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You've Heard Go Big Or Go Home . . . Nucor GOES BIG



Mayor Todd Barton, Nucor Executive VP Dan Needham, Gov. Eric Holcomb, Crawfordsville General Manager Nathan Frazier and Commissioner John Frey were all smiles Friday.



Dignitaries from Nucor, the state and the community broke ground on the new \$400 million expansion that will add two new lines to the Crawfordsville location of Nucor, the largest steel producer in the U.S.



Barton was called a global leader by the governor.



Local Plant General Manager Nathan Frazier, right, leads the groundbreaking team along with Gov. Eric Holcomb



Commissioner John Frey thanked Nucor for their strong commitment to Montgomery County.



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Artist rendering of the two new lines that will have a total annual capacity of 550 tons.

➤ TODAY'S QUOTE

"Note, besides, that it is no more immoral to directly rob citizens than to slip indirect taxes into the price of goods that they cannot do without."
Albert Camus

➤ TODAY'S JOKE

A guy asks the attorney, how much do you charge? The attorney says, "A thousand bucks for three questions."
The guy, taken back, says "That's kind of pricey, isn't it?"
The attorney doesn't miss a beat. "Yes it is. Now, what's your third question?"

➤ TODAY'S VERSE

Psalm 16:8 I have set the LORD always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

➤ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

If you snore loudly or appear to stop breathing while sleeping, you may have sleep apnea. Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Paper and online at www.thepaper24-7.com.



➤ HONEST HOOSIER

OK, so Easter has been over a week. I already miss the Holy Season!



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7 DAY FORECAST

58/58 SHOWERS AND STORMS, WINDY

38/48 MIX POSSIBLE, WINDY

34/62 BREEZY

41/73 BREEZY

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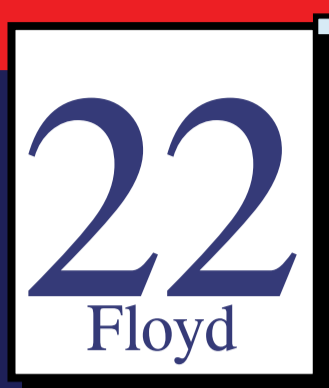
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Facts & Fun



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1. How old is Floyd County?

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2. What percentage of the county does New Albany make up?

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3. What is the population density of the county?

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4. How long ago did the Ohio River flood take place?

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Answers: 1. 200 Years 2. About 10.14% 3. Around 505 per square mile 4. 82 Years

Did You Know?

- Floyd County is the second smallest county in Indiana with only 148.96 square miles.
- New Albany, the county seat, experienced the Ohio River flood in 1937, leaving the town drenched in over 10 feet of water.
- The county was founded in 1819 and named after Brigadier General John Floyd.
- Floyd County has a population of 75,283 residents.
- New Albany is 15.11 square miles and has around 36,372 residents.

Got Words?

Fayette County was a vital supply and medical center during the Civil War and was a stop in the Underground Railroad. How do you think the county has been influenced by its critical, historical role in the United States?

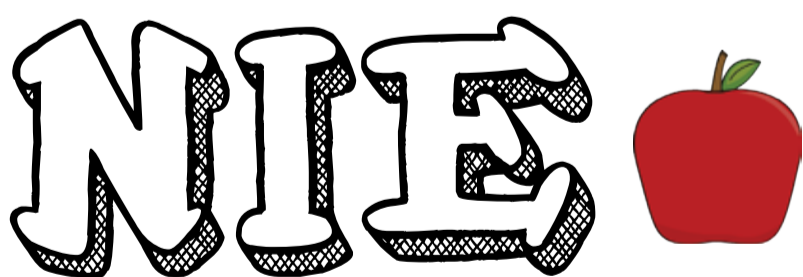
Word Scrambler

Unscramble the words below!

1. WEN LYNBAA
2. DOFYL YTUCON
3. OOFDL
4. LIIVC AWR
5. IOOH RIRVE

Answers: 1. New Albany 2. Floyd County 3. Flood 4. Civil War Era 5. Ohio River

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Mark Lewis Named Inaugural CEO of Purdue Applied Research Institute



Purdue University announced last week the hire of Mark Lewis as the first chief executive officer of the Purdue Applied Research Institute (PARI), the nonprofit applied research arm of Purdue with a particular focus on national security, economic security and food security for the United States. A renowned researcher, professor and former deputy undersecretary of defense, Lewis brings a wealth of national security, scientific and academic experience to PARI. “We couldn’t be happier that Mark will lead PARI,” said Karen Plaut, Purdue’s executive vice president for research. “He brings strategic leadership and research experience from the public and private sectors that will be vital to our large and complex portfolio of applied and translational research programs.” Purdue established PARI in 2021 through its Next Moves initiative, a set of strategic investments designed to extend the reach and impact of Purdue’s research strengths and top-ranked academic programs in engineering, agriculture, science and technology, especially in hypersonics, energetics, cybersecurity, secure microelectronics and other research areas essential to national

security. “PARI is really cutting edge,” Lewis said. “Its agile structure brings together Purdue’s world-class research talent and state-of-the-art facilities in strategic collaborations with federal agencies and industry. This combination will advance the development of emerging technologies that are critical to the economic prosperity and security of the United States and the world. It also provides exciting opportunities for faculty and students to participate in applied research.”

“Mark Lewis is one of the most prominent leaders in defense research in our country. He brings the perfect combination of academia excellence, industry experience and government leadership,” said Purdue President Mung Chiang. “With this transformational hire today, PARI is ready to grow rapidly to become the most impactful emergent organization for national security and defense in the United States. Hundreds of researchers will be recruited in the coming years to win dozens of crucial projects, substantially elevating excellence at scale at Purdue.”

Since its founding, PARI has launched:

- The Hypersonics Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center, equipped for secure communications. The center is focused on developing high-temperature materials and creating new manufacturing processes that will extend hypersonic vehicles’ capabilities and apply to other industries.
- Infrastructure Research and Innovative Solutions, which focuses on advanced infrastructure and building systems

for defense, civil and energy applications.

- The Global Development and Innovation Division, which leverages applied research for meaningful improvements in youth workforce development, education, digital technology and cyber, entrepreneurship, regenerative tourism, food security and climate change.

- Technology acceleration through the Digital Innovation in Agri-Food Systems Laboratory, which applies innovation to addressing food issues such as safety, supply chain, sustainability and environmental impact.

Other efforts in PARI include building out a 64,600-square-foot facility to expand Purdue’s hypersonics capability, set to open in June.

Lewis is one of the world’s foremost experts on hypersonics. His research and teaching have shaped many of the concepts in the field today and spanned aerospace, from the analysis of conventional jet engines to entry into planetary atmospheres. Lewis taught at the University of Maryland for 25 years, where he conducted basic and applied research in hypersonic aerodynamics, advanced propulsion and space vehicle design and optimization.

Lewis’ unique career has seen him with foot-holds in both academia and government. From 2004-08, Lewis was chief scientist of the Air Force, where he led efforts on hypersonics, low-cost space access, energy, sustainment, advanced propulsion, expansion of basic research and workforce development.

From 2012-19, Lewis directed the Science and Technology Policy Institute, a federally funded

research and development center (FFRDC) that supports the White House and executive branch agencies on national science and technology policy.

In 2019, Lewis became director of defense research and engineering for modernization in the Defense Department, in charge of developing the Pentagon’s strategy for delivering emerging technologies to the military. In 2020, he became acting deputy undersecretary of defense for research and engineering, the Pentagon’s senior-most scientist. He managed a \$17 billion budget that included the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, Missile Defense Agency, Defense Innovation Unit, Space Development Agency, FFRDCs and the Pentagon’s basic and applied research portfolio.

In 2021, Lewis became the first executive director for the Emerging Technologies Institute, a nonpartisan think tank focused on technologies critical to national defense and part of the National Defense Industrial Association of Arlington, Virginia.

Lewis attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he received two Bachelor of Science degrees in aeronautics and astronautics, and Earth and planetary science; and a master’s degree and doctorate in aeronautics and astronautics. He has served on various boards for NASA and the Defense Department, including two terms on the Air Force Scientific Advisory Board.

Lewis will assume his new role on May 8 and will be based in the new Purdue office in Washington, D.C.

Lt. Gov. Crouch, IHCDLA Launch Crowdfunding Campaign

Terre Haute will soon honor its past with a new sculpture celebrating the Lost Creek Settlement. If this crowdfunding campaign reaches its goal of raising \$30,000 by May 27, 2023, the sculpture will be fully funded. If successful, the project led by Art Spaces - Wabash Valley Outdoor Sculpture Collection, Inc. will receive a matching grant as part of the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority’s (IHCDLA) CreatiNG Places program.

“An understanding of and respect for the past is the centerpiece of any thriving community,” said Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, Indiana’s Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. “CreatiNG Places has allowed communities across the state to engage their residents through art, history and culture, and this proposed sculpture provides an important touchstone that everyone can enjoy.”

Funds from this campaign will be used to create a piece of public art in Deming Park to highlight the Lost Creek Settlement. By working with descendants and other community members, the sculpture will tell the story of the fortitude, grit, and resil-

ience African American settlers demonstrated as they made the dangerous journey to Indiana and established a thriving farming community.

“Art Spaces is honored to be a part of bringing this sculpture to Terre Haute,” said Ally Midgley, Art Spaces Executive Director. “The Lost Creek Settlement is such a vital part of Vigo County’s shared history, and we are excited to see this sculpture celebrate, honor and bring awareness to the settlement.”

Since the CreatiNG Places program began in 2016, projects have raised more than \$7.5 million in public funds and an additional \$6.3 million in matching IHCDLA funds.

The program is available to projects located in Indiana communities. Non-profit entities (with 501c3 or 501c4 status) and local units of government are eligible to apply.

Eligible projects must have a minimum total development cost of \$10,000, where the recipient will receive \$5,000 in IHCDLA matching funds should it successfully raise \$5,000 through Patronicity. IHCDLA will provide matching grant funds up to \$50,000 per project.

Purdue Global’s Concord Law School Celebrates 25 Years Of Audacity

Even in an age of ubiquitous smartphones, Wi-Fi and broadband internet access, online learning was still new and unfamiliar for many when COVID-19 hit in March 2020, forcing millions of Americans to work and study from home.

So imagine how audacious it was to propose launching an online law school back in 1998 – a time when U.S. Census data shows that only a quarter of American households included someone who accessed the internet at home.

The nation’s first fully online law school, Concord opened its virtual doors in October 1998

with 33 students and two professors. It has helped more than 2,600 students obtain Juris Doctor or Executive Juris Doctor degrees in the 25 years since, with alumni residing in all 50 states and more than two dozen foreign countries.

“The idea that someone was doing it for almost a quarter-century before the pandemic blows people’s minds, as well it should,” says Martin Pritikin, who since 2016 has served as dean and vice president of what is now known as Concord Law School at Purdue Global. “When the idea for Concord started back in 1998, most people, including

myself, still had a dial-up internet connection. The internet was not well developed at that point, and the idea of having a fully online law school was really audacious.

However, it makes sense on numerous fronts. For starters, Concord does not face the expensive burden of maintaining a physical campus, so it is able to provide a relevant legal education at one-third the cost of traditional law schools. In addition, Concord’s online format makes it an attractive option for nontraditional students who might not otherwise be able to attend law school, including:

- Working adults who want to change careers or alter their current career trajectories.
 - Active military who are unsure where they will be stationed or deployed from year to year.
 - Those caring for dependents who can’t manage a night-school schedule.
 - Students who live too far from a law school campus and can’t afford to commute.
 - Those with physical disabilities for whom travel is difficult.
- Concord Law School is part of Purdue Global, which is Purdue’s online university for working adults.

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USDA Offers Disaster Assistance To Farmers In Arkansas, Indiana, Iowa And Wisconsin Impacted By Recent Storms And Tornadoes

Agricultural operations in Arkansas, Indiana, Iowa and Wisconsin have been significantly impacted by recent tornadoes and severe storms that caused widespread and extensive destruction across those states. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has technical and financial assistance available to help farmers and livestock producers recover in the wake of these disasters. Impacted producers should contact their local USDA Service Center to report losses and learn more about programs that may be available to assist in their recovery from crop, land, infrastructure and livestock losses and damages.

“Production agriculture is vital to the economy in these states and USDA stands ready to assist in the recovery from the recent severe weather event,” said Robert Bonnie, Under Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation (FPAC). “USDA employees are working diligently to deliver FPAC’s extensive portfolio of disaster assistance programs and services to all impacted agricultural producers.”

Risk Management
Producers who have risk protection through Federal Crop Insurance or Farm Service Agency’s (FSA) Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) should report crop damage to their crop insurance agent or FSA office. If they have crop insurance, producers should report crop damage to their agent within 72 hours of damage discovery and follow up in writing within 15 days. For NAP covered crops, a Notice of Loss (CCC-576) must be filed within 15 days of the loss becoming apparent, except for hand-harvested crops, which should be reported within 72 hours. Producers who have not applied for NAP coverage may still be covered. FSA has updated NAP to remove barriers and establish procedures through which an underserved producer with a Socially Disadvantaged, Limited Resource, Beginning and Veteran Farmer or Rancher Certification (CCC-860) on file prior to the applicable NAP application closing date will automatically receive basic coverage for any NAP-eligible crops. Like all NAP-covered producers, underserved producers will still need to file a notice of loss and apply for program benefits.

USDA Disaster Assistance Producers who experience livestock deaths may be eligible

for the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP). To participate in LIP, producers will have to provide verifiable documentation of death losses resulting from an eligible adverse weather event and must submit a notice of loss to their local FSA office within 30 calendar days of when the loss of livestock is apparent. Meanwhile, the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) provides eligible producers with compensation for feed and grazing losses. For ELAP, producers will need to file a notice of loss within 30 days and honeybee losses within 15 days.

Additionally, eligible orchardists and nursery tree growers may be eligible for cost-share assistance through the Tree Assistance Program (TAP) to replant or rehabilitate eligible trees, bushes or vines lost. This complements Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) or crop insurance coverage, which covers the crop but not the plants or trees in all cases. For TAP, a program application must be filed within 90 days.

Agricultural producers are reminded to contact their local FSA office to timely report all crop, livestock and farm infrastructure damages and losses. To expedite FSA disaster assistance, producers will likely need to provide documents, such as farm records, herd inventory, receipts and pictures of damages or losses. FSA also offers a variety of direct and guaranteed farm loans, including operating and emergency farm loans, to producers unable to secure commercial financing. Producers in counties with a primary or contiguous disaster designation may be eligible for low-interest emergency loans to help them recover from production and physical losses. Loans can help producers replace essential property, purchase inputs like livestock, equipment, feed and seed, cover family living expenses or refinance farm-related debts and other needs. Additionally, FSA has a variety of loan servicing options available for borrowers who are unable to make scheduled payments on their farm loan programs debt to the Agency because of reasons beyond their control. The Farm Storage Facility Loan Program (FSFL) provides low-interest financing so producers can build or upgrade fa-

cilities to store commodities. Loan terms vary from three to 12 years. Producers who incurred damage to or loss of their equipment or infrastructure funded by the FSFL program should contact their insurance agent and their local USDA Service Center. Producers in need of on-farm storage should also contact USDA.

Conservation FSA’s Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) and Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP) can assist landowners and forest stewards with financial and technical assistance to restore fencing, damaged farmland or forests. ECP can also cover costs associated with debris removal from cropland.

USDA’s Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is always available to provide technical assistance in the recovery process by assisting producers to plan and implement conservation practices on farms, ranches and working forests impacted by natural disasters. The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) can help producers plan and implement conservation practices on land impacted by natural disasters.

Assistance for Communities Additional NRCS programs include the Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) program, which assists local government sponsors with the cost of addressing watershed impairments or hazards such as debris removal and streambank stabilization.

Eligible sponsors include cities, counties, towns or any federally recognized Native American tribe or tribal organization. Sponsors must submit a formal request (by mail or email) to the state conservationist for assistance within 60 days of the natural disaster occurrence or 60 days from the date when access to the sites become available. For more information, producers should contact their local NRCS office.

More Information
On farmers.gov, the Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool, Disaster Assistance-at-a-Glance fact sheet, and Loan Assistance Tool can help producers and landowners determine program or loan options. For assistance with a crop insurance claim, producers and landowners should contact their crop insurance agent. For FSA and NRCS programs, they should contact their local USDA Service Center.

Purdue Receives USDA Grants For Sustainable Agriculture Projects

Purdue University has received two grants of \$1 million each from the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Institute of Food and Agriculture for five-year projects to enhance sustainable agricultural systems.

One grant is part of a \$10 million project led by Michigan State University’s Brent Ross to develop more resilient food systems for coping with multiple disasters, including pandemics, tornadoes and flooding. The other grant is part of a \$10 million project led by Clemson University’s Raghupathy Karthikeyan to develop a controlled-environment agriculture platform for cultivating salt-tolerant food crops using saline irrigation water.

The grants are in addition to two other \$10 million grants to Purdue that NIFA announced earlier this year as part of a \$70 million investment in sustainable agriculture that integrate research, education and extension efforts. One of those grants supports work to improve the economic resilience and sustainability of Eastern U.S. forests. The other grant aims to enhance Midwestern seafood production and consumption.

Leading the extension portion of the MSU project is Purdue’s Maria Marshall, the Jim and Lois Ackerman Professor of Agricultural Economics. Heading the education program de-

velopment and evaluation portions of the Clemson project is Purdue’s Rama Radhakrishna, professor and head of the Department of Agricultural Sciences Education and Communication.

“This grant is about looking at sustained multiple shocks,” said Marshall, who specializes in disaster recovery for small and family businesses and farms. When she began researching disruptive shocks to families and businesses in 2009, disasters came less frequently. But now they occur continually, and sometimes more than one at the same time.

“You have climate change that is already affecting different parts of the supply chain,” Marshall said. “Now you add COVID on top of that. And then you add, for example, a train derailment. It’s one thing on top of another on top of another.”

Marshall and Renee Wiatt, family business management specialist in agricultural economics, will develop and coordinate the curriculum for farmers that they will deploy as a pilot program in Illinois, Indiana and Michigan. Serving on the advisory board for this project is Jayson Lusk, Distinguished Professor and head of the Department of Agricultural Economics.

“We will help translate research at the farm level, and then we will train extension professionals on this curriculum,”

said Marshall, who also directs the North Central Regional Center for Rural Development and the Purdue Initiative for Family Firms.

The long-term goal of the Clemson project is to develop a method for hydroponic cultivation of high-value crops using saline irrigation water in North Carolina, South Carolina and Florida.

“The concept here is how we can grow crops with reduced water intake,” Radhakrishna said. This is important, he noted, because even though coastal areas have access to abundant water, all of it is salty. And globally, agriculture accounts for about 70% of freshwater withdrawals, also making it the leading cause of water problems in many regions.

Radhakrishna will help design courses and develop curricula for high school and university students about the value and impact of using the untapped resource of saline water for agriculture.

He also will conduct a needs assessment and stakeholder analysis to identify potential issues the research team may need to address that would hinder the adoption of safe, productive and sustainable saline irrigation water in coastal areas. In the project’s final stages, Radhakrishna will assess the impact of the project on students, farmers and other key stakeholders in the targeted coastal regions.

Sisters To Host Motorcycle Blessing And BBQ

All motorcycle enthusiasts are invited to join the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, for the upcoming “Motorcycle Blessing and BBQ.”

The event, scheduled to help kick off Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month in the Wabash Valley, will begin at 11:30 a.m., on Saturday, May 6, in the parking lot of Providence Spirituality & Conference Center.

Sisters Jan Craven, SP, and Sister Paula Damiano, SP, co-directors of Providence Spirituality & Conference Center, along with Father Terry Johnson, will facilitate the blessing of bikes and their riders, in addition to leading prayers for safety. Each rider will receive a medal to carry during their travels.

“There are so many motorcyclists out there,” Sister Paula said. “Blessings for motorcyclists happen in many places around the country and

the Woods seemed like the perfect place to have a blessing.

“We’ve always considered our grounds holy. Many persons come here to pray and ask for blessings and the Woods is a beautiful destination for riders.”

Following the blessing, all are encouraged to stay for a barbecue lunch catered by Bon Appetit from their food truck, to meet with the Sisters of Providence and to visit with other riders.

There will be no cost for participation in the event with the exception of food purchases. The registration deadline is May 1.

Register online at Events.SistersofProvidence.org or by calling 812-535-2952 or emailing provctr@spsmw.org.

About the Sisters of Providence

The Sisters of Providence, a Congregation of nearly 200 women religious, with more

than 300 Providence Associates, collaborate with others to create a more just and hope-filled world through prayer, education, service and advocacy. The Sisters of Providence have their motherhouse at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, located just northwest of downtown Terre Haute, Ind., which is now listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Saint Mother Theodore Guerin founded the Sisters of Providence at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods in 1840. Today, Sisters of Providence minister in 13 states, the District of Columbia and Asia, through works of love, mercy and justice. More information about the Sisters of Providence and their ministries can be found at SistersofProvidence.org.

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Cooking Clean

A reliable energy source can make cooking nutritious meals quick and easy



Chef Dean Sheremet

FAMILY FEATURES

With many people focused on achieving a cleaner and healthier lifestyle, taking actionable steps such as recycling, using less hot water and eating nutritious foods can help lower your carbon footprint. Another step for a clean lifestyle: cooking with an environmentally friendly, clean energy source like propane.

Propane is already powering more than 12 million homes with reliable energy people can count on. Plus, gas-powered cooktops are preferred by 96% of professional chefs, including nutritionist and chef Dean Sheremet of “My Kitchen Rules,” who partnered with the Propane Education & Research Council (PERC) to educate homeowners on the benefits of cooking with gas.

“There is a lot of misinformation about cooking with gas in the news,” Sheremet said. “It’s important to remember, the act of cooking itself impacts indoor air quality, regardless of the energy that powers the stove. Having a qualified technician install and perform regular service for the stove, maintaining proper ventilation using a hood or opening doors or windows and following common sense safety measures can ensure the safe use of any stove.”

Because ventilation when cooking is key, it’s important to note that cooking with propane results in lower carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions than electric cooking, on average. That’s because more than 60% of electricity production comes from natural gas or coal generation plants, which release more CO2 emissions as part of the generation process.

Beyond the environmental benefits, propane-powered cooking appliances provide convenience, modern design and performance in kitchens, allowing home chefs to prepare healthy meals for their families in a short amount of time. Sheremet values the efficiency of a propane cooktop when creating nutritious meals like Skirt Steak with Salsa Verde and Spaghetti and Clams, which can be whipped up in minutes using a clean energy source.

“Chefs, and parents like me, prefer gas for a variety of reasons,” Sheremet said. “My son, Atlas, is often in the kitchen when I’m cooking, and we know sometimes kids don’t listen when we tell them to not touch a pan or the stove. Propane cooktops allow for greater control of heat levels and their instant flame turnoff capabilities help them cool faster than traditional electric stoves, which can remain dangerously hot for a period after they have been turned off.”

Learn more about cooking with propane and find recipes from Sheremet at Propane.com/ChefDean.

DO'S AND DON'TS OF COOKING WITH GAS

Cooking with a reliable and environmentally clean energy source like propane can take your home chef skills to the next level. However, there are steps to take to ensure safety while maximizing the benefits of cooking with your gas range.

Do:

- Follow the manufacturer’s installation and operating instructions.
- Keep pot handles turned inward to protect against accidents like knocking the pot off the stove or little ones reaching for the handles.
- Keep the range surface clean.
- Keep flammable materials away from burner flames.

Don’t:

- Do not cover the oven bottom with foil as it can restrict air circulation.
- Never use gas ranges for space heating.
- Do not allow children to turn burner control knobs.
- Do not leave food unattended on the cooktop.



Spaghetti and Clams

Spaghetti and Clams

Recipe courtesy of chef Dean Sheremet on behalf of PERC

Salt

- 8-12 littleneck or other small clams in shell, scrubbed
- 1/4 pound spaghetti noodles
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/2-1 garlic clove, minced
- 1/2 dried red chile pepper
- 1/3 cup vermouth or white wine
- 1-2 tablespoons chopped fresh Italian parsley

Bring large pot of lightly salted water to boil. Soak clams in cold water.

Add spaghetti to boiling water and cook until slightly underdone. In large saucepan over medium-low heat, add olive oil, garlic and chile pepper. Sauté gently, reducing heat, if necessary, so garlic does not brown.

Add vermouth and clams; cover. Clams should open in about 2 minutes. Add hot drained pasta, cover and shake pot gently. Simmer 1-2 minutes until spaghetti is cooked to taste.

Discard unopened clams. Add half the parsley and shake pan to distribute evenly. Transfer to plate or bowl and sprinkle with remaining parsley.

Skirt Steak with Salsa Verde

Recipe courtesy of chef Dean Sheremet on behalf of PERC

- 1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/4 cup red wine vinegar
- 2 thinly sliced scallions
- 3 tablespoons capers, drained and roughly chopped
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt, plus additional, to taste, divided
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper, plus additional, to taste, divided
- 1 1/2 pounds skirt steak
- 2 tablespoons chopped parsley
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh mint, divided
- 1/4 cup pistachios
- 1 romaine heart
- 1 radicchio
- 1/2 cup crumbled goat cheese

Whisk olive oil, vinegar, scallions, capers, garlic, 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/2 teaspoon pepper. Pour about 1/3 of dressing (about 1/3 cup) over steak and turn to coat.

Add parsley and 1 tablespoon mint to reserved dressing; stir and set aside until ready to use. Cover and refrigerate steak 30 minutes, or up to 24 hours.

In small saute pan over medium heat, toast pistachios, tossing often, until golden brown, about 3 minutes. Set aside.

Set grill to medium-high heat or heat grill pan on stovetop over medium-high heat. Grill steak about 5 minutes per side. Transfer to plate and rest 10 minutes.

Cut romaine hearts lengthwise into quarters. Arrange romaine and radicchio in layers on large platter, leaving room on one side for steak. Sprinkle with goat cheese, pistachios and remaining mint.

Slice steak into 3-inch pieces then slice against grain to cut steak into wide strips. Add sliced steak to platter. Drizzle reserved dressing on romaine and steak.



Skirt Steak with Salsa Verde

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5 Ways to Savor Fresh-Grilled

SUMMER SEAFOOD

FAMILY FEATURES

Kee the grill cooking all summer long with a family favorite, seafood, and satisfy taste buds with fresh flavors hot off the grates. While some people assume seafood is challenging to cook, it can actually be an easy meal for home chefs of all skill levels.

To ensure your cookout is an unrivaled success, start with seafood that brings superior taste to the table. From crustaceans to a wide selection of unique-tasting oysters and sea scallops, mussels and clams, Maine Seafood offers something for all seafood lovers.

With a coastline that stretches 3,478 miles along the cold, clean North Atlantic, the state is home to a diversity of both wild-caught and farmed species.

Get inspired by these Maine Seafood grilling tips, sure to elevate your at-home seafood experience with the state's superior taste and quality:

Littleneck Clams

Heat grill to medium-high heat then place littleneck clams directly on grill grates or in a single layer on a large baking pan. After 5-7 minutes on the grill, clams will begin to open. Without spilling juice, carefully place clams on a serving platter. Serve with melted butter or in pasta. Discard clams that don't open.

Oysters

Place oysters cupped sides down directly on grill heated to medium-high. Cover the grill and cook until oysters open and meat is opaque and cooked through, about 5 minutes for smaller oysters and 8-10 minutes for larger ones. Place on a serving platter, remove top shells and run a sharp knife along insides of bottom shells to detach oysters. Top with garlic butter and serve with lemon.

Salmon

Heat grill to medium-high heat. Pat salmon dry; brush with olive oil and top with seasonings. Place salmon skin side down on grill grates and cook 6-8 minutes, or until meat turns opaque. You can also try a grill-safe cedar plank to infuse added flavor.

Haddock

Heat grill to medium-high heat. Pat haddock – flaky white fish that's sweet and delicate – dry and brush with olive oil. Wrap fillets in aluminum foil with herbs and seasonings; completely seal with seam sides facing upward. Grill 8-10 minutes, or until meat turns opaque.

Lobster Tail

For a delicious twist this summer, enjoy these tender, tasty Grilled Lobster Tacos with vinegar slaw and cilantro lime crema.

For easy, delicious recipe inspiration and to order seafood straight to your door, visit SeafoodfromMaine.com.



Grilled Maine Lobster Tacos

Total time: 25 minutes

Servings: 8

Vinegar Slaw:

- 2/3 cup apple cider vinegar
- 1 teaspoon celery seeds
- 2/3 cup white sugar
- 1 cup water
- 1/2 small head green cabbage, shredded or cut thinly (approximately 8 cups)

Cilantro Lime Crema:

- 1/2 cup sour cream
- fresh cilantro leaves, chopped
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 4 teaspoons fresh lime juice
- 1 lime, zest only, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon minced garlic
- kosher salt, plus additional to taste, divided
- freshly ground black pepper, to taste

Lobster Tacos:

- Extra-virgin olive oil
- 4 large (4-6 ounces each) Maine Lobster tails, defrosted
- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted salt, to taste
- pepper, to taste
- 8 small flour tortillas

pico de gallo 1 lime, cut into wedges for serving

To make vinegar slaw: In small saucepan over medium heat, heat apple cider vinegar, celery seeds, sugar and water; stir until sugar dissolves. In large bowl, pour mixture over cabbage; cover and refrigerate.

To make cilantro lime crema: In blender, blend sour cream, cilantro, mayonnaise, lime juice, lime zest and garlic. Season with salt and pepper, to taste; refrigerate.

To make lobster tacos: Preheat grill to medium-high heat.

Brush grill grates with oil to prevent sticking. Using kitchen shears, cut lobster shells in half lengthwise. Place skewer through meat to prevent curling during cooking.

Brush lobster meat with melted butter and season with salt and pepper.

Grill lobster tails meat side down 5 minutes then flip. Brush meat again with butter and cook 5 minutes, or until opaque throughout. Cook to 140 F internal temperature.

Remove meat from shells and cut into bite-sized chunks or leave whole, if desired.

Place tortillas on grill 30-60 seconds per side, or until warmed and slightly brown.

Add drained slaw to tortillas. Top with lobster meat, pico de gallo and cilantro sauce. Serve with lime wedges.

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BRING ON DESSERT WITH BETTER-FOR-YOU SWEETS

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If healthier eating holds a prominent spot on your list of goals, you may feel it's necessary to eliminate some of your sweetest favorites. However, committing to a nutritionally friendly way of life doesn't have to leave desserts by the wayside.

Instead, rethinking nighttime treats with better-for-you ingredients like California Prunes as a quick substitution can make healthier eating easy. As a versatile ingredient that can replace added sugar, fats and eggs in all kinds of recipes, prunes can also add nutrients important for bone and gut health.

Plus, the copper in prunes inhibits bone breakdown, while boron plays a role in calcium metabolism and polyphenols can help decrease bone breakdown through their antioxidant power. As a fruit that's high in vitamin K, which helps improve calcium balance and promotes bone mineralization, prunes are also a "good gut food," meaning a single serving (roughly 4-6 prunes) can help support a healthy microbiome.

They're easy to use in recipes that can become favorites in your household such as these Chocolate Energy Balls. Enjoyed as an easy, on-the-go snack, they're a perfect way to refuel for an adventure, recharge after a workout or to simply savor as a healthy snack.

Chocolate lovers rejoice: This rich, delicious, gluten-free, grain-free Chocolate Covered Prune Fudge Cake is naturally sweetened using prunes instead of added sugar. If brownies are more your style, prunes can also take the place of eggs in these Vegan Brownies for a family-friendly treat that won't wreck your eating plan.

To find more better-for-you desserts, visit californiaprunes.org.

Vegan Brownies

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 25 minutes

Servings: 9

Prune Puree:

16 ounces pitted California prunes

1/2 cup hot water

Brownies:

nonstick cooking spray

6 ounces unsweetened chocolate

1/2 cup California extra-virgin olive oil

2 cups light brown sugar

10 ounces California prune puree

1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour

1 tablespoon baking powder

1/4 cup cocoa powder

2 teaspoons vanilla extract

flaky sea salt, for garnish

To make prune puree: In blender, combine prunes and water. Pulse to combine then blend until smooth, pourable consistency forms, scraping sides, if necessary. Store puree in airtight container in fridge up to 4 weeks.

To make brownies: Preheat oven to 350 F. Line 9-by-9-inch baking pan with parchment paper then lightly grease with nonstick cooking spray.

Using double boiler, melt chocolate and olive oil. Whisk in sugar and prune puree; mix until dissolved.

Into large bowl, sift flour, baking powder and cocoa powder. Gently fold in chocolate and prune mixture then add vanilla.

Spread batter in prepared pan, sprinkle with flaky sea salt and bake 20-25 minutes, or until top starts to look dry and brownies are just beginning to pull away from sides of pan.

Cool in pan. Remove then cut brownies into 3-inch squares.



Vegan Brownies



Chocolate Covered Prune Fudge Cake

Chocolate Covered Prune Fudge Cake

Prep time: 15 minutes

Cook time: 55 minutes

Yield: 1 cake (8 inches)

Cake:

Coconut oil spray

14 tablespoons butter, chopped

2 teaspoons vanilla extract

3/4 cup cocoa powder

10 soft, pitted prunes, chopped small

1/3 cup maple syrup

6 eggs

1/2 cup coconut sugar

1 cup almond meal

Ganache:

1 cup full-fat coconut milk

1 1/3 cups dark chocolate morsels

To make cake: Preheat oven to 300 F. Lightly spray bottom and sides of 8-inch springform pan with coconut oil spray.

Place round piece of parchment paper in bottom of pan and lightly spray with coconut oil spray.

In small saucepan over low heat, place butter and vanilla. Use sieve to sift cocoa

into saucepan. Stir with spatula until completely smooth. Remove from heat and set aside.

In bowl of food processor fitted with "S" blade, place prunes and syrup. Top with cooled butter mixture then process until smooth. Transfer to large mixing bowl, scraping all chocolate mixture from food processor with spatula.

In bowl of stand mixer fitted with whisk attachment, whip eggs and coconut sugar on high speed 7 minutes, or until tripled in volume.

Add one-third of egg mixture to bowl with chocolate mixture. Using spatula, gently fold together until completely combined. Add almond meal and remaining egg mixture to bowl and gently fold to combine.

Pour batter into prepared pan and bake 55 minutes, or until set. Once cooked through, transfer cake to cooling rack and cool completely in pan.

To make ganache: In top of double boiler, melt coconut milk and dark chocolate until completely smooth. Pour prepared ganache over cake. Serve immediately for molten fudge effect or allow to completely set.

Chocolate Energy Balls

Recipe courtesy of Meg van der Kruik on behalf of California Prunes

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 30 minutes

Yield: 24 pieces

Prune Puree:

16 ounces pitted California prunes

1/2 cup hot water

Energy Balls:

1 cup old-fashioned or gluten-free oats

2/3 cup toasted, unsweetened shredded coconut

1/2 cup creamy natural nut butter (peanut or almond)

1/2 cup pecan meal

1/2 cup prune puree

1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

To make prune puree: In blender, combine prunes and water. Pulse to combine then blend until smooth, pourable consistency forms, scraping sides, if necessary.

Store puree in airtight container in fridge up to 4 weeks.

To make energy balls: In mixing bowl, stir oats, coconut, nut butter, pecan meal, prune puree, cocoa powder and vanilla until completely combined.

Cover and chill in refrigerator 30 minutes. Once chilled, use small cookie scoop or measuring spoon to measure equal-sized amounts of mixture then form into balls by applying gentle pressure to dough using palms. Do not roll as balls will break apart.

Store covered in airtight container in refrigerator up to 1 week.



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Break Out Brunch Favorites for Spring Celebrations

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Deck your kitchen, dining room or patio with bright decor and fun, festive springtime frills – brunch season is here. Whether your weekend morning meal is shared with that special someone or friends, family and neighbors, warm, sunny days can bring out the best of brunch.

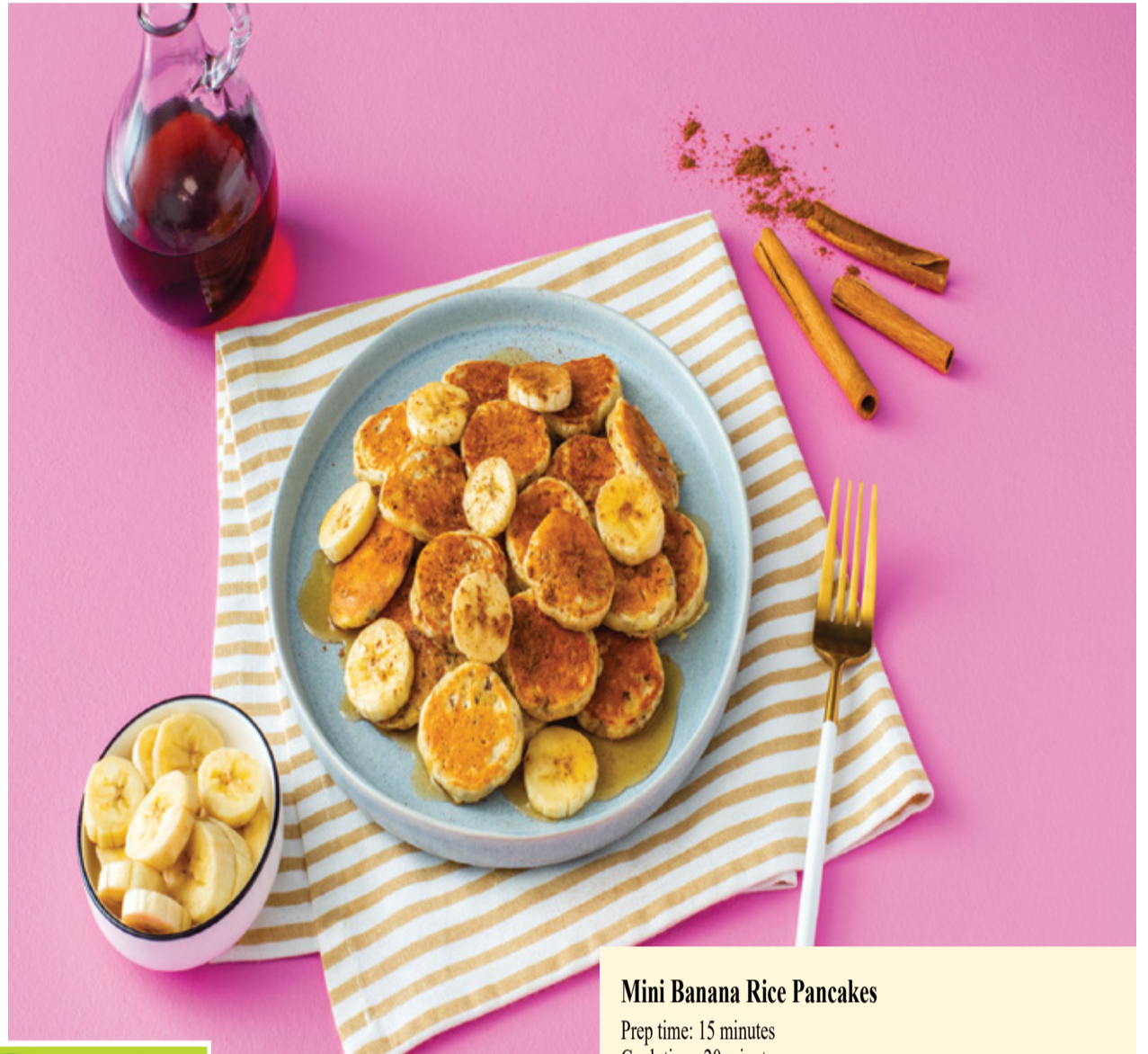
Impress your loved one with these Mini Banana Rice Pancakes for two, a healthy and satisfying meal made with Minute Brown Rice & Quinoa Cups. This recipe allows for more moments together at the table because the whole-grain combination is ready in just 1 minute and prep time is minimal.

Pairing the crunchiness of red quinoa with the chewy texture of brown rice, these cups earned a spot on the “Men’s Health” Best Foods for Men Awards in 2022. Plus, packed in single-serve portions, you can eat the grains right out of the BPA-free cup for a simple lunch or snack that provides a good source of fiber with 55 grams of whole grains in each serving.

If you need a dish that feeds a crowd, put this Hearty Bacon and Egg Breakfast on the menu. Ready in 35 minutes, it can satisfy brunch cravings for a group of up to 12 as a main course that easily pairs with other morning favorites.

As an ideal complement to the eggs, bacon and cheese, Minute Rice & Quinoa can make this family-style recipe a breeze. In just 10 minutes, the tasty blend of brown rice, red rice, wild rice and quinoa cooks up light and fluffy for a slightly chewy, nutty flavor. It’s also a dependable replacement for oatmeal in other breakfast dishes so you can complete your mission to make meals quick and enjoyable. Not to mention, the bag is BPA-free and recyclable via store drop-off in most communities, while the carton is recyclable curbside.

Find more brunch inspiration for spring celebrations at MinuteRice.com.



Mini Banana Rice Pancakes

Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes
Servings: 2

- 1 cup Minute Brown Rice & Quinoa
- 1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup milk
- 2 teaspoons freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 2 bananas, divided
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1/4 cup pure maple syrup, divided
- 4 teaspoons butter, melted
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil, divided
- 1/8 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Heat rice and quinoa according to package directions.

In large bowl, whisk flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt. In medium bowl, whisk milk and lemon juice. Let stand 5 minutes. Mash 1/2 banana. Transfer to milk mixture. Add egg and 1 teaspoon maple syrup; stir to combine. Stir in melted butter. Pour milk mixture over flour mixture. Whisk just until combined; do not overmix. Fold in rice and quinoa. Let batter rest 10-15 minutes. Preheat large nonstick skillet over medium heat; brush with 1 teaspoon oil. Once skillet is hot, reduce heat to medium-low. In batches, adding oil as necessary, scoop 1 tablespoon batter per pancake into skillet and cook 3-4 minutes, or until bubbles start to form. Flip and cook 1-2 minutes until golden on bottom. Slice remaining half and full bananas. Serve pancakes with remaining maple syrup, banana slices and cinnamon.



Hearty Bacon and Egg Breakfast

Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 30 minutes
Servings: 12

- Nonstick cooking spray
- 1 1/2 bags Minute Rice & Quinoa
- 9 eggs, lightly beaten
- 5 bacon slices, cooked and crumbled
- 3/4 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- black pepper, to taste

Preheat oven to 325 F. Coat 12-cup muffin pan with nonstick cooking spray.

Prepare rice and quinoa according to package directions.

In medium bowl, combine rice and quinoa, eggs, bacon, cheese, salt and pepper, to taste.

Divide batter between prepared cups and bake 18-20 minutes, or until eggs are just set.

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Who's Dining In My Garden?



MELINDA MYERS
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You take a walk through the garden and find branches trimmed, flowers missing or bark damaged. Of course, the culprit is nowhere to be seen. You may have suspects in mind but a close look at the damage and surroundings can help you identify who is dining on your plants. Knowing this can help you reduce the risk in the future.

Rabbits can be found year-round in the landscape. They have sharp teeth, making a 45-degree clean cut much like your bypass pruners. Their damage usually occurs within their 3-foot reach.

They eat a variety of flowers and vegetables throughout the spring and summer. As these plants fade in fall, they begin dining on trees and shrubs. You may find bark gnawed and branches, stems, and buds clipped off the plants.

Deer tear vegetation, leaving a ragged tip on browsed plants. You may find damage on a variety of flowers, vegetables, trees, shrubs, and plants pulled out of the ground with the distasteful ones left behind. In fall, the



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Damage to a tomato plant after being visited by a hungry critter.

bucks rub trunks of young trees damaging the tender tissue below that transports water and nutrients between the roots and leaves. Deer usually feed at dusk but as they become comfortable around people they can often be seen dining during the day.

Voies are brown rodents that look similar to field mice with small ears and short tails. Their trails of disturbed grass found as the snow melts may be your first clue that they are present. These rodents are active year-round, unlike moles that hibernate for winter. They eat seeds, plant roots, and bulbs not insects like moles. As the snow recedes, you may also notice bark damage on trees and shrubs. They leave ¼" side-by-side grooves in the wood at the base of the plants.

Squirrels are fun to watch; that is until they eat all the birdseed and damage your plants. They dig bulbs and uproot other plants, eat and bury nuts in the lawn and garden, and take a bite

out of multiple tomatoes, strawberries, and more. They damage trees by ripping off the bark and clipping off branches. If that wasn't enough, they may gnaw on structures and furnishings. Treating the damaged area and a 12" radius around it with a repellent can help discourage more damage.

Chipmunks are active from spring through fall. They don't hibernate but are inactive in winter depending upon their food stash to survive. You will find them digging in potted plants, hanging baskets, and rock walls. They eat grains, nuts, berries, seeds, insects, mushrooms, carrion, young birds, and bird eggs.

Their tunnels can be 20 to 30 feet long and are well hidden. The openings are only 2" in diameter with no surrounding mounds of soil

Commercial and homemade scare tactics are an option. Unfortunately, most of these critters have become accustomed to people and are not deterred. Motion-activat-

ed ones are a bit more effective but make sure they are not annoying to you and your neighbors.

Fencing tight to the ground with a secure gate and at least 3 feet – preferably 4 feet – high is effective for preventing rabbit damage. Deer on the other hand need a much taller fence. Although they can jump 7 feet or higher, a 5-6' fence is often enough to keep them out of smaller gardens. Sink fencing 4 to 6" into the ground to protect plants from voles.

Repellents labeled for controlling the critter that is causing the damage are another option. Organic Plantskydd (plantskydd.com) is labeled for repelling, not harming, all of these critters so you only need one product. Since it is rain and snow resistant, you won't need to apply it as often. Always read and follow label directions for the most effective control.

A bit of defensive action goes a long way in protecting your gardens and landscape from hungry critters this season.

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Garden Trend 2023 – A Tribute To Nature

Concerns about climate change and its consequences make us increasingly aware that nature is an awe-inspiring part of our lives. There is a sense of urgency because we understand that if we save the earth, we will also save ourselves. Not only does this create a sense of necessity, it also makes us more willing to adapt and make our lives more sustainable.

Natural atmosphere Nature is given more free rein and gardens are becoming wilder. Using many and different plants improves biodiversity in gardens. Slabs and other hard surfaces are less important. Paving, if any, is usually semi-paving which threads its way through the vegetation.

Small outdoor area Even in a small garden or on a balcony, the need to surround ourselves with nature is increasing. A lively green feeling is created in every outdoor space, no matter how small. Using many and, above all, different plants is important in this regard, on balustrades on balconies as well as in pots, and in borders and vertical gardens, prefer-

ably all at the same time. Nature is everywhere.

Organic cross-pollination

Natural and harmonious colors such as earthy and green tones are prevalent, complemented with subtle white, lilac, and natural tones, while preserving the natural atmosphere in the garden. The use of flowers and plants is fanciful and natural. No more straight, severe forms, and a few more colors. Plants bring everything together in the garden in an airy display, with different shapes and colors, combined with natural-looking accessories.

Poetry in the garden Flower bulbs are important in this natural and naturalized garden atmosphere. Summer bulbs such as dahlias, gladioli, calla, and begonias add extra greenery and color in the garden. Use flower bulbs as a natural accent in among existing plant combinations. Make sure to use the same shapes and matching colors for a natural look.

You can find more information about flower bulbs at www.flower-bulbs.com.

Practice Being A "Master Backyarder" This Earth Day, Encourages The TurfMutt Foundation

The TurfMutt Foundation, which advocates for the care and use of our backyards, community parks, and other green spaces, says Earth Day (April 22) is the perfect time to practice being a master backyarder. "Backyarding" is the act of taking activities that we normally do inside, out to our yards and parks. Master backyarders elevate backyarding, using their personal and community green space for everything from working and exercising to entertaining and relaxing.

"Master backyarders also understand the benefits of our yards and other community green spaces to the environment," explains Kris Kiser, president and CEO of the TurfMutt Foundation. "Every day is Earth Day for master backyarders. They plant for pollinators, know to put the right plant in the right place, and recognize their backyard as an important part of the connected ecosystem."

This year, the TurfMutt Foundation encourages everyone to use Earth Day as an opportunity to practice being a master backyarder. Here are a few ways to do just that:

- Remember the "Golden Rule" of Backyarding: Right plant, right place. Putting the right plant in the right place is the key to successful master backyarding. It goes beyond identifying plants that will

do better in sun versus shade. Master backyarders select plants that will thrive in their climate zone and work to create a backyard that supports their family's lifestyle. To learn more about selecting the right plants for your yard, refer to the USDA's Plant Hardiness Zone Map.

- Plant with pollinators in mind. Master backyarders understand that our yards and community parks are an important part of the connected ecosystem, providing food and shelter for pollinators. They plant with birds, bees, butterflies, bats, and other creatures in mind.

- Water wisely. After getting their new plants started, master backyarders only water when necessary. They install watering solutions – like smart controllers on irrigation systems – to help use water efficiently while maintaining a living landscape. They remember that over-watered grass gets lazy, growing roots in a horizontal pattern. But with less water, grass sends its roots deeper – vertically – seeking water. By working harder, grass does a better job performing its environmental superpowers like sequestering carbon and releasing oxygen.

- Bone up on backyard benefits. Master backyarders are tuned into the many benefits of spending time in backyards and community parks, and

they use the outdoors for all sorts of activities like dining, entertaining, working and even vacationing. For humans, backyarding benefits include lower stress, increased happiness, and improved memory. For the health of the planet, green space captures carbon, produces oxygen, and prevents runoff.

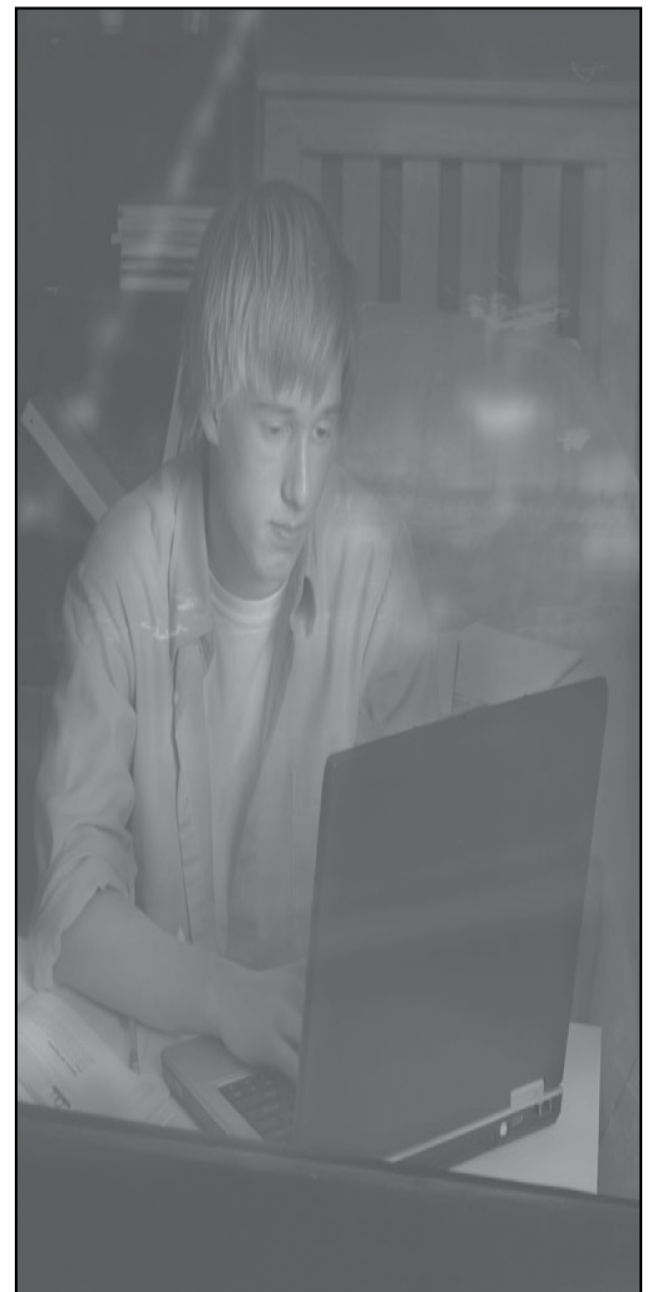
- Watch Lucky Dog on CBS for inspiration. Master backyarders aren't too proud to take their backyarding cues from their furry friends. After all, no one loves and appreciates yards and green spaces more than dogs. On Earth Day, the TurfMutt Foundation will be featured on the CBS show Lucky Dog. This episode highlights the Mulligan's Mutt Madness pet adoption event at Equip Exposition, which helps rescue dogs find forever homes. Watch Lucky Dog on Earth Day to get inspired to create the yard of your – and your dog's – dreams.

For more information, sign up for Mutt Mail, a monthly e-newsletter with backyarding tips and all the news from the TurfMutt Foundation here. To learn more about creating the yard of your dreams, visit TurfMutt.com. Look for Mulligan the TurfMutt on Lucky Dog. Here is a link to download the International Backyarding Fact Book, to learn why spending time in our yards and community parks is

good for us and the planet.

About the TurfMutt Foundation

TurfMutt was created by the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute's (OPEI) TurfMutt Foundation and has reached more than 70 million children, educators and families since 2009. Championed by Foundation spokesdog, Mulligan the TurfMutt, and through education partners such as Weekly Reader, Discovery Education and Scholastic, TurfMutt has taught students and teachers how to "save the planet, one yard at a time." Today, TurfMutt is an official USGBC® Education Partner and part of their global LEARNING LAB. TurfMutt has been an education resource at the U.S. Department of Education's Green Ribbon Schools, the U.S. Department of Energy, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Green Apple, the Center for Green Schools, the Outdoors Alliance for Kids, the National Energy Education Development (NEED) project, Climate Change Live, Petfinder and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. In 2017, the TurfMutt animated video series won the coveted Cynopsis Kids Imagination Award for Best Interstitial Series. TurfMutt's personal, home habitat was featured in the 2017-2020 Wildlife Habitat Council calendars. More information at TurfMutt.com.



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SUSTAINABILITY IN SCHOOLS

7 ideas for engaging students, communities in green initiatives

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At the center of many communities, schools can play an important role in promoting sustainable behaviors. Teaching earth-friendly behaviors is one aspect, but schools can also take steps to facilitate sustainable practices within the school system and the community.

Beyond protecting the climate and environment, sustainable practices offer multiple benefits, including improving student health and enhancing the community. These green changes can make a meaningful and lasting impact.

Start a Recycling Club

For communities without a city-wide recycling program, a student-run operation can be highly successful. Engaging students in the planning and oversight of a social service project equips them with leadership experience while showing them firsthand the impact a small group can make.

Look at Propane Buses

Diesel school buses are not only expensive to operate, but they pose a risk to children's health and the environment. According to the Propane Education & Research Council, with propane school buses, the classic cloud of black smoke emitted from the tailpipe is nonexistent. Propane school buses also provide a quieter ride than diesel buses, which means it's a safer ride. What's more, propane reduces harmful emissions that cause asthma, bronchitis and other respiratory illnesses by up to 94% compared to diesel.

There are two practical energy choices for clean student transportation: propane and electric. However, a propane bus costs one-third the price of an electric bus, allowing school districts to replace their aging diesel fleets three times faster than with electric. In addition, propane has a range of 400 miles, meaning even sizable vehicles, like buses, can go the distance to provide a reliable ride.

Clean with Natural Products

Especially in the wake of a global pandemic, cleaning standards in most schools are exceptionally high. However, many of the heavy-duty disinfectants and other cleaning agents used in schools and other public areas can be filled with chemicals that negatively affect air quality and further harm the environment when they wash into surrounding areas, including streams and rivers.

Plant a School Garden

Locally sourced produce offers numerous benefits, from providing an affordable food source for families in the area to minimizing costs associated with food production, including transportation and packaging. Beyond the social and environmental perks, gardening is a valuable life skill that can also be easily woven into academic lessons such as science, math, social studies and even art.

Take Advantage of Natural Light

In many cases, classrooms that are well-illuminated by natural light filtering through windows don't need to run overhead lights throughout the day. Leveraging the warmth of the sun's rays can also be helpful in providing natural heat during colder months.

Replace Light Bulbs

In areas where the school does rely on energy-based lighting, environmentally friendly bulbs make a lot of sense. Not only do eco-friendly bulbs align with a school's commitment to sustainability, but they're also generally more cost-efficient to operate, which means the district can save money on energy expenses.

Celebrate Environmental Holidays

Engaging students and capturing their interest can also mean tapping into the delight that comes with classroom parties and special events that offer a break from the regular school routine. Hosting assemblies or organizing special events in honor of environmental holidays can pique students' interest and inspire them to take a greater interest in adopting sustainable habits.



A Program Geared for Sustainability

In an effort to provide school districts with more environmentally friendly transportation, the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean School Bus Program is providing \$5 billion over five years (2022-2026) to replace existing school buses with zero-emission and low-emission models.

The program prioritizes high-need, low-income, rural and tribal school districts. As an affordable, available energy source that provides fleets with a range of up to 400 miles on a single refuel, propane autogas is a viable option for each of these prioritized demographics.

In 2022, the EPA solicited rebate applications for \$1 billion for zero-emission and low-emission school bus rebates as the first funding opportunity. The \$1 billion paid for 2,350 electric school buses. The funding also awarded 109 low-emissions propane buses.

However, the same amount of money distributed for electric buses could have helped fund as many as 29,000 propane buses, assuming each bus received the \$30,000 incentive from the program.

The 2,350 diesel buses the grant replaced with electric will reduce nitrogen oxide emissions by 665 metric tons per year and carbon dioxide emissions by 36,870 metric tons. If the funds went toward the 29,000 propane buses to replace diesel, it would have reduced nearly 10 times the amount of nitrogen oxide emissions and three times the amount of carbon dioxide emissions.

This year, parents can start the conversation with their school transportation officials about clean propane buses so they'll be ready to apply when the time comes. Learn more about how parents can start the conversation at BetterOurBuses.com.

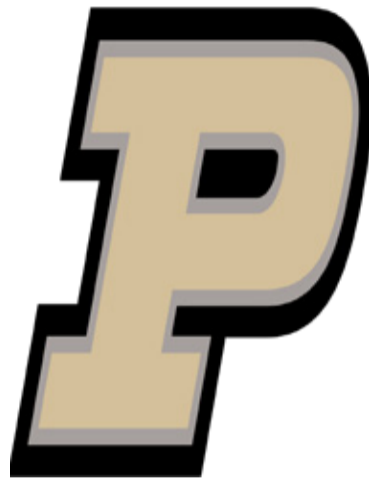
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Purdue University In Indianapolis' IAC Creates Significant Savings For Indiana Businesses



Energy cost is a major concern for industry. It may not be a stressor for manufacturing giants, which have the budget and personnel to handle their own energy assessments. But what about the small- and medium-sized business owners in Indiana who run the bakery down the street or your favorite local brewery?

Purdue University in Indianapolis professor Jie Chen, his colleagues and students at the university's Industrial Assessment Center are working to put Indiana small- to medium-sized business owners' minds at ease when it comes to energy expenditures.

Thanks to an ongoing grant from the U.S. Department of Energy, the IAC at Purdue University in Indianapolis has trained an energy efficiency workforce to perform over 170 energy audits on small- to medium-sized Indiana busi-

nesses since 2011. Under the leadership of engineering faculty with energy audit credentials, a team of highly skilled students conduct energy assessments, which result in comprehensive reports given to each manufacturer with recommendations for improving energy efficiency, reducing waste and increasing productivity. The reports provide energy efficiency recommendations, identify potential savings with detailed calculations, estimate implementation costs and compute payback times.

"Big companies have the capability to hire people strictly to work on energy, but many small to medium-sized enterprises don't have those resources," said Chen, IAC director and chair of mechanical and energy engineering at Purdue University in Indianapolis. "The small and medium-sized manufacturers and commercial buildings use a lot of energy, so the IAC outlines the opportunities for those Indiana businesses to save."

While each individual manufacturer determines what changes are implemented, the center's post-assessment surveys have determined the implementation rate of the recommendations has reached more than 50%, a mark that holds major significance in a small-business climate, where profit margins can be notoriously thin. Dating to the center's creation, recommen-

dations from the IAC team have accounted for a total of more than \$20 million in energy cost savings for Indiana businesses.

"The IAC team did a tremendous job with its energy assessment," said Mary Gordon, director of operations for Electro-Spec Inc. in Franklin, Indiana. "Dr. Chen and his students compiled a comprehensive report that was extremely helpful to our business in identifying ways for us to save both energy and money."

Ted Funk, Electro-Spec's facilities manager, said, "The IAC's ability to make creative and rational decisions on energy savings opportunities based on the data they examined was outstanding."

The decadelong impact of the IAC on small- to medium-sized Indiana enterprises was initially launched by \$1.3 million in DOE funding to establish the center. The IAC has earned two renewal awards since then and was recently granted \$100,000 per year over a four-year period to expand its energy assessments to include small- to medium-sized commercial buildings in a 150-mile radius around Indianapolis. Total funding for the center, which was recognized by the Department of Energy as the "exemplar" of the 37 such centers on college campuses across the country, is just shy of \$5 million.

10 Fast-Start Tips To Help Job Seekers Launch A Career, Get Noticed And Achieve Early Success

Recent college graduates preparing to enter the workforce as well as anyone returning to work following military service, child-rearing or a pandemic-related furlough will find an abundance of wisdom in Fast-Starting a Career of Consequence: Practical Christ-Centered Advice for Entering or Re-entering the Workforce, the new book from former president of New York Life Insurance Company Fred Sievert.

"I believe you have achieved a 'career of consequence' if you have identified your calling and your passion, you have identified your spiritual gifts, and you're using those in the workplace," Sievert said during a recent interview.

In the book, Sievert shares five biblical principles chosen to help individuals create a strong foundation for fulfillment in their careers. Then, he elaborates on 10 practical and proven strategies that individuals can implement immediately to gain visibility and early success as they enter the workforce for the first time, move to a new company or re-enter the workforce after a period of absence.

"The advice applies equally well to small or large corporations and to entrepreneurial ventures," he said, adding, "The book was inspired by a request for advice from my daughter on how to be identified as a high potential employee and advance her career as she languished in an entry-level position at her large global company. The advice proved to be very effective

as she was rapidly promoted into positions with greater levels of responsibility."

Chapters explore universal career-relevant topics such as: Demonstrating Commitment; Embracing the Company's Vision and Mission; Developing Cultural and Organizational Awareness; Understanding the Financial Underpinnings of the Business; Demonstrating Strategic Thinking Capability; Over-preparing for Every Meeting; Making Every Presentation a Command Performance; and Balancing Faith, Family and Career.

Sievert drew upon his unique combination of experiences as a Christian executive, a mentor and a college instructor to develop a book packed with practical Christ-centered advice for those wishing to add a spiritual dimension to career pursuits.

"During my career, and after, I mentored many young employees and executives — at least 10 of whom went on to become presidents or CEOs of their organizations," Sievert explained.

Ultimately, Sievert hopes to show others the value of nurturing a symbiotic relationship between faith and career.

"Since most of us will spend more than half of our waking hours at work, I really felt it was important to talk about ways in which you can bring and follow biblical principles in the workplace, and at the same time, get some really valuable business tips from a guy who's been there," he added.

Thanks for reading The Paper, Montgomery County!

PUBLIC NOTICES

Montgomery County Plan Commission Notice of Public Hearing Preliminary Plat

The Montgomery County Plan Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 26th, 2023, at 4:00 pm to consider a Preliminary Plat for Foxes Run Subdivision. The meeting will be held in the community room of the Montgomery County Government Center, 1580 Constitution Row, CRAWFORDSVILLE, IN 47933

Petitioner: Sugar Creek Property Group
Purpose of Request- Preliminary Plat
Location - 6000 N block of US Highway 231

The request is to hold a public hearing to consider the Preliminary Plat of Foxes Run Subdivision.

Citizens appearing at the public hearing will have an opportunity to provide comments concerning the proposed Plat. All interested citizens are encouraged to attend. The Montgomery County Plan Commission may continue the hearing from time to time as may be found necessary. Citizens may file written comments or objections with Marc Bonwell, 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933 (marc.bonwell@montgomerycounty.in.gov) prior to the public hearing. All such written comments or objections will be considered by the Plan Commission. A copy of the proposed Plat is on file and may be examined at the Montgomery County Building and Zoning Department office at 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933 (765-364-6490), office hours are 8:00-4:30 weekdays except holidays.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if anyone intending to attend the public hearing needs reasonable accommodation, please contact the Montgomery County Commissioners Office, 1580 Constitution Row Crawfordsville, IN 47933, 765-361-2623

This notice dated April 10th 2023
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Building/Zoning Administrator
Montgomery County, IN

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING To consider a Re-zone of Real Property in MONTGOMERY COUNTY

The Montgomery County Plan Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 26th, 2023, at 4:00 pm to consider a re-zone from Agricultural to Residential of a property in Montgomery County. The meeting will be held in the Community Room of the Montgomery County Government Center, 1580 Constitution Row, CRAWFORDSVILLE, IN 47933

Petitioner: Michael Langevin
2883 Shadows Run LN
Crawfordsville, IN 47933

Purpose of Request-

A request to re-zone three parcels of real property from Agricultural to Residential for the purpose of a Residential Subdivision.
Location: Parcel 54-10-18-300-010.001-025, 2800 S block of State Road 47

Parcel 54-10-18-300-010.011-025, 700 W block of County Road 300 S
Parcel 54-10-18-400-013.001-025, 400 W block of County Road 300 S

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Petitioner: GPE Inc.
Purpose of Request-

A request to re-zone a 7.8 acre parcel of real property from Agricultural to Residential for the purpose of a Minor Subdivision.
Location: 10250 E block of State Road 32
Parcel ID: 54-08-36-200-006.003-014

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Tackle goals with fitness-friendly tech gadgets

FAMILY FEATURES

Committing to getting fit and actually doing it aren't always one and the same but relying on tech devices can be an effective way to tackle your fitness goals.

From watches and phones to earbuds and virtual reality headsets, technology can make it easier to track your progress and create a more enjoyable workout experience. See how some of the latest technology is fueling new devices ideal for amping up your workouts this winter with these trendy ideas.

Find more inspiration to energize your fitness regimen at Qualcomm.com.



Music to Power Your Workout

Enjoy stereo-quality sound wherever your workout takes you with a state-of-the-art smartphone like the Motorola Edge+ Gen 2, powered by the Snapdragon 8 Gen 1 Mobile Platform. Giving you up to two full days of power, lightning-fast speeds and pro-quality features for doing more of what you love, this smartphone can provide music that motivates you regardless of your exercise style. When it's time to rest and recover, you can enjoy days of entertainment on a beautiful display that wraps around the edges.



Sound to Motivate More Movement

An energizing workout requires a soundtrack to get you pumped up and moving. Enhance your listening experience with LG Tone Free T90 wireless earbuds, which feature Dolby Head Tracking and Snapdragon Sound. These earbuds identify the location of sound as you turn your head, recalibrating to enable a more natural sound experience so you're always in the center of the scene. The speaker driver is made of a strong, lightweight material that delivers better overall audio clarity and reduced vibration so you can hear every sound come alive. Exceptional audio combines with superior connectivity for music, movies, crystal-clear voice calls, gaming and a low latency fit for aptX Adaptive compatible devices.



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If you're always on the go, a powerful smartphone is a smart way to get in a streamlined workout. An option like the OnePlus 10T 5G delivers on multiple levels. Driven by the powerful Snapdragon 8+ Gen 1 mobile platform, this is a phone built to evolve beyond speed. It has Qualcomm FastConnect 6900 for premium Wi-Fi connectivity and a Kryo CPU for unbeatable performance, ideal for multitaskers and power users. The charging system delivers a day's power in 10 minutes. What's more, the antenna system, featuring a total of 15 antennas, provides a 360-degree closed-loop system to avoid blind signal angles, while simple and textured visuals help you focus and move seamlessly between work, rest and play.



Play Your Way to Fitness

If your workout regimen needs an infusion of playful fun, the Meta Quest 2 virtual reality headset may be just the ticket. This VR headset is your ticket to the metaverse (and so much more), whether you're working out, gaming, meeting up with friends or going on a virtual field trip. Industry-leading graphics and immersive audio put you in the middle of the action. The portable device is ideal for workouts on the go, and you'll find a wide range of apps that let you work out amid stunning scenery, compete against friends and participate in challenges. The immersive experiences break up the monotony of a boring, basic workout, making exercise fun and playful.



Wellness You Can Watch

Powered by the Snapdragon 4100+ Wear Platform, the Fossil 6 Wellness Edition watch provides the speed, power and performance you need to efficiently track your health, all with extended battery life, Bluetooth 5.0 LE connectivity, rapid charging and more features to elevate your experience. The watch detects movement and starts a workout for you. In addition, not only does it allow you to monitor how hard your heart is working and provide estimated blood oxygen measurements so you can see how well your body is circulating oxygen, but it also measures your cardiorespiratory fitness, allowing you to track the amount of oxygen your body utilizes during exercise. In addition to keeping tabs on your active hours, the watch also helps you understand more about your sleep habits, including sleep quality and history, restfulness and progress against sleep goals.

Track Your Progress

Setting fitness goals starts with a plan and achieving them requires strong work ethic and, just as importantly, the ability to track progress so you can enjoy the success. The ultimate expression of ultra-portability and versatility, the Lenovo IdeaPad Duet 5 Chromebook is powered by the Snapdragon 7c Gen 2 Compute Platform. Slim and sleek, this 2-in-1 features a detachable keyboard to transform from a tablet to a laptop so you can keep an eye on your fitness goals whether you're working out at home or on the go, and 15 hours of battery life means you can enjoy usage from day to night.



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Sarah Vancleave Vancleave - #6 In The Saga

Have a special feeling for Sarah as she was born on my birthday 15 December in 1781 Shelby County, Kentucky and was, of course, a daughter of Benjamin Samuel and Ruth (Munson) Vancleave. On 11 August 1802, she married her first cousin, John Benjamin Brent VanCleave son of Aaron and Rachel (Brent), who was one of 11. He passed fairly young 1825 in Kentucky, leaving Sarah with six children, the youngest but a year old and oldest 23. It is assumed that John was buried on their property in Shelby County, but Sarah does have a nice stone in



KAREN ZACH
Around The County

daughters and three sons. Louisa, their first child, born 13 Dec 1802 Washington County, Kentucky married Moses Burks (1802-1875 buried Darr Cemetery in Parke County). Louisa lived to be 95, passing 14 Dec 1897 the day after her birthday in Morton (Putnam County) from pneumonia. Children: Sarah Ann; John F; Elizabeth; Nancy; James Allen; Louisa Jane; Margery; William; and Moses Rice (photo on FindAGrave - quite handsome - he was a farmer, stock raiser, maple syrup evaporator, was a strong Union man during the war, married Martha Clark and they had one son Jesse who farmed with his father). James Allen was a minister and lived in Piatt County, Ill. He and his wife, Mary Ann Hughes had no children. William made it through the Civil War but died after because of health problems from exposure. Elizabeth married Jonathan Stalker. They

moved to Vermilion County, Illinois. They had one daughter and eight sons, he in a first marriage had one son who died at age 2. Charles died young as well. Although Stalker is a fairly common name in Parke County, don't believe any of this batch stayed there but went on to Illinois, Iowa, and Kansas.

Sarah Ann above married Robert Barnaby in Parke County 26 July 1840 and he likely passed away before the 1850 census when she is with her mother who left her beloved family the very next year. Sarah Ann had four Barnaby children, John and Sarah (nothing on these two); Marcus (skipped the area in 1866 leaving a three-year apprenticeship with George Overpeck, his employer) was a railroad man passing away in PA in 1916 and Jennie who died in her mid-20s.

William was born in Kentucky about 1805 and was with his mother in the 1850 census at age 44. I found nothing else on him and little on his brother, Allen, 41, who was also with her, both single and farming. In the 1860 and 70 census, Allen is living with the Burks' as a farm laborer.

Nancy Vancleave born about 1807 daughter of John Benjamin Brent Vancleave and Sarah Vancleave seemed to be lost to about all, but I was pretty excited that I finally found her through the Parke County GenWeb page - Nancy was passed

as well, listing her children as heirs of Sarah. I combed about 30 Ancestry families and checked about that many more ideas I had and nothing. I had that (from Allan Wenzel's amazing Vancleave series - thanks Phil) married Edward Payne 19 Jan 1825 in Washington County, Kentucky. Well, that's close, folks, but it was Edward Wayne - they are in the 1830 Washington County census along with several other Wayne families that I'm not planning to research at this point anyway, but sure they are relation. Their oldest two children are listed (John S age 24 in the Oct 1853 probate and Sophronia, 21) and the other children were: Sarah Eliza (whom I think may have married an older man, Claiborn Robinson and lived in Taylor County Kentucky as their children reflect Edward and Nannie. That'd take much more time to check out but it seems pretty suspicious as her birth is perfect (she's 20 in the 1853 Parke County probate and this gal was born 11 Nov 1833). Nancy's other children were Emily and Lucinda. Again, at least this Wayne info could help someone really crack this side of the family and poor Nancy won't be left empty in the family trees.

John Benjamin was a baby when his father passed away in quite a crazy way. John Brent was using a maul to cut trees and it flew off the handle, hitting him in his stomach and

chest. Sarah was amazing, continuing to raise their family, never remarrying. As far as I know, John did not carry the Brent part of his father's name but would stand to reason if so. On June 17, 1849, John Benjamin married Charity Stalker (daughter of George and Mary (Turner) in Parke County). They are on the 1850 census with little baby Mary Ellen, age 2 months old. Sadly she passed away at the age of 17. Then a repeat happened. Their son, John Burdit (Brent?) Vancleave was born a month after his father died and Charity raised him. Charity did remarry Samuel Cox and they went to Pottawatomie, Iowa where John Burdit grew to adulthood. He married Susan Clara Selvy and they had (as far as I've found anyway) one daughter, Chloe Adeline who married Joe Frazier and they had two sons (Gerald and Edgar) and a daughter (Gladys).

Well, Sarah Vancleave Vancleave you led me on a merry chase, but at least have you a bit more compacted, now. Rest In Peace to both you, your husband, children ... and beyond!

Karen Zach is the editor of Montgomery Memories, our monthly magazine all about Montgomery County. Her column, Around the County, appears each Thursday in The Paper of Montgomery County. You can reach her at karen.zach@sbcglobal.net.



Parke County at Union Cemetery (thanks to Patricia Stout Raether for the very nice photo on FAGrave). A few years after John's death, Sarah came up our way with some (actually, I think all) of her children. Speaking of which, John Brent as he was usually called and Sarah parented three

Many New Homes...But One Thing Is Missing...



BUTCH DALE
Columnist

As I drive around the county, I see many new homes that have been built in the last few years...not just near the edge of Crawfordsville, but also out in the country. Not near as many as have been built in Tippecanoe County, but when I look at all of that county's problems...increased crime, traffic congestion, crowded stores and restaurants...I am

grateful that we are not like them. There are many new subdivisions around Lafayette. The majority of the homes all look alike...same color and same design...I assume to save money on construction costs for the developer. How sad...

There is one thing that is missing from almost all new homes today...a front porch. Do you remember those? Perhaps the front porch has gone the way of the ice cream soda shop and small hometown schools. A few older homes still have front porches, but by and large they are rare. The farmhouse in which I grew up had one, as did a majority of the houses in Darlington. We had a couple of "tulip" metal chairs on our porch, along with a swing that Dad built and hung from the porch ceiling. At the end of a summer day, we could sit and watch the cars go by on County Road 400 North, read the paper,

smell the new mown hay, view the sunset, listen to the crickets, and look up at the stars. During many afternoons, my folks could watch my brother and me, and neighbor kids, play baseball and golf...or my sister practice her cheerleading cartwheels in the front pasture, as they drank lemonade and cranked the handle of the homemade ice cream maker.

On the porches in town, people visited each other and caught up on the latest news and yes...the latest gossip. They sipped iced tea, discussed politics and local sports, listened to dogs barking in the distance, and watched kids ride by on their bikes. When Mom and Dad moved to town and purchased their first house in the mid-1960s, they made sure it had a front porch. And Dad brought his homemade swing and metal garden chairs from the farm.

So what happened? Our

society today has become more private...mainly due to technology...television, computers, and video games. People communicate through Facebook, E-mail, and texts much more so than person-to-person. Several new homes have fences to separate each from their neighbors. Some neighbors never even meet each other, let alone stop and chat. And in many backyards, homeowners have erected decks and patios and swimming pools and hot tubs...their own private little kingdom. And let's not forget the ultimate private "convenience," gated communities with private security. People leave their residence in the morning, work all day, and return through their automatic garage door or locked gates...never seeing their neighbors. In the evening, people are sitting in front of the TV or computer...or staring at their

phone, not sitting on their front porch. For those people who live in a crowded city and have a front porch, they can't stand the noise from the constant traffic.

We live in a fast paced world in high tech times. Family members and neighbors used to congregate on the front porch. Couples held hands and kissed. Kids would stop and say "Hi." The neighbor's dog would saunter up and beg for a treat or a pat on the head. People could read, or just sit and enjoy the quietness and solitude at the end of the day. Porches were everything that today isn't. I miss them, don't you?

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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Bouncing Around Like A Pinball . . .



TIM TIMMONS
Two Cents

Scattershooting while wondering what a jam session with John Lee Hooker, Muddy Waters, T-Bone Walker and Big Bill Broonzy might sound like . . .

A SPECIAL thanks to County Clerk Karyn Douglas for not making this reporter feel like the idiot he is when he asked a question about early voting for the primary. Karyn kindly reminded me that without contest races

there's no primary. There will be a General Election in the fall though. If we have a nicer elected official in the county, I'm not sure who it is.

A LOT OF you have asked about our friends over at the Journal-Review – and the recent news about them both selling their damaged building and dropping their Monday edition. Truth to tell, they didn't consult with us. So I can't share with you what they are doing to compensate subscribers who paid more than \$160 for six days and are now getting five. I also don't know if the new owners of the building are going to repair the wall that fell in or what. All I do know is that The Paper of Montgomery County is the only media entity that offers seven editions a week – and those seven will cost less than \$35 for the remainder of this year!

Just saying.

OH, ONE more note on the

other guys . . . they continue to say the Journal-Review has served the community since 1841. They just never mention the fact that there was no such thing as the Journal-Review in 1841. According to the good folks at Wikipedia, the current Journal-Review “was founded in 1929 as an independent daily from the merger of the Journal and the Review.” The connection to 1841 probably refers to the beginning of The New Review, a paper that later became the Crawfordsville Review. It competed against the Daily Argus until those papers merged in 1900 and became the Daily News-Review. Around 1886 the Daily Dispatch was founded. It looks like it merged with the Daily Journal and a few decades later, in 1929, Foster Fudge became the owner of the Crawfordsville Journal and Review.

Not to be a stickler, but hey, facts are facts.

AS MY PAL Honest

Hoosier might say, here's a big tip of the seed corn cap to Shannon Hudson for the series she put together on the history of the Lincoln School for Colored Children. It is great to know the history of such an important part of Montgomery County's past. Thank YOU, Shannon!

DID YOU HEAR that some automakers have stopped putting radios that get AM stations in their cars. A news clip I read said that AM radio is going the way of 8-tracks, cassettes and CDs in automobiles.

SORRY TO dip into the sports world, but count me as definitely not one of the fans of the pitch clock in baseball. For those who aren't into baseball, the pros have decided that games take too long and have instituted a clock to force pitcher and batter to speed things up. I get the idea that younger generations don't have much patience,

but the “timeless” aspect is part of what makes baseball, well, baseball. After family and faith, there are few things better than sitting in the warm sun under a gorgeous blue sky and watching a baseball game. Why does everything have to change?

SOME FOLKS asked where I came up with “scattershooting” that occasionally leads these rambles. Well, I didn't. The late great Robert Joseph Collins used that in some of his columns in the Indianapolis Star – the Star back when it was a great newspaper and part of the Pulliam family. I use the phrase today in tribute to one of Hoosierland's all-time great sports editors.

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Ask Rusty – What Can I Earn In My First Year Collecting Social Security?

Dear Rusty: My 62nd birthday is in late August of this year. I would like to start collecting Social Security, but after reading about the need to keep my earnings less than \$21,240 in the first year it doesn't seem fair to those who have birthdays later in the year. I will have earned a lot by the end of August. Or am I missing the part where the year starts from the day you retire? Or is it a fiscal year? Please elaborate? Signed: Looking Ahead

Dear Looking Ahead: Born in late August, your first month of eligibility for Social Security will be September (you must be 62 for an entire month

to be eligible for SS benefits). If you start your benefits in September, for the months of September through December 2023 you'll have a monthly earnings limit of \$1,770. If you exceed that limit in any of those 4 months, you won't be eligible for SS benefits in any month that the \$1770 monthly limit is exceeded. If you exceed the monthly limit in all of those months, you won't be entitled to any benefits in 2023, unless using the annual earnings limit formula to determine your penalty would result in a lesser amount.

The penalty for exceeding the annual limit is \$1 for every \$2 you are over the 2023 limit and, if using that formula



ASK RUSTY
Social Security Advisor

yields a penalty which is less than for exceeding the 2023 monthly limit for September – December, they will use the annual limit instead of the monthly limit to compute your penalty. Thus, your annual earnings earned before September will only count if using the annual limit will result

Social Security Matters by AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor Russell Gloor

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in less of a penalty than using the monthly limit for the months after your benefits start. If you plan to retire from working before September, then there will be no penalty for exceeding the annual earnings limit prior to that, but if you continue to work full time there will likely be a penalty

which will cause Social Security to take away some of your benefits.

Starting in 2024, only the annual earnings limit (which will be a bit more than the 2023 annual limit) will apply to you. Generally, if you continue working full time and will significantly exceed the annual earnings

limit, it may be wise to reconsider claiming your Social Security until your income is below or closer to the annual limit each year, or until you reach your full retirement age after which the earnings limit no longer applies. And if you do claim early and exceed the earnings limit, and if you have benefits taken away for some number of months to satisfy the penalty, you'll get time-credit for those months after you reach your full retirement age. That credit will, essentially, move your claim date forward by the number of months you didn't get SS benefits, increasing your benefit amount accordingly after your full retirement age.

Thanks, Mr. Quimby



BUTCH DALE
Columnist

The principal of a small school has to wear many hats. In addition to being in charge of the building and the safety of the students, the principal also coordinates the work of the faculty, establishes a schedule of classes, helps in the hiring of new teachers, administers discipline, coordinates all expenditures, acts as athletic director, and performs hundreds of other tasks. And when an after school activity or sporting event takes place, the principal is there to supervise.

Randell Quimby became Darlington's principal in the fall of 1963 when I started my sophomore year. On the first day, we assembled in the gym, teachers passed out student handbooks, and Mr. Quimby explained the new written rules to a somewhat surprised student body. Handbook? Rules? Guidelines for behavior? This did not sound like it was going to be a "fun year" at school! Mr. Quimby had high expectations for everyone, and he let us know that errant behavior was not going to be tolerated.

Back in those days, 99 per cent of the parents backed the principal in his decisions. Discipline problems were rare, but there were always a few students who had to learn the hard way... as they headed up to the office for a paddling. I got along very well with Mr. Quimby. I did not agree with all of his rules, but at that age, I thought I knew everything...like every other teenager...right? However, during my senior



Randell Quimby

year, as student body president, I got drafted into presenting a petition to him...signed by almost every student, which questioned his rule about a high school student inviting a junior high student to a high school dance. Suffice it to say, this did not go over very well at all, and I was taken to his office, where he informed me that such petitions would not be tolerated. The next day, Mr. Quimby found out that I had nothing to do with starting the petition, and that the students only had me read it to him as their representative...so I was out of hot water! I graduated in the spring of 1966, got married that fall, and began my studies at Purdue. And just a few years later, Supt. Eual McCauley hired me to teach and coach at good ol' Darlington school!

Mr. Quimby was still the principal, and he was the one in charge. I discovered that it was GOOD to have rules and expectations of behavior for students. Without rules and discipline, there is no education. I also found out that Mr. Quimby had hundreds of other duties that I had never imagined before. A principal cannot let the students run the school. He cannot let the parents run the school. He cannot let the teachers run the school. Yes, he must listen to others, but the principal is ultimately responsible and must make the final decisions. Mr. Quimby was not all business. He did have sense of humor, and enjoyed a good joke or funny story just like everyone

else. As a member of the PTO, he also helped raise money for new equipment. He participated in skits at pep sessions to encourage support for the athletic teams, and he helped supervise hundreds of extracurricular activities.

Mr. Quimby served 22 years as principal at Darlington, and after retirement he continued to serve his church and the community in many ways. When I was elected Sheriff in 1994, Mr. Quimby's formula for administration held true. The Sheriff is the one responsible for law enforcement in the county. He must make the final decisions...sometimes life or death decisions. The Sheriff cannot let the deputies, politicians, or the public run the department.

In 2016 I invited Mr. Quimby to my 50th high school class reunion. He had suffered a stroke and had some other health issues, but he showed up to see everyone, and he received a large applause as I introduced him as the longest serving principal in Darlington history. I told everyone that I was surprised that me did not go crazy during all of those years. Mr. Quimby laughed, and he agreed it was pretty nerve wrenching at times!

School principals work long hours. Administrator, ambassador, diplomat, master statesman...the headaches are many...the rewards are few. Sadly, Randell Quimby passed away in the fall of 2018. And one last thing. Even after he had retired, I could never get used to calling him "Randy" during all of those years. I always called him "Mr. Quimby." Thank you, Mr. Quimby...the principal.

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Walking Into Our Memories



RANDALL FRANKS
Southern Style Columnist

Our lives intertwine with friends and family. We choose the friends, sometimes by geographical vicinity, sometimes by group participation, and sometimes by career.

Sometimes having friends is by trial and error. Relationships can offer an uplifting experience or sometimes make a toxic mix within our lives. Thus the trial and error.

Family relationships add the same opportunities for a great lifetime experience or a mixture of misery over time.

There is an old saying "You can choose your friends but you can't choose your family."

One of the greatest commonalities we share with family though is we often love and share in the lives of people who have invested or simply

been present in our lives. Grandparents, uncles, aunts, parents or other relatives who in some way made a positive impact.

Once those folks are called to their heavenly home, our family members are usually the only ones with which we can generally share memories of those gone loved ones.

Although memories of many of my loved ones run through my thoughts and dreams, seldom may I sit down and recall a specific time, place or memory with someone unless its a family member.

I recently was able to do that and it was such an uplifting experience to smile or laugh over those missed. To share in the places, people and experiences who shaped our lives, for me it left me life in a better place. I know however there are those out there for whom such would carry them in the opposite direction. The key to a successful and happy life beyond sustaining a growing relationship with Jesus Christ, is to building a life without toxic relationships.

Allow people into your life whether friend or

family based on whether their presence adds to your existence. I don't mean financially, I mean emotionally. There are a lot of folks who bring a lot of excess baggage along with them.

Now, choosing this path does not mean you will not find loneliness in your existence. Many times we give up on some of the fun, to avoid being in the midst of some misery.

We choose what makes up our lives. If you want a happier life, gravitate towards positive people who add to your days. If you want happier memories to walk within, share them with those who can make them bring a smile.

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A Postman “Carries The Mail” For Religious Liberty: Groff v. LeJoy

By John A. Sparks

In January 2019, Gerald Groff left the Holtwood Post Office in the small rural community of Holtwood, Pennsylvania, located in Lancaster County. When he left, he figured it was likely for good. He resigned his mail carrier position there because he knew that he was inching closer and closer to being fired. He had already endured various steps of the Post Office’s progressive discipline. What drove him to leave the USPS was its failure to accommodate his sincerely held religious convictions.

Groff understood Sunday to be a day that he was to be free from work. He believed Sunday should be devoted to the worship of God and to rest as set out in the Fourth Commandment. He was willing to work hard for the rest of the week, to take others’ shifts, to be as flexible as possible to avoid Sunday work assignments. Nevertheless, USPS called him to work on Sundays to fulfill a new contract it had made with Amazon to deliver its packages to the 3,000-plus people served by the Holtwood rural post office.

After resigning, Groff brought a lawsuit asserting his right to practice his Sunday religious observance free from the threat of dismissal. He lost in a federal district court and then lost again on appeal to the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. Instead of delivering mail along the Susquehanna River in Lancaster County, he now finds himself on One First Street, Washington, DC—the home of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Groff’s case is based upon a federal civil rights statute, not a constitutional provision. It is easy to forget that the freedom to engage in the exercise of religion is also protected by federal statutes, which although they may be repealed by subsequent acts of Congress, nevertheless are part of the protections which Americans enjoy.

It is one of those federal statutes—the Civil Rights Act of 1964—on which Gerald Groff is relying in his case. What does the Civil Rights Act say about employment and religious freedom?

Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 is best known for prohibiting discrimination in employment based upon race or sex. However, it contains other language preventing employers from discriminating against workers because of their “religion,” including their religious practices and observances. In order to give the protection of religion “real teeth,” Congress, in 1972, added the requirement that employers must “reasonably accommodate” the religious practices of employees as long as those accommodations do not impose “undue hardship on the conduct of an employer’s business.” That language seemed to

give strong protection to religiously conscientious employees.

However, soon after the 1972 amendment, the Supreme Court in *Trans World Airlines, Inc., v. Hardison* (1977) interpreted “undue hardship” to mean any cost which the accommodation imposed upon the employer, beyond the most minimal (*de minimis*) of costs. This interpretation, often referred to as the “*de minimis*” rule, effectively judicially rewrote the statutory language. Employers had only to show that their costs of accommodation slightly exceeded minimal costs to be regarded by the courts as having met their duty under Title VII. Naturally, some federal courts across the country and employers that were ideologically inclined to minimize the duty to accommodate religious practices readily adopted the language of *Hardison*. *Hardison* became “established” law in these cases.

Groff is maintaining that the current court ought to revisit and reject the wrongful interpretation of “undue hardship” that the *Hardison* court espoused and which the lower court in the Groff case used to find against him. What are Groff’s arguments and how should the Supreme Court, as currently constituted, regard them?

Plainly put, *Hardison* ignored the plain text of Title VII. Congress amended the act in 1972 to require employers to take employee requests for religious accommodation seriously by using language in the amendment that was uncompromisingly clear and direct. Employers could only avoid adjusting for accommodations if the changes produced “hardship” on the employer’s conduct of his business. “Hardship” usually means that something is very hard to bear. Hardship means the employers business would face high costs due to the accommodations. If one adds to that, as Congress did, the word “undue,” the meaning is even stronger. “Undue” means “excessive.” Putting both together, the accommodation required by the employee request had to produce a significant, costly, jarring impact on the employer’s conduct of his business for him to avoid the accommodation. The *Hardison* majority instead opined that if the employer’s business conduct was affected by a little more than a small amount (*de minimis*), then such constituted “undue hardship.” The *de minimis* language is very nearly the exact opposite of the congressional language of “undue hardship.”

Moreover, the dissenters in *Hardison*, Justices Marshall and Brennan, immediately and correctly complained that the “*de minimis* test” of the majority “makes a mockery” of Title VII. It effectively “nullifies”

the intention of Congress to provide a workplace free from terminations due to discrimination against observant believers. Marshall stated that the majority in *Hardison* “adopts the very position that Congress expressly rejected in 1972 as if we were free to disregard congressional choices that a majority of this Court thinks unwise.” That statement, coming from two of the most liberal justices of the court when it comes to interpretation, tells the whole story.

Both the Supreme Court in *Hardison* and the lower courts in Groff, were not faithful to the rest of the language of Title VII. Not only did they effectively gut the meaning of “undue hardship,” they ignored other key words in the statute which say that only if the “conduct of the business” of the employer is in jeopardy does an accommodation become too costly. The court majority in *Hardison*, followed by the lower courts in Groff, focused instead on the fact that granting religious accommodation to one employee sometimes meant that an increased burden was placed on other employees.

Co-workers, for example, had to substitute for the spot left open by the accommodated employee. However, Marshall in his *Hardison* dissent stated that employee discontent should not be the focus of attention: “But if an accommodation can be rejected simply because it involves preferential treatment, then the statutes, while brimming with ‘sound and fury,’ ultimately ‘signify nothing.’” Title VII clearly says the court is only to look at the threat to the “conduct of the business” posed by the accommodation. If business conduct is substantially disrupted, then the accommodation has gone too far. But co-workers complaining about the effects of the accommodation on their own work schedules were not intended by the 1972 amendment to negate reasonable accommodation.

The court should revisit and reject *Hardison*. It should return to the actual accommodations language made law by Congress in the 1972 amendment, which calls upon employers to make a substantial effort to protect their religiously observant employees. Exercising one’s faith should not be a ticket to unemployment or unfair treatment. Mail deliverer Gerald Groff should be able to worship and rest on the Christian Sabbath without losing his job.

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You Have A Lot To Do



GLENN MOLLETTE
Guest Columnist

going to be involved. Don’t look for your taxes to become less. Oh, dear Lord, how much more can we afford?

If you have any money left after April 18th you should make plans for Mother’s Day, graduation day, and Memorial Day. This is a lot to think about. Don’t forget mom. I wish my mother were alive so I could take her flowers and buy her dinner. The years pass and we miss our opportunities. Make plans now to celebrate the special moms you may have left.

You may have a children or grandchild graduating this May. Think about how you might mentor and encourage this special person. It’s not always about money. Maybe you could find a way to spend an hour talking and sharing life experiences. Convey love. Brag about their accomplishments. Let them know that you believe they have a great future. Cast a great dream for them that they can have a great life with some work and focused discipline. Let them know you believe in them. Love goes a long way in shaping the lives of our children, grandchildren, and even our acquaintances.

After this is Memorial Day. Too often we are scrambling the last weekend in May to

arrange flowers for the cemetery. Start your plan now. Which graves must be visited and decorated? Budget what you can spend on flowers. Sometimes you can save money buying the flowers and making your own grave decoration. The thought is what counts. You are doing this out of respect and love for what the deceased meant to you and because it’s important to remember them.

On this very important day we take the time to remember the soldiers who gave their lives so that we can have the freedom to enjoy all we do in America. They paid the ultimate price for our freedom. Plan on visiting the grave of at least one man or woman who died in service for our country.

You have plenty to do in the weeks ahead. Make a plan, pace yourself and good luck!

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Celebrating Earth Day And Investing In Our Planet



JULIA WICKARD
Guest Columnist

As we celebrate Earth Day today, let's take a moment to commemorate the contributions of Indiana farmers to providing the food, fiber and fuel security of the United States.

This year's theme is Investing in Our Planet, and every day, the Farm Service Agency (FSA) works alongside producers to invest in the land. Agriculture has come a long way over the past 161 years when President Abraham Lincoln first created the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). In those days, 90% of Americans lived in the countryside. Now just 17% of us live in rural areas, with less than 1% as farmers, and one-tenth of that growing 80% of the food, fiber and feed that we consume and export. Yet we

still grow plenty for our country, with enough left over to sell overseas.

Lincoln said that the best thing about the future is that it comes one day at a time. Similarly, each day, the work of an individual farmer combines into the achievements of generations and the strength of this nation. That spirit of cooperation finds its roots in the ethics of our immigrant ancestors, the earliest pioneers whose teamwork was the very essence of survival in the vast stretches of the American landscape.

Agriculture still depends on cooperation and consensus. At USDA, we work with thousands of farmers and rural communities every day, knowing that there is no limit to the economic potential of rural America. USDA invests in programs that provide farmers with access to credit, a strong farm safety net, and promote new markets for farm products, and carry out record soil and water conservation efforts.

USDA invests billions nationwide to help agricultural producers make conservation improvements on the land. Over

the last several years, these improvements have lowered greenhouse gas emissions by the equivalent of 30 million metric tons per year of carbon dioxide – the same equivalent of taking 6 million cars off the road.

In 2023 and beyond, we will continue to build on this investment to support our producers who serve as the engine of our rural economy and who provide a safe, affordable and nutritious food supply for Hoosier families.

So, this is USDA's promise to you – you can count on us to work each day to engineer the strongest agriculture policies possible for your generation, policies rooted in common sense principles commonplace in rural America, so that when your grandchildren celebrate Earth Day years from now, they'll look back and remember that their strong rural economy began with you.

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Building Community One Sheep And Two Wood At A Time

By Jason Edwards

That America's social fabric is frayed hardly needs further documentation. Likewise, that the historic strength of the American family has dramatically waned is obvious to all who care to look. The reasons for these declines are legion while countervailing trends are hard to find. Simply put, America has been "bowling alone" for decades and few elements of American life remain that attract multi-generational interaction or that encourage direct communal contact. In a rare exception to this rule, for several decades now pieces of cardboard have bucked these larger depressing tendencies and have brought people, families, and generations together around a table. Sadly, this week, the world says goodbye to the man arguably most responsible for popularizing this rare but encouraging countertrend.

After a "brief and severe illness," Klaus Teuber passed away at the age of 70 on April 1, 2023. Though originally working for his father at the family's dental laboratory, Teuber would attain near worldwide prominence for creating in 1995 Die Siedler von Catan, the boardgame that launched the modern board gaming movement. Known originally as The Settlers of Catan and then just Catan in the United States, Teuber's creation put the German style of boardgames on the cultural map of Europe, the United States, and eventually much of the world.

Though boardgames have a surprisingly long and seemingly universal place in the history of mankind—consider the likes and age of The Royal Game of Ur, Go, and Chess—most Americans today still tend to think of them as little more than children's toys. America's most popular game Monop-

oly has remained in print since the Great Depression but is rarely remembered with much fondness and almost never brings multiple generations enthusiastically around a table to play. On the other hand, though perhaps still not considered quite mainstream, modern "Eurogames" that emerged in Germany after World War II have displayed the ability to attract a far wider audience and to consistently provide a reason for people to eagerly gather together. The game that has popularized these games to the masses more than any other in contemporary times has been Klaus Teuber's Catan.

Upon publication of Catan in 1995, Teuber was conferred for the fourth time the coveted Spiel des Jahres award—the German board game of the year. However, despite his previous successes, Catan quickly proved to be something fundamentally different. Catan went on to be published in over 40 languages and to sell over 40 million copies worldwide. The highest-selling Eurogame of all time, nearly 30 years later, Catan continues to be played in homes and colleges across the continents and has spawned numerous spin-offs, expansions, memorabilia, tournaments, novels, and films. More importantly though, it brought the German's longstanding love of board games to the broader world and launched the modern board gaming phenomenon—a godsend for its ability to buck the divisive social patterns of the late 20th and early 21st centuries.

As both an official board game aficionado and an academic, the temptation is now great to launch into a pretentious analysis and defense of modern Eurogames, noting along the way board games' effectiveness in teaching "executive function,"

their historic usefulness in instilling morality, and their proven record in developing "social capital." However, I think the best tribute I can offer to Teuber and the hobby he popularized is instead to offer a more personal account.

Over a decade ago, as a relatively new father, I discussed with my wife what we could do as a family with our young son. We did not want to waste these years gathered around glowing screens, but living in Western Pennsylvania meant that for much of the year outdoor activities would frequently be limited. We thought of board games, but the thought of hours playing Candyland or UNO filled our minds with dread. So instead, I dusted off a heretofore ignored gift from my in-laws and finally learned to play the rather odd-looking and sounding The Settlers of Catan.

Eleven years later, we have never looked back as the gigantic world of modern board games opened before us. Eleven years later, we have now spent countless hours enjoying the company of two sons, our extended family, and hosts of college students and new friends around our table, all facilitated by modern board games. And, though I cannot tell you that Teuber's masterpiece represents the bulk of the hours played, I can say that the bulk of the games that account for these hours would not have existed if Klaus Teuber had not created the world of Catan.

And so, for that, from one father to another, from one family to another, I offer my sincerest thanks.

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Indiana Humanities To Host New Statewide Film Tour

Indiana Humanities will host a six-city tour of *Liminal: Indiana in the Anthropocene*, a new work by Hoosier filmmakers. *Liminal* is a meditative, aerial look at our state as an example of the geologic period known as the Anthropocene — the time during which humans have had a substantial impact on our planet.

The tour is part of the Unearthed initiative, Indiana Humanities' multiyear environmental theme that asks Hoosiers to consider how we affect the environment and how the environment affects us.

"We're looking forward to bringing this film to communities across the state and creating an opportunity for Hoosiers to think about and discuss our impact on the environment," said Megan Telligman, director of programs at Indiana Humanities. "We hope the film sparks conversations about the legacy we humans will leave behind."

Created by Hoosier filmmakers Zach Schrank and Aaron Yoder, *Liminal* was filmed entirely with drone cameras by Indiana Aerials and is accompanied by an original score written by Grammy-nominated Fort Wayne composer Nate Utesch of Metavari.

Zach Schrank is a ninth generation Hoosier, sociology professor and director of the Center for a Sustainable Future at Indiana University South Bend. He teaches social theory, consumer society and environmental sociology courses. In 2020, he co-directed the documentary *Big Enough, Small Enough: South Bend in Transition*, which is available for streaming through Hoodox, a platform featuring exclusively nonfiction, Indiana-based films.

Aaron Yoder is a South Bend, Indiana, native with passions for aviation, technology and photography. He founded Indiana Aerials in early 2017 as a drone service provider in northern Indiana and to foster the growth of aerial data capture techniques.

The evolution of Metavari's work in electronic music has defined the career of Fort Wayne, Indiana, composer Nate Utesch. The musician and Grammy-nominated art director (Smashing Pumpkins, Phoebe Bridgers, Weezer, Sharon Van Etten, etc.) has led the band for over a decade. Metavari is best known for their career-defining Record Store Day titles on the famed Belgian label One Way Static Records; the synth-heavy

reimagining of Fritz Lang's *Metropolis*, and *ABSURDA*, the pioneering collection of music for the short films of David Lynch.

Screenings are free and open to the public. While advance registration is requested, a ticket does not guarantee a seat. Seats are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Doors will open 30 minutes prior to start time.

This film is recommended for viewers over the age of 12

Film dates, locations and registration links are as follows:

Saturday, April 22 | 6:30 pm Eastern
St. Joseph County Public Library, 304 S. Main St., South Bend, IN 46601

Features live performance of film's score by Metavari
RSVP: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/liminal-film-tour-st-joseph-county-public-library-south-bend-tickets-533937420197>

Friday, April 28 | 7 pm Eastern
Fort Wayne Cinema Center, 437 E. Berry St., #1, Fort Wayne, IN 46802

Features live performance of film's score by Metavari

RSVP: <https://prod1.agileticketing.net/websales/pages/info.aspx?eventinfo=372390~0bb24c4e-68fc-4134-93d8-632f7693ab64&ep-guid=d0a3bbee-03b5-4ee4-a280-5a57d364756e>

Wednesday, May 3 | 7 pm Eastern
Richard E. Peeler Art Center, DePauw University, 10 W. Hanna St., Greencastle, IN 46135

Features live performance of film's score by Metavari

RSVP: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/liminal-film-tour-depauw-university-greencastle-tickets-600588896557>

Tuesday, April 25 | 7:30 pm Eastern
Kan-Kan Cinema and Brasserie, 1258 Windsor St., Indianapolis, IN 46201

RSVP: <https://www.goevent.com/Kan-KanCinemaandBrasserie/e/LIMINAL>

Thursday, June 29 | 5:30 pm Central
Historic New Harmony Athenaeum, 401 Arthur St., New Harmony, IN 47631

Features live performance of film's score by Metavari

RSVP: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/liminal-film-tour-historic-new-harmony-atheneum-tickets-53392985757>

To view the film trailer, visit <http://liminalmovie.com>.

Traverse City Shares National Spotlight With New Pure Michigan Campaign

A new national television campaign that promotes Michigan as a prime travel destination will add a Traverse City focus next week.

The new "Keep It Fresh" campaign by Pure Michigan started airing late last month around the country. The ads beckon travelers to Michigan's beaches, cultural events and a wide range of activities. A new Traverse City commercial will join the national campaign Monday. The ad focuses on the freshwater coastline, Sleeping Bear Dunes, golf and the panoramic beauty of the region. The national campaign includes a cross-section of television, digital, print, radio, and social media.

Pure Michigan became a leader in destination marketing by first launching an ad campaign in 2006. Today, Pure Michigan is one of the most recognized travel brands in the country.

"Keep It Fresh reflects the vibrancy and fun of Traverse City," said Traverse City Tourism President, Trevor Tkach (Tah-koch). "By partnering with Pure Michigan on this campaign we are able to introduce

the region to travelers who respect and value the magnificent natural resources that are available."

Michigan native, Tim Allen, continues his role as narrator of the ads, but for the first time the campaign introduces Detroit poet Jessica Care Moore as a second voice in the commercials.

"Travel is one of the best ways to gain fresh perspective and expand your thinking," said Travel Michigan Vice President, Dave Lorenz. "The 'Keep It Fresh' campaign is an invitation to experience something different and feel renewed in Pure Michigan."

In addition to a national television audience, targeted regional campaigns will include Atlanta, Chicago, Milwaukee, Minneapolis and other locations.

The new Traverse City ad is available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EnV-FukZiDk8&t=30s>. Get more information about Traverse City at: <http://www.traversecity.com/>. Pure Michigan travel information is available at <http://www.michigan.org/>.

Spring Mill To Host Village Wine Tasting Experience

Spring Mill State Park will host its first Village Wine Tasting Experience on April 29 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. in its Pioneer Village near Mitchell in southern Indiana.

Four wineries will offer drinks at the event: French Lick Winery, Hunters Ridge Winery from Salem, Carousel Winery from Mitchell, and Monkey Hollow Winery from St. Meinrad. Products from the wineries will be available for cash purchase.

In addition to the wine tasting, there will be appetizers, music, interpretive programs, photo opportunities, and other activities.

Advance registration is required and can be made by stopping by the Spring Mill office or calling 812-849-3534 between 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. daily. Cost is \$20, and payment must be made at the time of registration.

The park entrance fee of

\$7 for in-state vehicles and \$9 for out of state vehicles applies. All attendees must present their ID at the time of arrival. The last day to register is April 25.

Participants not staying at the park's campground must have a designated driver who is also 21 or older. The driver will not be charged admission but can participate in all aspects of the event that are not the wine tasting. Those staying at the campground for the event must use the provided shuttle to get to the event and pay the \$20 admission cost. There will be no designated drivers from the campground.

For more information on the event, contact Colletta Prewitt, interpretive naturalist, at 812-849-3534 or cprewitt@dnr.IN.gov.

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Born 1977
Charge: Sexual Misconduct with a Minor (Felony 4)

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Robert E. Butler
Born 1984
Charge: Possession of a Firearm by Serious Violent Felon (Level 4)

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Devin R. Post
Born 1990
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Amanda J. Fry
Born 1987
Charge: P/V Theft (Felony 6)

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Charge: FTA Possession of Methamphetamine/Carrying Handgun w/out license

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Cole M. Williams
Born 1995
Charge: P/V Escape

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