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Tianna Walbert (left) and Kelsey Ramey (right) smile happily while delivering flowers to local businesses. Thank you for your beautiful smiles ladies!

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Classic Movie Days Returning



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The Darlington Library is restarting its afternoon "classic movie" days for children this month. The first movie shown will be "National Velvet," a story about a young girl and her horse, which will be shown at the library theater room on Wednesday, Sept. 21 at 4 p.m. The afternoon movies are for children ages 7 through 14. The library will provide free buttered popcorn, fruit drinks, and candy. There is limited seating, so please sign up early in person or by phone. For more information, call librarian John Dale at (765) 794-4813 any afternoon.

Butch Asks Former Students About Their Old School



BUTCH DALE
Columnist

In 1988, I wrote a book about my old school, and in one chapter I included comments from former students in which they compare the old "small" schools to the larger consolidated schools today. My four kids attended Sugar Creek Elementary, an outstanding school, which they enjoyed very much. When they attended North Montgomery High School, they received a good

education and were involved in many activities, but I noticed that several of their classmates seemed to become "lost" in a class size of 130 students. In my opinion, these "fringe" students would have had more success and would have liked school better if they had attended one of the old smalltown schools. Education has certainly changed in the past fifty years. Here are a few comments from former Darlington High School graduates....

"When a teacher knows every student in a small school, and has taught most of them, she is involved with them personally. She knows about their problems and can help the parents. She is a friend and a counselor." (Sharon Hankins Lough)
"We had a small class;

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The Spotted Lantern Fly

Have you heard of the spotted lantern fly (SLF)? It is an invasive planthopper that is being federally tracked in the US. The instars have little polka-dots and the adults have spotted brown upper wings with vibrant red and black bottom wing. It really is a pretty cool looking insect, just also can be pretty damaging. The spotted lantern fly (*Lycorma delicatula*) is serious pest that poses risks and harm to trees and other plants, it is a threat to our local food systems. It specifically is a concern to orchards, vineyards,



TRICIA HERR, Purdue Extension Office



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The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 7:22 a.m.
SET: 8:06 p.m.



High/Low Temperatures
High: 85 °F
Low: 58 °F



Today is...

- International Sudoku Day
- Stand Up to Cancer Day
- Emergency Services



What Happened On This Day

- 1776 Continental Congress officially names its union of states the U.S.
- 1850 California is admitted as the thirty-first state



Births On This Day

- 1828 Leo Tolstoy Russian author
- 1890 Colonel Sanders American businessman, founded KFC

Deaths On This Day

- 1976 Mao Zedong Chinese military leader, politician
- 1978 Jack Warner Canadian/American film producer

HONEST HOOSIER

Happy Birthday, Col. Harland Sanders! The Henryville, Ind. native is well known for creating that finger-licking good chicken!



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TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Men who swim for exercise have lower mortality rates than walkers and runners.

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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All Christians of Montgomery County are invited to participate in a cross procession in downtown Crawfordsville at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday beginning in the parking lot of the Crawfordsville Public Library. The occasion is the feast of the Elevation of the Cross, an ancient celebration of the finding of the original cross in the Holy Land by the Empress Helen in 327AD. The event is being organized by Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church. People are invited to bring their own crosses and join in the procession. For more information call (765) 307-0515 or email fatheralexmillergmail.com.

TODAY'S QUOTE

"There's no reason to be the richest man in the cemetery. You can't do any business from there."
Col. Harland David Sanders, KFC

TODAY'S JOKE

What do chickens tell scary stories about?
Poultrygeists.

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Meeting Notes

Crawfordsville Community School Corporation

Board of Education – Regular Meeting
Thursday, Sept. 8, 2022, at 6 p.m.
Crawfordsville Middle School - 705 Wallace Avenue
AGENDA
I. Roll Call
II. CHARACTER COUNTS!SM Corporation - Pillar of Citizenship
III. Pledge of Allegiance
IV. Consent Agenda: Previous Meeting Minutes, Construction Accounts Payable Voucher, Payroll Claims Vouchers, Register of Accounts Payable Voucher, and Surplus Items
V. Old Business
VII. New Business
a. Consider Choir Trip - Music in the Parks - Kings Island - Jennie Swick, CMS/CHS Choir Teacher
b. Consider Student International Travel Opportunity: Spring Break 2024 - Chloe Carter, CHS Science Teacher
c. Consider West Central Agreement
d. Consider Transfer from the Education Fund to Rainy Day Fund
e. Public Hearing Concerning Collective Bargaining
f. Public Hearing Concerning 2023 Budget, Capital Projects Plan,

and Bus Replacement Plan
i. Consider Resolution to Adopt Capital Projects Plan
ii. Consider Resolution to Adopt Bus Replacement Plan
iii. Consider Resolution to Reduce 2022 Appropriations
g. Public Hearing Concerning Fifth Amendment to Lease
i. Consider Resolution Authorizing Execution of Fifth Amendment to Lease
ii. Consider Resolution Reapproving Building Corporation
iii. Consider Resolution Assigning Construction Bids/Contracts to Building Corporation
iv. Consider Resolution Approving Third Supplement to Master Continuing Disclosure Undertaking and Issuing Bonds
VIII. Personnel
a. Consider Resignation of Emma Bales - Aide at Willson
b. Consider Resignation of Angela Clements - Assistant at Nicholson
c. Consider Resignation of Rylea Dewlen - Assistant at Hose
IX. Change of Position
X. Associate Superintendent's Report
XI. Superintendent's Report
XII. Other
XIII. Board Member Communication
XIV. Patron Comments
XV. Adjournment

IWU Launches Tech Training Initiative To Accelerate Career Opportunities



INDIANA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

Indiana Wesleyan University (IWU) announced a partnership Wednesday with the tech talent accelerator SkillStorm that will provide working learners and military veterans with access to certification courses in high-demand enterprise technologies, including Salesforce and Pega. As an institution committed to serving non-traditional students (including those who are balancing work and family commitments in addition to their studies), IWU is spearheading this initiative to expand its support for those who can benefit most from employment opportunities in tech. "IWU leadership and staff remain committed to our long history of catering to non-traditional students with programs designed and tailored to help them reach their goals," said Chancellor Dr. Eileen Hulme. "As the labor market continues to evolve, our partnership with SkillStorm will help us provide learners with comprehensive and job-aligned training in the most in-demand skills to prepare them for careers in tomorrow's world of work." IWU is launching this initiative as part of its Talent Ladder, an innovative unit providing training programs for working professionals

and veterans focused on the region's fastest-growing skills and occupations, all with the potential of university credit toward degree completion for those who successfully complete a training program. To honor its commitment to supporting the military community, IWU offers unique, flexible programs and extends preferred tuition to active duty, National Guard, reserves, retirees and veterans, and their families. "We are excited to open up new pathways of opportunity for our learners to advance their skills and enter the workforce with the confidence — and capability — to thrive and move up the career ladder," said Andy Miller, vice president of innovation & partnerships at IWU. "SkillStorm's unique approach combines high-quality training with leading-edge technology to help students from all backgrounds pursue the

certifications that will enable them to find fulfilling employment." The partnership consists of two tracks, the Accelerator Program and the Emerging Tech Program. SkillStorm's Accelerator Program provides online, asynchronous, and instructor-led training courses to help students gain certification in Salesforce and Pega technologies. The Emerging Tech Program hires, trains, and certifies entry-level tech talent over the course of 10-12 weeks before deploying them at Fortune 500 companies and federal contractors. "Against a backdrop of economic uncertainty and ongoing digital transformation in the workplace, adult learners are demanding the skills to advance and keep up with an evolving labor market," said Joe Mitchell, COO at SkillStorm. "This is about helping more people access the resources that will help them chart new pathways

into tech, while at the same time increasing the talent pool for tech employers facing a persistent skill shortage." The certifications provided through these partnership tracks are designed for students and professionals at any stage of their educational or career journey. Many certification courses offer students the flexibility to attend when convenient, while providing access to one-on-one mentoring and training from industry-certified instructors. **About SkillStorm** SkillStorm is bringing together Fortune 500 employers, universities, and government agencies to build tomorrow's highly skilled tech workforce. Through partnerships with platforms like Salesforce, Pega, AWS, and ServiceNow, we help working learners and aspiring tech experts build in-demand skills and earn industry-recognized certifications to compete in an increasingly dynamic economy. Our work is rooted in the belief that closing skill gaps and boosting economic mobility are two sides of the same coin and that new approaches to training can help to both expand the pool of skilled tech talent and create new pathways to opportunity. Visit www.SkillStorm.com to learn more.

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9 AM - 9 PM	Concession Stand Open at Community Club Building
10 AM	3 Point Shooting Contest followed immediately by the 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament
10 AM - 1 PM	Car Show Registration
11 AM - 2 PM	Lunch Served by the "HE MEN" at Fire Station
11 AM - 3:30 PM	Music by "Mobile DJ" at Car Show
11 AM - 5 PM	LEGO Display at New Ross Methodist Church
11 AM - 5 PM	Music by Ivan Brown at Main Stage
1:00 PM	Register Entries for Pie Baking Contest
1:30 PM	Pie Judging at Main Stage
2:00 PM	Pie Auction at Main Stage
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
6 - 8 PM	Kids Games by Southmont Band Boosters
6 - 8 PM	Free Face Painting for Kids
6 - 9 PM	Bingo
9 PM	50/50 drawing

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Taking A Look At Boilermakers In The NFL With Kenny

The Joe Tiller era at Purdue produced 52 players who went on to the NFL for at least one season.

With all Tiller alumni except for Colts offensive tackle Dennis Kelly now out of the league, Purdue's NFL numbers have been declining for years. An indictment, possibly, of the recruiting efforts of Tiller's successors Danny Hope and Darrell Hazell.

Thanks to George Karlaftis, David Bell, Zander Horvath and DaMarcus Mitchell, the Boilermakers' professional alumni stands at 12 on opening day rosters. That's up from 11 a year ago. Ricardo Allen (Cincinnati) and Ryan Kerrigan (Washington) retired, while quarterback David Blough moved from the active roster at Detroit to the practice squad at Minnesota.

The most unexpected NFL Boilermaker is Mitchell, a defensive end who went undrafted. Mitchell, listed as the backup to Deatrich Wise Jr., for New England's opener against Miami, extends a streak of undrafted free agents to make the Patriots.

Richie Witt of Sports Illustrated's Patriot Country web site reports at least one undrafted free agent has been kept by coach Bill Belichick for 19 consecutive seasons. Mitchell had a sack among his four tackles during the preseason. Mitchell is the ninth



KENNY THOMPSON
Columnist

former Purdue player to play for Belichick in New England and one of two on the 2022 roster. Linebacker Ja'Whaun Bentley started 16 games a year ago, missing one due to injury. Bentley recorded a career-high 108 tackles with a sack and three forced fumbles.

A bit of trivia: Bentley was recruited to Purdue from Hyattsville, Md., by current Notre Dame head coach Marcus Freeman.

The other seven Belichick Boilermakers all played in at least one Super Bowl: Rosevelt Colvin, Brandon Gorin, Jason King, Niko Koutouvides, Matt Light, Gene Mruzckowski and David Nugent.

Horvath beat long odds to make the Los Angeles Chargers' roster as a seventh-round draft pick. Fullbacks aren't exactly desirable in today's passing offenses but Chargers.com writer Eric Smith says Horvath will be the starter in two-back

sets. "While he has shown flashes as a fullback, and could also carry the ball if needed, Horvath also established himself as a value player on special teams, too," Smith writes.

Hoping to add his name to the list of Purdue alumni to play in the Super Bowl is Karlaftis, who apparently has earned the nickname "Furious George" in Kansas City.

Tyler Sullivan of CBSSports.com predicts Karlaftis will be named the NFL's Defensive Rookie of the Year.

"The first-round pass rusher for the Chiefs is expected to have a solid role along this defense, which gives him a lane to beat the 20-1 odds and win Defensive Rookie of the Year. He had two sacks over the preseason and that is the type of statistic that is going to have voters' attention. "He'll be playing for a Chiefs team that will be a Super Bowl contender throughout the year and still boasts an offense that should be able to get up on teams early. That sets up a game script for him to be able to tee off against opposing quarterbacks and pump up his stats, especially with the likes of Chris Jones and Frank Clark garnering most of the attention. If he can disrupt the quarterback as he did at Purdue, the 6-foot-4, 275-pounder will have a national stage to state his

case. "Kansas City is set to play in five primetime games this season, which is the maximum number a team can be given. That allows Karlaftis to have the entire NFL-viewing audience watching him. That's something Aidan Hutchinson -- the current betting favorite for this award -- doesn't have as the Lions are currently without a primetime game in 2022."

It may be a tougher road to stardom for Bell, listed as backup to wide receiver Donovan Peoples-Jones for Cleveland's opener against Carolina. The Browns' passing game is in the hands of former Colts quarterback Jacoby Brissett, who is filling in for the suspended DeShaun Watson over the first 11 games of the season.

The Arizona Cardinals reportedly are planning a bigger role in 2022 for wide receiver Rondale Moore, the fifth former Jeff Brohm Purdue recruit in the NFL.

Moore caught 54 passes for 435 yards and a touchdown as a rookie. His 973 all-purpose yards ranked sixth among NFL rookies. He's listed as an opening day starter against Kansas City as the third wide receiver alongside A.J. Green and Marquise Brown.

Brohm's recruits comprise one-half of the Purdue NFL ranks. The sixth, linebacker Derrick Barnes, got off to a good start with the

Detroit Lions in 2021. Barnes started six games as a rookie, amassing 67 tackles and two sacks.

Second in Purdue NFL seniority to Kelly is Dallas Cowboys cornerback Anthony Brown, entering his seventh season. One of Danny Hope's Florida imports, Brown had his best season in 2021 with 71 tackles and three interceptions, one of which was returned for a touchdown.

Two members of Hazell's second-to-last recruiting class appear to be on an upward trajectory with the Cincinnati Bengals and Los Angeles Rams, respectively.

Linebacker Markus Bailey started three games in 2021, contributing to the Bengals' surprising run to Super Bowl LVI. Bailey made 37 tackles a year ago.

Tight end Brycen Hopkins saved his best rookie year performance for that Super Bowl with four receptions totaling 47 yards after starter Tyler Higbee was injured. He's listed as the No. 2 tight end going into the opener with Buffalo, behind Higbee.

Perhaps the former Boilermaker with the most to prove in 2022 is running back Raheem Mostert. His 2021 season with the San Francisco 49ers ended during the opener when the now 30-year-old suffered a knee injury. Mostert is hoping for a fast start in his new home, Miami.

Judging by a handful

of preseason carries, Mostert's speed appears to be back to Big Ten track championship form. Joe Schaad of the Palm Beach Post recently noted that during the past 50 years, no NFL running back with a minimum of 200 carries has averaged more yards per carry than Mostert (5.67).

The Dolphins would be thrilled if Mostert approaches the form that saw him rush for 220 yards in a playoff loss to Green Bay in 2020. Only Hall of Famer Eric Dickerson has rushed for more yards (248) in a postseason game.

Take it for what it's worth but Spotrac.com lists Karlaftis as the highest-paid Boilermaker in the NFL. Including his signing bonus, the West Lafayette High School graduate is expected to earn more than \$6.5 million in the first year of his four-year contract.

Brown is second at \$5 million and is eligible for free agency in 2023.

Other Boilermaker millionaires are Bentley (\$3,250,000), Mostert (\$2,125,000), Bell (\$1,604,000) and Kelly (\$1,272,500). Moore will join them in 2023 when his contract escalates to \$1.289 million.

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

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CollegeChoice 529 Education Sweepstakes For \$10,000 Open

By Whitney Downard

One Hoosier with a CollegeChoice Savings Plan will win a \$10,000 deposit from a state sweepstakes this month, part of a state effort to encourage Hoosiers to save for higher education.

“The semester is in full swing, and with school on the mind, there’s no better time for Hoosiers to begin saving for their educational goals,” said Kelly Mitchell, the Indiana Treasurer of State said in a release. “This \$10,000



giveaway will make a tremendous impact whether a family is saving for a technical or trade program, a registered apprenticeship, or a 4-year degree.”

The sweepstakes coincides with National College Savings Month, as established by a proclamation from Gov. Eric

Holcomb certifying the sweepstakes. To enter, Hoosiers 18 years of age or older must complete the form at www.collegechoicedirect.com/ september by 11:59 p.m. on Sept. 30, 2022. A winner will be randomly selected from the eligible entries.

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legeChoice 529 Savings Plans, a tax-advantaged education savings program administered by the Indiana Education Savings Authority, can be used at eligible schools or registered apprenticeship programs in- or out-of-state. The tax-deferred accounts and distributions are tax-

free so long as money is used for qualified education expenses such as tuition, books, computers, equipment, and fees.

Indiana tax law may also grant filers an annual state income tax credit of 20% on their contributions, up to \$1,000 each year.

“We would love to see

a record number of families enter the contest,” said Marissa Rowe, executive director of the program. “Imagine what \$10,000 could do for a Hoosier student.”

For more information about CollegeChoice 529 Savings Plans, visit www.collegechoicedirect.com/plans.

Bipartisan PAC Wants To ‘Jump-Start’ Political Marketplace

By Leslie Bonilla Muñoz

A bipartisan Indiana political action committee that aims to fund moderate political candidates, regardless of party affiliation, are hosting a kickoff event later this month. The goal? Tame polarizing partisanship into more collaborative, dialogue-heavy politics.

“We intend, through our PAC, to support candidates on either side of the spectrum, Republicans or Democrats, who we think represent more moderate values — not necessarily moderate views, politically, but moderate values,” said ReCenter Indiana President Donald Knebel, a Democrat and retired Barnes & Thornburg partner.

That means, he said, candidates who are “willing to debate, willing to get engaged in bipartisan



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discussions, willing to stop name-calling, ... those kinds of things.”

Knebel and Republican Jim Obermaier, a longtime politico and ReCenter board member, said they’re noticing both political candidates and everyday Hoosiers of all parties drawing further from the center.

The PAC, the duo said, will fund moderate candidates so they don’t have to appeal to extreme, but wealthy, organizations and individuals — thus providing moderate voters more options. It’ll also recruit candidates on a bipartisan basis.

“In my mind, it’s about

really jumpstarting the [political] marketplace to work the way the marketplace is supposed to work,” Obermaier said.

ReCenter will officially launch at an invite-only event September 22 but filed campaign finance paperwork earlier this year.

Knebel declined to specify a fundraising goal but said he thought it was “realistic.”

He and Obermaier are assembling a bipartisan board of directors and advisory board; they’re adding members in Democrat-Republican pairs to keep the numbers even, and will have at least one

member affiliated with a different political party.

They’re hoping to be a factor in the fast-approaching November elections, but will otherwise focus on elections in 2023.

The PAC will be joined by 501(c)(3) nonprofit ReCenter Indiana Inc., which will emphasize voter education. For instance, it will explain that voters of any political affiliation can vote in either Democratic or Republican primaries for a moderating effect.

Knebel said he’s gotten pushback from a small number of Democrats and Republicans who

couldn’t stomach their dollars going to candidates of the other party — or who couldn’t be public about their support for such an initiative.

But the feedback overall, he said, has been overwhelmingly positive.

Adrienne Slash, one of ReCenter’s Republican board members, said the decision to join was a no-brainer.

Slash said she worked for the Indiana Republican Party on a Carl Brizzi campaign after graduating college in 2006, and has spent about a decade participating in nonpartisan initiatives for specific issues. But her a-ha moment came when she was recruited to run as a Republican in Indianapolis’ 2015 City-County Council election.

“I realized that there is no Republican or Democrat way to plow snow, or to provide constituent

services,” Slash said. “But there could be different ways that you go about creating legislative initiatives, potentially. There’s not one side to the answers.”

“I was running as a Republican, but most people assume that because I was a Black woman that I was a Democrat,” she said. “And on Election Day, every person I’d meet at the polls would say, ‘You tried to trick me into voting for a Republican.’ And the answer is no ... I wanted you to see me as worth your support.”

“This comes down to how we are trained to participate in politics,” Slash said. “... I think that a lot of times we were just trained to go one way when ... our civic responsibility is hiring the best person for the job.”

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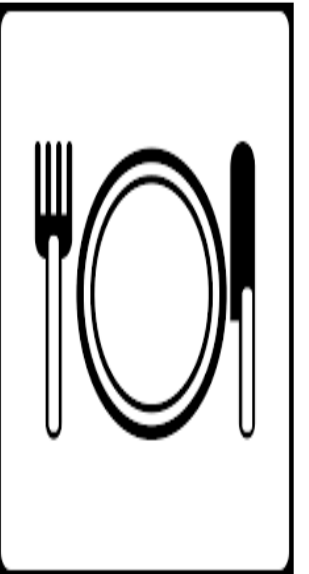
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COVID-19 Vaccine May Become Annual

By Jennifer Shutt

COVID-19 boosters shots are on track to become as frequent as the annual flu shot, though high-risk people may need more than one dose per year, Biden administration officials said Tuesday.

“For a large majority of Americans, we are moving to a point where a single annual COVID shot should provide a high degree of protection against serious illness all year,” White House COVID-19 Response Coordinator Ashish Jha said during a briefing.

Anthony Fauci, chief medical adviser to President Joe Biden and director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases at the National Institutes of Health, conveyed a similar message, saying that “in the absence of a dramatically different variant, we likely are moving towards a path with a vaccination cadence similar to that

of the annual influenza vaccine.”

The move could provide clarity and possibly simplicity for people who have been trying to keep track of if and when they should get a COVID-19 booster.

The most recent announcement about booster shots came last week when the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommended people 12 and older get another COVID-19 booster dose in the coming weeks.

Jha said Tuesday he expects there may be updates on the booster for kids under 12 at some point later in the fall.

CDC Director Rochelle Walensky said in a statement about the boosters

last week that the new bivalent shots are “formulated to better protect against the most recently circulating COVID-19 variant.”

“They can help restore protection that has waned since previous vaccination and were designed to provide broader protection against newer variants,” Walensky said.

During Tuesday’s briefing Walensky urged people to get the booster shot, noting that 375 people on average are dying daily from COVID-19 within the U.S.

That number, she said, is “well above the around 200 deaths a day we saw earlier this spring, and in my mind, far too high for a vaccine preventable disease.”

Despite a lack of new funding from Congress to address COVID-19 domestically and abroad, Biden administration officials stressed Tuesday that there are enough doses for all eligible people to get a booster shot heading into the winter.

But, Jha said that only happened after officials pulled money from other public health priorities to secure the vaccine doses. He also said it is “critical” U.S. lawmakers provide the White House with the \$22.4 billion officials believe is needed to continue responding to COVID-19.

“Congress is aware that if we do not continue to fund the response, things can easily go backwards,” Jha said.



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Wolfsie Lets Google Finish His Thoughts

I just finished listening to a discussion on the radio about Internet search engines. One of the guests wanted to determine the longitude and latitude of an emerging African nation and had begun his hunt with the phrase: WHERE IS _____? Before he started typing the name of the country, Google offered him autofilled suggestions, anticipating what he might be trying to find. Their initial recommendations were: ...my tax refund; Frankenmuth, Germany; and Chuck Norris.

Okay, who wouldn't like to find Frankenmuth, Germany? But how did the other three get to the top of the list? Who cares where Chuck Norris is?

I don't really understand the calculus behind the search results, so I thought I'd experiment a little to see if I could figure out how certain sites or references get primo ranking. Being slightly neurotic, I first plugged in: I THINK I HAVE _____. Before I finished entering the malady I am currently obsessing about, up popped some serious illnesses like monkeypox, AIDS, and COVID. Number four was: “worms.” I clicked on it out of curiosity, and it took me to some poor sap's blog.

“I am 24 years old. I think I have parasites in my stomach because I keep hearing strange noises in my gut and a few days ago I actually found a six-inch worm in my Fruit of the Looms.” (These symptoms scared the you-know-what out of me. Here I am searching the Internet when I should be scouring my own underwear.)

Next, I tried: I AM SURE MY NEIGHBOR IS _____. There were several Google offerings to complete the entry: a cocaine dealer; stalking me; turning into a vampire. For the first time in the three years we've lived in our new neighborhood, I am starting to appreciate how harmless our neighbor Paul is.

As a person who is always misplacing things, I decided to try: I CAN'T FIND MY _____. The first suggestion by Google was “wallet and glasses,” but somehow “crackers” also made it



DICK WOLFSIE
Funny Bone

to the top tier. I won't feel so stupid anymore when I forget where I put my keys—not when so many people in the free world have apparently lost track of their Triscuits.

Having just had a nightmare the previous evening, I put in: LAST NIGHT I DREAMED ABOUT _____. The first supplied answer was—and I swear this is true: “chickens.” So, if you have ever wondered whether other people have the same weird dreams as you, you're in for a rude awakening, probably by a rooster. I clicked on that link and up came a poem by children's author Jack Prelutsky, which read in part...

Last night I dreamed of chickens,
there were chickens everywhere,
they were standing on my stomach,
they were nesting in my hair....

How did Prelutsky scratch his way into the number one slot, the perfect place in the pecking order for an author? We'll never know, but on a side note, I do want to assure all my readers that there will be no more fowl puns in this column.

Just for fun, I typed: MY FAVORITE PERSON IS _____. I soon discovered that there are thousands of sites referencing this topic. Approximately none of them mentioned my name. A little depressing, to be sure, but Google is only 23 years old. People don't take to me right away.

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Football Is Back – Avoid Your Own Penalty Flags

The state of Indiana reminds Hoosiers to take steps to avoid scammers' penalties during football season. Whether your team is at the college level or professional, be mindful of fake tickets and trick parking.

“Fall is just around the corner and that means football season is back. I encourage Hoosiers to be cautious before making any snap decisions to buy tickets or pay for parking,” Indiana Attorney General Rokita said. “Don't allow scammers to ruin your weekend or your team spirit. If you believe you've fallen victim to any type of scam, please contact my office to file a complaint.”

During large sporting events, con artists are exceptionally prevalent



Attorney General Todd Rokita

and can fool even the most experienced fans. Scammers take advantage of fans by selling fake, duplicated, or nonexistent tickets. The most important thing to remember is if the deal sounds too good to be true, it usually is.

Rokita said to follow these tips to avoid scams to make sure you don't get tackled by fraudsters

this season:

- Research the seller or broker with the Better Business Bureau and check membership in the National Association of Ticket Brokers.
- Know the refund policy. You should only purchase tickets from a ticket reseller that provides clear details about the terms of the transaction.
- Use payment methods that come with protection. Always use a credit card so you may have some recourse if the tickets are not as promised.
- Avoid brokers or resellers that require you to pay with cryptocurrency.
- Get email confirmations or a receipt for all reservations and tickets.
- Check the seats

before purchasing. Ask for section, row, and seat numbers to avoid obstructed views and purchasing tickets that do not exist.

• Slow down! If a deal seems too good to be true, it probably is. Refuse to be rushed. Scam artists often try to hurry prospective buyers into deciding.

The best way to kick off the season is to be alert.

Don't feel obligated to be the MVP and handle the scammers yourself. Hoosiers are encouraged to contact the Attorney General's office regarding any suspected scams or scam attempts. You can file a complaint online by visiting indianaconsumer.com or by calling (800) 382-5516.

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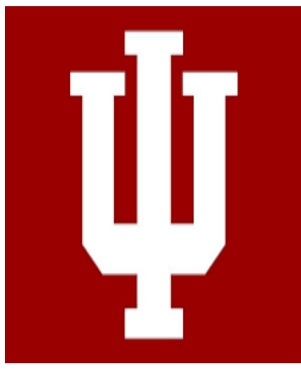
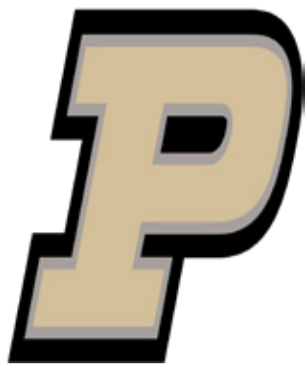


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Purdue, Notre Dame And Indiana Universities Join CDC Midwest Center's Effort Against Disease-Bearing Ticks And Mosquitoes



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."

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 ticks.

"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 mosquitoes.

"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."

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 disease tick because that's public enemy No. 1 in North America," Hill said. But the Asian long-horned 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 environment."

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 repellents. Unlike topical repellents 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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therefore, I got to be in sports, glee club, class plays, yearbook staff, etc. Each student had an opportunity to be in just about every activity." (Max Lough)

"We had a special closeness and received an excellent education, with manners and a regard for others being stressed. We had role models with good values. We were taught by example." (Kay Cox Norton)

"The big advantage of attending Darlington was the personal help you were given. You weren't afraid to ask the second time if you didn't understand." (Janet Hampton McClaskey)

"I had respect for my teachers, but the respect was not only for their ability, but also because they were older and deserved my respect. This was in my upbringing. That is not the case today." (Tom Thompson)

"It was like a big family. After all, many of us lived together for 12 years. We'd do anything to help a fellow classmate. We knew everybody's background, brothers, sisters, parents, habits, etc." (Diana Branstetter Binford)

"There are far too many students getting out

of high school today who cannot read, cannot work common math problems, and have no basic knowledge of American history... Today it seems that big fancy buildings and activities are more important." (Ralph Budd)

"One way that school has changed is that in my time if we got into trouble at school, we got into worse trouble at home! Now the teachers can hardly discipline the children because many parents side with the child." (Zelah Binford Crull)

"When I went to college, I thought I would be behind other students who had graduated from larger schools. But I was pleasantly surprised to find that my background education was as good, or even better, than the majority of my classmates." (Rosalie Mennen Carter)

"We had a minister every Friday morning, alternating from the churches in town, to conduct a 20-minute service for grades 7 through 12." (Ralph Maxwell)

"I will always remember going to Darlington School as the best years of our lives... We didn't have anything, and thought we had every-

thing. The kids today have everything and think they don't have anything!"

And this from two of Darlington's greatest teachers, Ramona Ainsworth... "I am sorry to see the community lose the school, which I view as the heart of the community."... and Lucille Cox... "I will always remember my teaching at Darlington, and I treasure all the memories of my children I've had in the classroom. I feel like a grandmother to all of the school... the school that I love."

When all of the little schools in Montgomery County closed, it was a sad time for those of us who attended those schools. Time marches on. Change happens. But as former student Jim Shelton stated, "The good days, the friends, the tears, the laughs... are all remembered." Yes, Jim... I agree. I feel very fortunate to have attended "little" Darlington High School.

John "Butch" Dale is a retired teacher and County Sheriff. He has also been the librarian at Darlington the past 32 years, and is a well-known artist and author of local history.

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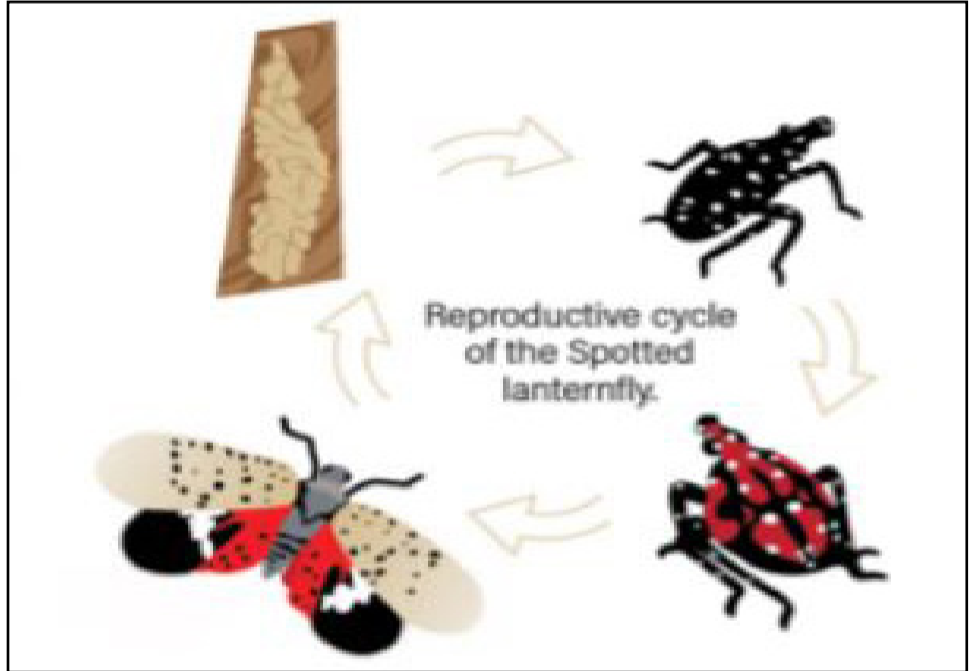


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Reproductive cycle of the spotted lanternfly

and beekeepers. So, if anything is going to pose a risk to our apple pies and dumplings, honey, and our wine you better bet your bottom dollar that we are going to notice.

They feed on the sap from stem or leaves on plants with their piercing and sucking mouth parts, this feeding weakens the overall plant. Heavily infected plants may not survive winter months. It can be devastating to orchards and vineyards.

The honeydew they produce covers the ground and attracts ants, wasps, and will eventually grow mold. There are over 70 species known to be susceptible but to name a few: black walnuts, hops, grapes, roses, tree of heaven (also invasive), red maple, river birch, and fruit trees.

I mentioned a risk to our honey as well. Beekeeping equipment can be a perfect spot for SLF egg laying and egg masses. Honeydew honey can

also be affected. The SLF honeydew can give honey a smoky taste and smell, it also can be less sweet with a darker color.

It is native to China and parts of India, Vietnam, Japan, and Taiwan. It was first detected in the United States in Pennsylvania in 2014. It was found in Switzerland County, Indiana in 2021 and was found in

Huntington, IN. Both these cases seem to be accidental spreads but it is important to learn about what they look like so if they are in the area we can report them and control them.

The egg masses of the Spotted Lantern Fly look like mud splashes. They can be on packages, shipping material, lumber, outdoor furniture or in wheel well of vehicles and on recreational vehicles. The egg mass is the most important time to identify but also the hardest. Part of what makes the SLF invasive, is because of

how easy and sneakily they can spread.

If you see this pretty fly, suspected finds should be reported to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. Call 866-NO EXOTIC (866-663-9684) or email DEPP@dnr.IN.gov. Please leave your name, contact number and detailed information about what you are reporting. Photos are always appreciated. By notifying us of a potential pest problem you provide an invaluable service to the DNR and our natural resources.

Upcoming Events:
Sept. 9: Central Indiana Field Day & PARP 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. @ Fishers' Farm in Shelbyville, Ind.

Oct. 8: Southern Indiana Fencing School @ SIPAC in Dubois, Ind.

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