

➔ TODAY'S VERSE

Romans 8:38 - 39 "And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow - not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below - indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord." (NLT)

➔ FACES OF MONTGOMERY

People who call our community their own.



Valerie Wharf and Chris Stockdale were all smiles when one of our roving photographers happened upon them. Thanks for the smiles, guys!

➔ THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 Purdue University is gearing up for Homecoming 2022 - themed "Giant Leaps Home" - with festivities scheduled for Sept. 23 and 24. Homecoming weekend will feature reunions and activities for Purdue fans of all ages, leading up to the Sept. 24 football game against Florida Atlantic.

2 If you are one of the many who were Readers' Choice winners in our annual huge recognition promotion, you may be getting e-mails from Showmark, a company trying to sell plaques and such. Please know, that has nothing to do with our company and the actual Readers' Choice program. For years, we have produced the annual popular Readers Choice contest and we give, absolutely free of charge, certificates suitable for framing to our winners, runner-ups and honorable mentions. We're not familiar with this Showmark group, and we certainly don't blame them for trying to wiggle in to one of the biggest contests around, we just want you to know we have never charged a penny for those recognized - and we never will!

3 Teen tourists from Australia decided to do some surfing in Venice's famous Grand Canal not long ago; Mayor Luigi Brugnaro call them "imbecilli," fining them to the tune of \$1,500 each for their miscreant behavior. Brugnaro also described them as "two overbearing idiots who make a mockery of the City." Tourists and locals used their phones to videotape the boys on their motorized surf boards. To say that the mayor was upset by the incident is an understatement; he promised to find other reasons to prosecute them.

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Study Sponsors Lecture About George Washington

The General Lew Wallace Study & Museum is pleased to welcome Jessie MacLeod, an associate curator at George Washington's Mount Vernon. MacLeod will present "The Mount Vernon Ladies' Association: 162 Years of Collecting George Washington" at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 15. The lecture will be held at Whitlock Hall in St. John's Episcopal Church (212 S. Green Street).

When the women of the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association took ownership of George Washington's estate in 1860, they faced a daunting task: the rooms of the Mount Vernon mansion were nearly empty and the house was in ruins. In the six decades since Washington's death, his family's possessions had been dispersed

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Himes Saga #5 - William



KAREN ZACH
Around The County

William Himes born Oct 8, 1824 in Virginia lived to be a good age, lacking a few days of

being 85 and a half. His death occurred a bit after midnight on March 28 in 1910 caused by acute nephritis. Buried in the Harshbarger Cemetery, his death record, unlike so many of that time, is very detailed. YES! Then, in a Greencastle newspaper (found on FindA-Grave) not long after his death it told of his son, Daniel C. inheriting all of the home farm, equipment, lumber, etc. Dan only had two sisters, Barbara who was born two days before the 4th of July in 1852 but passed away 11 Nov 1889. Don't believe she ever married, having been age 29 in the 1880 census with her folks working

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Mayor To Meet With The Public



Mayor Todd Barton

Crawfordsville Mayor Todd Barton would like to invite the public to his office this month on Monday at 4 -5 p.m. to start conversations about any concerns, input, or suggestions that the public may have concerning the city. His office is located at 300 E Pike St. in Crawfordsville.

In Need Of Teachers Friend Volunteers

According to the Indiana Department of Education, many Indiana elementary students need help. On Aug. 10, the IDOE reported that the recent IRead results showed that nearly 1 in 5 students "have not mastered foundational reading skills by the end of third grade." Here in Montgomery County, children are blessed with excellent schools, yet there are still students who need extra help to improve or receive enrichment.

Are you a person who just shakes his or her head when hearing this type of statistic, or are you more willing to lend a hand to help make a change?

Until it had to be paused due to Covid protocol in the schools, the Teachers Friend program, was administered by Volunteers for Mental Health in Montgomery County as a method to match volunteers to teachers who need an extra hand. Teachers register their needs with Volunteers for Mental Health, and community volunteers are matched to that teacher.

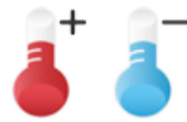
Does a Teachers Friend

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The Daily Almanac



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Today is...:

- World Literacy Day
- National Ampersand Day



What Happened On This Day:

- 1504 Michelangelo's David is unveiled in Piazza della Signoria in Florence
- 1892 The Pledge of Allegiance is first recited



Births On This Day:

- 1922 Lyndon LaRouche American politician and activist
- 1954 Ruby Bridges American civil rights activist

Deaths On This Day:

- 1963 Maurice Wilks English engineer and businessman
- 1997 Derek Taylor English journalist and author

➔ HONEST HOOSIER

Why is it September and we still have pothole problems?



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➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Having hip, knee, ankle or foot pain? Losing just 10 pounds can improve the pain.

Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Paper and online at www.thepaper24-7.com.



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➔ THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE Want TO GO?

The annual golf scramble for the Montgomery County United Way is scheduled for Friday at Rocky Ridge Golf Club. It kicks off with breakfast at 8 a.m. and a shotgun start at 9. As play wraps up, the campaign kick-off luncheon will take place at noon. To sign up as a sponsor, contact United Way's Montgomery County Director Gina Haile 362-5484 or chair Michele Hunley at 505-8132. For golfers, register online at www.uwmontgomery.org or by contacting Haile.

➔ TODAY'S QUOTE

"A vacation is having nothing to do and all day to do it in."
Robert Orben

➔ TODAY'S JOKE

What was the Christmas tree's favorite thing about Star Trek?
The captain's log.

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Meeting Notes

Board of Works and Public Safety Meeting

The City of Crawfordsville Indiana
 Sept. 7, 2022 at 10 a.m.
 City Building 300 E Pike St Crawfordsville, Ind.
 I. Approval of the minutes from Aug. 31, 2022.
 II. Approval of the claims for the week of Sept. 5, 2022
 III. Old Business
 IV. New Business
 A. Jennifer Coyle with Nicholson Elementary requesting a road closure for the Bike & Hike on Tuesday, Sept. 27 from

5 - 5:30 p.m.
 B. Christina Sharpe with First United Pentecostal Church requesting to close Walnut Street in front of the Church from 2 - 4 p.m.
 C. Service Agreement between the City and GreenCycle
 D. Barry Lewis, Code Enforcement Officer, with multiple work order requests
 · 504 E. Main Street, owned by Martha Boots
 · 708 E. Market Street, owned by Gracielo Serrano
 · 1024 E. Chestnut Street, owned by Janis Hart
 V. Miscellaneous
 VI. Department Heads
 VII. Adjournment

Students Have Additional Options To Earn Indiana College Core In High School



INDIANA COMMISSION for HIGHER EDUCATION

More Indiana high schoolers than ever before can earn up to a year of general education, college-level courses in high school, as 57 additional high schools and eight postsecondary providers are now able to offer the Indiana College Core (the Core).

The Indiana Commission for Higher Education confirmed more high schools and postsecondary providers – including the first four-year providers of the Core, which is a 30-credit-hour block of general education courses that transfer among all public institutions and some private colleges. The Indiana College Core is based on competencies and can be earned through a combination of dual credit, Advanced Placement courses, dual enrollment, etc.

Prior to the announcement of 57 high schools (representing a 68 percent increase in the number of schools), only about one in five high schools offered the Indiana College Core; that number is now more than one in four high schools which can provide the Core. Find the list of high schools on TransferIN.net. A new user-friendly tool for students and families to explore options to earn the Core in high school will be available in early 2023.

Indiana College Core LogoIndiana University Bloomington, all five IU regional campuses, Purdue University Northwest and Purdue University Fort Wayne are the first four-year institutions to serve as primary postsecondary partners of the Indiana College Core. The eight four-year campuses join Ivy Tech Community College and Vincennes University as providers of the Core. As primary postsecondary partners, higher education institutions have a formal agreement with partner Indiana high schools to deliver the Core to students through early college credit opportunities

such as dual credit, dual enrollment and Advanced Placement.

Since 2012, 10,223 students earned essentially a full year of college for little to no cost by completing the Indiana College Core while in high school. The average full “sticker” price for a year at a public institution is \$22,000, equating to a savings of nearly \$225 million for Hoosier students.

“The Indiana College Core is one of our state’s best tools for making the cost of education beyond high school manageable while preparing high school students for the rigors of college,” said Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Chris Lowery. “I am encouraged to see a growing number of students earning the Core in high school, but we know there is more work to be done to improve availability. Working in partnership with the Indiana Department of Education, we seek to ensure the Core is offered in all Indiana high schools and dramatically increase the number of students completing the Core by 2028.”

Students who earn the Indiana College Core are more likely to enroll in college. Recent data show that 90 percent of Indiana College Core earners from the class of 2020 went on to attend college. Once at college, those students can focus on major-specific courses earlier than their peers and pursue additional opportunities such as adding a minor and studying abroad. Additionally, they’re more likely to graduate on time or early and could pursue graduate school ahead of their peers who didn’t earn the Core while in

high school.

While more students are earning the Indiana College Core and more high schools are becoming delivery sites, gaps remain by student race and ethnicity, household income and geographic location. Far too few Indiana high schools offer a full range of early college credit opportunities. Increasing the availability of dual credit, and careful use of it can help more high schoolers earn the Indiana College Core. Educators can utilize free credentialing opportunities through Teach Dual Credit Indiana and STEM Teach Indiana to teach dual credit courses.

“When students complete the Indiana College Core, they open additional doors of opportunity – including saving valuable time and thousands of dollars in their next steps after high school,” said Indiana Secretary of Education Dr. Katie Jenner. “As we celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Core, high schools and higher education providers have now come together like never before to expand access to this incredible opportunity for our students. Looking ahead, we must continue to expand this access so that all students can jumpstart their futures through the Indiana College Core.”

In 2021, the state of Indiana launched the Crossing the Finish Line initiative to assist Indiana high school students who are just a few credits from earning a high-quality credential such as the Indiana College Core. Through the initiative, nearly 800 students completed the Core for free over the past two summers through Ivy Tech Community College or Vincennes University.

Earlier this year, the Commission and the Indiana Department of Education released a comprehensive digital guide and toolkit to continue building awareness around the benefits of the Indiana College Core with high school students. The materials are designed to equip educators, especially school counselors, with the information and tools needed to help students make knowledgeable decisions about earning the Indiana College Core.

A downloadable social media kit is available for school counselors, school corporations, colleges and universities, and graduates who earned the Core to build awareness of the Indiana College Core and celebrate its 10th anniversary. The kit contains sample posts and graphics.

For more information about dual credit and credit transfer, visit TransferIN.net.

About the Indiana Commission for Higher Education

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

About the Indiana Department of Education

The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) oversees Indiana primary and secondary schools across Indiana. IDOE is dedicated to providing quality, purposeful educational opportunities for all students to prepare them for lifelong success. For more information, visit doe.in.gov.



Witham Health Services Is Hosting A Mum Sale

The Witham Health Services Volunteer Organization hosts annual Fall Mum Sale. The mum sale will be held at the main entrance of the hospital on Witham’s main campus located in Lebanon on Thursday, Sept. 15 from the hours of 10:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. (while supplies last). This year’s sale will offer an assortment of mums and kale in a variety of colors, for \$10.00 each.

All proceeds from the event support three \$1,000.00 scholarships provided annually to Boone County High School Seniors pursuing a continuing education or degree program in a health related field. The Witham Volunteer Organization is thankful for the continued support of the community.

About Witham
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USDA To Offer Farm Loans For Underserved And Beginning Farmers

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) is reminding producers that FSA offers farm ownership and farm operating loans to underserved applicants as well as beginning farmers. Underserved or beginning farmers who cannot obtain commercial credit from a bank can apply for FSA direct or guaranteed loans.

"Farming is a capital-intensive business and FSA is committed to helping producers start and maintain their agricultural operations," said Julia A. Wickard, FSA State Executive Director in Indiana.

"FSA loans are designed to make sure that everyone has access to credit including underserved and beginning farmers."

USDA defines underserved applicants as a group whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic or gender prejudice because of their identity as members

of the group without regard to their individual qualities.

For farm loan program purposes, underserved groups are American Indians or Alaskan Natives, Asians, Blacks or African Americans, Native Hawaiians or other Pacific Islanders, Hispanics, and women.

In order to qualify as a beginning farmer, the individual or entity must meet the eligibility requirements outlined for direct or guaranteed loans. Additionally, individuals and all entity members must have operated a farm for less than 10 years. Applicants must materially or substantially participate in the operation.

For farm ownership purposes, the applicant must not own a farm greater than 30 percent of the average size farm in the county at the time of application. All direct farm ownership applicants must have participated in the business operations of a farm for



at least three years out of the last 10 years prior to the date the application is submitted to FSA. Substitutions for as much as the full three years of experience may be made depending on education, military experience, participation with a SCORE mentor, and farm management experience as a hired hand.

If the applicant is an entity, all members must be related by blood or marriage and all entity

members must be eligible beginning farmers. At least one of the members must have three years or more experience in the business operations of a farm prior to the date the application is submitted.

Your local FSA office will be able to provide more details on acceptable substitutions.

Direct loans are made to applicants by FSA. Guaranteed loans are made by lending insti-

tutions who arrange for FSA to guarantee the loan.

FSA can guarantee up to 95 percent of the loss of principal and interest on a loan. The FSA guarantee allows lenders to make agricultural credit available to producers who do not meet the lender's normal underwriting criteria.

The direct and guaranteed loan program offers two types of loans: farm ownership loans and farm operating loans.

Farm Ownership Loans:

Farm ownership loan funds may be used to purchase or enlarge a farm; purchase easements or rights of way needed in the farm's operation; build or improve buildings such as a dwelling or barn; promote soil and water conservation and development; and pay closing costs.

Financing for direct farm ownership loans cannot exceed 40 years. **Farm Operating**

Loans:

Farm operating loan funds may be used to purchase livestock, poultry, farm equipment, fertilizer, and other materials necessary to operate a farm. Operating loan funds can also be used for family living expenses; refinancing debts under certain conditions; paying salaries for hired farm laborers; installing or improving water systems for home, livestock or irrigation use; and other similar improvements.

Repayment terms for direct operating loans are scheduled from one to seven years.

Interest rates for direct loans are set periodically according to the government's cost of borrowing. Guaranteed loan terms and interest rates are set by the lender.

For more information on FSA's farm loan programs and underserved and beginning farmer guidelines, please contact your local FSA office or visit farmers.gov.

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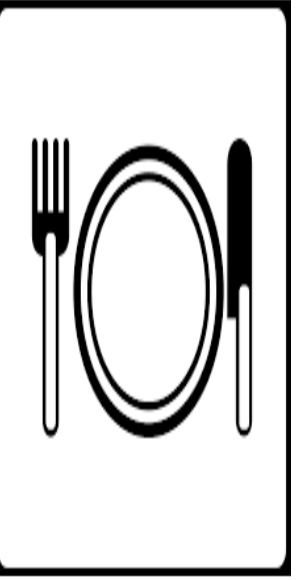
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Student Loan Forgiveness Counts As Income For Indiana Residents

By Whitney Downard

Thousands of Hoosier borrowers with student loan debt discharged under a presidential proposal could see their taxable income increase under Indiana law.

The loan forgiveness, announced in late August by President Joe Biden, waives up to \$10,000 for borrowers earning less than \$125,000 or couples earning less than \$250,000. Borrowers who qualified for Pell Grants while in school are eligible for another \$10,000 discharge.

But Indiana tax law requires Hoosiers to report that discharge of debt as income, meaning some could pay over \$1,000 in taxes.

Rep. Greg Porter, the ranking Democrat on the House Ways and Means Committee, decried the law, vowing he would file legislation to mitigate the impact and retroactively waive the tax.

“Many student borrowers have paid back their original loan amount and then some, but interest rates have kept them from paying off their debt and allocating that money toward buying a house,



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saving for retirement or starting a family,” Porter, D-Indianapolis, said in a statement. “... taxing student debt relief when we have a \$6.1 billion and growing surplus is unfair and needlessly counterproductive.”

The Education Data Initiative reports that 906,500 student borrowers live in Indiana, with a combined \$29.8 billion in debt – around \$32,874 per borrower. An estimated 294,000 of those borrowers saw their debt completely wiped out by the executive order.

The Department of Revenue confirmed that the student debt forgiven would be taxable and included in Hoosiers’ adjusted gross income. A statement from the agency said that only the General Assembly could change the law.

According to the department, Hoosiers will pay up to \$323 for \$10,000 forgiven or up to \$646 for \$20,000 at

Indiana’s 3.23% tax rate. However, some counties charge an additional tax rate, including Marion County, which has a 2.02% tax rate, charging \$202 for \$10,000 in forgiveness or \$404 for \$20,000. To see the tax rates of other counties, visit the agency site or at <https://www.in.gov/dor/files/dn01.pdf>.

The nonprofit Tax Foundation lists at least five other states that will tax the discharged debt for their residents, including Arkansas, Minnesota, Mississippi, North Carolina and Wisconsin. Some other states have already moved to waive taxes for student loan borrowers who qualified for forgiveness and federal taxes will not apply at all.

“The federal government and the vast majority of other states have correctly chosen not to tax student debt forgiveness. I can’t say I’m surprised Indiana has chosen

to take a punitive stance on a policy meant to give working-class Americans relief, but there’s still time to change this,” Porter said in a statement. “In the meantime, however, I urge all Hoosiers with federal student loans to stay vigilant and not forget that this debt relief will currently be considered income and thus tax-liable in our state.”

House Speaker Todd Huston, R-Fishers, did not give a specific answer when asked by the Indiana Capital Chronicle whether the GOP caucus would act in the 2023 session. If the loans are forgiven in 2022, they would need to be reported with their 2022 tax filings, meaning legislators would need to act quickly when they convene in January.

“We’re aware of the issue and I expect for conversations to continue as we head into the next legislative session,” Huston said in a statement.

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month With The Hon. Mario Garcia



The Hon. Mario Garcia

On Friday, Oct. 7, at 2 p.m. EDT, the United States District Court, Bankruptcy Court, and Probation Office for the Southern District of Indiana and the Indiana State Bar Association Latino Affairs Committee will host their sixth annual Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration. This year, the keynote address will be given by the Hon. Mario Garcia, Magistrate Judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana, and first Hispanic judge appointed to the Court. Limited in-person seating is available. Virtual participation will also be offered.

Judge Garcia will speak about his family, his personal and professional background, and how his life experiences – and those of his ancestors – led him to the federal bench.

Chief Judge Tanya Walton Pratt will make opening remarks, and musical entertainment will round out the program.

Judge Garcia was sworn in as a Magistrate Judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana on April 5, 2021. He was appointed to a new magistrate judgeship created for the Southern District of Indiana by the Judicial Conference of the United States.

Judge Garcia is a 1995 graduate of Ball State University, where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in criminal justice and criminology. He studied law at the Indiana University School of Law – Indianapolis, where he graduated in 1999. Upon graduation from law school, Judge Garcia joined the firm of Brattain & Minnix (later

known as Brattain Minnix Garcia). He became a partner in the firm in 2008.

Prior to his appointment to the bench, Judge Garcia was a member of the Southern District of Indiana’s Criminal Justice Act panel, through which he represented indigent litigants. He also provided pro bono services for 10 years to participants in the District Court’s Re-Entry and Community Help (REACH) Program, which helps individuals re-entering society after incarceration obtain access to housing, employment, and public assistance programs. Judge Garcia has served on the United States Sentencing Commission’s Practitioner’s Advisory Group as the Seventh Circuit Representative and on the District Court’s Local Rules Advisory Committee for the Southern District of Indiana.

A Hispanic Heritage Month Program: One Judge’s Journey will last one hour and one hour of Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credit has been approved. Pre-registration is required and is available by emailing insd_cle@insd.uscourts.gov. Please indicate your preference for virtual or in-person attendance. There is no cost to attend, and the program is open to the public.

BBB Tip: Here’s How To Avoid Scams Regarding Student Loan Forgiveness

The Biden Administration recently announced that the federal government will cancel up to \$20,000 of federal student loans per person. Millions of Americans will be recipients of the student loan debt relief; unfortunately, this creates an excellent opportunity for scammers. See our recent warning about student loan forgiveness scams.

As student loan holders navigate the new forgiveness program, con artists will undoubtedly be there to take advantage of any confusion. It happens with any big government initiative, including the COVID-19 vaccine rollout, eviction moratorium and pandemic relief programs. Always be sure to do your research before sharing any personal information.

Tips to avoid student loan forgiveness scams:

- Get to know the terms of your student loan and the relief program before acting. Always do your research before sharing personal information. Be sure to understand the ins and outs of your specific loan, as well as how student loan relief impacts you. Go straight to official government websites, such as ED.gov and studentaid.gov, for information.
- Never pay money for a free government program. Scammers often



trick victims into paying for free government programs – or they claim you can get additional benefits, faster benefits, etc., for a fee. A real government agency will not ask for an advanced processing fee. These are all red flags of a scam.

- Be wary of out-of-the-blue calls, emails or text messages claiming to be from the government. In general, the government will not contact you using these methods unless you grant permission.

- Watch out for phony government agencies or programs. If you speak to someone claiming to be a government representative who is offering you student loan relief, do some research before

you agree to anything. Scammers often make up look-alike government websites that sound similar to legitimate agencies or programs.

- Think something seems suspicious? Reach out to the agency directly. If you have any concerns about an alleged government representative’s legitimacy, hang up the phone or stop emailing/texting. Then, find the official contact information (look on ED.gov and studentaid.gov or other official sites) and call to verify. Then, report the suspicious calls or messages.

- Be careful, even if the information comes from a friend. Even if a close friend or family member you trust sent

you the information regarding student loan relief, make sure the claims are real first. During the COVID-19 pandemic, BBB received many reports of hacked social media accounts being used to spread government impostor scams.

For more information: Read more on BBB.org about scams targeting recent college graduates and government impostors. Get further insight by reading BBB’s tips on loans and credit repair services.

If you’ve spotted a student loan forgiveness scam (whether or not you’ve lost money), report it to BBB.org/ScamTracker. Your report can help others avoid falling victim to scams.

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State Exposes Expired Licenses In Nursing Homes

The Indiana State Attorney General’s office found issues in assisted living facilities with expired nurses’ licenses.

“The decision to move a family member into an assisted living facility is not easy,” Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita said. “But when you make this decision, you expect to be able to trust the people who are taking care of them. Whether it’s intentional fraud or ambivalence, it is a major concern.”

Emma’s Place Assisted Living in Pekin claimed to be a licensed facility and home to six to 10 elderly patients. Since they opened, Emma’s Place received complaints from families whose loved ones suffered from improper care.

Among the complaints were stage 4 bed sores, resulting in an emergency room visit as well as blatant misrepresentation of the facility’s qualifications. Specifically, the facility claimed to be fully staffed with licensed nurses.

When asked if the facility had licensed nurses and was capable of properly caring for elderly people with medical conditions, the president and CEO falsely represented their qualifications.



Attorney General Todd Rokita

In a recent plea agreement, the president and CEO of Emma’s Place pleaded guilty to a Level 6 Felony: Deception.

“I refuse to back down when vulnerable Hoosiers are mistreated, whether our seasoned citizens, children, or the unborn,” Rokita said. “I am here to protect Hoosiers of all ages.”

Members of the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit who worked on this case included Deputy Attorneys General Grainne Kao and Jordan Stover and investigators Jack Davis and Julie Nicholson, RN.

The Indiana Medicaid Fraud Control Unit receives 75 percent of its funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under a federal grant. The remaining 25 percent is funded by the State of Indiana.

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On The Banks Of The Wabash River At The Arts Federation

The Wabash River has literally and metaphorically shaped the Greater Lafayette community, so it's safe to say the waterway is a common thread in our daily lives. Aside from its natural beauty, there is a lot artists find inspirational.

Beyond Tippecanoe County, the Wabash River Watershed drains most of the state of Indiana. The river's headwaters are in western Ohio, and it winds its way through

20 different Indiana counties to outflow into the Ohio River. Its name comes from the indigenous Miami-Illinois name for the Wabash River, waapaahsiiki, that roughly translates to "water over white stones."

To help raise awareness of local conservation efforts and highlight the river's beautiful landscape, The Arts Federation hosted an open call for this exhibi-

tion. Inspired by the title of our state's song, On the Banks of the Wabash River features a total of 22 artworks selected by a panel of community members and individuals affiliated with the Wabash River Enhancement Corporation (WREC) and the Tippecanoe County Partnership for Water Quality.

This exhibition is on view at The Arts Federation now through Sept. 30.

Purdue Agriculture Experts Provide Insights Into Global 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 Advisory 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."

68th U.S. Nationals In The Books

By Scott Voliva
For The Paper

The NHRA could not have ordered any better weather for the 68th U.S. Nationals than they got all week in at Indianapolis Raceway Park. The cars were fast and quick and there were a lot of them, 947 in fact.

Saturday's racing finished with Steve Torrence winning the first-ever Pep Boys All Star Call Out. This is a special race for \$80,000. Torrence defeated Brittany Force for the title.

Sunday's racing started with the Pep Boys Call Out for the funny cars. Ron Capps took home the cash over former teammate Matt Hagen. Capps also earned the number one qualifying position on the final run of that race.

Monday's finals were fast and the weather held out. Overcast skies helped the quick times. Matt Smith was the Pro Stock Bike Champ over a very tough Karen Stoffer. Greg Anderson won his 100th Wally with his victory over teammate Dallas Glenn in the Pro

Stock Car Final.

Ron Capps pulled the triple with the Funny Car title, low qualifier, and U.S. Nationals title all in two days. Capps defeated Robert Hight for the title. It was Capps' first win in 26 tries at Indy. Antron Brown won his fourth Indy Wally over a very fast Brittany Force. Brown was just a little quicker than the current track record holder for the win.

It was another awesome Nationals and I just can't wait for it to happen again next year.

Friends Of Mayor Dennis Team To Hold Fundraisers Ahead Of Walk To End Alzheimer's

The Greater Lafayette Walk to End Alzheimer's is right around the corner, and the team Friends of Mayor Dennis is joining the effort to end Alzheimer's disease in honor of West Lafayette Mayor John Dennis, who announced in June that he has been diagnosed with younger-onset Alzheimer's.

The Friends of Mayor Dennis will host a Dine and Donate event Monday from 5 - 11 p.m. at Nine Irish Brothers on Howard Ave. in West Lafayette. One hundred percent of the proceeds will benefit the care, support and research programs of the Alzheimer's Association.

The team will also draw winners in the Raffle for

Rides contest. Participants can donate any amount to earn the chance to ride on a West Lafayette fire truck, garbage and recycling truck, snow plow, or the Boilermaker Express. To enter the contest, make a donation of any amount at the following websites: act.alz.org/goto/firetruckride, act.alz.org/goto/snowplow, act.alz.org/goto/garbagetruck or act.alz.org/goto/boilermakerexpress.

Donations can also be made directly at act.alz.org/goto/FriendsofJohnDennis. So far, the team has already raised nearly \$13,000.

"Mayor Dennis has given so much to this community over the

years, and we wanted to come together to show him our support," said Kathy Parker, West Lafayette City Councillor and Friends of Mayor Dennis team captain. "We are grateful to everyone who has donated so far, and we invite the community to join us in fighting this disease that has had such a devastating impact on Mayor Dennis - and so many other Greater Lafayette families."

The 2022 Greater Lafayette Walk to End Alzheimer's will be held Sept. 17 at Riehle Plaza in Lafayette. Mayor John Dennis will serve as honorary co-chair. Registration is free and available at alz.org/Indiana/walk.

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Indiana Colleges Ramp-Up Monkeypox Awareness, But Vaccines Still Limited

By Casey Smith

Schools across Indiana walked back COVID-19 restrictions at the start of the new fall term, but colleges and universities are now focusing on keeping the monkeypox virus at bay.

The Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) has confirmed 172 monkeypox cases in Indiana since June 17, according to the department's new statewide dashboard. Nearly 20,000 cases have been confirmed in the U.S.

The virus primarily spreads through intimate sexual contact, according to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). It can also spread by infected rashes or sores, exchanging of body fluids, and through respiratory droplets during prolonged exposure with someone who has monkeypox.

What colleges are doing
So far, no cases of monkeypox at any Indiana colleges or universities have been publicly confirmed.

Preparing for the possibility of future cases, public health experts on college campuses say they're emphasizing efforts to educate students on the signs, symptoms and methods of transmitting the virus. They also caution students to take notice of any new rashes.

People with monkeypox develop a rash that may be located on or near the genitals or anus, as well as other areas like the hands, feet, chest, face, or mouth, according to the CDC.

The rash will go through several stages, including scabs, before healing.

The rash can initially look like pimples or blisters and may be painful or itchy.

Sometimes, people have flu-like symptoms before the rash. Some people get a rash first, followed by other symptoms. Others only experience a rash.

Other symptoms of monkeypox can include:
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Chills
Swollen lymph nodes
Exhaustion
Muscle aches and backache
Headache
Respiratory symptoms

(e.g. sore throat, nasal congestion, or cough)

The illness typically lasts two to four weeks. A person is considered infectious with monkeypox from the onset of symptoms, until the rash has fully healed and a fresh layer of skin has formed.

Graham McKeen, Indiana University's assistant university director of public and environmental, said part of the school's response includes working alongside leaders and members of LGBTQ+ communities on the college's two main campuses to make available information about prevention.

Monkeypox isn't considered a sexually transmitted disease, but men who have sex with men are the group at the highest risk of infection from monkeypox, according to the World Health Organization.

McKeen said efforts to share information additionally extend to other high-risk groups on the campuses, including custodians and housekeepers.

Maxie Gardner, Butler University's director of health services, said school administrators prepared for weeks to ensure students could return safely to the Indianapolis campus.

That includes free monkeypox testing, which remains available to students.

The university will also help coordinate isolation housing for any students who test positive. The isolation period for monkeypox is required for the duration of the illness, which can last up to four weeks, according to public health experts.

Virus testing and isolation housing is available to IU Bloomington and Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) students, as well.

The Jynneos vaccine is FDA-approved for the prevention of monkeypox in anyone who is 18 years or older and at high risk for infection.

IDOH officials said they are working with colleges across the state to help with testing and to make vaccines available, but supply is limited.

Indiana has only been allocated a "small amount" of vaccines, according to IDOH. Those are primarily meant to be used to prevent severe disease in people who have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for monkeypox. The vaccination must be given within 14 days of exposure.

The state health department has additionally started vaccinating people who are at high risk for severe illness and high risk for exposure with the limited remaining vaccine, but those patients are being contacted directly by healthcare providers.

Anyone else who wishes to be vaccinated must pre-register and await availability at a clinic.

IU Health opens new testing lab

To help ramp-up testing, IU Health last week opened a biosecure lab in Indianapolis that is dedicated to testing monkeypox samples. The lab — which was previously at the forefront of COVID-19 testing — is now the primary testing site for suspected monkeypox samples in Indiana.

The testing space was put together in less than two months, according to IU Health officials.

With on-site testing,

the pathology lab can now turnaround results from monkey pox tests within 24 to 48 hours, rather than the previous range of eight to 14 days.

"To launch our test locally means patients throughout Indiana do not have to wait an extended time for their important test results," said Clark Day, vice president of the IU Health Laboratory System.

The faster turnaround also means a person who tests negative for monkeypox can be released from quarantine faster.

New virus requires different response than COVID-19

As students returned en masse to college campuses last month, most were able to do so without masks or a negative COVID-19 test.

Dr. Aaron Carroll, a distinguished professor of pediatrics and chief health officer at the IU School of Medicine in Indianapolis, said concerns surrounding the spread of monkeypox are different, however.

Students infected with monkeypox are less likely to spread the virus to large groups, meaning large outbreaks and quarantines aren't expected.

Still, the risk of transmission is higher for any college-aged students who are sexually active, he said. Concerns are also heightened in residence halls and other congregate settings where close contact between students could happen — even if it's not sexually-oriented.

Unlike COVID testing — which is widely accessible and can be done at home — monkeypox testing is more limited to medical offices and other clinical settings. That could mean doctors and nurses are tasked most with diagnosing monkeypox cases and carrying out contact-tracing.

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as a dressmaker. Her nice stone lists her as the daughter of W & S Himes. Daniel's other sister was Mary L. who died on 9 January 1866 at six years old with a stone, as well. Thus, Dan and his family inherited all of that side of the Himes estate which is logical and right, but to me, at least, there's sure a sad part to it all!

William Himes met and married a neighboring farm girl, Sarah Stoner marrying her on 21 March 1848 (with the Rev. William Baldwin pronouncing the ceremony) she having been born in Union County, Indiana (18 Dec 1827) daughter of Jacob and Barbara Garst Stoner, thus her daughter's name, the other one named for William's mother, Mary Wrightsman, obviously son Daniel for his father. Daniel was the oldest born 26 Jan 1849 in Clark Township and passed away later (Oct 17, 1910) the same year as his father his mother, Sarah Stoner passing away on March 10, two years before her husband and son.

William and Sarah were laid-back, enjoyed their life in the back woods, William astute at fishing, especially in his retirement years,

knowing "exactly the kind of bait to use in the different seasons for the various kinds of fish, felt the feeling when the sign was right for the fish to bite and he also knew where the best holes were in all the near streams within a half-day's drive of his home." Now, that's a fisherman! They had no time, energy or desire to update their home and farm but by selling extra large timbers on the property as soon as Dan inherited it, he built a new home and moved right in.

He had raised water lilies on the pond at his father's before that was quite profitable but after dad's death, he became quite interested in a bit more unusual hobby — raising skunks. They loved him. Just like dad knew the fish, Dan knew his little kittens, their habits, requirements and care. Never once did any spray him but instead trusted him to the end. He not only raised and sold them for pets and their fur but had a bit of a zoo where people would come and get as close as they dared, Dan always overseeing the whole affair!

Another hobby Dan enjoyed with his inheritance was his new car. But, cirrhosis of the liver

got him down October 17, in 1910 before he got a great deal of good and fun from that new toy. Sadly, William and Sarah have no stones but Dan's is very nice in the Harshbarger Cemetery (the top — photo by Jon Rice, a wonderful FindAGrave worker is shown here).

Dan married Martha Jane Thompson in December 1870 and were married almost 40 years before Dan passed away, he barely making the 1910 census, listed as a "general farmer." Martha did not make it to the next census herself, passing away November 11th in 1918, and at that time frame (although I found no obit or death record) I'd say she likely at age 68, passed from the flu/pneumonia.

These two had but one child, Barbara, assumedly named for Dan's sister. Barbara Ellen Himes was born 25 November in 1871, first married Frank Linn and was the mother of several children, the oldest Huston Loring born 25 Nov 1890. Hugh and his wife, Carrie Langston had two daughters, Eleanor and

Mary Jane. Both Hugh and his mother passed away in 1938 and are buried with Frank. Another son, Sylvia (yep) Elwood Linn who

was three times married, a plumber and passed away in Lowell, Arizona (of a coronary) is buried in Bisbee. Think he had two sons, Frank and Robert.

After Frank's death in 1922, Barbara later (Sept 1931) married Charles Brightman Phillips but don't believe that lasted long as she is buried in South Mount Cemetery in New Castle with the rest of the family. Frank and Barbara also had a son Everett Franklin who was born at Whitesville 3-15-1894 and was a garage owner in Henry County, passing away in Feb 1952 from cancer in his left lung. Married to Lena, they had no children. Hope I have all of her family.

From the four children of William and Sarah, only one produced one who did her share — lol. Way to go, Barbara! So, you have a somewhat short Saga today but sure I'll make up for it in another one coming up.

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