead of Lady Liberty's lamp.

It does seem like we want to be the best – but to do that, doesn't it make sense that we need our citizenry fairly united, rowing mostly in the same direction? I guess I would then ask, how does it help us accomplish that when those entering our country don't have to become a functional member of society, united in the cause of the United States and mostly rowing in the same direction?

And no you don't. Don't you go there. This isn't about illegal immigration or diversity. Just the opposite. Look

at championship teams in the world of sports. They are made up of all kinds of members. Black, white, yellow, Christian, atheists, short, tall, straight, gay, and everything in between . . . except those who either can't or won't contribute. Championship teams - teams that are good and not struggling – have no place for them.

But wait, you say. Sports? That's such an oversimplification.

I beg to differ.

It may be sports, but the principles are the same. The common goal is to be the best. When everyone works together, it can be a beautiful thing.

That used to be us.

We voluntarily and perhaps even enthusiastically gave up a lot during World War II. We sacrificed. We kept tabs on prices and rationed things like gas, sugar, firewood, nylon. silk, meat, dairy, coffee . . .

Can you imagine that today? Can you imagine anything that the vast majority of our citizens would unite for?

It's not just us. Our government is about as divided as we are. Sen. Rand Paul said the other day that if his party takes back the Senate they will begin an investigation of my least favorite doctor, Mssr. Fauci. The other party has

their own ongoing investigative orgy with Mssr. Trump.

(And here's a question: Can you name any former U.S. president who was still in the headlines almost two years after leaving office?)

If a real investigation is warranted, why does it matter which party is in control? Shouldn't they all want to do it? And if it's not warranted, why do it? Actually, it goes farther than that. Doesn't matter if it's Dems or Repubs. If they go into something absolutely knowing nothing will come out of it . . . isn't that the definition of an exercise in futility? Doesn't the whole thing – and again, it matters not which side is doing it just become more political grandstanding with absolutely no possibility of a result that will make a real difference?

Sadly, that's the definition of politics today. It is such an accepted practice we don't even notice anymore.

The. Big. Stuff. The. Stuff. That. Matters. Who's paying attention to that now?

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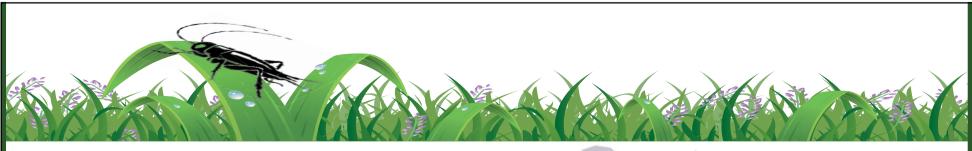
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Ask Rusty - Younger Widow Asks About Collecting Survivor Benefits

Dear Rusty: My husband died several years ago in 2019. It is my understanding that I should be receiving some portion of his Social Security payments. However, when I called to notify Social Security that he passed, they told me not to touch his last check because it would be taken back. I was 8 years younger than my husband, so I am still only 58. I also have always made more income than he did. How do I find out if there is some sort of residual that I should still be receiving? Signed: Widowed Wife

Dear Widowed Wife: The reason you were told "not to touch" your husband's last check is because benefits are not payable for the month a person dies. Social Security pays benefits in the month following the month they are earned, so someone who dies before month ends isn't entitled to benefits for that month. Social Security will, indeed, take that payment back. As a survivor, you aren't entitled to those benefits because they were awarded to your deceased husband and will be taken back because he didn't live the full month.

As for any benefits you are entitled to as your husband's survivor, you cannot collect a monthly survivor benefit until you are at least 60 years old (unless you are disabled, in which case you can collect as early as age 50). Sixty is the earliest age to collect survivor benefits, but claimed at age 60 the survivor benefit will be reduced by 28.5% from what it



ASK RUSTY
Social Security Advisor

would be at your full retirement age (FRA) of 67. Survivor benefits reach maximum at your FRA, but taken any earlier will be reduced by .396% per month early, to a maximum reduction of 28.5%. You are, however, entitled to a one-time lump sum death benefit of \$255, for which you can contact Social Security at 1.800.772.1213 (or at your local SS office).

Social Security Matters by AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor Russell Gloor

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You should also be aware that taking any monthly SS benefit before reaching your full retirement age of 67 will subject you to Social Security's "earnings test," which limits how much you can earn before they take back some (or all) of your benefits. The earnings limit changes annually but for 2022 the limit is \$19,560 and, if that is exceeded, SS

will take back benefits equal to \$1 for every \$2 over the limit (they "take back" by withholding future benefit payments or requiring you to repay in a lump sum). If you're working full time and earning substantially more than the annual earnings limit, it's usually not prudent (and may not even be possible) to claim your monthly survivor benefit before your full

retirement age. From what you've shared, it doesn't appear that you are currently entitled to any Social Security survivor benefit, other than the one-time death benefit of \$255. You may consider claiming a survivor benefit when you are sixty, but your work status and earnings level may restrict or eliminate your ability to collect a monthly survivor benefit at that time. Once you reach your FRA, however, the earnings test no longer applies, and you can apply for any benefit available to you. When the earnings test goes away at your FRA, you can also choose to take your smaller survivor benefit first and let your personal SS retirement benefit grow, to max-

imum at age 70 if you

Butch Proclaims That Elvis Presley Is Still "The King"

My wife and I watched the new "Elvis" movie at the Eastside 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 different-



BUTCH DALE Columnist

ly. 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. 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 concert 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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Troubling New Research On Political Bias And Bigotry

By Dr. Luke Conway

Talk about a strange political year. African Americans and Jewish Americans are typically the two most reliable liberal voting blocks in the country, and yet there have been troubling news stories and now data regarding the people who support them. For example, Democratic Congresswoman Ilhan Omar sparked outrage by doubling down on comments many perceived to be anti-semitic. She is a Democrat who typically gets Democrat votes. Such left-wing hostilities towards Jews have become so bad in the United States that some American Jews are openly considering leaving the country and moving to Israel. Similar difficulties face African Americans. Ilhan Omar's controversy arrived barely two months after the racist "Uncle Tim" attacks propagated by liberals at African American Senator Tim Scott. These attacks were so markedly racist that the trend had to be shut down by Twitter. More recently, similarly racist "Uncle Clarence" attacks were levied at Supreme Court

Justice Clarence Thomas

after he voted to overturn Roe v. Wade. White liberals on Twitter even invoked the "N-word," and were called out in a remarkable piece by a Columbia University sociology professor.

These are the kind of racist behaviors that many associate with conservatives. But to be clear: Those are liberals expressing racist vitriol towards blacks and Jews. And again, blacks and Jews tend to faithfully vote for liberal Democrats.

Of course, it is easy to pass off such vitriol as primarily political and not targeted at racial or ethnic groups. And indeed, social psychological research has demonstrated for years that both liberals and conservatives tend to show more biases against racial groups when they think members of those groups disagree with them politically. For example, a well-known study showed that the conservative bias against blacks was essentially because most conservatives believed that blacks tended to be politically liberal. However, when faced with black conservatives, the usual pattern reversed, and liberals—not conservatives—showed a dislike for blacks.

Although politically motivated, this does not mean such biases have no societal consequences. After all, these are real ethnic groups and the dislike for them isn't fictitious, no matter its motive. And that should matter. To better understand what is going on, in two recent studies, I and my colleagues tried to parse whether or not liberals and conservatives actually like representative members of these two groups.

To do so, we took a trait from each group that is strongly empirically associated with the group in the real world and asked people what they thought about the resulting representative set of group members. So, for African Americans, we asked participants what they thought of "African American women/men who believe in the Bible." This is a trait highly representative of African Americans: In the modern United States, Pew Data reveal that 77% of African Americans believe that "the Bible is the Word of God." For Jews, we asked participants how they felt about "Jewish women/men who are strong supporters of the nation of Israel's interests." This is a trait highly representative of American Jews, with Gallup survey estimates suggesting that 90% of Jews in the United States

show support for Israel.
So what happens if you ask people about African American and Jewish persons in this way? The data could not be more clear: Many liberals really dislike both African Americans and Jewish persons who possess these highly representative traits; and conservatives like them just fine.

That doesn't mean that all liberals are racist, of course. In fact, our data clearly show that certain types of authoritarian liberals are particularly prone to disliking these groups. And it is worth noting that both of the traits selected and highlighted—being religious and supporting Israel—are traits people associate with conservatives. Both African Americans and Jewish Americans also possess collective traits that, if highlighted, would lead liberals to like them more

(and conservatives to like them less). So this finding is likely is more about strong partisan beliefs than about racial or ethnic groups per se.

But that doesn't make it any less meaningful. To understand how important this is, consider that extrapolating from survey data, a cautious estimate of the number of African Americans who believe in the Bible is 30 million persons, and a cautious estimate of the number of Jewish Americans who support Israel is 4 million persons. That is a lot of people—and there is a certain kind of quite pervasive liberal who is inclined to strongly dislike large groups of African Americans and Jewish Americans for those reasons.

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We should all care
deeply about this alarming
trend. When conservatives
show biases against racial
and minority groups, it
does not matter why they
do it. It is rightly called
out for the bigotry and
bias that it is. But we must
apply an equal standard.
When liberals show similar biases, we must—and
with equal vigor—call out
their bigotry and bias.
Evidence from scientific

studies reveals that when presented with traits that are representative of what those groups are actually like in reality, many liberals really dislike African Americans and Jews. It doesn't matter which political aisle the bigot resides in; it is still bigotry all the same.

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Let's All Make This Next Season Of Life A Great One

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Enjoyable weather is coming soon. For many parts of the country September through November offers many pleasant days. Don't waste them by spending all your time starring at the television or Facebook. You still have some life to live. Spending four or five hours a day watching what everyone else is doing is a waste of your

time. There are programs you enjoy and news events that grab our attention. There are a few people you enjoy keeping up with via social media. After this, get a life. Do you want to spend the rest of



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your life with your head bent down starring at a tablet or a cell phone? You might get to a point where all you can do is sit in your chair and stare at the television. I've seen many good people who at the end of their lives who could do nothing but watch television or stare

into space. Often our bodies get to where that's all we can do. Is this all you can do now? Consider your daily options.

Stop throwing your life away doing nothing. Have verbal conservations with people on the telephone. You can overdo this as well but it's at least human interaction. Keep moving, stretching and exerting yourself. Plan your meals and eat as healthy as possible and don't overeat. Save some for your next meal. You'll live till the next

Go somewhere when you can. Going someplace is better than no place. A change of pace and being outdoors is

mentally good for you. Your travel may be across the street but the key is to move and get

You will get depressed if all you are doing is eating, starring at your cell phone and flipping television channels. If you are physically able, work ten to twenty hours a week. Somebody will hire you.

Everyone needs something to do, someone to talk to and something to look forward to doing. You also need someone to love and first you always have God. God loves you now and if you'll open your heart, he will fill your life with his love. There are people to

love. Love your family, love friends, love people at work and church. Love the people with whom you socially gather. Some people aren't easy to love and some are impossible. Keep in mind that all things with God are possible. Keep your heart filled with God's love. Love yourself. You can't love others very well if you don't love yourself. Forgive and take care of yourself. You'll then have something you can give others, love and kindness.

It's sad to be around bitter people who have never resolved life's issues and embraced their own lives. Everyone has potential to excel and achieve. Too often people

get bogged down with failures and are totally destroyed. Some failures are just events in your life in which you will learn about you and others. You can use failure to grow, reposition and redevelop your life.

You know what the political candidates are saying. You don't have to spend hours watching political ads, unless you are bored stiff.

Enjoy the season. Make this next one a great one.

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Corporate Social Responsibility And Its Newest Version: ESG

By Dr. Mark W. Hendrickson

What is Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)? Wikipedia defines CSR as "a form of ... private business self-regulation which aims to contribute to societal goals of a philanthropic, activist, or charitable nature." That seems rather vague, even amorphous. As Wikipedia acknowledges, "A wide variety of definitions have been developed but with little consensus."

Investopedia says that CSR "helps a company be socially accountable to itself, its stakeholders, and the public" and that CSR helps companies be aware of their impact "on all aspects of society, including economic, social, and environmental." Once again, the very definition of CSR seems fuzzy, even amorphous.

The basic problem is that the concept of CSR is highly subjective. It all depends on what any particular advocate of CSR expects or wants corporations to do for the alleged betterment of society. What tends to distinguish the most vocal advocates of CSR is that they generally operate outside of the corporations that they are trying to influence. In fact, most of them have no experience at business. They prefer to tell businesses

what they should do.

Traditionally, in our (mostly) free-market economic system, corporations have been deemed to have several sets of stakeholders—people with a direct connection to the activities of the corporation. These stakeholders include the corporation's customers, its shareholders (owners), its employees, and its suppliers, distributors, lenders, etc.

CSR activists reject such a circumscribed, well-defined list of stakeholders. They argue that "society" itself is a stakeholder, and then they appoint themselves spokespersons for society, presuming to tell corporations how they should alter their business practices, revise their product lines, allocate their capital, and so on. If you agree with the political objectives of CSR activists, you might support the activists' assertions that they are legitimate stakeholders in the corporation's activities. If, on the other hand, it seems fishy to you that people who don't own a business or work for that business should have as much or more say about corporate policies than the business's shareholders, customers, and employees, then you would be inclined to view CSR activists as intrusive

meddlers.

Activists play hardball. They often intimidate corporate leaders into making concessions using threats of bad publicity. One wonders, in these cases, where the legal line between free speech and extortion lies. Clearly, outside activists have little respect for the property rights of the legal owners of the corporation when they attempt to hijack a corporation to promote their favored political goals.

The current guise adopted by the CSR folks is called ESG: Environmental, Social, Governance scores. ESG has become a blunt instrument used to raise the costs of targeted businesses and sometimes to steer capital away from

In the area of the environment, activists and elite money managers tend not to focus on pollution. Indeed, that would be mostly superfluous, given the strict environmental regulations with which American businesses must comply. Instead, their scoring system penalizes both businesses and state governments for the "sin" of using or developing fossil fuels. Thus, ESG scores give states such as West Virginia lower scores of creditworthiness, even though their finances are in order and their

bond-ratings high. And companies that produce fossil fuels, or even those companies that deal with fossil-fuel companies, are given low scores designed to discourage anyone from lending capital to them. In other words, activists try to asphyxiate such companies by denying access to the financial

oxygen of capital. ESG is an even bigger farce when it claims to seek "social improvements." Today, many American citizens are struggling under soaring gasoline prices and rising heating and cooling costs due to the anti-fossil fuel policies of the Biden administration and its ESG allies. Perversely. ESG activists use low social scores to hamstring the very companies that could produce the energy that Americans so desperately need. If anyone deserves low social scores, it would be the ESG advocates who are crippling the production of fossil fuels that Americans so badly need.

As for governance, pressures from the self-anointed ESG graders may cause corporate leaders to misgovern their companies to the detriment of shareholders, employees, and customers. Two prominent examples of the danger posed by ESG to sound corporate governance

are last year's decision by Major League Baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred to move the All-Star Game out of Atlanta (taking a partisan position on a Georgia election law and thereby alienating many fans) and this

year's fiasco at Disney. The Disney CEO declared that his company opposed a new Florida law that prohibits the teaching of sexual identity to children before the fourth grade. Regardless of how one feels about a particular law, it is poor corporate governance for a corporation to take an official stance on contentious moral issues. Inevitably, some customers are on one side, others on the other side. The same with employees and shareholders. Consequently, every time corporate leaders take an official corporate position on some controversial issue, they foolishly and gratuitously alienate a significant percentage of their legitimate stakeholders. And for what? To placate outside activists who often have zero actual stake in the corporation. CEOs should no more declare that their corporations are on one side or the other of a political controversy than to say the company officially supports a specific church or political party. The wise

and respectful approach is for the company to remain officially neutral while encouraging its stakeholders to follow their own conscience in deciding which laws and initiatives to support and whether to do so privately or publicly.

Bottom line: A corporation can't be all things to all people. To survive and to prosper, corporations need to focus on satisfying their customers and those to whom they have fiduciary and moral responsibilities, i.e., their shareholders and employees. To get swept up in the latest CSR or ESG fad is bad business. By pursuing partisan political goals instead of traditional business goals, business leaders offend some consumers, demoralize or anger some employees, and poorly serve their shareholders. Since consumers, employees, and shareholders are the members of society that a business affects most directly, it follows that sacrificing their welfare in the name of certain activists' cause hurts society. In practice, ESG can be very antisocial.

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Tiffany Justice – 'These Aren't Partisan Issues; These Are Parent Issues'

By John Grimaldi

Reading, writing, and arithmetic aren't the only lessons being taught in our public schools these days. In some schools -too many of them across the country -- teachers have added transgender ideology to the curriculum, according to Moms for Liberty co-founder, Tiffany Justice. But Moms for Liberty is not just a place for moms; "Dads, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, Friends" are all welcome and are urged to join in the de-

fense of parental rights. Justice had a lot to say on the subject in a recent interview with Rebecca Weber, CEO of the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC], on Weber's Better for America podTo be clear, "We don't co-parent with the government. We will partner with our children's schools, but parents have the fundamental right to direct the upbringing of their children. That is a right that the government does not give you and they cannot take it away ... [parents] need to be a part of every conversation that is happening for their child at school and at all levels of government. This idea of anyone having a guiding hand that is left-leaning or right-leaning is not a partisan issue. These are parent issues ... These aren't political issues. These are fundamental issues about family in America. And what we know to be true is that moms and dads love their kids, and they should be steering the ship.'

Weber noted that school unions and administrators seem to be trying to reeducate and indoctrinate our children with ideas that make them question their country, their democracy, liberty, society, and gender. It appears it's gotten so bad that public movements have been emerging, groups such as Gays Against Groomers, a coalition of gay people who oppose the recent trend of indoctrinating and sexualizing children under the guise of LGBTQ, Justice said.

Tiffany explained that **Gays Against Groomers** "is a group of people who may or may not have children but are very concerned that the LGBTQ movement is being perverted;" they are appalled that children as young as five-years-old

are being taught about gender transition. "This is the craziness that a five-year-old would walk into a classroom and be told that just because they may have some certain biological body parts, that may not determine the sex that they are, the gender that they are, that they could be a tree that day if they wanted to be, and they could use any number of pronouns that they might like ... there is a wedge that is being driven between the parent and the child, and it's being done very intentionally.

Ms. Justice went on to talk about the extremes to which gender bender advocates will go. She said that she recently "posted a tweet regarding a Senate bill in California, SB 107. It was sponsored by a

gentleman, Senator Scott Wiener. It's only one of his many crackpot ideas, to be honest with you. It's ridiculous. But what SB 107 said was basically that California would become a sanctuary state for transgender children, that it would override all other laws, state laws, and all their parental rights. And if you made it to California as a child, I guess a runaway, you could become a ward of the state, and then the state will help you and pay for gender transition surgery without the knowledge or consent of the parent. There is no data to support that happening. There is no data to say that a child would be better off being in foster care in another state and transitioning than staying at home with the parent

and not transitioning." Justice knew she had to call out this absurdity, calling it "a Pied Piper situation where you have Scott Wiener blowing the flute, calling all children who are upset with their parents because parents are telling their kids no."

As regards, SB 107, it is noteworthy that according to CBN News, "The California Family Council and the Pacific Justice Institute are warning about the bill known as SB 107, which calls these gender-altering treatments "gender-affirming health care." The measure passed the Assembly Public Safety Committee on June 28, even after hearing testimony from a teenager who had undergone transgender procedures and regretted

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Facing The Uncertainty: How Technology Can Help You Travel With Confidence

By Ryan Brubaker, Chief Information Officer/Executive Vice President of Operations

There is one major constant within the travel industry. No matter the generation, destination or span of a trip, the consumer wants to be able to travel with confidence. This has never been more relevant than in the present day. As many of us approach planning and taking part in travel, we can't help but feel the weight of uncertainty. There is a fluctuating list of reasons for why consumers face these uncomfortable feelings - i.e., the potential of contracting an illness/ disease, other health issues, travel costs, international tension, regional conflicts, extreme weather, risk of natural disasters, etc. Along with the fears that are often shared by a number of travelers, there are also a wide range of factors that could be causing individuals to experience their own unique form of travel anxiety. Perhaps you've previously had a negative experience while traveling or this is the first time that you've traveled alone. In any

case, it is widely com-

mon for travelers in 2022 to crave a sense of safety and protection.

With all this being said, I argue that in many ways, we are more prepared than ever before to travel safely. From a technological standpoint, this is 100% the case. While our parents and grandparents were tasked with traveling with the guidance from a travel agent and guidebooks, we have the ability to use resources such as Google Maps, Airbnb, blogs from other travelers, and so much more to get the most out of our trip.

As a leader with Seven Corners, I am in a position to advocate for consumers to use insurance to protect the financial investment they have put into travel. I also have a platform to show consumers how technology can be a guide. Whether you're traveling across the state, country or world, here are my top three tips that can help you travel with greater confidence.

1. Certainty is created through research

Just as you wouldn't attend a job interview without properly researching the company and opportunity, you also wouldn't want to find

yourself in a new destination without any prior knowledge of its top attractions, dining options and available transportation. Two great resources that are sometimes overlooked include the city's tourism website and its Chamber of Commerce site. Both typically outline information on local establishments, upcoming events, places to stay and parking availability. These platforms can also help you determine what activities are available and age appropriate for those traveling with you. Another way to learn more about your potential destination is through YouTube videos and TikTok as these showcase other individuals' previous travel experiences in a given area and usually highlight their biggest takeaways from

their trip.
2. Your mobile device should be a close com-

We often see consumers looking for travel opportunities when they need to unplug from the technology they use in their everyday lives. This is completely understandable; however, it is not the most realistic choice, particularly when traveling long distances or to

new destinations. With a few clicks on our phone, we can share our new arrival time with loved ones, present our tickets for a flight, and take part in contactless check-in at a hotel. The industry itself has started to rely on technology more than ever before, partially due to the pandemic. In fact, data.ai reports from summer 2021 showed a 20% surge in travel/navigation app usage compared to previous months and times of year. Travel apps are available, and it is wise to take advantage of them. If you're not sure where to begin, Apple's App Store and the Google Play Store have excellent lists of the top free and paid travel apps

being used today.
3. Use technologies that promote your safety

Right now, there are a number of technologies that you can be using to help ensure your own or your group's safety while traveling. Companies like Seven Corners offer 24/7 communication through multiple channels such as a mobile app, text message, WhatsApp and much more. This is a growing trend across the industry with numerous insurance, airline, residential booking and rideshare companies prioritizing round the clock communication with their customers. Apps like "Find My" allow you to share your location for a range of times with select individuals, helping you to monitor the whereabouts and stay connected with every member of your party. Resources like Sherpa are available to help you navigate the changing travel requirements and restrictions across the world. Finally, monitoring local news coming out of your destination's area is a tried and true way to stay in the loop and safe while

on vacation.

A trip with your family to Disney World is filled with a completely different energy than a ski trip with your friends, a conference with colleagues or your student's study abroad semester in Europe. In all of these scenarios, safety should be your top priority, and technology is here to support you every step of the way.

Third Annual Glass Pumpkin Festival Returns To Hocking Hills

What started as a way for families and individual arts fans to get out of the house and experience beauty is back again by popular demand in 2022. Launching Friday, Sept. 23 and running through Sunday, Sept. 25, the Third Annual Glass Pumpkin Festival is open from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday. Parking is limited and festival-goers are encouraged car pool and reserve their spot for \$5 at Glass-PumpkinFestival.com, with each reservation receiving a \$5 coupon towards their Jack Pine pumpkin purchase.

A highlight is the unveiling of Jack Pine's annual Pumpkin of the Year, with the festival marking the first opportunity for fans of the legendary glass blower to snag the highly collectible, limited-edition glass pumpkin. The Glass Pumpkin Festival was launched by Jack Pine in 2020 during COVID to offer families a safe and beautiful escape centered around a stunning outdoor arts experience set in the magnificence of Ohio's most visited location for fall foliage.

Attendees will again be amazed by thousands of spectacular hand-blown glass pumpkins -- in a rainbow of colors and finishes -- that will fill the five-acre grounds of Jack Pine Studio in Laurelville. Each pumpkin features Pine's signature strong saturation of colors and unique finishing technique, which result in stunning lustrous works of art.

An outdoor artist's market will feature fine

artists from around the region, showing and selling their work. Pumpkin ice cream, donuts and rolls will complete the sensory experience, along with food trucks serving an array of offerings. The festival is an unmatched opportunity to find gorgeous fall décor and the perfect handcrafted holiday gifts for even the most difficult-to-buy-for recipient.

Jack Pine's talented team of glassblowing artists will be at work throughout the festival, allowing attendees to watch firsthand as they blow, turn and stretch pure molten glass into exquisite works of art. World-famous pumpkin carver Gus Smithister will be live-carving a monstrous 600-pound pumpkin into an eyepopping real pumpkin sculpture, with plenty of more manageably sized pumpkins available for purchase. Kids activities will keep budding junior artists entertained while inspiring their creative side.

Jack Pine Studio is a hand-blown glass studio and gallery located in the heart of Hocking Hills that's open to the public daily throughout the year. Pine has been blowing glass for over 20 years and his work has been featured in galleries and museums around the world. In addition to his own work, Jack Pine Studio's onsite gallery features the work of a number of other fine artists, from heavy metal sculpture to delicate glass jewelry. Studio history and details are found at www.jackpinestudio.

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Registration for "3 Point Shooting Contest" & "3 on 3 Basketball Tournament"

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10 AM 3 Point Shooting Contest followed immediately by the

3 on 3 Basketball Tournament
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11 AM - 3:30 PM Music by "Mobile DJ" at Car Show

11 AM - 5 PM LEGO Display at New Ross Methodist Church
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2 - 4 PM Free Kids Activities
2:30 PM Car Show Judging

3:30 PM Car Show Awards Presentations
4 PM Parade "Honoring Our Local Officials"
5 - 8 PM Dinner Served by the "HE MEN" at Fire Station
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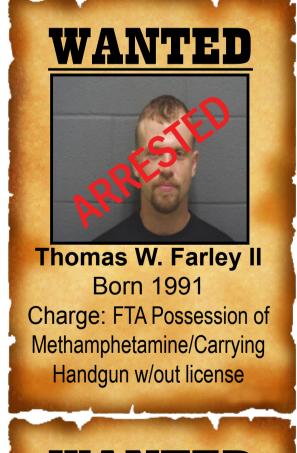
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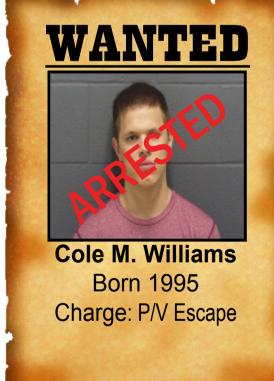
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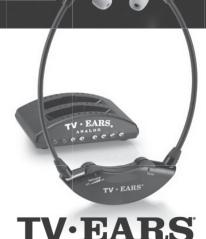
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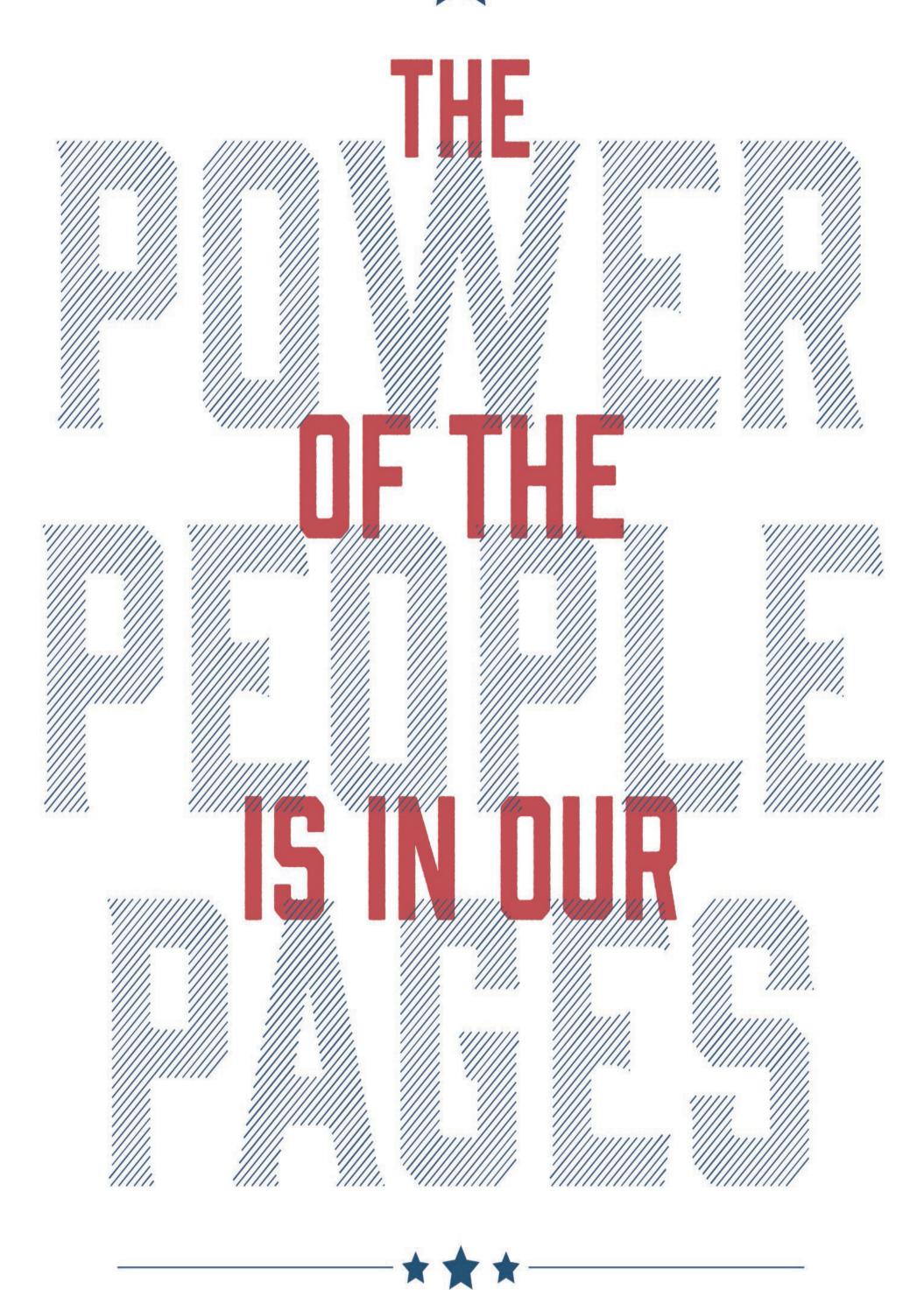
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