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## Wabash College Fraternities Provide Community Service To The Local Historical Society



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Last November and December, the Montgomery County Historical Society welcomed new visitors at the beautiful Historic Lane Place, who dedicated their time to community service and gaining historical knowledge. In November, after hearing about the vandalism of the Pattison Pavilion, members of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity at Wabash College dedicated a few hours of their time to give back to the community, where they disposed of garbage around the pavilion, updated society signs, and prepared the flower gardens for this spring. The Historical Society also received community service from the Wabash College Sphinx Club, who, in December, removed graffiti from the base of the Pattison Pavilion and prepared the grounds for our cherished event, Christmas at Lane Place. The Historical Society appreciates the

help of those involved and looks forward to building a stronger connection with the college. The Historical Society looks forward to working the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity of Wabash College to Lane Place, who anticipate dedicating some time to assisting with lawn care projects in the future. The efforts of the Wabash men this year will mark the beginning of a larger grounds project by the Historical Society, involving the renovation of our landscape and vegetation to promote a more appealing and welcoming atmosphere. In the future, the Historical Society looks forward to building a specific connection with the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity due to its historical relationship with Senator Henry S. Lane. According to the International Phi Gamma Delta fraternity membership directory of 1898,

Henry S. Lane became an honorary member of the Psi Chapter of the fraternity in 1867, the same year he concluded service in the United States Senate. Before his initiation as an honorary member of the fraternity, Lane's involvement with the college goes as far back as 1833 when he arrived in the city of Crawfordsville. From 1834-1836, Lane regularly spoke at the college, including academic clubs such as the Western Literary Society. In 1834, two years after the founding of Wabash College, Professor Caleb Mills, the first faculty member at the college, taught Astronomy to the citizens of Crawfordsville while Lane educated the public on the Constitution. Lane proudly served the Crawfordsville community, the Wabash College students, and the State of Indiana. This led him to assume a position in the Indiana

State House of Representatives (1837-1840), United States House of Representatives (1840-1843), Indiana State Governor (1860), and the United States Senate (1861-1867). The efforts of Senator Lane to serve his community, state, and nation have forever sealed his name as an important figure in the history books of our beloved county. Though the historic Lane Place stands silently in the center of the city and comes to life Wednesday-Friday and the second and fourth Saturdays through guided tours, the Historical Society wants to create a welcoming environment for visitors to enjoy every day of the week. By maintaining and improving our landscape, the Historical Society looks to give back to the Crawfordsville community by providing visitors with a beautiful space to enjoy.

### TODAY'S QUOTE

"No winter lasts forever, no spring skips its turn. April is a promise that May is bound to keep, and we know it."  
Hal Borland

### TODAY'S JOKE

What's a sea monster's favorite food?  
Fish and ships.

### TODAY'S VERSE

Romans 5:3 - 5 And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience; and experience, hope; And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

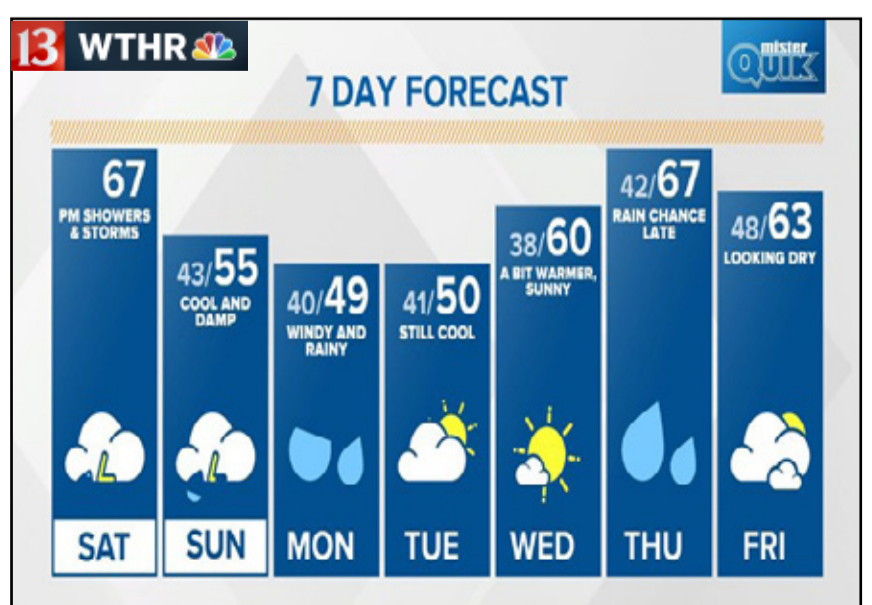
### TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Alcohol has almost twice the calories per unit weight than carbohydrates and almost as much as fat. 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](http://www.thepaper24-7.com).



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# Facts & Fun

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## Did You Know?

- Franklin County was founded in 1811 and named after Benjamin Franklin.
- Brookville, the county seat, contains 2, 596 residents and is 1.54 square feet.
- The county contains numerous historical landmarks.
- Brookville was platted in 1808 by Thomas Manwarring.
- The county is 391.05 square miles and has a population of 23, 087 residents.

1. What is the population density of the county?  
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2. How old is Franklin County?  
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3. How many people in the county do not live in Brookville?  
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4. How long ago was it that Brookville platted?  
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Answers: 1. 59/sq mi 2. 208 Years  
3. Around 20,491 People 4. 211 Years

## Got Words?

Brookville contains 6 historical landmarks of differing origins, and there are more landmarks throughout the county. Why do you think it is important that cities preserve historical homes, buildings and other sites?

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## Word Scrambler

Unscramble the words below!

1. OVRLBIKLE
2. LNARDAKM
3. NLRANIFK YNUCOT
4. ITSrhoY
5. IEAMBJNN NANIRKLF

Answers: 1. Brookville 2. Landmark 3. Franklin County  
4. History 5. Benjamin Franklin

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## Governor Holcomb Gives Legislators Big Thumbs Up



Gov. Eric Holcomb

Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb lauded the conclusion of the legislative session that enacted his 2023 Next Level Agenda providing transformational changes to the way public health is delivered to Hoosiers, historic investments in K-12 education and workforce, pivotal contribution towards the economic development toolkit and another \$500 million dedicated to the successful READI program to enhance the quality of life of Hoosiers in every corner of Indiana.

"First and foremost, we balanced our 10th straight budget which enables us to strategically prioritize key areas in health, education and workforce that will elevate Indiana to the Next Level," Holcomb said. "I'm proud of what was accomplished this legislative session and through collaboration and hard work we will be able to make transformational investments that will better the lives of Hoosiers and build a better today and stronger tomorrow."

The Indiana General Assembly approved key components of Holcomb's 2023 Next Level Agenda.

### Public Health

Dedicating \$263 million over the biennium to fulfill the recommendations of the Governor's Public Health Commission to improve the health outcomes of Hoosiers by providing the necessary resources and delivery of services.

Of the total, \$225 million will directly go toward local public health departments that opt-in to the local/state partnership. The remaining \$38 million will be used for state resources to assist local health officials improve health outcomes. This includes integrating public health data and analytics, improving emergency preparedness through EMS training and readiness programs, increasing the state's strategic stockpile of supplies and promoting childhood and adolescent screenings.

New legislation will provide \$100 million for mental health services and resources to more Hoosiers by expanding mobile crisis teams and crisis stabilization units and continuing to offer the 988 Crisis and Suicide Lifeline services.

The state will implement the Governor's Challenge to Prevent Suicide among veterans and service members to partner with communities, state agencies and veterans to come up with strategies and a prevention plan.

The state also will strategically invest the more than \$500 million the state will receive in the

coming years from the national opioid settlement to create more community substance use programs to help those suffering from addiction.

### Education and Workforce

The state will continue to make historic investments in K-12 education with an additional \$1.47 billion in tuition support over the next two years. The increase will empower local public schools to reach the goal of achieving a statewide average teacher salary of \$60,000.

With the General Assembly's support, the state will remove a hidden tax on Hoosier parents by eliminating textbook and curriculum fees for more than 1 million students in traditional public and charter schools.

The state will also launch Dolly Parton's Imagination Library statewide by investing \$6 million over the next two years to provide every child high-quality books from birth to age five. State funding will be put toward literacy initiatives to achieve the state's goal of 95% of third-grade students indicate reading proficiency skills by 2027.

Higher Education Through legislation, the Commission for Higher Education will implement the governor's goal of auto-enrolling eligible students in the 21st Century Scholarship Program.

The budget also delivered on the governor's promise to support first-generation and

low-income minority students by dedicating \$10 million to Martin University and several other programs with similar initiatives.

Early Learning Eligibility for On My Way Pre-K will be expanded by raising the income eligibility limits for the programs from 127% to 150% of the federal poverty limit. The governor will simultaneously expand eligibility for Child Care and Development Fund vouchers to provide program access to about 5,000 more lower income working families.

Workforce The budget delivers on Governor Holcomb's sustained commitment to provide Hoosiers with more opportunities to obtain the skills they need for the jobs of tomorrow by investing \$58 million over the biennium in Next Level Jobs Grant programs to benefit employers and employees.

Aligned with the governor's proposals, the enacted budget provides increases across the state's adult education ecosystem to offer Hoosiers more opportunities to obtain skills to enter the workforce, including \$12 million to reduce waiting lists and expand capacity for adult education training programs as well as \$16.3 million to expand adult charter high schools, including the Excel Center.

Economic Development Thanks to the agreed upon budgets, Indiana will continue its global

reach to bring growth to our state by:

- Formalizing a deal closing fund totaling \$500 million over the biennium and an additional \$250 million-per-year tax credit cap
- Establishing an ongoing revolving fund of \$150 million for site acquisition efforts
- Doubling resources for the Manufacturing Readiness Grant Program
- Appropriating dollars to complete four capital projects: the new Westville Correctional Facility, new state archives building, co-location of the state's blind and deaf schools and a new state park inn at Potato Creek State Park
- Investing in Indiana tourism by increasing the Indiana Destination Development Corporation's funding

Community Development

The legislature passed the governor's proposal of an additional \$500 million for the second round of the Regional Economic Acceleration & Development Initiative (READI). READI has become a nationally recognized innovative program that connects communities to build sustainable partnerships for growth.

The Indiana General Assembly further showed its support of community development by:

- Funding Next Level Trails to expand the state's trails system and move even closer to the governor's goal of becoming the most trail friendly state in the

country

- Allocating dollars for land conservation efforts
- Providing the funds to pursue more direct flights options from Indianapolis International Airport
- Appropriating dollars to provide upgrades to regional airports throughout the state
- Partnering with the state's Food bank network by doubling funding to \$2 million a year

Good Government The governor's budget supported salary increases for the Indiana State Police and other agency law enforcement officials by raising the starting salary of state police troopers from \$53,690 to \$70,000 a year.

With the support of lawmakers, the state will invest more than \$7 million in a regional firefighter training infrastructure to provide a standardized training model across the state. With the help of the Department of Homeland Security, the existing training locations will be enhanced, and new sites will be created to help cover gaps that exist in area of Indiana.

The state will dedicate \$10 million to purchase necessary equipment for volunteer firefighting organizations.

To bolster school safety, the state will increase the Secured School Safety Grant Fund to \$25 million per year and expand how schools can utilize the grant dollars. The state will invest in more free trainings for school safety specialists.

## Purdue Engineering Graduate Program Ranked In The Top 2% Nationally



The 2023-24 U.S. News & World Report national graduate school rankings, released Tuesday (April 25), put Purdue's College of Engineering at No. 4 out of 220 for the third consecutive year, with the nation's top five as MIT;

Stanford; the University of California, Berkeley; Purdue; and Georgia Institute of Technology.

Other top-ranked programs at Purdue include Agricultural and Biological Engineering ranked No. 1 for the third straight year, and Analytical Chemistry, which has produced multiple Nobel laureates and maintains its longstanding No. 1 ranking.

Purdue's Computer Science department continues to build on its strong upward momentum, with a new area ranking in AI; a No. 13 ranking in Programming Languages, and a rise to No. 14 in Systems. Mathematical Analysis at Purdue also

ranks No. 20.

Purdue's newest initiative, Purdue Computes, builds on this momentum to help elevate all of Computing at Purdue into the top 10. In addition to bringing together Computer Science and Computer Engineering, it represents an immediate \$50 million investment to expand Purdue's semiconductor facilities, and launches an Institute of Physical AI at Purdue, focusing on the areas of computing 'where atoms meet bytes,' which are crucial for the nation as well as the state of Indiana.

"These rankings reflect the success of our collective research enterprise

across Purdue - from record research expenditures, graduate student selectivity and numbers, along with investments in major centers," said Arvind Raman, the John A. Edwardson Dean of the College of Engineering.

Provost Patrick Wolfe added, "Along with substantial investments in a reimagined School of Business that plays to our strengths in analytics and engineering, and an expansion into Indianapolis that is strategically focused on these same areas, these latest in a long line of strong STEM rankings highlight our relentless pursuit of scholarly excellence at scale."

Several Purdue engineering programs continue to rank among the top 10: aerospace (No. 6); civil (No. 7); electrical, industrial and mechanical (all No. 8); and computer (No. 10). Just outside the top 10 are nuclear engineering at No. 11, environmental at No. 12 and materials at No. 13.

Purdue's Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr. School of Business continues to advance its rankings in areas of strategic importance to Purdue with, production operations ranked third, project management seventh and supply chain management ninth. Business analytics, one of the fastest-growing programs at Purdue and

nationally, now ranks 12th.

Purdue's veterinary medicine program, which sees intense student demand and consequently plans to increase its enrollment by 50%, sees its latest ranking climb two spots to No. 11 nationwide.

"While all rankings are limited and noisy, Purdue's excellence at scale is reflected in part in the recent graduate rankings, with top-ranked programs across multiple departments," said Purdue President Mung Chiang. "We thank our faculty, staff and students for always aiming at 'one brick higher' in scholarly excellence."

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## Indy 500 Décor, Community Initiatives Signal 'This Is May'

As April comes to a close, fans no longer need to ask #IsItMayYet? From stunning art and décor around Indianapolis to community events and initiatives, it's clear to everyone that "This is May."

"There is nothing quite like May in Indy," IMS President J. Douglas Boles said. "As signage and décor come out and fans begin to gather, it is easy to see why the Indy 500 is known as 'The Greatest Spectacle in Racing.' We are all proud to be a part of a community like Indianapolis that shares in our excitement for May, and I am thankful for our partnerships that allow us to engage with our fans and support local organizations through fun, meaningful events and programming."

As this year's marketing campaign "This is May" blankets Central Indiana, the local community and Hoosiers are energized for the 107th Running of the Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge on Sunday, May 28.

Signage installed last week includes the renaming of downtown Indianapolis streets after Indianapolis 500 drivers and the takeover of the JW Marriott hotel facade.

Welcome Race Fans art, in collaboration with the Arts Council of Indianapolis, has been installed at locations throughout Indianapolis, such as Main Street in Speedway, Simon Malls (Castleton, Keystone, Greenwood, Hamilton Town Center), Indianapolis International Airport, Saks Fifth Avenue at Keystone Mall and the Artsgarden. Visit these sites to see the artwork of Jessica Bowman, Christopher Burns, Julie Xiao, Boxx the Artist and Scott Johnson. Snap a photo and share it on your social media pages with #WelcomeRaceFans to help welcome race fans to Indy.

Indy Wings murals will return to areas around In-

dianapolis to offer unique and festive photo opportunities for selfies, solo portraits or group photos. Fans, pedestrians and business customers are encouraged to share their photo using #IndyWings. The mural, an homage to the iconic IMS Wing and Wheel logo, was designed by IMS graphic designer Shae Beechler, daughter of four-time Indianapolis 500 starter Donnie Beechler. Indy Wings will be displayed at the Garage Food Hall, the Amp at 16-Tech, Main Street in Speedway, Clay Terrace Mall, Noblesville and Westfield.

As the calendar turns to May, neighborhoods around the state begin to proudly display festive, race-themed decor. It's common to see black-and-white drapes, checkered pennants, race flags and even homemade decorations at Hoosier homes and businesses.

Race fans are encouraged to embrace the sense of community that embodies Indy during the Month of May and celebrate by adorning their homes in race-themed decor and by hosting a porch party with their neighbors and friends. The community-centric, porch party initiative works in partnership with the Harrison Center for the Arts. The first porch party celebration of the year will take place Friday, May 5 at the Harrison Center. Register your porch party at [ims.com/porching](https://ims.com/porching).

Get ready to wave the green flag Saturday, April 29 to celebrate the Beginning of May at the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center. Enjoy educational activities, panel discussions, an interactive art display and pick up your exclusive porch party décor kits. Be sure to also catch the premiere of the Harrison Center's 2023 Porch Party video and grab a photo with Rick Mears' 1980 Penske PC-9 Indy 500 car.

Race fans also are encouraged to dress them-

selves in their best and most festive "500" items every Friday in May. 500 Fashion Fridays is a creative and unique outlet for fans to show their Indy 500 pride and excitement for the race. Be sure to share #500FashionFridays photos!

For the second year in a row, IMS will host a naturalization ceremony. On Tuesday, May 16, which is also opening day of practice for the Indianapolis 500, 33 individuals from around the world will be inducted as United States citizens at the Racing Capital of the World. The event will be held in Pagoda Plaza and is open to the public for those attending practice.

IMS is partnering with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana to recruit 500 potential "Bigs" by Race Day, May 28. This campaign began in March, and more than 100 "Bigs" have since been recruited. To learn more about BBS-CI and the 500 Bigs by the Indy 500 campaign, visit [www.bebigforkids.org/500by500](https://www.bebigforkids.org/500by500).

The Bike to the 500 initiative also continues this year in collaboration with Bike Indianapolis to offer fans a safe, environmentally friendly and healthy commute to the Speedway on Indy 500 Race Day. The Race Day commute will begin at the AMP at 16 Tech, and hundreds of bikers will depart that morning for the track. To secure a spot in line on Race Day, cyclists must register in advance here.

Get swept away by the larger-than-life The Big Spill sculpture display at the Children's Museum of Indianapolis this May. This display honors the longstanding tradition and importance of milk to the Indy 500. It is also the perfect, May-themed photo opportunity for even the youngest race fans.

To explore the full list of Indy 500 community initiatives and programs, visit [ims.com/Community](https://ims.com/Community).

## Applications Open For Purdue's New Fully Online Master Of Science In International Agribusiness



Purdue University is taking applications for its new fully online Professional Master of Science in International Agribusiness aimed at agribusiness professionals worldwide. The application deadline is July 1 for the inaugural cohort beginning in August.

The new degree is for learners wanting to enhance their skills in data analytics, quantitative data analysis and data-based decision-making. This knowledge is applicable whether they work in industry or government, management or marketing, and in a range of areas from commercial agriculture to food product development and production, and from natural resources management to managing supply chains. The degree teaches a skill set applicable to working in the fast-paced global economy as well as the dynamic international agribusiness and food industry.

While the 100% on-

line option is new, the mature, rigorous curriculum has been taught and refined for a decade by faculty in Purdue's Department of Agricultural Economics who excel at teaching, research and engagement covering all aspects of their field. Each of the instructors also has multiple years of experience teaching in online and hybrid modes.

In addition to the required courses, students choose one of two specialized online graduate certificates - in Spatial Data Science or in Biotechnology Quality and Regulatory Compliance, the latter from Purdue's top-ranked (U.S. News & World Report) Agricultural and Biological Engineering Department. The graduate certificate satisfies 12 credits of the 36 credits needed to earn the full master's degree in international agribusiness. The two graduate certificates also can be taken separately from the master's program.

Learners should be able to complete the degree in 18-24 months, said Nicole Widmar, professor and associate head of agricultural economics at Purdue and graduate program chair. Since the coursework is online and asynchronous, students can complete it where and when it works best for them. That makes Purdue's program readily

accessible for working professionals or for new graduates who are ready to start work but also want to earn an advanced degree.

Some previous knowledge of quantitative methods is helpful, Widmar said, but individuals do not need to have a bachelor's in agricultural economics to enroll in the master's program.

Core courses are:

- Applied Quantitative Methods for Decision Making.
- Economics for Food and Agribusiness Managers.
- Communication and Issues Engagement for Agricultural Professionals.
- Problem Solving and Project Management for Decision Makers.
- Quantitative Managerial Decision Making.
- The Macroeconomic Trade and Policy Environment of the Food System.
- Strategic Food and Agribusiness Management.

In addition, the core requirements include a capstone course with an analytic paper, which can be either academic in nature or work related, in lieu of a thesis.

For more information about Purdue's 100% online Master of Science in International Agribusiness and to apply, visit the program website.

## Purdue Agricultural And Biological Engineering Graduate Program Earns Top National Ranking

Purdue University's Agricultural and Biological Engineering graduate program is ranked No. 1 in its category in the 2024 U.S. News & World Report Rankings of Graduate Schools. The ABE graduate and undergraduate programs have been ranked first or second for more than a dozen years.

"We are extremely proud of Purdue ABE's team of faculty, staff and students for their commitment to research, outreach, teaching and innovation," said Ken Foster, interim dean of the College of Agriculture.

Nate Mosier, department head and professor of agricultural and biological engineering, also credits his colleagues for this accomplishment. "We're honored for the continued recognition of

the excellence in research and graduate education in ABE at Purdue. It is through the outstanding work of our graduate students, mentoring of our faculty and support of our staff that we have stayed at the top for so long."

Mosier, who earned his doctorate from Purdue's ABE department and holds the Indiana Soybean Alliance Soybean Utilization Endowed Chair, explains that ABE's diverse disciplines create important options for graduate students.

"Our graduate program offers numerous opportunities for graduate students to deepen their understanding in their areas of specialization and to broaden that knowledge through collaborations," he said.

Arvind Raman, the John A. Edwardson Dean

of the College of Engineering, said the No. 1 ranking also acknowledges the department's commitment to growth: "The field of agricultural and biological engineering is rapidly evolving with disruptive technologies such as synthetic biology, IoT (the Internet of Things), automation and artificial intelligence. Purdue's ABE department has been quick to adapt to these changes, and this ranking validates its reputation during this period of rapid transformation in the field."

ABE's graduate program includes 118 students who come to the university from around the world. Last year ABE's faculty and graduate students published 160 research papers, filed 31 patent applications and were awarded nine U.S. patents.

## Baird Leads Bipartisan Effort To Prioritize Rural Broadband Access



Jim Baird

America does not get left behind by securing reliable broadband access for the millions of Americans who rely on the Internet to work and learn," said Congressman Baird. "Zip codes should not determine access to high-speed Internet, yet that is the unfortunate reality for many Hoosiers across Indiana's 4th Congressional District, and I'm committed to reaching across the aisle so we bridge this digital divide in education, healthcare, manufacturing, and agriculture."

"High-speed broadband is critical for rural America's growth and

prosperity, yet many of our neighbors are unable to obtain reliable Internet access. I remain committed to improving internet speeds for schools, homes, doctors' offices, and businesses, which will bring new economic development opportunities to our communities, especially in South Texas," said Congressman Cuellar. "I thank my colleague, Congressman Baird, for working with me across party lines to close the digital divide between urban and rural America. The Rural Broadband Resolution will enable rural communities to fully participate in the modern economy."

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## Uncovering A Star's Demise

A distant star, dying a fiery and dramatic death, torn apart by a supermassive black hole in a forgotten corner of the sky. One of the most luminous, energetic, long-lasting transient objects didn't blaze through the night sky inspiring legends and launching civilizations. Instead, astronomers, acting as celestial supersleuths, uncovered evidence of the star's death throes where it had hidden undetected for years in a mass of computer-gathered telescope data.

"It's absurd. If you take a typical supernova and multiply it a thousand times, we're still not at how bright this is – and supernovas are among the most luminous objects in the sky," said Danny Milisavljevic, an assistant professor of physics and astronomy in Purdue University's College of Science. "This is the most energetic phenomenon I have ever encountered."

In astronomy, things that are the most luminous are often the most energetic. Milisavljevic, an expert on stellar life cycles – especially star death – noted that the data points to an extremely anomalous observation.

The object, like all those observed, was assigned a random name when it was discovered. Its name is ZTF20abrzebe, or, as astronomers affectionately call it,

"Scary Barbie." Barbie for its alphanumeric designation and "scary" because, Milisavljevic said, "It's so much of an outlier; its characteristics are terrifying!"

The object is what is known as a transient – something observed in the sky that either appears and then disappears or changes in some dramatic way over the course of hours or days rather than centuries or millennia. In a new paper accepted for publication in The Astrophysical Journal Letters, Milisavljevic, his graduate student Bhagya Subrayan, and their team analyzed the data to conclude that the bright, long-lived transient is a black hole in the process of consuming a star. Subrayan's research focuses on big data analysis of sky survey data.

"We think a very supermassive black hole pulled in a star and ripped it apart," Subrayan said. "The forces around a black hole, called tidal disruption, pull other objects apart in a process called 'spaghettification.' We think that's what happened, but on extreme time scales: The most massive of black holes ripping apart a massive star. The duration is unlike anything we've ever seen before, and it produced the most luminous transient in the universe."

If Scary Barbie is so bright and so notable,

how did it just now come to light, even though datasets indicate the first observations occurred in 2020?

It hid in plain sight. While it's bright, it is also extremely far away and in a somewhat neglected corner of the sky. The anomaly was discovered using Milisavljevic's lab's AI engine. The Recommender Engine For Intelligent Transient Tracking (REFITT) combs through observations from a number of telescopes around the world, including those made by the Zwicky Transient Facility using the Palomar Observatory in California.

"REFITT does big data analysis," Milisavljevic said. "It combs through millions of alerts and figures out what interesting things we might want to look at closer. This is a great example. Computers are really good at finding things when we can tell them precisely what to look for. But things like this, anomalous objects, the computer often doesn't even know to look for. It doesn't even have a template. This is so different from anything else we've ever seen that we hadn't even gotten around to trying to classify it. It's been hanging out in the public data for years."

Once the team and REFITT had identified Scary Barbie as an intriguing opportunity for research, they used data

from other telescopes, including the Lick Observatory in California and the W.M. Keck Observatory in Hawaii. Spectrographic analysis from those telescopes helped the team put a name to the odd phenomenon the data reported.

Scary Barbie is not just orders of magnitude brighter and more energetic than any transient scientists have recorded before, but it is also lasting much longer than usual transients do. Most transients last weeks or months, but this one has lasted for more than 800 days – over two years – and latest available data show that it may be visible for years to come.

The actual event itself – the spaghettification of this massive star – may be of much shorter duration, but because the transient is so far away the law of relativity slows down the light as it travels to human eyes, making it seem to last nearly twice as long.

"There are few things in the universe that can be so powerful, reactions that can be this long-lived," Milisavljevic said. "Discoveries like this really open our eyes to the fact that we are still uncovering mysteries and exploring wonders in the universe – things no one has ever seen before."

This research was funded in part by the National Science Foundation.

## South Korean K-9 Teams To Train At Indiana Sheriffs' Youth Ranch

U.S. ally South Korea will send public safety K-9 teams to train this summer at the Indiana Sheriffs' Youth Ranch, the nonprofit's officers announced today.

"Two dozen police and fire canine handlers have asked to utilize our 62-acre training retreat, which features classroom space and comfortable lodging in addition to three lakes, open, rolling and wooded areas," said Vigo County Sheriff John Plasse, ISYR president.

South Korean canine teams will be co-hosted by the Indiana Department of Homeland Security, which headquarters its statewide Search & Rescue Training Center on ISYR's property in rural West Central Indiana. When not in use by K-12 and college students, the Youth Ranch is made available for specialized public safety training, including by fire fighters, dive teams, drone pilots and task forces, former Clark County Sheriff and cur-

rent ISYR Vice President Jamey Noel said.

"We've now been honored the past few years to engage more than 2,500 Indiana youth and host hundreds of public safety officials from throughout the state and across the nation," said Cass County Sheriff Ed Schroder who serves as ISYR secretary. "To date, our farthest youth visitor was from Ukraine and farthest adult guest was from Argentina. In August, we will add South Koreans to our list of working partners and friends."

John Jones, treasurer of the Youth Ranch and owner of Southeast Indiana's John Jones Auto Group, said the South Korean request points to the excellent reputation and facilities IDHS and ISYR share. "As we expand indoor and outdoor training spaces and overnight accommodations, we anticipate more and more students and first responders will utilize our unique academy."

## The Indiana Destination Development Corporation Launches Home Again Campaign

The Indiana Destination Development Corporation (IDDC) in partnership with the Indiana Association of Realtors, is excited to announce the launch of their new "Home Again IN Indiana" campaign. The campaign seeks to celebrate Hoosier pride by sharing the stories of those who were born and raised in Indiana and, after moving away, chose to return.

"Indiana has a strong sense of community, and many Hoosiers have a deep connection to the state that brings them back home," said Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch. "We want to showcase those stories and inspire others to see all that Indiana has to offer."

Home Again Hoosiers credit Indiana's deep community values, the lively downtowns, locally owned businesses and so much more for

drawing them back to Indiana. After moving back to Indiana, Home Again Hoosiers found the impact they can make in their communities to be overwhelmingly fulfilling. From business to civic, to culinary arts and hospitality, Home Again Hoosiers draw on their passions to become a part of their communities and improve them while doing so.

"We believe that Indiana is a wonderful place to call home, and we're thrilled to showcase people who have returned to Indiana and the reasons why they love it here," said IDDC Secretary and CEO Elaine Bedel. "We want to hear from Hoosiers who have experienced life in other states or countries and have returned to Indiana."

Follow Visit Indiana on social media at @VisitIndiana on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

## Purdue University Receives \$10 Million Commitment From Alumni William And Barbara Rakosnik

Alumni William (mechanical engineering '69, MS industrial administration '70) and Barbara (health and human sciences '70) Rakosnik have committed more than \$10 million to Purdue University in support of the School of Mechanical Engineering, the Department of Psychological Sciences and University Residences. The commitment will support graduate students and necessary services and programs in these areas.

The commitment includes \$125,000 to establish endowments and a \$10 million trust fund that will provide continued support.

"This generous gift from the Rakosniks is very important because it touches on several areas and focuses on students and their everyday experiences," said Purdue President Mung Chiang. "Anybody who has been on a college campus knows that it's the students, including graduate students, who bring a university to life. The impact of this gift will be felt by many of our students for decades to come."

The initial pledge will be distributed as follows:

- \$50,000 to estab-

lish the William H. and Barbara L. Rakosnik Graduate Student Support Fund in Mechanical Engineering

- \$50,000 to establish the William H. and Barbara L. Rakosnik Graduate Student Support Fund in Psychology

- \$25,000 to establish the Bill and Barbara Rakosnik Legacy Experience Fund in University Residences

Regular trust income and eventual trust distribution will proceed along similar lines:

- 40% to the support fund in mechanical engineering
- 40% to the support fund in psychology
- 20% to the Legacy Experience Fund

Both graduate school support funds will provide recipients primarily with scholarship, fellowship and assistantship support; research funding and expenses for conferences; and other experiential learning opportunities. The purpose of the Legacy Experience Fund is to allow flexibility to support areas of strategic importance as determined by the director of University Residences.

"Outstanding faculty and a world-class education will always draw

students to Purdue, but it's the amazing young people you interact with that make life at the university so exceptional," William Rakosnik said.

"What we're talking about is the undergraduate and graduate students you work with and learn from on a daily basis. All of this contributes to the development of a well-rounded student. We want to make sure this tradition continues – and we hope other alumni look back at their time on campus, remember how formative those years were and provide their own support."

Longtime university benefactors, the Rakosniks are members of the Student Life Advisory Council, the Griffin Society, President's Council and the Purdue Alumni Association. Their past contributions include support for academic scholarships, Purdue Musical Organizations, Purdue Bands & Orchestras, and Student Life.

The Rakosniks are now retired. William Rakosnik worked for more than 30 years in production control and distribution management at IBM. Barbara Rakosnik worked in architecture and later started her own

embroidery business, Periwinkle Promises. They remain active as volunteers in their community.

"Bill and I really enjoyed living the whole campus experience," Barbara Rakosnik said. "We were both resident assistants who were active in student organizations, and I worked on the yearbook. After a very brief encounter on campus, a few phone calls and four years of dating, we were married at the University Lutheran Church, right on campus. So, to say we have fond memories doesn't even begin to cover it. When we give back, we have the whole student in mind. We feel strongly that every Purdue student deserves the opportunity to grow and blossom."

Matt Folk, president and CEO of the Purdue for Life Foundation and vice president for university advancement and alumni engagement at Purdue, said, "This gift from the Rakosniks really sets the tone in a very Purdue way – quietly, behind the scenes, they're making a lasting difference. And they keep giving back to the school they love, with purpose and the utmost generosity."

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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](http://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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## Brighten Your Brunch Spread

### FAMILY FEATURES

A staple of warm weekend days, brunch combines the best flavors of the first two meals of the day. Every great brunch spread complements its savory items with something sweet, something refreshing and a signature beverage, and there's one ingredient that can help cover all of those bases – 100% orange juice.

An option like Florida Orange Juice is not only delicious but delivers a powerful combination of vitamins, minerals and phytonutrients that have associated health benefits. One of nature's nutrient dense foods, one 8-ounce glass of orange juice provides 100% of the recommended daily value of vitamin C and is also a good source of potassium, folate and thiamin, making it a great substitute for sugar-sweetened beverages and simple addition to brunch staples like this Orange Oatmeal.

When combined with a healthy lifestyle, 100% orange juice may also help support a healthy immune system. Orange juice contains beneficial plant compounds, flavonoids and colorful carotenoids to aid in fighting inflammation and cell communication. It is also rich in vitamin C, which helps strengthen immune systems by protecting cells and promoting the production and function of immune cells. Vitamin D, which can be found in fortified juices, also plays an important role in regulating immune response and helps immune cells fight off bacteria and viruses that get into the body.

Since 100% orange juice is naturally almost 90% water, it can help support hydration as it includes several electrolytes like potassium, magnesium and, in fortified juices, calcium, to aid in fluid balance. Combining Florida Orange Juice, watermelon juice and grapefruit juice, this Citrus Watermelonade is a bright, seasonal thirst quencher that is the perfect addition to your drink selection at brunch.

"Maintaining overall wellness and hydration is important as we ease into the warmer months of the year and more time is spent outdoors," said Dr. Rosa Walsh, director of scientific research at the Florida Department of Citrus. "Florida Orange Juice includes many essential vitamins and minerals that aid in hydration, and it is a great complement to water in helping to provide nourishment before, during or after any activity."

For more information and sweet, nutritious brunch recipes, visit [FloridaJuice.com](http://FloridaJuice.com).



Citrus Watermelonade

### Orange Oatmeal

- 1 cup Florida Orange Juice
- 1 1/2 cups water
- 1 cup quick-cooking steel-cut oats
- 1 Florida Orange, peeled and diced
- 1 tablespoon agave nectar or honey
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

In medium saucepan over high heat, bring orange juice and water to boil.

Add oats to boiling liquids.

Return to boil then reduce to medium heat and cook, uncovered, 5 minutes, stirring frequently.

Mix in diced orange, agave nectar, cinnamon and salt. Remove pan from heat; let stand 1 minute before serving.



Orange Oatmeal

### Citrus Watermelonade

- 1 cup hot water
- 2 cups sugar
- 6 cups watermelon, seeded, rind removed and cut into 1-inch pieces, divided
- 2 cups Florida Orange Juice
- 1 cup Florida Grapefruit Juice
- 3/4 cup lemon juice
- 3/4 cup lime juice
- 2 cups Florida Oranges, cut into 1-inch pieces, peeled
- 1/2 cup mint leaves
- ice, for serving
- Florida Orange Slices, for garnish (optional)

### watermelon chunks, for garnish (optional)

In small saucepan over low heat, combine hot water and sugar; heat until sugar is dissolved. Refrigerate until chilled.

In blender, puree 4 cups watermelon until smooth.

In large pitcher, stir watermelon juice, chilled sugar syrup, orange juice, grapefruit juice, lemon juice and lime juice until combined.

Add remaining watermelon pieces, orange pieces and mint leaves; refrigerate 2-3 hours until well chilled.

Serve over ice in glasses. Garnish with orange slices and watermelon chunks, if desired.

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## A Full, Fresh Menu Fit for a Brunch Feast



Savory Cheese Balls

### FAMILY FEATURES

**B**irthdays, holidays or just casual Saturdays are all perfect excuses to enjoy brunch with your favorite people. Bringing everyone together with quiches, pastries, appetizers, desserts and more offers an easy way to kick back and relax on a warm weekend morning.

These recipes for Easy Brunch Quiche, Savory Cheese Balls and Lemon Blueberry Trifle provide a full menu to feed your loved ones from start to finish, regardless of the occasion.

Find more brunch inspiration by visiting [Culinary.net](http://Culinary.net).

### A Savory Way to Start the Celebration

Serving up exquisite flavor doesn't have to mean spending hours in the kitchen. You can bring the cheer and favorite tastes with simple appetizers that are equal measures delicious and visually appealing.

These Savory Cheese Balls are easy to make and perfect for get-togethers and brunch celebrations. Texture and color are the name of the game with this recipe, and the result is a beautiful array of red, gold and green, all on one plate.

To find more recipes fit for brunch, visit [Culinary.net](http://Culinary.net).

### Savory Cheese Balls

Servings: 6-12

- 2 packages (8 ounces each) cream cheese
- 2 tablespoons caraway seeds
- 1 teaspoon poppy seeds
- 2 cloves garlic, minced, divided

- 1/4 cup parsley, chopped
- 2 teaspoons thyme leaves, chopped
- 1 teaspoon rosemary, chopped
- 1/4 cup dried cranberries, chopped
- 2 tablespoons pecans, chopped
- crackers (optional)
- fruit (optional)
- vegetables (optional)

Cut each cream cheese block into three squares. Roll each square into ball.

In small bowl, combine caraway seeds, poppy seeds and half the garlic.

In second small bowl, combine parsley, thyme, rosemary and remaining garlic.

In third small bowl, combine cranberries and pecans.

Roll two cheese balls in seed mixture, two in herb mixture and two in cranberry mixture.

Cut each ball in half and serve with crackers, fruit or vegetables, if desired.



Lemon Blueberry Trifle

### Finish Brunch with a Light, Layered Treat

After enjoying eggs, bacon, French toast and pancakes or any other brunch combination you crave, it's tough to top a fresh, fruity treat to round out the meal. Dish out a delicious dessert to cap off the morning and send guests out on a sweet note that's perfectly light and airy.

The zesty zip of lemon curd in this Lemon Blueberry Trifle brings out the sweetness of whipped cream made with Domino Golden Sugar, fresh blueberries and cubed pound cake for a vibrant, layered bite. Plus, it's a bright, beautiful centerpiece you can feel proud of as soon as guests try their first bite.

Find more dessert recipes fit for brunch and other favorite occasions at [DominoSugar.com](http://DominoSugar.com).

### Lemon Blueberry Trifle

Prep time: 45 minutes

Servings: 8-10

#### Lemon Curd:

- 1 cup Domino Golden Sugar
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1/4 cup freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon lemon zest
- 6 tablespoons water
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 6 egg yolks
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, at room temperature, cut into 1/2-inch cubes

#### Whipped Cream:

- 2 cups heavy whipping cream, cold
- 2 tablespoons Domino Golden Sugar
- 2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract

#### Trifle:

- 1 cup blueberry jam
- 12 ounces fresh blueberries, plus additional for garnish, divided
- 1 pound cake, cubed
- lemon slices, for garnish
- mint, for garnish

To make lemon curd: In medium saucepan, stir sugar and cornstarch. Stir in lemon juice, lemon zest, water and salt. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until thickened. Remove from heat and gradually stir in three egg yolks; mix well until combined. Stir in remaining egg yolks. Return to heat and cook 2 minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from heat.

Stir in butter; mix until incorporated. Cover with plastic wrap, touching surface of lemon curd to prevent curd forming skin. Refrigerate until completely cool.

To make whipped cream: In large bowl, beat cream, sugar and vanilla until soft peaks form. Do not overbeat.

To make trifle: Mix blueberry jam with 12 ounces fresh blueberries. Place one layer cubed pound cake in bottom of trifle dish. Top with layer of blueberries. Add dollops of lemon curd and whipped cream. Repeat layering ending with whipped cream.

Decorate trifle with lemon slices, fresh blueberries and mint.

### Say Goodbye to Basic Brunch

The same old brunch menu can become tiresome and dull. Adding something new to the table with fresh ingredients and simple instructions can enhance your weekend spread and elevate brunch celebrations.

Try this Easy Brunch Quiche that is sure to have your senses swirling with every bite. This quiche is layered with many tastes and a variety of ingredients to give it crave-worthy flavor, from broccoli and bacon to mushrooms, eggs and melty cheese.

Visit [Culinary.net](http://Culinary.net) to find more brunch recipes.

### Easy Brunch Quiche

Serves: 12

- 1 package (10 ounces) frozen broccoli with cheese
- 12 slices bacon, chopped
- 1/2 cup green onions, sliced
- 1 cup mushrooms, sliced
- 4 eggs
- 1 cup milk
- 1 1/2 cups shredded cheese, divided

- 2 frozen deep dish pie shells (9 inches each)

Heat oven to 350 F.

In medium bowl, add broccoli and cheese contents from package. Microwave 5 minutes, or until cheese is saucy. Set aside.

In skillet, cook chopped bacon 4 minutes. Add green onions; cook 2 minutes. Add mushrooms; cook 4 minutes, or until bacon is completely cooked and mushrooms are tender. Drain onto paper towel over plate. Set aside.

In medium bowl, whisk eggs and milk until combined. Add broccoli and cheese mixture. Add 1 cup cheese. Stir to combine. Set aside.

In pie shells, divide drained bacon mixture evenly. Divide broccoli mixture evenly and pour over bacon mixture. Sprinkle remaining cheese over both pies.

Bake 40 minutes.

Cool at least 12 minutes before serving.

**Note:** To keep edges of crust from burning, place aluminum foil over pies for first 20 minutes of cook time. Remove after 20 minutes and allow to cook uncovered until completed.



Easy Brunch Quiche



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# EAT THE RAINBOW

### FAMILY FEATURES

Focusing your menus on health-conscious recipes that look as good as they make you feel is key to making positive lifestyle changes. Adding big flavors that satisfy cravings to easy, go-to recipes can be a big step toward reaching health goals throughout the year. “Eating the rainbow” refers to adding fruits and veggies of varying colors to your diet, such as red tomatoes and beets, green cucumbers and avocados, orange carrots and pumpkins and beyond. Complementing fresh produce with the nutritional benefits of tuna and salmon – like heart-healthy omega-3 fatty acids, protein, vitamin D and potassium – can take your meal planning one step further.

Whether you’re commemorating a special occasion, hosting a gathering of friends and family or simply enjoying a night in, good food shouldn’t mean ditching good eating habits. With new packaging but a continued focus on flavor, wild-caught Low-Sodium Pink Salmon from Chicken of the Sea is a perfect complement to vibrant, rainbow-inspired recipes.

Try these Salmon Chili Bites for a quick and delicious snack option. They can easily be doubled, tripled or more for a party appetizer. Feature the recipe with a “rainbow” of veggies, crackers, meats and cheeses on a charcuterie board for a crowd favorite that can satisfy guests with big, bold flavor.

Ditch boring salads and find joy in food while maintaining healthy eating goals by upping your salad game. Say goodbye to bland, boring greens and enjoy salads with your favorite toppings, like a colorful combination of protein-packed tuna and fiber-rich veggies in this Mediterranean Tuna Salad, which is completed with a bright dressing and topped with feta cheese and parsley.

For more than 100 years, Chicken of the Sea has provided fresh, tasty seafood straight from the ocean, so whether you’re reaching for wild-caught tuna for this homemade salad or another option like salmon or sardines, you can enjoy a high-quality product that’s delicious on its own or used to elevate favorite recipes.

To find more health-focused snacks, appetizers, meals and more, visit [chickenofthesea.com](http://chickenofthesea.com).



Mediterranean Tuna Salad

### Mediterranean Tuna Salad

Prep time: 20 minutes  
Servings: 1-2

#### Dressing:

- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/4 teaspoon dried oregano

#### Salad:

- 1 can (5 ounces) Chicken of the Sea Chunk Light Tuna, drained
- 1 cup halved cherry tomatoes
- 1/3 cup sliced Kalamata olives
- 1 cup chopped English cucumber (about 1/2 cucumber)
- 1/4 cup feta
- 1 tablespoon minced parsley
- pita chips (optional)
- crackers (optional)

To make dressing: In large bowl, whisk lemon juice, olive oil and oregano.

To make salad: In dressing bowl, add tuna, tomatoes, olives and cucumber. Gently toss to cover salad with dressing then top with feta and parsley.

Serve with pita chips or crackers, if desired.

Pair seafood and seasonal produce for colorful, healthy recipes



Salmon Chili Bites

### Salmon Chili Bites

Prep time: 15 minutes  
Servings: 2

- 2 pouches (2.5 ounces each) Chicken of the Sea Low Sodium Wild-Caught Alaska Pink Salmon
- 1 tablespoon chili crisp
- 2 teaspoons rice wine vinegar
- 1 teaspoon toasted sesame oil
- 2 bell peppers, cored and cut into 2-inch squares

- 1 green onion, thinly sliced
- minced cilantro
- black sesame seeds

In bowl, combine salmon, chili crisp, vinegar and sesame oil.

To serve, top each bell pepper square with some salmon, green onion, cilantro and sesame seeds. If leftover pieces of bell pepper remain, chop and add as additional garnish.

Note: If serving with cheese plate, place salmon mixture in small bowl and garnish with green onion and sesame seeds.

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## Tips For Designing And Maintaining A Low-Maintenance Garden



**MELINDA MYERS**  
Columnist

Don't let your spring garden enthusiasm lead to overplanting and the creation of a summer gardening nightmare. A design with maintenance in mind and some strategic care can help reduce the time you spend managing your gardens and landscape.

Consider using fewer plant species when designing perennial flowerbeds. Increase the number of each to boost the visual impact of the garden and reduce maintenance. You'll have fewer species to manage, identify and differentiate from the weeds as they emerge in spring.

Select plants suited to the growing conditions and that do not require deadheading and staking. Avoid pest- and disease-prone plants as well as those that quickly multiply and overtake neighboring plants and the garden bed.

Design garden beds with gentle curves and avoid tight spaces that limit access and will make managing the surroundings difficult. Make sure all parts of the garden can easily be reached for planting, weeding, harvesting, and care. Add a path of wood chips or a few steppers, like Leaf Stepping Stones, to large garden beds as needed for



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**Snip-n-drip irrigation systems apply water directly where it is needed and fit any garden planted in rows.**

easier access.

Reduce watering needs by growing plants suited to your area's normal rainfall. Group moisture-loving plants together to minimize the amount of water used and time spent watering. Enlist the help of soaker hoses or drip irrigation like the Snip-n-Drip Soaker system (gardeners.com) when watering is needed. This irrigation system applies water to the soil where needed and can be cut with scissors to fit any garden that is planted in rows.

Reduce watering frequency, suppress weeds, and improve the soil with the help of organic mulches like leaves, evergreen needles, and wood chips. You'll gain multiple benefits with this

one task. Spread a one- to two-inch layer of mulch over the soil surface. Pull it away from tree trunks, shrub stems and off the crowns of flowering plants and vegetables. The finer the mulch material, the thinner the layer of mulch you'll need.

Slow the infiltration of grass and weeds into garden beds and eliminate the need to hand trim with a bit of edging. Use a shovel to dig a V-shaped trench around the perimeter of the garden edge. Fill this with the same mulch used in your flowerbed to create a mowing strip around the garden bed.

Join forces with neighbors and rent an edging machine for the day or weekend. These machines can make it easier and

quicker to accomplish this task. With a shared rental, you all save money and no one has to maintain and store the equipment.

Keep tools handy to save time and energy spent retrieving forgotten tools from the shed or garage. Weather-proof garden tool bags with multiple compartments make it easy to organize, store and carry hand tools, plant tags, gloves, and other small items to the garden. Or store them right where they are needed. Convert an old mailbox or invest in a small storage container like the waterproof Galvanized Garden Tool Storage Box. Mount it on the end of a raised bed, fence, or post to keep small tools, gloves, safety glasses, and more in a handy location.

Use carts, wagons, or a gardener's summer sled when moving large or heavy loads. You'll be able to accomplish the move with fewer trips and less muscle strain.

Take time this season to implement a few of these strategies. A few changes can save you time that you can instead spend relaxing, enjoying, or adding more gardens.

*Melinda Myers is the author of more than 20 gardening books, including Small Space Gardening and Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" instant video and DVD series and Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and was commissioned by Gardener's Supply for her expertise to write this article. Her website is www.MelindaMyers.com.*

## Time To Green Your Garden

Greening your garden is always a good idea. Plants make your garden lively, climate-resistant and relaxing. Turn your garden into a wonderful outdoor space for optimal enjoyment. What will you do to green your garden?

More life in your garden

Whether you go big or small when greening your garden: every little step helps. Even swapping just one flagstone for a plant will bring your garden to life. With a mix of flowering perennials, get ready to welcome hordes of butterflies and bees. It is a wonderful sight and also benefits biodiversity in your neighborhood. If you want to find out which perennials suit your garden and style, visit [www.perennialpower.eu](http://www.perennialpower.eu).

Nice and fresh

Plants offer a cooling effect on summer days, thanks to shading and evaporation through the leaves. It's better than a parasol! And if there is the occasional heavy downpour, having a green garden is a great thing since the plants will retain some of the rainwater. What's more: the water slowly permeates into the soil, preventing

flooding. In other words: a green garden is also climate-resistant!

No stress

You've probably experienced this for yourself: green also gives a sense of peace. Just looking at greenery has a stress-reducing effect. Natural sounds, like the rustling of leaves and grasses, also help you relax. The smell of lavender (Lavandula) completes your relaxing outdoor space.

Tips & ideas

There is always room for greenery. You could create a façade garden, for example, with bugleweed (Ajuga), bellflowers (Campanula), coral bells (Heuchera) and perennial ornamental grasses. Or why not plant herb plants in pots and bins?

Wintergreen perennials, such as dwarf periwinkle (Vinca minor), green carpet (Pachysandra), ferns, hedgenettles (Stachys) and moss phlox (Phlox subulata) will keep your garden beautifully green year-round.

If you enjoy seeing birds in your garden, greening is also an excellent idea. Birds like to scratch among the plants in search of food. With a bird bath, you can turn your garden into a proper bird paradise.

## Spring Checklist For Pets

(Family Features) Warmer weather means it's time to spring clean, get grooming and prepare your pets' diets to support them through the season.

Keep your furry friends happy and healthy this spring with these six tips from the experts at Zesty Paws, an award-winning pet supplement brand:

**Give Skin and Coats a Little TLC:** Many pets form winter coats during the colder months to help them stay warm and comfortable then shed the coats in the spring to prepare for warmer temperatures. Some pets may need extra help maintaining their shiny, healthy coats, especially if mats have formed in their fur or if they are breeds that develop a thick undercoat. Professional grooming, at-home brushing and regular bathing can all be helpful ways to speed up the process to remove some of the extra fur and decrease the prevalence of dander, dust and pollen that can attach to fur and skin through the season.

**Add Seasonal Allergy Support with Supplements:** Just like humans, furry friends can develop and experience seasonal allergies, too. Giving your pets' immune systems some extra support can help ease some common allergy symptoms. Supplements like Zesty Paws Aller-Immune Bites for Cats and Aller-Immune Bites for Dogs are chewables that provide seasonal allergy support by aiding normal immune functions, skin health and gut flora, and may also help maintain normal histamine levels.

Ease Back into Ex-

ercise: The change in weather means more time for outdoor adventures with your pets, but don't forget to cool down and warm up as you and your pets ease back into the season. Planning for short, leashed walks and timed play sessions can help your pets gradually prepare their hips and joints for fun, warm weather activities.

**Watch Out for Pet Pests:** Once temperatures start to rise, the tiny, creepy critters start crawling. Fleas, ticks and other pests can cause serious health concerns for pets. This spring, make sure your pest control programs are primed and ready for added protection. Talk to your veterinarian about the best routine and products for your pets.

**Freshen Up Bedding and Bowls:** It's important to keep a clean environment by scrubbing, sweeping and vacuuming regularly to decrease allergens in the home. When you're tackling this year's spring cleaning, remember to put your pets' bedding and bowls on the list, too. Updating or disinfecting your pets' blankets, litter boxes, toys and other supplies is a good way to keep them feeling safe and comfortable in the home.

**Schedule an Annual Vet Visit:** Spring is a good time to schedule your pets' annual vet visits. Make sure they're up to date on all vaccinations, get their dental health checkups and re-evaluate nutrition plans.

Find more advice for keeping your pet healthy and happy at [zestypaws.com](http://zestypaws.com).

## How Climate Change Impacts Birds, Their Feeding Habits And How To Help From Home

(Joan Casanova) Bird feeding is a common practice in the United States, with more than 59 million Americans participating, according to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. In addition to providing aesthetic and recreational benefits, bird feeding can have positive impacts on bird populations.

According to the National Audubon Society, birds provide important ecosystem services, such as pollination, pest control and seed dispersal. In fact, around 87% of flowering plants rely on animal pollinators, including birds, to reproduce and grow, according to a study published in "Science." Birds also consume fruits and berries then spread the seeds, which helps maintain biodiversity and promotes the growth of new plants.

Considered good indicators of the health of the ecosystem, changes in bird populations and behaviors can signal changes in the environment, such as pollution, habitat loss and climate change. As temperatures, weather patterns and ecosystems change, it can affect the availability of food for birds, which may alter their behavior.

Feeding birds can be a beneficial practice that helps them cope with climate change. Consider

these benefits:

**\* Supplemental Food:** Bird feeders provide a supplemental source of food for birds when natural food sources may be scarce due to prolonged droughts or severe storms. Bird feeding can help birds maintain energy levels, especially during breeding or migration when nutritional needs are higher.

**\* Range Shifts:** Climate change can cause shifts in the distribution and abundance of bird species. Feeders can serve as "refuges" for birds, providing reliable food sources as they move in search of suitable habitats.

**\* Behavioral Adaptations:** Some species may alter their feeding behaviors due to changes in timing of insects hatching or plants flowering, which can affect the availability of natural food sources. Bird feeders can help bridge these gaps, providing a stable source of food when traditional sources are disrupted.

**Feeders**  
To attract more birds this season, it's important to offer quality feed in a variety of bird feeder types placed at different heights.

Traditional tube feeders are basic, all-purpose, must-have feeders that work well for finches, nuthatches and other small birds that cling. Made with

state-of-the-art materials to prevent warping and discoloration, Cole's Terrific Tube Feeder features a quick-clean removable base.

Simply push a button and the bottom of the feeder comes off for easy access. Rinse well with soapy water, submerge in a 9-1 water-bleach solution, rinse and dry. Then reattach the bottom; there's no disassembly or assembly of multiple parts necessary. Regular cleaning of feeders is essential, preventing mold, germs and disease.

Another option, bowl feeders, can serve not only seeds, but also dried mealworms, fruit and suet in cake or kibble form. For example, Cole's Bountiful Bowl Feeder comes with an adjustable dome cover you can raise or lower to protect from rain and prevent larger birds and squirrels from getting to the food.

**Popular Foods**  
In addition to feeders, offering a variety of foods is vital for inviting different species to your backyard.

**\* Birdseed:** Not all birdseed is created equal. Look for quality blends without filler seeds like red millet and oats. All-natural seed, containing no chemicals or mineral oil, is safe and more appealing to birds.

Consider researched, specially formulated options like all-natural black oil sunflower, Cole's "Hot Meats" (sunflower meats infused with habanero chile peppers) or Special Feeder blend, which is packed with black oil sunflower, sunflower meats, black striped sunflower, raw peanuts, safflower and pecans.

**\* Dried Mealworms:** Full of energy, essential nutrients, fats and proteins, mealworms are a preferred food for adult songbirds. Dried mealworms are easy to feed, less messy and lack the "ick" factor of live worms.

**\* Fresh Fruit:** Apple and orange halves and chunks of banana are favorites for orioles and tanagers.

**\* No-Melt Suet:** Perfect for insect-eating birds, high-fat food provides abundant calories and rich nutrition.

Don't forget, birds need water just as much as humans. Drinking water helps regulate body processes, improves metabolism and maintains health. Birds also use water for preening and bathing, and on hot days, standing in cool water or taking a quick splash can help them keep cool.

Find more solutions to bring birds to your backyard at [ColesWildBird.com](http://ColesWildBird.com).

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## In The Home

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## Building Your Dream Home Anytime, Anywhere



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## 5 TIPS TO CREATE A COMFORTABLE FOREVER HOME

### FAMILY FEATURES

For most homebuyers, their dream homes are not something they're likely to find already on the market. With a unique vision of your dream home's look, location and features, building a custom home is generally the easiest way to make that dream a reality.

To keep things moving as smoothly as possible amid what can be a complicated process, consider these tips as you embark on the journey.

### Set a Realistic Budget

You'll need to start by determining how much you can spend on your house. Typically, the cost of building a home is around \$100-\$200 per square foot, according to research from HomeAdvisor. You'll also need to account for the lot price as well as design fees, taxes, permits, materials and labor. Materials and labor should make up about 75% of the total amount spent, but it's wise to build in a buffer for price changes and overages. While building your budget, consider what items and features are "must-haves" and things that should only be included if your budget allows.



Matt Blashaw

### Identify the Perfect Location

Think about where you'd like to live and research comparable lots and properties in those areas, which can give you a better idea of costs. Because the features of many dream homes require a wider footprint, you may need to build outside of city limits, which can make natural gas more difficult to access. Consider propane instead, which can do everything natural gas can and go where natural gas cannot or where it is cost prohibitive to run a natural gas line. Propane also reduces dependence on the electrical grid, and a propane standby generator can safeguard your family if there is a power outage.

"As a real estate agent and builder, I have the pleasure of helping families select their dream homes," said Matt Blashaw, residential contractor, licensed real estate agent and host of HGTV's "Build it Forward." "The homes we design and build are frequently in propane country, or off the natural gas grid. Propane makes it possible to build an affordable and comfortable, high-performing indoor living spaces and dynamic outdoor entertaining areas."

### Keep Universal Design Principles in Mind

Many homebuyers want to ensure their space is accessible to family members and guests both now and for decades to come. As the housing market slows and mortgage rates rise, buyers may look to incorporate features that allow them to age in place. Incorporating principles of universal design – the ability of a space to be understood, accessed and used by people regardless of their age or ability – can make it possible to still enjoy your home even if mobility, vision or other challenges arise as you age.

For example, the entryway could have a ramp or sloped concrete walkway leading to a front door wide enough to accommodate a wheelchair with a barrier-free threshold. Inside, wider hallways and doorways, strategic lighting and appliances installed at lower heights are mainstays of universal design. Counters of varying heights, drop-down cabinet racks and roll-under sinks in kitchens and zero-entry showers, slip-resistant flooring and grab bars in bathrooms offer enhanced accessibility.

### Consider Alternative Energy Sources

With today's electric grid, more than two-thirds of the energy is wasted; it never reaches homes. Unlike electricity, propane is stored in a large tank either above or below ground on the property. A 500-gallon tank can hold enough propane to meet the annual energy needs of an average single-family home – enough to power major systems in a home.

Propane pairs well with other energy sources, including grid electricity and on-site solar, which makes it a viable option for dual-energy homes. Like natural gas, propane can power major appliances such as your furnace, water heater, clothes dryer, fireplace, range and standby generator. Often, propane works more efficiently with fewer greenhouse gas emissions than electricity, meaning your home is cleaner for the environment.

Propane can even power a whole-home standby generator, which is often a big selling point. When a homeowner purchases a standby generator, a licensed electrician installs the unit outside the home and wires it to the home's circuit breaker. When a power outage occurs, the generator automatically senses the disruption of service and starts the generator's engine, which then delivers power to the home. From the warm, comfortable heat of a propane furnace to the peace of mind offered by a propane standby generator, many homeowners trust propane to provide a safe, efficient, whole-home energy solution.

### Build a Team of Experts

Hiring the right people can make the process of turning your dream into reality go much smoother. Start by researching reputable builders, paying special attention to the types of homes they build to find a style that matches what you're looking for as well as price ranges for past homes they've built. Consider how long the builders have been in business and if they're licensed and insured.

Depending on your builder's capabilities, you may also need to hire an architect or designer. In addition to your real estate agent to assist with purchasing the lot and selling your previous home, you may need assistance from other professionals, such as a real estate attorney, landscape architect and propane supplier. A local propane supplier can work with the builder to install a properly sized propane storage tank either above or below ground and connect appliances.

Find more ideas for building your dream home at [Propane.com](http://Propane.com).



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## Propane-Powered Appliances

You may be surprised to learn propane can power major appliances, which can increase the value of a home because of their high performance, efficiency and reduced dependence on the electrical grid.

### Furnace

A propane-powered furnace has a 50% longer lifespan than an electric heat pump, reducing its overall lifetime costs. Propane-powered residential furnaces also emit up to 50% fewer greenhouse gas emissions than electric furnaces and 12% fewer greenhouse gas emissions than furnaces running on oil-based fuels.

### Boiler

Propane boilers have an expected lifespan of up to 30 years, but many can last longer if serviced and maintained properly. High-efficiency propane boilers offer performance, space savings and versatility as well as a significant reduction in carbon dioxide emissions compared to those fueled by heating oil.

### Standby Generator

Propane standby generators supply supplemental electricity in as little as 10 seconds after an outage. Plus, propane doesn't degrade over time, unlike diesel or gasoline, making it an ideal standby power fuel.

### Clothes Dryer

Propane-powered clothes dryers generate up to 42% fewer greenhouse gas emissions compared to electric dryers. They also dry clothes faster, which can reduce energy use and cost.

### Range

With up to 15% fewer greenhouse gas emissions compared to electric ranges, propane-powered ranges also allow for greater control of heat levels. Plus, their instant flame turnoff capabilities help them cool faster.

### Tankless Water Heater

Propane tankless water heaters have the lowest annual cost of ownership in mixed and cold United States climates when compared with electric water heaters, heat pump water heaters and oil-fueled water heaters. They also only heat water when it is needed, reducing standby losses that come with storage tank water heaters.



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## Purdue Jumps To The Top 5 Of Global Leaders In US Patents Received



Exciting and dynamic inventions discovered and developed by Purdue University researchers are improving people's lives around the world.

A system that processes agricultural field images for remote phenotype measurements. A 3D printer that continuously prints structures as small as 100 nanometers. A process that produces butylene, propylene and ethylene from natural gas liquids in shale gas. These are just a few influential Purdue innovations that were patented in 2022, further cementing Purdue's place as a global leader among its peers in protecting intellectual property.

In 2022, Purdue Research Foundation received an impressive 192 patents from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), placing it fifth internationally. The top-five breakthrough comes on the heels of Purdue's No. 6 ranking in both 2020 and 2021, when it received 175 and 169 patents, respectively. The newest ranking was released Wednesday (April 26). The reporting includes

multiple campuses in the same system as one (e.g., the University of California system, with 10 campuses, and the University of Texas system, with eight campuses), and international universities (e.g., King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia). In terms of single American university campuses, the top 5 are Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Purdue University, Stanford University, Harvard University, and California Institute of Technology.

The information was published in a report from the National Academy of Inventors.

"In achieving our highest annual ranking of U.S. patents so far, Purdue, along with MIT, stand out as single American campuses without medical schools that count among the most active in inventions," said Purdue President Mung Chiang. "Boilermaker inventors are colleagues and students who translate their knowledge creation through a foundation for direct impact to society. Half of the equation in the recently launched Purdue Innovates is to provide the best support for them to disclose inventions, apply for and receive patents, and license and deploy these patented inventions."

The Purdue Research Foundation Office of Technology Commercialization manages the technology transfer process to vet, protect and license innovations developed by university researchers, including filing patent applications. Its technology portfolio covers innovations in subject areas including agriculture, biotechnology, chemistry and chem-

ical analysis, computer technology, engineering, food and nutrition, green technology, micro- and nanotechnologies, and more.

Brian Edelman, president of Purdue Research Foundation said, "Purdue Research Foundation provides resources to support faculty, staff and student researchers across all academic disciplines and campuses who want to commercialize their inventions. These commercialization resources bring this leading-edge and most modern work to the public, where it can strengthen quality of life and economic and workforce development."

Brooke Beier, senior vice president of Purdue Innovates said, "We wanted to create an ecosystem that embraced all Boilermakers by supporting both Purdue-owned intellectual property and startups that have their own intellectual property but have some other connection to Purdue, such as an alum. Solidifying the university core while engaging and leveraging the Boilermaker network is key to enhancing Purdue's ability to become the preeminent university in commercialization and startup success."

Among the 2022 patents were:

- "Augmented reality platform for collaborative classrooms" by Karthik Ramani, the Donald W. Feddersen Distinguished Professor in Mechanical Engineering and professor of electrical and computer engineering, College of Engineering.
- "Collagen compositions and methods of use" by Sherry L. Harbin, professor, College

of Engineering and College of Veterinary Medicine.

- "Furniture and methods of storage" by Tong Jin "TJ" Kim, professor, College of Liberal Arts.

- "Immune receptor conferring broad spectrum fungal resistance in sorghum," Tesfaye D. Mengiste, professor, College of Agriculture.

- "Methods of analyzing crude oil" by Graham Cooks, the Henry B. Hass Distinguished Professor of Analytical Chemistry, College of Science.

- "Modified glucagon molecules" by Elizabeth M. Topp, professor, College of Engineering and College of Pharmacy.

- "Multichannel pulsed valve inlet system and method" by Hilkka I. Kenttämää, the Frank Brown Distinguished Professor of Analytical Chemistry and Organic Chemistry, College of Science.

- "Multipurpose solar drying tray assemblies and methods therefor" by Klein Iteleji, associate professor, College of Agriculture and College of Engineering.

- "Multirotor aerial vehicle with automatically rotatable arms" by Xiumin Diao, associate professor, Purdue Polytechnic Institute.

- "Muscle progenitor cells enhance innervation" by Stacey Halum, adjunct associate professor, College of Health and Human Sciences.

- "Proactive customer care in a communication system" by Sonia Fahmy, professor, College of Science.

- "System and method for using a solar cell in wireless communication" by Walter

Daniel Leon-Salas, associate professor, Purdue Polytechnic Institute.

In fiscal year 2022, the Office of Technology Commercialization reported 157 deals finalized with 237 technologies signed, 379 disclosures received and 169 issued U.S. patents.

In the 2022 fiscal year, the Office of Technology Commercialization:

- Received 379 total disclosures from Purdue innovators: 361 invention disclosures and 18 copyright disclosures.

- Filed 699 patent applications with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and international patent organizations.

- Received 239 U.S. and international patents.
- Executed 157 licenses and options.

- Received \$6.77 million worth of gross revenue in royalty and licensing income (\$4.26 million net).

- Helped establish 9 startup companies.

Since 2001, the Office of Technology Commercialization has:

- Received 6,306 invention disclosures from university researchers.

- Applied for 9,759 patents from U.S. and international organizations.

- Received 2,871 patents from U.S. and international organizations.

- Executed 2,359 licenses for businesses to commercialize Purdue innovations.

- Helped create 288 startups based on Purdue innovations.

From 2006-22, OTC has received more than \$84 million in net revenue from licensing activity.

## Korean Supplier Joins Indiana's Growing Electric Vehicle Ecosystem

Jaewon Industrial, a South Korea-based supplier of chemicals and allied products, announced plans last week to establish operations in the United States, locating a new chemical recycling plant in Kokomo to serve lithium-ion battery manufacturers and the growing electric vehicle (EV) supply chain. To support this growth, the company plans to create up to 100 new, high-wage jobs by the end of 2024.

"Indiana's electric vehicle ecosystem continues to accelerate, and we're excited to welcome JWA to our growing, future-focused economy," said Indiana Secretary of Commerce Brad Chambers. "With the addition of JWA, Hoosiers will be supporting the full lifecycle of energy storage and electric vehicle production – from R&D to production to recycling – helping usher in the global energy transition and shared sustainability goals."

The company, which is headquartered in Yeosu, South Korea, has established a subsidiary, JWA Co., Ltd., to serve the U.S. battery and EV market. JWA will invest \$102 million to locate its first operations in Indiana, purchasing 30 acres of land at 100 East in Kokomo. In its first phase of construction, the company will construct a 65,000-square-foot facility to disperse conductive slurry and will build a recycling facility to recycle n-methylpyrrolidone (NMP), enabling JWA to recycle up to 100,000 tons of NMP once at full capacity. The company is also finalizing plans for its second phase of construction, which will include building a second, 150,000-square-foot facility to disperse conductive slurry. JWA's new Kokomo site will serve the electric vehicle industry, recycling chemical waste to electric grade and supporting battery manufacturers' ESG initiatives.

JWA plans to break ground on its new Kokomo operations in June 2023 and expects to begin operations in 2024, serving battery manufacturers in Indiana, including Stellantis' and Samsung SDI's new gigafactory joint venture, and across the U.S. The company will hire for plant managers, engineers and operators once the facility is up and running.

"The secondary battery and semiconductor industries in North America have been seeing rapid growth over the last few years," said Jaewon Shim, CEO of Jaewon Industrial.

"By establishing a presence in Indiana, we hope to help secure Indiana as the center of the North American secondary battery and semi-conductor supply chains. Jaewon Industrial is also committed to investing in R&D as well as innovation of leading environmentally friendly solutions for businesses."

The announcement comes on

the heels of Sec. Chambers' trip to South Korea in March where he led Indiana's participation in the InterBattery Conference – Korea's leading battery exhibition. Indiana, which was one of eight states invited by the U.S. Embassy in Seoul to exhibit within the conference's U.S. pavilion, highlighted the state's competitive business climate, innovation ecosystem and growing battery and electric vehicle ecosystem to industry partners and prospects like Jaewon Industrial.

"We are honored that Jaewon Industries has faith in Kokomo and its local workforce," said Kokomo Mayor Tyler Moore. "This latest investment shows how the EV industry continues to have an impact on our community. Kokomo and its workers are up to the task."

Based on the company's job creation plans, the Indiana Economic Development Cor-

poration (IEDC) committed an investment in JWA of up to \$2 million in the form of incentive-based tax credits and up to \$500,000 in training grants. The IEDC also committed an investment of up to \$500,000 in Manufacturing Readiness Grants, which are designed to help companies invest in smart manufacturing and new technologies. These tax credits are performance-based, meaning the company is eligible to claim incentives once Hoosiers are hired. The city of Kokomo supports the project.

About Jaewon Industrial  
Jaewon Industrial Co LTD, established in 1987 in Yeosu, South Korea, has been involved in electronic material production for semiconductors, electronic displays and secondary batteries for many years – a process that requires an extremely high standard of purity and usage of advanced distillation technologies for value-added production.

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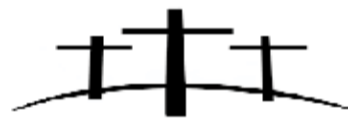
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Wednesday 6:30 Bible Study



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Wednesday Bible Study 4 pm



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Church 10:30 am

Sunday Evening 6 pm

Wednesday Night Bible Study 7 pm



## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Follow in The Sun*  
212 E. Wabash Avenue  
Crawfordsville  
(765) 362-4817  
[www.cvfumc.org](http://www.cvfumc.org)

**Virtual services at 9:00 am**  
**Can be watched on channel 3**

All are welcome to join and  
all are loved by God





## Faith Baptist Church

5113 S 200 W • Crawfordsville  
(765) 866-1273 • faithbaptistcville.com

**Sunday School 9:30AM**  
**Sunday Morning 10:30 AM**  
**Sunday Evening 6:00 PM**  
**Prayer Mtg Wednesday 7:00 PM**

*Where church is still church*  
*Worship Hymns*  
*Bible Preaching*




## EAST SIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

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765-362-1785  
www.eastsidebc.com

**Services:**  
**Sunday School at 9 am**  
**Church at 10 am**

*Help and hope through truth and love*



## Crossroads Community Church of the Nazarene

**SUNDAY**  
**9:00 AM: Small Group**  
**10:15 AM: Worship**  
**5:00 PM: Bible Study**

**WEDNESDAY**  
**6:00 PM: Mid-week Service**

**117 E State Road 234 • Ladoga**  
**765-866-8180**



## Congregational Christian Church

*"Be a blessing and be blessed"*

101 Academy Street • Darlington  
765-794-4716

**Sunday School for all ages 9:30am**  
**Worship 10:30am**

You can find us on Youtube and Facebook



## Christ's United Methodist Church

Dr. David Boyd

**We're here and we can hardly wait to see you**  
**Sundays at 11 a.m.!**

909 E Main Street • Crawfordsville  
765-362-2383  
christsumc@mymetronet.net

View live and archived services on our FB page.  
View archived only services at christsumc.org.>video>livestream.



## First Baptist Church

CRAWFORDSVILLE, INDIANA

**Sunday School/Growth Groups: 9:00 AM**  
**Worship Service: 10:30 AM**  
**Youth Group Wednesday at 6:30**

*You can watch us on YouTube and Facebook*  
*Watch Sunday Mornings*

### YOUR MONTGOMERY COUNTY CHURCH DIRECTORY

- Apostolic:**  
*Garfield Apostolic Christian Church*  
Rt. #5, Box 11A, Old Darlington Road  
794-4958 or 362-3234  
Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.  
Pastor Vernon Dowell
- Gateway Apostolic (UPCI)*  
2208 Traction Rd  
364-0574 or 362-1586  
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
- Moriah Apostolic Church*  
602 S. Mill St.  
376-0906  
10 a.m. Sunday, 6 p.m. Wednesday  
Pastor Clarence Lee
- New Life Apostolic Tabernacle*  
1434 Darlington Avenue  
364-1628  
Worship: Sunday 10 a.m.; 6 p.m.  
Sunday: The Voice of Healing & Restoration on 103.9 at 9 a.m.  
Tuesday prayer: 7 p.m.  
Thursday Mid-week: 7 p.m.  
Pastor Terry P. Gobin
- One Way Pentecostal Apostolic Church*  
364-1421  
Worship 10 a.m.  
Sunday School: 11 a.m.
- Apostolic Pentecostal:**  
*Cornerstone Church*  
1314 Danville Ave.  
361-5932  
Worship: 10 a.m.; 6:30 p.m.  
Bible Study: Thursday, 6:30 p.m.
- Grace and Mercy Ministries*  
257 W. Oak Hill Rd.  
765-361-1641  
Worship: 10 a.m.; 6 p.m.  
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m.  
Sunday School: 11 a.m.  
Co-Pastors Nathan and Peg Miller
- Assembly of God:**  
*Crosspoint Fellowship*  
1350 Ladoga Road  
362-0602  
Sunday Services: 10 a.m.  
Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m.
- First Assembly of God Church*  
2070 Lebanon Rd.  
362-8147 or 362-0051  
Sunday School: 9 a.m.  
Worship: 10:30 a.m.; 6 p.m.  
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m.
- Baptist:**  
*Browns Valley Missionary Baptist Church*  
P.O. Box 507, Crawfordsville  
435-3030  
Worship: 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.
- Calvary Baptist Church*  
128 E. CR 400 S  
364-9428  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
Worship: 10 a.m.; 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.  
Calvary Crusaders Wednesdays: 6:45 p.m.  
Pro-Teen Wednesdays: 7 p.m.  
Pastor Randal Glenn
- East Side Baptist Church*  
2000 Traction Rd.  
362-1785  
Bible Study: 9 a.m.  
Worship: 10 a.m.; 6 p.m.  
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Prime Time  
Teens, Pioneer Clubs; 6:45 p.m. :Adult Bible Study  
Rev. Steve Whicker
- Faith Baptist Church*  
5113 S. CR 200 W  
866-1273  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
Worship: 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Prayer Meeting: 7 p.m.  
Pastor Tony Roe
- First Baptist Church*  
1905 Lebanon Rd.  
362-6504  
Worship: 8:15 a.m.; 10:25 a.m.  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
High School Youth Sunday: 5 p.m.
- Freedom Baptist Church*  
6223 W. SR 234  
(765) 435-2177
- Worship: 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School is 10:45 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.  
Pastor Tim Gillespie
- Fremont St. Baptist Church*  
1908 E. Fremont St.  
362-2998  
Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Worship: 11 a.m.; 6 p.m.  
Pastor Dan Aldrich
- Friendship Baptist Church*  
U.S. 136 and Indiana 55  
362-2483  
Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.  
Worship: 10:30 a.m.; 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.  
Friendship Kids for Christ: 6 p.m.  
Pastor Chris Hortin
- Ladoga Baptist Church*  
751 Cherry St., Ladoga  
942-2460  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship: 10:30 a.m.; 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.  
Ron Gardner, Pastor
- Mount Olivet Missionary Baptist*  
7585 East, SR 236, Roachdale  
676-5891 or (317) 997-3785  
Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
Wednesday Evening: 7 p.m.  
Bro. Wally Beam
- New Market Baptist Church*  
200 S. First St.  
866-0083  
Sunday School: 9 a.m.  
Worship: 10 a.m.  
Children's church and child care provided
- Second Baptist Church*  
119 1/2 S. Washington St,  
off of PNC Bank.  
363-0875  
Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Worship: 11 a.m.
- StoneWater Church*  
120 Plum St., Linden  
339-7300  
Sunday Service: 10 a.m.  
Pastors: Mike Seaman and Steve Covington
- Waynetown Baptist Church*  
Corner of Plum and Walnut Streets  
234-2398  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
Fellowship: 10:30 a.m.  
Worship: 11 a.m.  
Children's Church: 11:10 a.m.  
Pastor Ron Raffignone
- Christian:**  
*Alamo Christian Church*  
866-7021  
Worship: 10:30 a.m.
- Browns Valley Christian Church*  
9011 State Road 47 South  
435-2590  
Sunday School: 9 a.m.  
Worship: 10 a.m.
- Byron Christian Church*  
7512 East 950 North, Waveland  
Sunday School 9 a.m.  
Worship Service 10 a.m.
- Waynetown Christian Union Church*  
SR 136, then south on CR 650.  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
Wed. Prayer: 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m., Wed Bible Study 7 p.m.  
Kingdom Seekers Youth Group (alternate Sundays)  
Pastor Seth Stultz
- Darlington Christian Church*  
Main and Washington streets  
794-4558  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
Worship: 10:30 a.m.; 6 p.m.
- First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)*
- 211 S. Walnut St.  
362-4812  
SUNDAY: 9:22 a.m. Contemporary  
Café worship  
9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School  
10:40 a.m. Traditional Worship  
WEDNESDAY: 5-7 a.m. Logos Youth  
Dinner & Program  
Pastor: Rev. Daria Goodrich
- Ladoga Christian Church*  
124 W. Elm St.  
942-2019  
Sunday School: 9 a.m.  
Worship: 10 a.m.; 6 p.m.
- Love Outreach Christian Church*  
611 Garden St.  
362-6240  
Worship: 10 a.m.  
Wednesday: 7 p.m.  
Pastors Rob and Donna Joy Hughes
- New Hope Chapel of Wingate*  
275-2304  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
Bible Study: 6:30 p.m., Wed.  
Youth Group: 5:30 p.m., Wed.  
Homework Class: 4:30 p.m. Wed & Thurs.  
Champs Youth Program: 5:30 p.m. Wed.  
Adult Bible Class: 6:30 p.m. Wed.  
Pastor Duane Mycroft
- New Hope Christian Church*  
2746 US 231 South  
362-0098  
newhopefortoday.org  
Worship and Sunday School at 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
- New Market Christian Church*  
300 S. Third St.  
866-0421  
Sunday School: 9 a.m.  
Worship: 10 a.m.  
Wednesday evening: Bible Study 6:15, Youth 6:15, Choir 7:15  
Pastor Gary Snowden
- New Richmond Christian Church*  
339-4234  
202 E. Washington St.  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
Pastor John Kenneson
- New Ross Christian Church*  
212 N. Main St.  
723-1747  
Worship: 10 a.m.  
Youth Group: 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday  
Minister Ivan Brown
- Parkersburg Christian Church*  
86 E. 1150 S., Ladoga  
866-1747  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
Pastor Rich Fuller
- Providence Christian Church*  
10735 E 200 S  
723-1215  
Worship: 10 a.m.
- Waveland Christian Church*  
212 W. Main St.  
435-2300  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
Worship: 10:30 a.m.
- Waynetown Christian Church*  
103 W. Walnut St.  
234-2554  
Worship: 10 a.m.  
Sunday School: 9 a.m.
- Whitesville Christian Church*  
3603 South Ladoga Road  
Crawfordsville, IN 47933  
(765) 362-3896  
New Worship Service Time  
9:00am 1st Service  
10:30am 2nd Service  
Whitesvillechristianchurch.com
- Woodland Heights Christian Church*  
468 N. Woodland Heights Dr.  
362-5284  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
Worship: 8:15 a.m. (traditional);  
10:30 a.m. (contemporary)  
Student Ministry: 5 p.m., Sunday  
Pastor Tony Thomas
- Young's Chapel Christian Church*  
Rt. 6, Crawfordsville  
794-4544
- Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
Pastor: Gary Edwards
- Church of Christ:**  
*Church of Christ*  
419 Englewood Drive  
362-7128  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
Worship: 10:30 a.m.; 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.
- Southside Church of Christ*  
153 E 300 South, east of US 231  
765-720-2816  
Sunday Bible Classes: 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship: 5 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Classes: 7 p.m.  
Preacher: Brad Phillips  
Website: southsidechurchofchristindiana.com
- Church of God:**  
*First Church of God*  
711 Curtis St.  
362-3482  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
Worship: 10:30 a.m.; 6 p.m.  
Pastor Chuck Callahan
- Grace Avenue Church of God*  
901 S. Grace Ave.  
362-5687  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
Worship: 10:30 a.m.; 6 p.m.  
Pastor Duane McClure
- Community:**  
*Congregational Christian Church*  
402 S. Madison St., Darlington  
794-4716  
Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.  
Worship: 10:30 a.m.
- Crawfordsville Community Church*  
Fairgrounds on Parke Ave.  
Crawfordsville  
794-4924  
Worship: 10 a.m.  
Men's prayer group, Mondays 6:30 p.m.  
Pastor Ron Threlkeld
- Gravelly Run Friends Church*  
CR 150 N, 500 E  
Worship: 10 a.m.
- Harvest Fellowship Church*  
CR 500 S  
866-7739  
Pastor J.D. Bowman  
Worship 10 a.m.
- Liberty Chapel Church*  
500 N CR 400 W  
275-2412  
Sunday School: 9 a.m.  
Worship: 10 a.m.
- Linden Community Church*  
321 E. South St., Linden (Hahn's)  
Sunday: 9:15
- Yountsville Community Church*  
4382 W SR 32  
362-7387  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
Pastor Alan Goff
- Episcopal:**  
*Bethel African Methodist Episcopal*  
213 North St., Crawfordsville  
364-1496
- St. John's Episcopal Church*  
212 S. Green Street  
765-362-2331  
Sunday Eucharist: 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.  
Christian Formation: 9:15 a.m.  
Midweek Eucharist Wednesday: 12:15 p.m.
- Full Gospel:**  
*Church Alive!*  
1203 E. Main St.  
362-4312  
Worship: 10 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.
- Enoch Ministries*  
922 E. South Boulevard  
Worship: Sunday, 10 a.m.  
Pastor: Jeff Richards
- New Bethel Fellowship*  
406 Mill St., Crawfordsville  
362-8840  
Pastors Greg and Sherri Maish  
Associate Pastors Dave and Brenda Deckard
- Worship 10 a.m.
- Victory Family Church*  
1133 S. Indiana 47  
765-362-2477  
Worship: 10 a.m.; Wednesday 6:30 p.m.  
Pastor Duane Bryant
- Lutheran:**  
*Christ Lutheran ELCA*  
300 W. South Blvd. • 362-6434  
Holy Communion Services: 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.  
Pastor: Kelly Nelson  
www.christchurchindiana.net
- Holy Cross (Missouri Synod)*  
1414 E. Wabash Ave.  
362-5599  
Sunday School: 9 a.m.  
Worship: 10:15 a.m.  
Adult Bible Study: 7 p.m., Wed.  
Minister: Rev. Jeffery Stone  
http://www.holycross-crawfordsville.org
- Phanuel Lutheran Church*  
Lutheran Church Rd., Wallace  
Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.  
Worship: 9:30 a.m.
- United Methodist:**  
*Christ's United Methodist*  
909 E. Main St.  
362-2383  
Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Worship: 11 a.m.
- Darlington United Methodist Church*  
Harrison St.  
794-4824  
Worship: 9:00 a.m.  
Fellowship: 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.  
Pastor Dirk Caldwell
- First United Methodist Church*  
212 E. Wabash Ave.  
362-4817  
Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Traditional Worship: 9 a.m.  
The Gathering: 11:10 a.m.  
Rev. Brian Campbell
- North Cornerstone Church*  
609 South Main St. P.O. Box 38  
339-7347  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
Worship: 10 a.m.  
Rev. Clint Fink
- Mace United Methodist Church*  
5581 US 136 E  
362-5734  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
Worship: 10:40 a.m.
- Mount Zion United Methodist*  
2131 W. Black Creek Valley Rd.  
362-9044  
Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.  
Worship: 9:30 a.m.  
Pastor Marvin Cheek
- New Market United Methodist Church*  
Third and Main Street  
866-0703  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
Worship: 10:45 a.m.
- New Ross United Methodist Church*  
108 W. State St.  
Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Worship: 9 a.m.
- Waveland Covenant United Methodist Church*  
403 E. Green St.  
866-0703  
Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.  
Worship: 9:15 a.m.
- Waynetown United Methodist Church*  
124 E. Washington St.  
243-2610  
Worship 9:30 a.m.  
Johnny Booth
- Mormon:**  
*Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints*  
125 W and Oak Hill Rd.  
362-8006  
Sacrament Meeting: 9 a.m.  
Sunday School: 10:20 a.m.
- Nazarene:**  
*Crossroads Community Church of the Nazarene*  
US 231 and Indiana 234  
866-8180  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
Pastor Mark Roberts
- Harbor Nazarene Church*  
2950 US 231 S  
307-2119  
Worship: 10 a.m.  
Pastor Joshua Jones  
www.harbornaz.com
- Orthodox:**  
*Holy Transfiguration Orthodox*  
4636 Fall Creek Rd.  
359-0632  
Great Vespers: 5 p.m. Saturday  
Matins: 8:30 a.m.  
Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Sunday  
Rev. Father Alexis Miller
- Saint Stephen the First Martyr Orthodox Church (OCA)*  
802 Whitlock Ave.  
361-2831 or 942-2388  
Great Vespers: 6:30 p.m. Saturday  
Wednesday evening prayer 6:30pm  
Divine Liturgy: 9:30 a.m. Sunday
- Presbyterian:**  
*Bethel Presbyterian Church of Shannondale*  
1052 N. CR 1075 E., Crawfordsville  
794-4383  
Sunday School: 9 a.m.  
Worship 10 a.m.
- Wabash Avenue Presbyterian Church*  
307 S. Washington St.  
362-5812  
Worship: 10 a.m.  
Pastor: Dr. John Van Nuys
- Roman Catholic:**  
*Saint Bernard's Catholic Church*  
1306 E. Main St.  
362-6121  
Father Michael Bower  
Worship: 5:30 pm Saturday; 9:30 am, 12:15 - Spanish Mass, 5:00 pm at Wabash College Chapel (during school year)  
www.stbernardcville.org
- United Church of Christ:**  
*Pleasant Hill United Church of Christ - Wingate*  
Worship: 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.  
Pastor Alan Goff
- United Pentecostal:**  
*Pentecostals of Crawfordsville*  
116 S. Walnut St., Crawfordsville  
362-3046  
Pastor L. M. Sharp  
Worship: 2:30 p.m.  
Prayer Meeting: 10 a.m., Tuesday  
Bible Study: 6 p.m., Wednesday
- Non-denominational:**  
*Athens Universal Life Church*  
Your Church Online  
http://www.aulc.us  
(765)267-1436  
Dr. Robert White, Senior Pastor  
The Ben Hur Nursing Home  
Sundays at 9:00am  
Live Broadcast Sundays at 2:00pm  
Bickford Cottage Sundays at 6:00pm
- Calvary Chapel*  
915 N. Whitlock Ave.  
362-8881  
Worship: 10 a.m., 6 p.m.  
Bible Study, Wednesday: 6 p.m.
- Rock Point Church*  
429 W 150S  
362-5494  
Sunday church services are 9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m.  
Youth group is from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Sunday  
Small Groups: Throughout the week
- The Church of Abundant Faith*  
5529 U.S. Highway 136  
Waynetown, IN  
Reverend John Pettigrew  
Sunday Worship: 9:45 am  
(765) 225-1295
- The Vine Christian Church*  
1004 Wayne Ave. Crawfordsville  
Service at 10:02



# SUNDAY

## Health and WELLNESS

Sunday, April 30, 2023

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### Steps You Can Take To Control Your Asthma

(Family Features) Did you know that asthma affects 1 in 13 people in the United States (U.S.)? Asthma is a long-term condition that can make it harder for you to breathe because the airways of your lungs become inflamed and narrow. If you have the disease - or think you do - don't tough it out. While there's no cure for asthma, it can usually be managed by taking a few key steps that can help you live a full and active life.

Here are some important facts to know first:

\* Asthma affects some communities more than others. Black people and American Indian/Alaska Native people have the highest asthma rates of any racial or ethnic group, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). In fact, Black people are over 40% more likely to have asthma than white people.

\* Asthma rates vary within some communities. For example, Puerto Rican Americans have twice the asthma rate of

the overall U.S. Hispanic/Latino population.

\* Some groups are more likely to have serious consequences from asthma. The CDC found Black people are almost four times more likely to be hospitalized because of their asthma than white people.

\* Almost twice as many women as men have asthma.

Even if you experience asthma differently than others, you can still take action to try to control your symptoms and begin doing the things you love. The National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) recommends these four steps:

Talk to a health care provider. You can work with a health care provider to set up an asthma action plan. This plan explains how to manage your asthma, what medicines to take and when and what to do if your symptoms get worse. It also tells you what to do in an emergency.

Know and track your asthma symptoms. Are you experiencing symptoms such as coughing,

wheezing, chest tightness or shortness of breath? Tell a health care provider about them and make sure to keep track of any changes. That way you and the provider can know if your treatment plan is working.

Identify and manage your triggers. Some common asthma triggers include dust, mold, pollen, pests like cockroaches or rodents and pet hair. The asthma action plan can help you figure out what triggers make your asthma worse and how to manage them.

Avoid cigarette smoke. If you smoke, talk to a health care provider about ways to help you quit. If you have loved ones who smoke, ask them to quit. Do your best to avoid smoke in shared indoor spaces, including your home and car.

Asthma doesn't have to stop you from leading a full and active life. Find out more about asthma and how to manage it from NHLBI's Learn More Breathe Better(r) program at nhlbi.nih.gov/breathebetter.

### Learn How To Protect Yourself And Your Family From Medicare Fraud

(Family Features) More than 65 million people in the United States were enrolled in Medicare as of February 2023, with more people becoming eligible and enrolling each year. Anyone on Medicare is at risk of Medicare-related fraud, and the Medicare program continues to warn people to watch out for scammers who steal Medicare Numbers and other personal information to exploit beneficiaries' benefits.

Broadly speaking, Medicare fraud occurs when someone makes false claims for health care services, procedures and equipment to obtain Medicare payments. Medicare fraud costs taxpayers billions of dollars and puts the health and welfare of beneficiaries at risk.

"Anyone on Medicare can be a target of Medicare fraud," said Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure. "But there are steps you can take to protect yourself and your loved ones by

using CMS' fraud tips to recognize and report potential scammers. Let's all work together to make sure you're not a victim of Medicare fraud."

How to Spot Medicare Scams

There are many types of Medicare scams, taking the form of unsolicited emails, phone calls, text messages, social media posts and phony websites. Scammers often claim to be from the Medicare office, an insurance company or a government office. They'll ask for your personal and financial information, such as your Medicare or Social Security Number, so that they can submit false claims for payment.

Remember that Medicare will never call, text, email or contact you through social media asking for your Medicare Number.

How to Protect Yourself

You'll also need to know how to protect yourself from potential fraudsters. Remember to:

\* Guard your Medicare Number just like your Social Security card and credit card

\* Share your Medicare Number only with trusted health care providers

\* Review your Medicare statements, watch for services billed that look suspicious and ask questions if something looks wrong

How to Report Scammers

Reporting Medicare fraud protects you and millions of other people with Medicare and those with disabilities. If you or someone you know have experienced Medicare fraud or suspect an offer you've received is a scam, report it as soon as possible.

To learn more about Medicare fraud, visit Medicare.gov/fraud. To report potential Medicare fraud, you can call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) or report the scam to the Federal Trade Commission at ReportFraud.ftc.gov.

Information provided by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.




**Readers' Choice Winner!**

*Judith Kleine*  
**ARCHITECT**

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# SUNDAY

## Health and WELLNESS

Sunday, April 30, 2023

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# Selecting a Health Care Provider

## Resources to guide your selection

### FAMILY FEATURES

Getting health care for yourself or a loved one is a big responsibility, especially if you're just getting started with Medicare or have changes in your life, such as a new diagnosis of a condition or disease. It can be overwhelming if you need services like nursing home care, have to find a new doctor or get home health care.

Using online tools like "Find Care Providers" on Medicare.gov can make it easier to make comparisons and help choose doctors, hospitals, nursing homes and more for you or the person you are helping provide care to. Consider these benefits of using the comparison tools to narrow your options.

#### A Resource for Research

The website provides a simple search and compare experience that allows you to find providers near you. Simply put in a ZIP code and the type of provider to receive a list of providers, their contact information and a map of locations. The information even includes "star ratings" and services provided. The tool can be used to find all sorts of providers, including doctors, hospitals, home health care agencies, skilled nursing facilities, rehabilitation providers, hospice and dialysis facilities.

For example, two sisters needed to find a nursing home that was right for their father. This proved to be a difficult, emotional decision. They didn't know what nursing homes were in the area where he lives, so they entered his ZIP code and searched for nursing homes. They then received a list of each one in his area, complete with ratings as well as staffing data and inspection reports.

Using a laptop, desktop, tablet or mobile device, you can see how patients rate their care experiences at the hospitals in your area and find home health agencies that offer the services you might need, like nursing care, physical therapy and occupational therapy.

Contact information for local inpatient rehabilitation facilities or long-term care hospitals is available, as well as hospice quality care ratings and specific care details, such as which dialysis facilities offer home dialysis training.

#### Finding Health Care Services

Many factors influence who you trust with your health care. In some cases, family, caregivers or friends may offer referrals to a doctor or medical

facility based on their own experiences, and that can be a helpful guide.

Whether you have referrals or are starting from scratch, you can compare health care providers near you using the Medicare.gov tool, pinpointing which category of services you need, whether it's doctors and clinicians, hospitals, hospice and home health agencies, dialysis facilities, inpatient rehabilitation centers or nursing homes.

In addition to searching by your location using your address or a combination of city, state or ZIP code, you can search by provider type and keyword to generate a list of providers that could fit your needs.

#### Finding a Doctor Who Fits

When you're looking for a new doctor and not sure where to start, the tool makes it quick and easy to find and compare doctors in your area. You can find contact information, practice locations, specialty and hospital affiliation as well as hospital ratings.

Selecting the "compare" button allows you to compare up to three different health care providers at once. When you're ready to schedule a visit with a new provider, be sure to take time during your scheduling call to verify general information, like the office location, whether the office is accepting new patients with Medicare and whether you need a referral to be treated.

#### Comparing Nursing Homes

Whether you're planning ahead or need to make an unexpected decision, there's a lot to think about when choosing the right nursing home for you or someone else. Many family members and caregivers prioritize location so they're able to check in and visit frequently, but there are many other important factors you may want to consider, too.

The comparison tool at Medicare.gov provides filtering options that allow you to personalize your results by sifting through the criteria that matter most to you, such as inspection results, number of beds, staffing data and more.

You'll be able to check out the nursing home's overall "star ratings." The information can serve as a guide of a provider's track record to help assist you with finding a home that best suits the person's needs.

Visit Medicare.gov/care-compare to access the tool and find health care providers and services in your area that fit your needs.

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## Caregiver Guide

Making decisions as a caregiver can be challenging but taking advantage of available resources can help you feel more confident in your choices.

For example, Medicare.gov allows you to find information about health care providers, hospitals, nursing homes, hospice, home health agencies, dialysis facilities, inpatient rehab and long-term care hospitals near you. The website also provides quality ratings, so you can see the provider or facility's history of service, among other details that help you make the most informed decision on behalf of the person you're helping.



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## Vancleave Saga Number 8 - Cross-Eyed-Ben



**KAREN ZACH**  
Around The County

My revised plan for Saga #8 was to do Jonathan son of Ralph but I covered him fairly well last week in Ralph's Saga, so we'll do my original plan and finish this VanCleave saga with Benjamin "Cross-eyed Ben," as he was called and not sure whether that indicates a physical condition or just a tag to distinguish him from his father, Benjamin Samuel, mother of course, Ruth Munson.

So, meet Ben born 9 September 1787 Jefferson County, Kentucky and died 26 October 1855 buried in Old Union Cemetery north of Waveland. He married 18 Dec 1809 Henry County, Kentucky to Mary Stevenson Mount (daughter of Matthias Mount and Mary Elizabeth Stevenson). They were farmers and were in Brown Township

about three decades or more. His property was worth \$2500 in 1850, five years before he passed. Their children numbered lucky 7: Mathias Mount; James S.; Thomas Jolly; Mary Jane; John Ralph; Ruth Ann and Sarah Ellen. Note: after writing this and reading over it, found another child of these two - Benjamin A born in June and passed away in September 1828 - buried with his parents.

Matthias Mount was thrice married #1 Nancy Nicholson mother of eight of his dozen children; #2 Charity Hunter (mother of four) and Mary Harris his third, all three marriages in MoCo. Matthias was born 26 March 1810 in Bull Creek, Kentucky. Although MM was a cabinet maker, he too was a minister. He also did some farming. A rather fun article on Rev. V. was in the C'ville Journal 9 Nov 1889 suggesting that Rev. CH Little (Danville IL) would far surpass (in weddings performed) the deceased Rev. Vancleave who was in his 90s when he died. Sure had to laugh - some news reporters are just after the story, right or wrong and this tale sure had the boobos. Definitely, a puffed-up mess! Rev. MM was only 87 when he died nine years after the article was written and he performed several more marriages

as I assume Rev. Little did so not sure which won that race. Perhaps they weren't even aware of the competition. Several of MM's children passed young (Benjamin; Lovina; Joel). Others were John, Serena (who married one of Indiana's best-ever judges James McCabe who lived in Warren County - three children at least, Nancy; Edwin; Charles; Sarah), Samuel Matthias (married Mary Johnson here, went to Missouri, Kansas and passed away in Santa Monica California in June 1916 - at least three children, Minnie; William Mathias and Charles), Dorcas (married John Hunt and had five children, two passing young, the others Charles; Lula May and Daisy). MM's other children were: Nancy Jane; Sarah Adeline; Martha and Mary. Other than their names, don't know much about that group.

Next child of Ben's was James S. born Shelby Co KY 21 Feb 1813 and died fairly young at 27 Aug 1855. His wife was even younger (Mary Mitchell died 4 April 1844 b 26 Sept 1816), passing in childbirth with their youngest of five children Ben died age 20, Samantha married James Mullikan; Alfred Thomas married Catharine Sayler and parented 7 sons (Bert; Charles

Benjamin; John E; James Thomas; George W; Samuel M and William H. William Newton son of James and Mary (Mitchell) died at age 20 and their other son was James Brown ("Big Jim") who died in bed in 1899.

Son, Thomas Jolly Vancleave born 14 August 1818 in Shelby KY passed away 9 April 1894 in Marion County, Oregon and is buried there with his wife, Harriet Williams. Parents of 7 sons: Francis Marion; John S; William Benjamin; Merideth; Washington Taylor; Wilson T and James M. Almost all of these sons were born in Scott Township, MoCo but James who died at 15 days as they moved out to Guthrie County, Iowa before the Oregon move.

Mary Jane Vancleave was born here (Jan 1826) and passed away some time between the 1900 and 1910 census, her husband, Robert Wasson living with their oldest son who remained so very close with them (William A; not sure what happened to his brother, Robert Morgan)

The Johnson Todd's (mother Ruth Ann VanCleave) had a bunch of kiddos, Ruth the mother of an even dozen (America Malissa; John William; Mary Elizabeth; Sarah Jane; George Washington;

Isaac Shelby; Henry Thomas and John William. Johnson's first wife, Mary Hanna birthed two: James Clayton and Sallie died young). Perlina never married passing at her sister's home in MoCo 25 Feb 1937); another of their sisters, Mary Ann died shortly after birth as did brothers, Samuel R and Andrew Jackson). Most of these folks stayed here, marrying into well-thought-of local families (Davis; Griffith; Maddox; Servies) but their son Johnson Benjamin was back and forth even passing here and returned for burial with his wife, Julia Ann Smith.

Sarah Ellen, the youngest of Ben and Mary's children married local fellow, Samuel Demoret (Oct 1848) and Elizabeth, Mary and Johnson were I believe her children. He remarried and had a son Joseph. She died before she was 30.

So, there ya' have my rendition of one of the many Ben Vancleaves, but this one (and his family) ranks among my favorites.

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## A Once In A Lifetime Golfing Day



**BUTCH DALE**  
Columnist

As I mentioned in a column that I wrote last year, I started playing golf at a very early age. When I was ten years old, I made three greens in our front pasture, complete with bamboo pole flags, coffee cans for cups, and sawdust for the sand traps. I bought a 7-iron at the Sportsman's Shop in Crawfordsville for \$4.00 and received a putter and 3-wood for Christmas that year. With an uncle's old golf bag, and a few of Dad's old clubs, I was in business! Dad took me to the Crawfordsville municipal course when I was 13 years old...I loved it!!

During high school, I played very little golf, as I concentrated on Darlington's three sports...baseball, basketball, and track, in addition to working on the farm and working for others to earn a little spending money. After graduating from Purdue and beginning my teaching career, I started playing golf in the summers again. A group of Darlington men golfed every Sunday morning at Fairway golf course, which was a few miles north of Lebanon, and I joined that group. The teams (consisting of four players each) were selected by "choose-ups," with the five or six best players designated as "captains," who drew numbers to see who picked first. The teams played for ten cents a hole (a "skin") and \$1.50 for each round of nine holes, with the winners usually collecting \$2.00 or \$3.00 in "prize money." Slightly less than the \$millions the pros make today! The Fairway course was rel-

atively easy compared to other courses...flat, few trees, and only two minor water hazards. I practiced quite often at home in those days, and I got to the point where I could shoot par (35) or slightly above, which was good enough to be a team captain. However, on one particular day, God must have been looking down on me... and here's what happened...

On the first hole, which was a par 4, I drove the ball down to the edge of the green...near the apron. Instead of trying to chip the ball towards the hole, I got out my Jack Nicklaus "white fang" putter...and lo and behold...putted it into the hole...an "eagle" and two under par already! The next hole was a short par 3, of which I never had any luck previously...most of the time scoring a bogey (one over par). This time, however, I hit my ball on the green about two feet from the hole...and then proceeded to make that putt...putting me at three under par after only two holes...I was on a roll!

Next up was a long par 5, of which I usually made par because I could drive the ball quite far. Oops! I dubbed the ball, which luckily skipped over the creek, but only went about 35 yards down the fairway. I knew my luck had just ended. But God let me off the hook, and I recovered on my next shots and made a par 5... so I was still three under after three holes. I then proceeded to birdie the fourth hole, making my score four under par, but the next two holes (5 and 6) were always difficult for me on most days. However, beyond my imagination, I birdied BOTH of those holes...making me 6-under par after six holes!

Next up came number 7, a par 4 with a sand trap right in front. Whoa...I scored a 3...another birdie, which made me 7-under par! Then I teed off on number 8, a long par 4 with a dog-leg, in which I normally scored a bogey 5. I hooked my drive near the edge of a cornfield, just barely inbounds... and then somehow managed to score a par 4. Now I was ready to tee off on the last

hole...number 9. I couldn't count the number of times I had teed off on number 9 and hooked the ball across the road and into a cornfield, but on this day my ball went straight down the middle almost 300 yards! I then chipped onto the green about 15 feet below the hole. I lined up my ball, eyed the hole a couple of times, and drilled it in...Holy Cow! I ended up with a score of 27 on the par 35 nine-hole course...a new Fairway golf course record! The three other players on my team couldn't believe anyone could shoot that low of a score...(8 strokes under par). I had a difficult time even believing it myself. We played another nine holes, and I shot one under par...34...making my score for the 18 holes...61. What a crazy day!!! I knew it would likely never happen again. That year I also won the club championship in the annual tourney.

In 1990, when I was a full-time deputy Sheriff at night in Montgomery County, I also started working full-time during the daytime as the Darlington librarian to help pay for my four kids' college educations. That was pretty much the end of my golfing adventures, as I barely had time to even get enough sleep. Fairway golf course is no longer. It was plowed up and now exists as farmland. I drove by there recently, remembering all the good times that I spent playing golf with my Dad and two brothers and all of the other fellows from Darlington...the Sunday morning golf bunch.

When Fairway golf course closed, my record 27 for nine holes had never been beaten. Maybe I should contact the guy who farms that ground and see if he can put up a monument proclaiming my great feat...but I am not holding my breath that it will happen.

*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.*

## A Turning Of The Soil



**RANDALL FRANKS**  
Southern Style Columnist

I checked the oil in the engines, filled the gas, sprayed a little quick start in the carburetor. A couple of pulls of the handle and the engine was clicking.

Rolling it around to the garden, I began my efforts to break up the ground and prepare for seeding.

I had been waiting for window after rain was falling every three days. The ground had already broken from drying out after five days since rain.

It was hard at first but soon the tiller was making good work of the effort. After a few hours of turning, and some raking, the ground is ready.

Now I have to develop a new plan for what I will plant this season.

Last year was my first year back at gardening after a very long break. I always enjoyed the effort but I am using these new adventures to try new vegetables I have never grown.

I have found reconnecting with the soil, digging in the dirt, feeling the sun upon me, touches my soul. As I work, I talk, sometimes internally, sometimes out loud. I am

speaking to the seeds I plant, the green that grows from them, and to God.

No matter what may be troubling my soul, the daily happenings, the news, the experience brings a peace that comes from that conversation.

Only reading the verses of the Bible have brought me a similar rest in my Spirit.

The touch of the earth upon my hands allows me to feel closer to God's creation.

Seeing what springs forth this year I know will bring a smile to my face and allow me to reconnect to the feelings shared with each past generation in my family whose survival was dependent upon what survived to harvest.

If you do not already garden, I encourage you to make the effort this year. Even if it's just a few plants in pots on a patio, please consider connecting to your inner farmer and reconnect with God's gifts.

If you get more ambitious and turn your yard into an agricultural center, you might want to pull out your grandmother's canning recipes too and brush up on those.

May the Lord bless your efforts in abundance!

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## Can We Pump Brakes When It Comes To Children?



**TIM TIMMONS**  
Two Cents

Let me be clear – I don't give a damn if someone is straight, gay, bi, trans or any of the other adjectives we toss about so casually these days.

I. Don't. Give. A. Damn. What you do in the privacy of your life is between you, anyone who may be with you and God. I am nowhere in that equation, nor do I want to be.

But when it comes to children, well, that's a whole different story.

Let me be equally clear – any adult – parent, relative, friend or whatever – who encourages any sort of thought or action regarding what gender a kid is should be identified as

a child abuser and dealt with accordingly.

Perhaps they need counseling? Perhaps they need law enforcement.

That answer is for others to figure out.

What does not need figuring out – what should be as plain as the nose on a face – is that kids are not fodder in this ridiculous political mish-mash. Actually, I don't know how the entire idea of men becoming women is a discussion. I don't understand how women, who fought for equal rights when I was in school, are OK with allowing men to not just step into, but start taking over their world. I don't know how anyone with half a brain can wrap their heads around the idea that we can actually change our sex.

But just because I don't know does not give me the right to tell you what you can or cannot do. If you want to be something you're not . . . knock yourself out. It's your life. Do with it as you will. If I agree or disagree matters not even a little.

Not the same when it comes to kids.

To borrow from the immor-

tal Shakespeare, ay, there's the rub. Because the folks who work in Madison Avenue advertising have apparently decided that they need to highlight the LGBTQ community in a significant number of advertisements. Forget the data that says the alternate lifestyle population represents maybe 8 or 9 percent of the U.S. The point is the recent influx of ads and images is extremely disproportional.

So what, you say. Why should we care? Because Madison Avenue has always had a major influence on trends in America.

Always. Major.

Are you old enough to remember when cigarettes were not just prevalent in society – they were wholesome?

Hey kids, remember Fred Flinstone and Barney Rubble smoking in a Winston commercial? Winston sponsored the Flintstones.

Remember that newscasters smoked – and newscasters were sometimes sponsored by tobacco companies. Remember Johnny Carson? He and his guests routinely smoked.

Television, movies, society

in general . . . kids saw adults smoking all the time.

Smoking was everywhere. By design.

Several generations grew up thinking it was not only OK to smoke, it was good. Kids started smoking because they believed it was cool.

Decades later we found out otherwise.

Now we're doing the same with the LGBTQ movement.

And for whatever reason, too many of us are sitting back and not saying a word. Why? Because when something is said attacks follow. From the White House press secretary to Hollywood to woke groups all over the place, you get labeled as a bigot, homophobic, transphobic, a hater and worse. On one hand you are asked to be tolerant of different lifestyles, but on the other hand there is no tolerance for your beliefs.

Let me repeat, I don't give a damn what choices adults make about their own lifestyles. And I don't say that mildly. I mean c'mon, all I have to do is look in a mirror at the big scar down the middle of my chest. Not that long ago I was cut wide open, my heart was taken out and laid

on a table. Why? From poor choices I made eating fries, mayo, red meats and such. Could someone disagree with my lifestyle? Absolutely.

This is not about adults and their good or bad choices. This is about children. It is time in this country for the majority of people to demand better. It is time for a lot of us to put our foot down and end this ridiculous debate about children.

We need to protect our children, to not brainwash them the way Madison Avenue did using Fred and Wilma enjoying the good life with a cigarette.

And if the media or anyone else wants to say that is intolerant, tell them they are wrong. This is not an argument about adult behavior. It's a fight about protecting children. Surely to God most of us can agree on that, can't we?

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## Ask Rusty – About Social Security Benefits For My Minor Children

**Dear Rusty:** I will be 62 in 2024 and am considering starting benefits at that time. I will have two children under the age of 18. One of them will be 10 and the other 15. Will they be able to draw benefits in addition to my benefits? *Signed: Father of Two*

**Dear Father of Two:** Yes, if you claim your Social Security retirement benefits at 62, your minor children will be able to get benefits from you until they are 18 years old (or up to 19 if still in high school). You will likely be designated as Representative Payee for those benefits and will be obligated to use them only for your children's behalf (which could include simply saving the money for their future). But there's more to consider.

Normally, a minor child is eligible for 50% of the parent's full retirement age (FRA) entitlement (even if you claim at 62), but Social Security's Family Maximum will likely restrict each child's benefit to make it less than 50%. Then, once the 15 year old ages-out of eligibility at 18 (or 19), the younger child's benefit will increase to the full 50% of your FRA amount. That is - unless you are married and your wife will also be collecting a spousal benefit on your record. In that case the Family Maximum will limit payments for all of the dependents receiving payments based on your SS record (both your children and your wife). Generally, the Family Maximum is between 150% and 188% of your FRA entitlement, from which your own FRA



**ASK RUSTY**  
Social Security Advisor

entitlement is subtracted, leaving 50% to 88% of the Family Maximum for your dependents.

It's important to remember that by claiming your own SS retirement benefit at age 62 your monthly payment will be cut by 30% (you'll get 70% of your FRA entitlement), and that is a permanent reduction. So, you may wish to evaluate whether the money your children will get until they are 18 will offset the

### Social Security Matters by AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor Russell Gloor

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lifetime reduction to your own benefit payment. Your life expectancy is important when making that decision, and if you wish to estimate your potential longevity I suggest using this tool: <https://socialsecurityreport.org/tools/life-expectancy-calculator/>.

It's also important to remember that claiming benefits before your full retirement age will mean that, if you work, you'll be subject to Social Se-

curity's "earnings test" which limits how much you can earn before some of your benefits are taken away. The earnings limit changes annually (it's \$21,240 for 2023) and, if the limit is exceeded, SS will withhold \$1 in benefits for every \$2 you are over the limit. They will withhold future benefits to recover anything you owe for exceeding the earnings limit and, if your benefits are with-

held for this reason, your dependents' benefits will also be withheld for those same months. So, your plans for working should be weighed carefully in deciding whether to claim your Social Security benefits early.

To summarize: If you won't work full time after age 62 and you're comfortable with 70% of your FRA benefit entitlement for the rest of your life, then claiming at 62 will also entitle your children (and possibly your wife) to dependent benefits (restricted by the Family Maximum). But, if you continue to work full time, Social Security's earnings test will likely mean neither you nor your dependents can receive full Social Security benefits at this time. And for clarity, the earnings limit no longer applies after you reach your full retirement age.

## Butch Says Kids Need Some Freedom



**BUTCH DALE**  
Columnist

Recently I spoke on the phone with a former classmate of mine who I had not seen or heard from since 1959. When we were youngsters, I visited with him and stayed overnight at his house on numerous occasions. His mother graduated with my Dad in 1942, and his father, who graduated in 1943, was one of Dad's best buddies in high school. Billy and I attended school at Darlington during our first four years, but in 1958, after we had finished fourth grade, his family moved to Lafayette, where his father worked...to save on that driving distance each day.

As I mentioned in a few columns previously, my parents gave me quite a bit of freedom as a youngster...sometimes a little too much freedom, as I often did a few things I shouldn't have done, and subsequently got into trouble. Part of the problem was that I was "hard-headed," as my folks used to say. "One of these days...maybe you'll listen, young man!" Yes, I heard that many times. I had to learn my lessons the hard way... "Now bend over and grab your ankles...you're going to get a whack!"

On the other hand, my childhood friend Billy, had very little freedom. His mother kept a tight rein on anything he did. Billy's father was easy going and laid back, but his mother ran the household and kept a firm grip on what Billy could or could not do...period! Billy lived in Darlington just two blocks from the school. "Now you stay here. You don't need to

go to the school playground. I don't know who might be up there right now. You have plenty of things you can do right here at home."... "I don't want to see you come in with dirty clothes on. You know better than to play in the dirt!"... "You don't need to play baseball. It's too dangerous, and you might get hurt." To put it bluntly, Billy's mother was a very controlling parent, and Billy's younger sister, Nancy, was in the same boat... she couldn't do anything without her mother's permission. "Now Nancy, be sure to wear your sweater outside. You might catch cold.... Now Nancy, you don't need to go to that girl's party... We just don't know that much about their family"..."Now Nancy, you shouldn't have a boyfriend at your age." Well, you get the picture.

During the summer of 1958, my folks dropped me off at Billy's house in Lafayette to play and stay overnight...since it was his birthday. I was surprised that Billy received a Daisy B-B rifle, but found out his Dad had bought it for him. As soon as he opened his gift, his mother frowned and stated with no uncertainty, "Now Billy, you really shouldn't have this B-B gun, but you are to only shoot it when we are watching you, and you must only shoot at a target in the yard." Well, I had other ideas. When his parents left to go to the grocery, Billy and I climbed over his backyard fence, crossed over US Highway 52, and went "hunting for wild game" in a woods nearby. We were gone for two hours. As the sun settled, we made it back to his house. His mother was not a happy camper! "No supper for you two. Get in the bathtub, get washed up, and get to bed..." NOW!" Billy's father sat there in silence, shaking his head...not at us, but at his wife.

That was the last time I

visited or stayed overnight at Billy's house. Billy's father often visited my Dad and other friends in Darlington, but Billy's mother never visited anyone here. Billy's father worked for a firm in Lafayette and retired after 50 years. However, after just a few months at home, he headed back to work...likely to get away from his wife, and he continued working another 15 years. He passed away a few years ago at the age of 89. Last year I found out where Billy resided, and I started sending him copies of the Darlington newsletter, which I publish four times a year. The newsletter has information about the library, but it mostly consists of articles about Darlington history and people. Billy called to thank me, and we talked for several minutes, catching up on the last 64 years. Billy was married, had worked in banking, and retired a few years ago. His sister Nancy, now age 70, never married and lived with her parents her entire life. That did not surprise me at all.

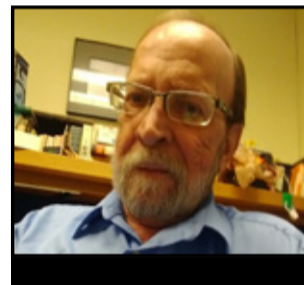
By my calculation, Billy's mother would be 98 years old. "How is your mother getting along?" I inquired.

There was a brief silence... "I have no idea," he responded matter-of-factly.

To you parents out there... Yes, it is a somewhat more dangerous world we live in today. We must keep a watchful eye on circumstances, events, and strangers. But remember to let children have some freedoms, and to learn from their mistakes. Kids can't be perfect. No, you can't let them run wild, but you can "just let kids...be kids."

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## Will The State Quit Spending?



**LEO MORRIS**  
Guest Columnist

Today's entry for the "juxtaposition is everything" file:

Indiana lawmakers working on the new state budget have learned that they will have \$1.5 billion more to spend than previous revenue forecasts predicted. The state ended fiscal year 2022 with about a \$6.1 billion surplus, the so-called "rainy day" fund.

Both the Indiana House and Senate have passed mental health legislation that would cost about \$225 million over two years, down from Gov. Holcomb's request for a \$347 million program. There is talk of funding the plan through an increase in the cigarette tax or addition of a fee to cell phone bills.

Well, now, that ought to get taxpayers' attention. The state is in a healthy financial position, yet is trying to decide on a new tax to fund a new program. And please don't get sidetracked by semantics. A fee is just another name for a tax.

Yes, I know all the reasons to downplay the state's fiscal health. It got a big infusion of Covid-related cash. Surplus funds should not be used to start programs that will have ongoing yearly costs. A "rainy day" fund is just that - a recession could be just around the corner, and then we'd need it. Blah, blah, blah.

But, come on. At some point, a fiscal unit (like a state) needs

to take a long look at its funding priorities beyond "add something here" and "take away something there" based on the loudest voices among constituents and lobbyists. What should get the top priority? What can be dropped? What are our long-term needs, and what short-term emergencies should we prepare for? Are all areas of the state being served equally well?

At the very least, the state could fund the biennial needs for mental health - and for the next biennium, too, for that matter - from the rainy day fund without making a serious dent in the surplus. That would give it two to four years to decide where mental health funding should fit in with the state's overall needs and what new funding sources, if any, are needed.

And the best time for such an overall look at the state's budgeting needs is, guess when? Now, when our fiscal house is in order and we can make calm, reasonable decisions. Not when we are in financial trouble and prone to make panic-driven bad decisions.

Just consider the federal government.

Its finances are an unholy mess. The national debt is \$31 trillion and climbing, and that doesn't even include looming unfunded liabilities for Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid. The budgeting "process" involves veering from crisis to crisis as yet another "raise the debt ceiling or risk default" moment arrives. About half the population already pays no federal income taxes, and the number of people expecting more from the government than they give grows and grows.

The more the government obligates itself to,

the less discretionary funding it has. (There is already worry, for example, that we have committed so much military might to the Ukraine that if China decided to invade Taiwan, we would not have the ability to defend it.) The government continues on its wobbly way with more borrowing and more printing of money, which just adds to the inflation that creates the cruelest kind of tax on Americans.

And on and on, an endless nightmare with doom just around the corner. Does anyone expect our legislators, in such an atmosphere, to sit down and calmly assess its taxing-and-spending priorities? A few years ago, Sen. Rand Paul tried to get a (very modest) 1 percent spending cut for five years passed and was soundly rebuffed.

So I don't think it is too much to ask for our state, with its modest little budget, to take steps now, in the middle of our relative prosperity, to make sure its financial house stays in order. The legislators are fond of summer study committees. Might I humbly suggest this as a topic for one of them.

Let's close with another juxtaposition:

For fiscal year 2021, the total expenditure of all 50 state governments combined was about \$2.1 trillion.

For the same year, the federal deficit was \$2.8 trillion.

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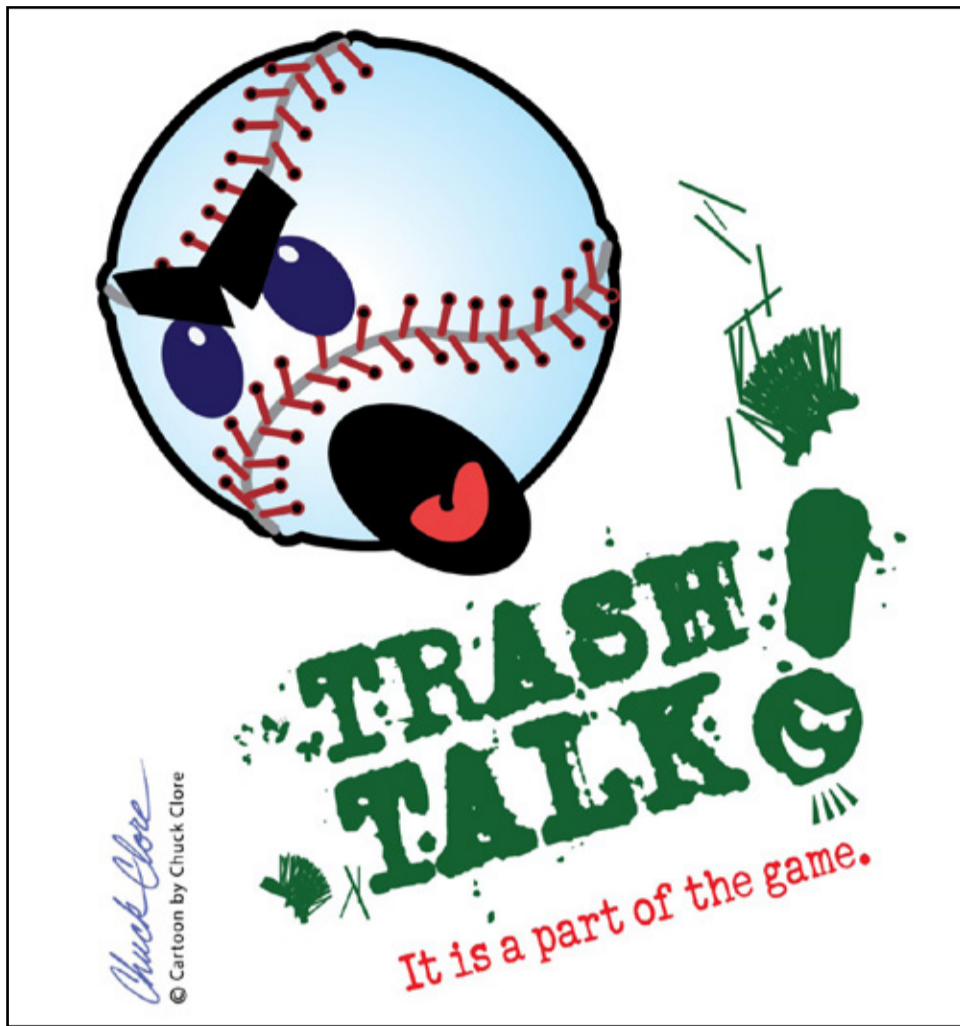
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## World Population And Trends In Reproductive Technology

By Dr. Jan F. Dudt

Anne and Paul Ehrlich's prediction in the late 1960s of the global overpopulation bomb has certainly fizzled out like a lot of doomsday predictions of the last few decades. Yet, human reproductive technology continues to make advancements. With those advancements come a plethora of bioethical concerns that give pause to many people, regardless of their worldview. Christians who watch these trends are especially alarmed by these advancements and the implications the technologies have for humanity's future.

Except where immigration has offset the trend, population decline has already started in the reproductively stunted cultures of North America (1.6 births per woman), Europe (1.53 birth per woman), and east Asia (1.2 births per woman). It is generally accepted that 2.1 children per woman is needed to maintain a population, i.e., the so-called "replacement rate." The Population Reference Bureau and others track these trends. It is known that China has lost nearly 1 million people in 2022. The trend is expected to accelerate in the years ahead. German population, like American population, is only increasing because of a flood of controversial immigrants. In both places, the working-age population is aging. These trends are compounded in many places by modern confusion regarding gender identity and who can have babies. In addition, there are those among certain radical feminists and others who see pregnancy as a disease. For example, a piece in *The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition* considered the fetus that causes maternal weight loss to be an active parasite.

What is a culture to do, if it wants to survive, but is unwilling to address the cultural factors that have caused the population decline?

Societies that constitutionalize the destruction of the pre-born, coerce women to only have one child, redefine marriage to something beyond a heterosexual union, legalize sperm banks, allow sacrificial human embryonic stem cell research, and condemn millions of human embryos to cryo-storage, are societies that can sanction any outlandish reproductive policy. There are many such societies in the East and West. However, even for these societies, extinction is not typically considered a viable option.

As these societies continue to follow the secularizing postmodern neopagan and atheistic paths they are on, where will they look for salvation? Unless there is massive religious conversion to change the message, I suspect these societies will embrace the vision of the 1933 Humanist Manifesto that says, "there is no God to save us, we must save ourselves." And why not? If the God of salvation is out of the picture, technology looks like it is full of promise.

For example, life expectancy in the United States went from 47.5 years in 1900 to nearly 77 years in 2000 before it started to drop.

Many strong artificial intelligence (AI) proponents see the uploading of consciousness to the perpetual cyborg upgrade as the way to beat death. Strong AI proponent, Ray Kurzweil, places his hope in this. Renowned theoretical physicist and cosmologist, Lawrence Krauss, sees moving beyond humanity as, "not a good thing or a bad thing. It's just what is going to happen." Although others, like the late physicist Stephen Hawking and Elon Musk, see developments in strong AI as serious threats to humanity.

Societies will probably be divided by opinions on how to best move forward. However, developments in reproductive technologies are likely to have their day. A recent January 28 article in *The Atlantic* is sobering. The article begins with the quote, "If you squint a little, artificial wombs look like a solution that can satisfy everyone." The article quotes a woman who claims "that women would never be equal until everyone had access to artificial wombs and the ability to have children with their partners, regardless of gender ... imagining a world where no one has to be defined by their reproductive role." Given the gender identity issues of the day, it is likely that this opinion is more widespread than some might expect.

Technologies such as artificial wombs, like most technologies, are not inherently evil until they are put into the hands of the ethically unscrupulous. One can envision the use of the technology to save mothers and unborn babies at risk of death or serious harm. However, for those who see their population slipping away, who are already predisposed to devalue the nuclear family as the central societal unit, salvation will be in sight. Their central authorities can claim the authority to produce and raise children.

The *Catalyst*, a feminist journal of theory and technoscience, proclaimed that ectogenesis (the technical term for artificial wombs) is for feminists. The article mentioned that by 2017 gestational technology had advanced to the point of taking a 60% naturally gestated lamb to completed development of birth. The MIT Technology Review reported the accomplishment of Israel's Weizmann Institute of Science. By 2021, artificial womb technology had advanced to the point of growing mouse embryos from conception to the 11-to-12-day stage, about half their gestational length. They acknowledge that this sets the stage for other species, and that humans could be next.

Those of us squarely in the pro-life camp need to resist the use of experimental trials that involve human embryos and fetuses, many of which would not survive the technologically ad-

vancing experiments. In addition, serious ethical concerns exist regarding the use of the successfully developed artificial wombs, which is likely to be only a few years away.

Other possibilities for generating children have crossed people's minds. For example, in the November 18, 2022, issue of the *Journal of Theoretical Medicine and Bioethics*, Anna Smajdor, of the University of Oslo, suggests that we consider using braindead surrogate mothers to gestate babies. I am sure many families would consider technologies that would sustain a trauma-induced woman to remain on life support to give the unborn child a chance to fully develop. Yet, to sustain a braindead woman on life support solely for the reason of becoming a surrogate mother seems to be a new depth of inhumanity.

Who is most likely to use a fully developed gestational technology to produce human babies? Communist China would be an obvious candidate. As their aspirations for world dominance continue to drive their ambitions, the communist Chinese are confronted with a rapidly declining population that is projected to be reduced by half by the end of this century. That population will be increasingly aged with a drastically reduced working age population to support them. Considering that the Chinese have a history of human-rights abuses, such as an aggressively enforced one-child policy (lifted in 2016), such as keeping criminal organ donors on life support to ensure future organ harvesting, such as the world's first GMO children, they seem to have everything in place philosophically to have gestational factories cranking out babies. Yet the continually secularizing West seems to be on a similar trajectory. Notice that the comments above are all from Western sources.

Right-thinking Christians will continue to support the heterosexual nuclear family as the only biblically sanctioned way to produce children. Yet, we find ourselves in a cultural climate that will inevitably split Christians on the best way forward. Sadly, we do not have the best record of achieving ethical solidarity. However, Christianity anchored in biblical truth and categories of the biblically informed created order will always have an opportunity to be salt and light in a confused world. Being aware of the trends and proactively developing critically Christian responses is a necessary start to meeting the challenge.

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## When Someone Knocks On Your Door



GLENN MOLLETTE  
Guest Columnist

Knocking on doors is as American as apple pie. Politicians, sales persons, clergy, girl scouts, federal census workers, and the list goes on of persons and professions who have depended on knocking on doors.

When I was a child, I sold *Grit* newspapers. I needed to knock on a lot of doors to sell 20 papers which made me a cool \$1. Serving churches for years I have probably knocked on over a thousand plus doors to invite people to church. I'm so glad no one shot me.

The recent shooting of a 16-year-old teenager in Kansas City, mistakenly knocking on the wrong door, is beyond insane. The teenage boy was at the wrong house to pick up his brothers who were a block away. Who shoots through a door without reason unless the individual is crazy or on drugs or perhaps both? The problem is, we do have a severe mental illness epidemic in America

and a drug crisis. Throw in America's growing gun violence issues and therefore knocking on strange doors becomes a scary scenario.

I admit hearing someone knock on the door at dinner time is a bit aggravating. Usually for me, it's a high school band member selling mulch to raise money for the band. Or, it's someone raising money for another school project. You can't be irritated with a 15-year-old kid is out trying to raise money for his school. Unless, you are crazy or on drugs. Then anything might tick you off. By all means, don't be this person.

For the most part, more and more industrious people are relying on social media to try to gain new business. It's true you can reach more people more efficiently via Internet advertising, social media and other media sources than by taking all day to knock on a few doors. If people want it, they will respond to your advertising.

People have rightfully withdrawn from knocking on doors because they are paranoid of disturbing someone's favorite television program, meal or nap. This is never a good environment for making a sale or making a friend.

Maybe the day of selling magazine subscrip-

tions, brushes, vacuum cleaners, and stuff like that door-to-door is in the past. Do any ministers ever knock on your door and invite you to church?

If someone does knock on your door, don't immediately invite them into your house. They should have a picture identification badge for you to see. They also should talk to you about a future appointment when you can make time for the pitch. In addition, they should present you with some information containing a phone number so you can call them if you have further interest. You can always say "no thank you," and shut your door. If you have a chain lock on your door or a glass locked door you can talk through then you are even better off.

Give consideration to the hard work some people put into knocking on doors. Give careful consideration to how you answer the door.

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## Russia's Perpetual Culture Of Death

By Dr. Paul Kengor

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"I feel only sympathy for the Russians. No people have suffered as much death."

That was the response of a colleague of mine, Jan, a Polish professor and adviser to the Solidarity movement in the 1980s. Jan was a friend of Grove City College President John Moore. I had hosted Jan as a guest lecturer in one of my courses at Grove City College. He spoke about the Polish people's suffering under the jackboot of Soviet communism. The ongoing assault upon his people by the beast to the east had gone for a long time, well before the post-WWII Soviet occupation of Eastern Europe. In fact, Stalin's USSR in August 1939 had struck a deal with Hitler that saw both the Soviets and Nazis invading the country in September 1939. And two decades before that, Lenin and his thugs had invaded Poland in 1920, stopped by the Polish military in an extraordinary effort known as the Miracle on the Vistula.

So, I asked Jan: "Do you hate the Russians because of all this?" His response: "Oh, no. No, no, no. I feel only sympathy for the Russians. No people have suffered as much death."

Jan is right. The Russians lost more men in combat than any nation in World War I, and though they had allied with the winning side, the Bolsheviks pulled them out in 1917, meaning they tasted no fruits of victory. Instead, they got a Russian civil war from 1918-21 that, according to historian W. Bruce Lincoln, left over seven million Russian men, women, and children dead.

The Russian people's reward for that period of suffering? Seventy years of Bolshevism, which meant death, death, and more death. The Red Terror of Lenin, the Great Purge of Stalin, and more. The internal purges were interrupted only, and horrifically, by World War II, where the Russians/Soviets once again lost more men than any other country in the conflict—by far. Historians are still trying to figure out how many Russians/Soviets were killed in World War II, but the figure is likely 20-30 million. It might be as high as 40 times the combined wartime deaths of the United States and the United Kingdom.

And how many people perished under Marxism-Leninism in the

USSR? Again, no one knows for sure. The Harvard University Press book, *The Black Book of Communism*, says only 20 million. Other authorities go higher. Alexander Yakovlev, in his 2002 Yale University Press work, *A Century of Violence in Soviet Russia*, claims that Joseph Stalin alone "annihilated 60 to 70 million people."

And none of these figures include the ghastly number of abortions in the country. Lenin and his minions immediately legalized abortion as soon as they seized control of the Kremlin. By the 1970s, according to official Soviet Health Ministry statistics, the USSR was averaging an unbelievable 7-8 million abortions per year. History has never seen anything like it. Do the math: That's potentially close to 80-100 million abortions in one decade.

Death, death, death. I mention this now—and I've written about it before—because of two new sets of figures regarding Russia's perpetual culture of death.

First, there are the staggering losses by Russia in Vladimir Putin's war against Ukraine—devastating losses that I've repeatedly warned would happen, given that Russia always gets wiped out on the battlefield. Some current estimates are that Putin's Russia may have experienced 250,000 casualties in Ukraine. That is devastating. For a sense of comparison, America lost about 58,000 men in Vietnam over a decade-plus of combat. The Russians have lost multiple times that number in a year in Ukraine.

For the American Putinists who oddly want to defend the Kremlin madman, blaming his invasion on Russia not being let into NATO or bizarrely buying his disinformation campaign about sparing Ukraine from a process of "Nazification" under Zelensky, those fatalities should be quite a wakeup call. The man they're excusing has mercilessly fed hundreds of thousands of Russian boys into a meat grinder, in a war those boys don't want.

Well, now there are added new reports on Russian death (click here and here, among others). They focus on something we Russia-watchers have known about for some time, namely: It's population implosion. Russian sources are estimating that the country will need 1.1 million immigrants a year for the next 80 years simply to maintain its current population level, which is unlikely to happen, given that few

foreigners are dashing to Moscow nowadays to take up residence in Putin-land, including the American Putinists prattling on about their courageous leader in the Kremlin.

This demographic crisis is no surprise. I could share with you figures from the World Health Organization and other organizations and media sources circa 2000 forecasting a Russian demographic implosion from about 140 or 150 million people in the year 2000 plummeting to under 110 million by 2050. The reasons for that were many, from a society of men drinking themselves to death to a vast demographic plague of abortion-induced infertility among Russian women butchered by repeated abortions.

The birth dearth is one of the reasons why Vladimir Putin in the year 2000 put the first major restrictions on abortion in the country in nearly 50 years, and why he has also restricted foreign adoptions of Russian children. He wants to keep kids in the country. He's facing a population crash, which does not help his ambitions to expand the borders of his glorious Mother Russia.

Putin's invasion of Ukraine has worsened his nation's long demographic winter. Not only have 250,000 healthy young Russian men died, been wounded, or gone missing in sacrifice to Putin's bloodlust for Ukraine, but many more are bolting the country to avoid his forced conscription. Apparently, unlike Putin's defenders in America, these young Russians see no good reason for invading their democratic neighbor. They're getting out of Dodge.

Tragically, the Russian people remain mired in a perpetual culture of death. Mad Dog Putin is merely making things worse. Few people have suffered so much.

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## The Persistence Of Despotism

Hoosiers are fortunate to have a legislature in supermajority. We can witness a real-life, real-time experiment in whether partisanship or just government in and of itself is the problem. Spoiler alert: It's government.

As my colleague Leo Morris has observed, the majority Republicans (the party of fiscal responsibility, lest you forget) are considering new fees (taxes) to fund new programs in the midst of a revenue surplus. Thus our state legislators are aping Congress in ignoring what until recently were common-sense fiscal prescriptions.

They are telling us as plain as can be that the direst warnings of the great economic philosophers — Adam Smith, Friedrich Hayek, Richard von Mises, James Buchanan — were spot on. You can talk about democracy, rule of law and that stuff but in the end it's about power. They have it and we don't. It is now their money. We are subjects, not citizens, and that is the definition of despotism.

This corruption isn't a new thing, of course. In most of the world it has never fully been otherwise. But in America it only began in the late 1980s. Here is the historian Paul Johnson tracking its progress a decade later, quoted at length for its import and prescience:

"The United States had a long record of sound public finance, ever since Alexander Hamilton took over the Treasury in 1789 and introduced fiscal realism, balancing the budget for the first time. In 1835, President Andrew Jackson actually contrived to eliminate the debt altogether. Thereafter the debt fluctuated,

as is reasonable, according to the emergencies through which the nation passed. The Civil War, World War I, the Great Depression and World War II all led to large-scale increases in the public debt. But the calms that followed these storms all saw it systematically reduced. During the last period of debt reduction, 1946 to 1975, it was cut by half. Then an odd and sinister thing happened. Without any emergency or world war or even a deep recession, the debt began to rise. At the beginning of Ronald Reagan's Presidency, it had reached \$914 billion; on his retirement, it was \$3 trillion. Today, of course, the debt is closing in on \$5 trillion, so it is not surprising that the dollar is at a historic low against the yen and the German mark. Indeed, it could be argued that the dollar's reputation is more fragile now than at any time since the 1780s."

The debt is \$31.4 trillion now. Clearly, this isn't going to end well. So what do we do about it?

You aren't going to like the answer. It doesn't conform to the armchair strategy of the last 50 years, that is, vote Republican and hope there are adults somewhere, perhaps on the Supreme Court, perhaps in the Oval Office, who will put things back in order.

For the last several years have taught us that nobody is coming to help — not anyone deep inside the three branches of government designed to keep this from happening in the first place, not certainly in the Indiana Republican Party, not in a charismatic figure rising miraculously from the hoi polloi, and as of today not with Tucker

Carlson and an independent media. We are going to have to do it ourselves.

The blueprint for that was written long ago, too long ago for this generation to consider it valid. Nonetheless, some of us will celebrate its sesquicentennial two years from now. It is "the unanimous declaration of the thirteen united states of America," known as the Declaration of Independence.

You don't have to read the whole thing, although it is eloquent and wise from the first word to the last. The important part in the context of a state legislature that has, as King George III, degraded our citizenship. Read it slowly and consider the implications:

"When a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object evinces a design to reduce them (us) under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such government, and to provide new guards for their future security."

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## Traverse City Uncorked Kicks Off Michigan Wine Month

A celebration of Michigan wine starts Monday with the beginning of Traverse City Uncorked. The month-long event centers around a free mobile passport that opens discounts, prizes, invitations to special events and a chance to win a wine-themed weekend in Traverse City to participants.

The passport is a self-guided wine tour of the Traverse City region and sponsored by Traverse City Tourism. It allows check-ins at dozens of wineries and hard cider tasting rooms along both the Old Mission and Leelanau (Lee-lahn-aw) Peninsulas. Most locations offer specials that include free wine tastings

or discounts. Those who check into five wineries during the month qualify to claim a free Traverse City Uncorked t-shirt at the Traverse City Tourism welcome center.

Those who book a stay at an area hotel can enter to win a wine-themed vacation in Traverse City. The winner of the vacation prize will be announced in early June.

"The Traverse Wine Coast is an amazing experience with award-winning wines and spectacular views from the tasting rooms," said Traverse City Tourism President, Trevor Tkach (Tah-koch). "There is no better month than May to enjoy the wine scene.

Drive the scenic roads with millions of cherry blossoms on full display, and sip the fine craftsmanship of the wines; it's a memorable experience."

The Traverse City region grows about 60-percent of Michigan's wine grapes. It is located on the 45th parallel, which is the same latitude as the top wine growing regions in Europe. A unique micro-climate is created by the proximity to Lake Michigan and produces a wide range of fruit forward wines. The region is growing in national prominence by winning significant acclaim at major wine competitions around the United States.

More information is available at <https://www.traverse-city-uncorked.com>.

### ABOUT TRAVERSE CITY TOURISM

Traverse City Tourism is an independent, not-for-profit destination management organization (DMO) that promotes the greater Traverse City area as a leisure and business destination with an excellent quality-of-life. Through the impact of travel, Traverse City Tourism helps strengthen the local economy and supports a thriving entrepreneurial community. Details on the region's lodging, attractions and area events are available at [www.TraverseCity.com](http://www.TraverseCity.com).

## NO FENCES – The Ultimate Garth Brooks Tribute

No Fences, the #1 tribute to country music icon Garth returns to the Boot City Opry on Saturday May 6, 2023. Located in the heart of the Midwest, No Fences faithfully replicates the sound, look, and feel of a Garth Brooks concert.

No Fences was founded out of the love of Garth Brooks' music. Our "Garth" credits the man himself for inspiring him to pick up a guitar at 11 years old. What started out as an 11-year-old winning a lip sync contest complete with a homemade headset mic made by his sister has turned into a full-blown tribute concert experi-

ence 30 years later.

The No Fences band is comprised of seasoned players hailing from all over the Midwest including Nashville TN. Band members have opened for Brad Paisley, Toby Keith, and The Kentucky Headhunters. Our "Garth", Dusty Miller, also provided backup vocals for country music legend Kenny Rogers.

No Fences is the premier tribute to Garth Brooks. A non-stop roller coaster ride celebrating all things, Garth!


General admission tickets are \$20. For additional information, see [www.bootcityopry.com](http://www.bootcityopry.com) or call 812-299-8521 for tickets


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# Montgomery County's Most Wanted

The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office is requesting your assistance in locating a subject wanted on a felony warrant. If you have any information on the whereabouts of this wanted person please contact the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office at (765) 362-0885 or (765) 362-3740.

## WANTED



**Caleb J. Mathews**  
Born 1984  
Charge: P/V Dealing Methamphetamine (Level 3)

## WANTED



**Wyatt W. Hunt**  
Born 1996  
Charge: FTA Resisting Law Enforcement/Criminal Confinement (Level 5)

## WANTED



**Mario G. Ortega**  
Born 1977  
Charge: Sexual Misconduct with a Minor (Felony 4)

## WANTED



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

## WANTED



**Devin R. Post**  
Born 1990  
Charge: FTA Possession of Methamphetamine (Level 6)

## WANTED



**Amanda J. Fry**  
Born 1987  
Charge: P/V Theft (Felony 6)

## WANTED



**Thomas W. Farley II**  
Born 1991  
Charge: FTA Possession of Methamphetamine/Carrying Handgun w/out license

## WANTED



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

## WANTED



**Stephen C. Shaffer**  
Born 1992  
Charge: Domestic Battery (Level 5)

## WANTED



**Tasha L. McCray**  
Born 1991  
Charge: FTA Fraud (Felony 6)

### Please Read Our Disclaimer:

All warrants are the property of Montgomery County, Indiana. This list of wanted suspects is updated on a daily basis, but all warrants need to be verified through the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office Warrants Division before any action is taken. If you feel a warrant is listed in error, please contact the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office.

### Notice:

If you have information about the whereabouts of any of the listed suspects, please contact the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office at the numbers provided, or contact your local law enforcement agency. The issuance of a warrant by no means indicates that a person is guilty of a crime, only that probable cause exists to believe that person has committed a crime.

**DO NOT ATTEMPT TO APPREHEND ANY OF THESE SUSPECTS AS THEY MAY BE ARMED AND DANGEROUS.**









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