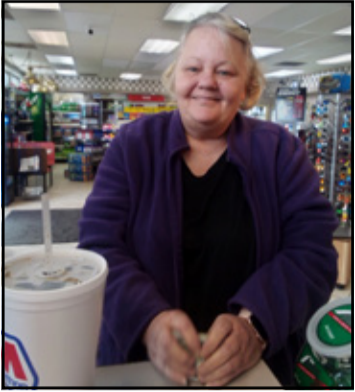


TODAY'S VERSE

Jeremiah 33:3 "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not." (KJV)

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One of *The Paper's* roving photographers ran into a bright smile from Kandis Rogers. Kandis told us she was enjoying this beautiful weather. Us, too! Thanks for the smile, Kandis!

THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 Join the IU Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology (IUMAA) and Christina Friberg for a short talk discussing the process of building the Virtual Reality (VR) experience that will be part of the IUMAA's opening exhibit, *City on the River: Connecting the Indigenous Past and Present*. Using VR technology, visitors will be transported back 700 years ago to show them that the Angel Mounds State Historic Site in Evansville was once a vibrant city full of people living everyday lives. The Angel site is an archaeological National Historic Landmark. June 15, 2023 at 3 p.m.

2 LeBron James lived up to the expectations of his fans early in the 2023 NBA Playoffs. He led the Los Angeles Lakers in upending the NBA champion Golden State Warriors on May 12, a day after one of his more ardent fans had barber Miguel Rosas, Director at New Style Hair Academy in Moline, IL, carve a good luck likeness of LeBron in the hair on the back of his head. It took Rosas two hours to create his masterpiece. There are those who might say that it did the trick and helped LeBron score 30 points, nine rebounds and nine assists for the Lakers.

3 Teal Road Intersection With Old US 231 And Poland Hill Road To Close On Or After June 1 In Lafayette. The Indiana Department of Transportation announces Teal Road (U.S. 52) will close on or after Thursday, June 1 for continued work on a major road reconstruction and intersection improvement project in Lafayette. Teal Road will be closed at the 4th Street intersection. Additionally, Old U.S. 231 and Poland Hill Rd. will be closed at the 4th St. intersection. The intersection is expected to reopen after early August, weather permitting. The official detour follows U.S. 231 to State Road 28 to U.S. 52. For businesses located on the south side of the intersection, along Teal Rd., the access point is currently planned to be located at the base of Poland Hill Rd., near the closure limits.

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Spring grant recipients pose for a photo.

MCCF Awards Grant

Checks To 10 Organizations

Montgomery County Community Foundation (MCCF) gathered Wednesday afternoon to award grant checks to 10 grant recipients in the first grant cycle of 2023. MCCF Chief Executive Officer, Kelly Taylor welcomed everyone and thanked the nonprofit leaders for the work they do in our community. Fund owners in attendance were recognized and thanked, for without fund owners, the grants would not be possible. Listed by Area of Interest, the following grants were awarded:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
Animal Welfare League, \$4,423
AWL relies heavily on their dedicated volunteers. The funds will be used to enhance the volunteer program with new training materials and equipment. In addition, they will purchase the materials needed to install shades on the outside dog runs to provide greater comfort and respite from indoor confinement which will lead

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Upcoming Closure Of State Road 234

The Indiana Department of Transportation announces State Road 234 will close for a box culvert replacement project near Ladoga on or after Tuesday, June 6, weather permitting. The road will be closed between County Road S. 800 E. and Co. Rd. S. 750 E. through the end of July, weather permitting. The official detour follows U.S. 231 to S.R. 236 to S.R. 75. This contract was awarded to Conex-co, Inc. for \$1.1 million. It also involves additional culvert work on S.R. 234, approximately 3.54 miles west of S.R. 75 in Hendricks County and approximately 7.28 miles west of S.R. 75 in Montgomery County. The entire contract is expected to be completed in June of 2024.

Graphic courtesy of INDOT

"Charles M. Travis: Two Wars; In Everything And Then Some!"



KAREN ZACH
Around The County

Many of us have gone to or at least around the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument in Indianapolis. How many knew it has a great Montgomery County connection.

On August 22, 1889, at sunrise there were 40,000 people on the streets to hear the 21-gun salute; however, President Harrison did sleep through it as he had a slight cold and was exhausted from the day before. By 10 o'clock he was with the other old soldiers on the street for the laying of the cornerstone of the new monument. A great parade featured GAR groups from many cities and the McPherson Post of C'ville boasted 140 veterans marching 12 abreast as they escorted the State Commander and our feature today, Charles M. Travis (photo from *Indy Journal* 24 June 1892). As Travis lay the cornerstone, he was assisted by other state officers, GAR presidents, presidents of the Sons of Veterans and the Women's Relief Corps. Governor Hovey gave an overview of the cornerstone and the monument in general, saying that the monument was "intended to confer a lasting honor on all who served our country from the first Indian war to those who had the great honor to participate in the suppression of the late grand and terrible rebellion..."

Charles M. Travis was born in Edgar County, Illinois Oct 20, 1845 and when 16 years old, joined Co E 12th Ill Volunteers serving with them throughout the war. Returning home, he went to Crawfordsville reading law with Lew Wallace and then becoming his partner for a few years and partnered with Honorable MD White as well. In August 1872 he was appointed the US Consul at Para, Brazil where he lived with his wife Mary (Salisbury) for four years. Their only child, son, C. Claud Travis who became a well-known minister was born while the family was there. Claud was raised

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The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 6:22 a.m.
SET: 9:06 p.m.

High/Low Temperatures
High: 71 °F
Low: 49 °F

Today is...

- Geek Pride Day
- National Wine Day
- Towel Day

What Happened On This Day

- 1979 Etan Patz disappears.
- 1977 The first Star Wars film is released.
- 1963 32 African countries form a coalition against white rule.

Births On This Day

- 1803 Ralph Waldo Emerson American poet, philosopher
- 1976 Cillian Murphy Irish/English actor

Deaths On This Day

- 1934 Gustav Holst English composer
- 2005 Graham Kennedy Australian actor

2 Indiana Banks Win Statewide Award For Commitment To Community

Hoosier Heartland State Bank, Crawfordsville, and First Bank Richmond have been honored with the Indiana Bankers Association C2C (Commitment to Community) Awards for outstanding community service performed during 2022.

Hoosier Heartland won the category of banks with assets below \$500 million, and First Bank Richmond won in the category of banks with assets of \$500 million and above. Together, there were a record 30 entrants across the two categories.

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HONEST HOOSIER

I'm not sure what I like the most, the race or all the traditions surrounding it.



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Linden Library Summer Reading Program:

The Linden Carnegie Public Library is kicking off their Summer Reading Program "All Together Now" with a marionette performance of "The Wizard of Oz" by Steven's Puppets from Bristol, IN. The show will be held on Wednesday, June 7th at 3:30 in the Pleasant Hill Elementary gym with games and crafts while supplies last. All are welcome!

TODAY'S QUOTE

"If everything seems under control, you're just not going fast enough."
-Mario Andretti

TODAY'S JOKE

A Roman gladiator walks into a bar. He holds up two fingers and says, "Five beers, please."

TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Water exercises are very helpful for people with back and joint pain. Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in *The Paper* and online at www.thepaper24-7.com.



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Land Rights And Property Ownership Are Paramount In United States

EARTHTALK

Dear EarthTalk: What Is The "Right To Roam" And Why Is It Controversial In The United States?

The "right to roam" is a concept that allows people to access and enjoy natural areas, such as parks, forests and beaches, without being restricted by private property laws. In essence, it grants people the right to walk or hike freely in the countryside, and to camp, fish and pick berries, among other activities, without obtaining prior permission or paying fees. While this right is well-established in some countries like Scotland and Sweden, it is not a widespread concept in the United States, where the notion of private property is deeply ingrained.

Proponents of the right to roam argue that it promotes physical activity, environmental stewardship and mental health by encouraging people to spend more time outdoors. They also claim that it is a democratic right that allows everyone, regardless of their socio-economic status, to access and enjoy public lands. In addition, they argue that the right to roam can have positive economic effects by stimulating outdoor recreation

and tourism.

However, opponents argue that it undermines private property rights, reduces landowners' incentives to maintain their properties, and can lead to trespassing, vandalism and littering. They also claim that it can pose a threat to public safety by exposing people to dangerous terrain or wild animals.

While the right to roam is not enshrined in U.S. law, some states have passed laws that provide for limited forms of public access to private lands. For example, in some western states, such as Montana and Colorado, people can access certain types of public lands, such as rivers and streams, by crossing private lands without trespassing. Other states, such as Maine and Vermont, have passed "right-to-roam" laws that allow people to access certain types of private lands, such as coastal areas and abandoned railroad beds, for recreational purposes.

Despite these efforts, the right to roam remains controversial in the U.S., with many landowners opposing it as an infringement on their property rights. In some cases, disputes have arisen between landowners and outdoor enthusiasts, with some landowners posting "no trespassing" signs or even blocking access to public

lands. Advocates for the right to roam argue that such restrictions violate the public's right to access public lands and call for greater legal protections for outdoor recreation.

Indeed, the right to roam is a controversial concept in the U.S. that has generated debate between proponents of public access to natural areas and opponents who prioritize private property rights. While some states have taken steps to provide limited access to public lands, there is still a long way to go before the right to roam becomes a widely accepted and legally protected concept in the U.S.

CONTACTS: *This Land Is Our Land: Places in Europe Where Access to Nature Is a Basic Human Right*, afar.com/magazine/this-land-is-our-land-places-in-europe-where-access-to-nature-is-a-basic-human; *Visit Sweden: Freedom to Roam*, visitsweden.com/what-to-do/nature-outdoors/nature/sustainable-and-rural-tourism/freedomtoroam/; *UK Right to Roam Campaign*, righttoroam.org.uk.

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Young Reintroduces Bipartisan, Bicameral Bill

U.S. Senators Todd Young (R-Ind.) and Mark Warner (D-Va.) along with U.S. Representative Suzan DelBene (D-WA-01) reintroduced legislation to test innovative portable benefits designs for the growing independent workforce. The Portable Benefits Pilot Program Act seeks to provide workers with access to insurance protections typically provided through traditional full-time employment. This legislation would establish a \$20 million grant fund within the U.S. Department of Labor to incentivize states, localities and nonprofit organizations to experiment with portable benefits models.

"Job opportunities in the gig economy provide workers with utmost flexibility," said Senator Young. "Supporting portable benefit options helps uncover creative solutions to addressing the needs of our rapidly changing workforce. I am pleased to reintroduce this bill to make it easier for Hoosiers find the job opportunity that best suits their family situation."

"Each year more and more Americans engage in part-time, contract or other alternative work arrangements to support themselves and their families. But despite these shifts, our retirement and savings programs aren't keeping up to help these workers," said Senator Warner. "This program will encourage experimentation at the state and local levels to support the realities of a 21st century workforce."

"The way we work is rapidly evolving, and it is time our laws caught up. Today, millions of workers lack access to benefits like workers' compensation and paid time off. We must act to ensure our economy works for everyone," said Representative Suzan DelBene. "This legislation is an important step toward ensuring benefits are

accessible to all workers, regardless of their work arrangement. Whether you are a rideshare driver or an online artisan, you should have the same benefits opportunities as other workers."

The legislation is also co-sponsored by U.S. Senators Angus King (I-Maine), John Hoeven (R-N.D.), Michael Bennet (D-Colo.), and Kevin Cramer (R-N.D.).

"As we experience a workforce shortage across the nation, offering more flexible benefits and support will help make it easier for workers across the country and in North Dakota to find the right job opportunity for them and their families," said Senator Hoeven.

"Information technology, analytics and the 'gig' economy are changing the complexion of the 21st century economy, so it's vital that our federal policies evolve to stay in step with the reality faced by everyday workers," said Senator King. "Today, more and more Americans work as independent contractors, or are more regularly switching jobs to address new opportunities in the workforce - and they should have flexible benefit options for them and their families. This bipartisan bill would lay the groundwork for more portable benefits so we can effectively support independent workers as they help change and expand the modern economy."

"Independent workers make up a growing percentage of our workforce, yet they are often not eligible for many benefits typically offered by employers. North Dakotans in non-traditional work arrangements deserve access to the same benefits as the rest of the working public," said Senator Cramer. "These pilot programs encourage state and local governments to provide portable benefits and give independent contractors additional financial stability."

In the past decade, the composition of the U.S. workforce has changed significantly, and those who earn all or some of their income as independent contractors, part-time workers, temporary workers or contingent workers have found it difficult and expensive to access benefits and protections that are commonly provided to full-time employees. These benefits include paid leave, workers' compensation, skills training, unemployment insurance, tax withholding and tax-advantaged retirement savings. As the workforce changes, employers and policymakers need to consider a system that allows workers to carry these benefits with them from job to job across a lifetime in the workforce.

The Portable Benefits for Independent Workers Pilot Program Act would establish a portable benefits pilot program at the U.S. Department of Labor. It authorizes a total of \$20 million for competitive grants to states, local governments and nonprofits for pilot projects to design, implement and evaluate new models (\$15 million) or assess and improve existing models (\$5 million) for portable benefits for independent workers such as contractors, temporary workers and self-employed workers.

Eligible models will provide a number of work-related benefits and protections - such as retirement savings, workers compensation, life or disability insurance, sick leave, training and educational benefits, health care, and more. In order to encourage innovative thinking on these challenging issues, programs focused solely on retirement-related benefits will not be eligible. In awarding grants, the Secretary of Labor is directed to prioritize models that can be replicated on a large scale or at the national level.

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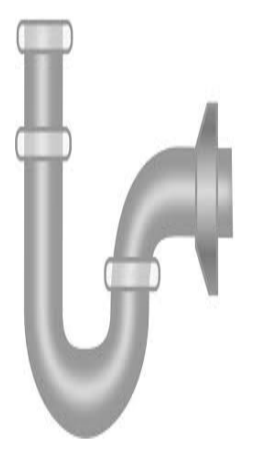
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Indiana Lottery To Send Expected \$362 Million Surplus Back To State

By Leslie Bonilla Muniz
Indiana Capital Chronicle

Indiana's lottery expects to send a whopping \$361.7 million to state coffers, up 4% from last year's payout but down from a pandemic-era record-high.

"As proven across multiple years, we will work hard to maximize revenue returns to the state and support our shared mission," said Donald Redic, interim chief operating officer for services provider IGT Indiana. He spoke at a Tuesday meeting of the State Lottery Commission.

IGT Indiana is the contract operator of the Hoosier Lottery, handling product development, marketing, sales and distribution services.

The lottery expects to make \$1.7 billion in sales by the end of the fiscal year, which ends June 30, according to Redic. That's up 1.6% compared to last year.

How much has the lottery sent back to the state?

2023: \$361.7 million*
2022: \$346.8 million
2021: \$375.5 million
2020: \$304.6 million
2019: \$312.2 million

*Projected amount for fiscal year ending June 30.

Source: Indiana Lottery Commission annual reports

Scratch-offs made up the bulk of those sales at \$1.3 billion, but were down 4% from last year, he said. Draw games, in contrast, were just \$436 million of total sales but were up 21%.

After prize claims, lottery retail commissions and operating expenses, the lottery expects to net \$387.5 million — a 5% increase. That's above an agreed-upon minimum net

income, so IGT Indiana will not pay a penalty intended to make the state whole.

It's also above an incentive net income mark, above which the state and IGT Indiana split extra money. The operator expects to earn a \$19.4 million bonus this fiscal year.

Surplus money returned to the state goes toward retirement and pension funds for police, firefighters and teachers, as well as to lower the motor vehicle excise tax by as much as 50%.

Though gaming officials celebrated the year's high revenue and sales, they cautioned that three multi-state, billion-dollar jackpots — which boosted revenue — weren't stable elements for future budgeting and planning.

"You still don't know how the multi-state jackpot games are going to run [or] what big runs are going to happen," Executive Director Sarah Taylor told reporters after the meeting. "So it's important not to overestimate, because the state takes us into account for their budgeting."

"The big jackpots carried the day," commission chair William Zielke said during the meeting. "And I think as we go through the business plan here today, that gets to be a key issue for us, is to look at what the scratch-offs are going to do for us and what we're going to do with, quite frankly, an old product that has to be new and innovative."

IGT Indiana said it plans to focus on launching new games, using pop-culture and holiday themes to get "light" and lapsed players

participating more often, and so on, according to a presentation of the operator's 2024 business plan.

Another kind of innovation lottery — and other gaming — officials have for years examined is digital.

A bill legalizing online an online lottery and other gaming activities didn't get a hearing this year, but lottery officials said they spent the recent legislative session working on relationships.

"We used this session really to educate and inform members of the General Assembly about what we do here at the lottery, talking about those give-backs, talking about where we fit in," External Affairs Director Jared Bond said. He also spoke with industry representatives "to become better partners with our retailers."

Taylor told reporters that the lottery would continue to refrain from proactive lobbying on iLottery.

"They're the decision makers," she said of lawmakers. "We're here to provide information. We're always happy to answer questions. And if that changes, and we become more advocates, we're happy to engage with them to share the reasons why."

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in Crawfordsville, attended Wabash where he won four prizes in oratory (perfect for ministering) and did more work at Garrett Biblical school in Evanston, Illinois. He had churches in Waveland (for a short time), Chicago and Wayne Street Methodist Church in Ft. Wayne for many years. Claud died in Arizona (where he went to retire) a few days after his 72nd birthday. He was the father of two daughters, Mary Louise and Josephine who I'm sure of whom his parents were quite proud.

Mary Travis was deeply involved in church, the Nancy Hanks Lincoln Memorial Association, the Ladies' groups of many organizations (GAR; Sons of Veterans which by the way had a Charles M. Travis Camp No 211 because he was so good in getting the group started) and she was involved in the Eastern Star as he was the Masons.

Charles M. began a pension service back in Crawfordsville where he made a good living helping other soldiers receive pensions. His office was in the Manson building on Green Street. Deeply involved with so much, he helped begin courts of the Tribe of Ben Hur in various areas, too.

When the Spanish American War broke out, he volunteered and became the Major of one of the immune regiments (8th Indiana) - these were made up of men who would likely be immune to the diseases of the hot tropical climates. (National Museum United States Army). Not sure why but President McKinley and other government officials felt that African Ameri-

cans would be particularly immune and eight states (including Indiana) sent those and others to fight in the Caribbean theater. Travis gave a scathing review of the "six-minute" speech given by William Jennings Bryan who had in the short speech boasted of his great patriotism. Travis said, "I will put my patriotism against that of Lew Wallace or any other man. You are aware that there is a war upon us and that a call for 125,000 volunteers has been authorized. Immediately after the destruction of the battleship, Maine and prior to the call for volunteers, Gen. Wallace telegraphed the President tendering his service as a soldier in case of war making only one condition that he be placed in active service in the field with no reference to rank." Travis then wanted proof of Bryan's patriotism asking him if he had volunteered? Volunteered in other capacities, that he was yet a young man, possessed of a splendid physique and could stand the service better than Gen Lew at his advanced age. And don't charge 25 cents for someone to hear you for six minutes brag about your patriotism. "Do something about it!" (Rensselaer Republican 29 April 1898).

In 1902, another interest came to Travis and he and Willis Wright of Terre Haute went to Georgia to check out the gold, asbestos and other mining concerns. While there he made sure to visit the site that was the biggest battle he had been involved in during two wars (the Battlefield of Atlanta) and during that battle received word from a messenger of the death of James B.

McPherson for whom our local GAR chapter was named.

This man was super talented. Likely Claud received his speaking abilities from his father as CMT was in constant demand to speak to various organizations. Smart, too - his obituary said he was large in physique and brain. That showed as he was the first permanent secretary of the nation's Inventor's Association and was so for quite some time. The invention talked about the most of his was a fire escape patented in 1884.

Didn't tally up his wins, but he was often nominated for different positions (It. governor; governor more than once; director of the national pension claims department) and with all that going on he was a commissioner for the World's Fair.

The last few years of his life were spent as an insurance agent in Chicago but age, stress and strain put him in the Soldiers' Home in Danville, Illinois. Mary had just hung-up the phone talking with Claud arranging to bring Charles home for Christmas and the phone rang telling her of her beloved husband's death. He was brought back to Crawfordsville and buried in Oak Hill (thanks to R&S Fine for photo) where many of his friends and comrades dwell yet today!

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to better adjusted, and better behaved animals.

Crawfordsville Masonic Temple Foundation, \$24,280

The CMTF board will engage a consultant to assist them in developing a 5-year Strategic Plan for their organization. After board members attended the MCCF Nonprofit Learning Series on Board Governance, they determined this to be the next logical step to take in their growth as a board.

Friends of Sugar Creek, \$13,500

Friends of Sugar Creek strives to raise awareness, to protect, restore and promote appreciation of Sugar Creek. By replacing the aging fleet of canoes with ten new Old Town canoes, they'll be able to continue their robust programming to achieve these goals.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Rainbows & Rhymes Preschool, \$9,170

Supporting Strong and Confident Early Childhood Teachers is their professional development plan for the year. This grant will support those efforts by funding Creative Curriculum training, Jim Gill's training, A Joyous Way to Learn through Active Music Play, along with his music workshop and interactive concert for families.

HEALTH

Crawfordsville Community School Corporation, \$12,000

This will provide the schools with three new vision screeners which school nurses will use to provide state-mandated vision screenings.

The new machines will provide more accurate results and more efficient screening time meaning less time spent out of the classroom.

North Montgomery School Corporation, \$11,400

The funds will be used to address the health and welfare needs of students in a variety of ways. Assistance may be given students for medical, dental, optical and mental health needs. Various health education is provided, including substance abuse resilience for middle and high school students. Funds also help to ensure CPR and AED equipment and training is up to date.

South Montgomery School Corporation, \$8,000

Funds will help to address the health and welfare needs of students in a variety of ways, such as medical, dental, vision, and mental health resources. With about 40% of the student population receiving some form of meal or textbook assistance, the schools strive to provide a bridge to access these and other services.

HUMAN SERVICES
Abilities Services, Inc., \$7,483

ASI will purchase furnishings and other items to create a sensory room. This is a designated area where individuals with sensory processing disorders, cognitive and learning disabilities, can retreat to, and to process and cope in an ever-changing world around them. ASI expects to see a decrease in behavioral incidents as well as shortened de-escalation time frame for those

behaviors.

Habitat for Humanity, \$35,000

Building affordable housing is the cornerstone of Habitat's mission in the Crawfordsville area. Rising costs of building materials have hampered their progress on the current build. These funds will allow them to complete the current project on Binford Street so that an eager new homeowner can get moved in and they can move onto the next project.

Recovery Coalition, \$5,340

Funds will be used to cover the cost of training two individuals as Peer Recovery Coaches and will pay three coaches for their work. Once the coaches are trained and in place, they will become a certified Recovery Community Organization. This will make them eligible for other funding sources for the Peer Recovery Coaches' wages so that this service can continue.

MCCF manages over 240 endowed funds, each established by donors with the desire to make Montgomery County a better place to live. Since 1991, over \$27 million in grants and scholarships has been awarded to agencies and students right here in Montgomery County. To learn more about MCCF Grantmaking visit <https://www.mccf-in.org/unrestricted-grant-cycle> to review the eligibility guidelines and learn about the application process. Direct questions to Cheryl Keim, Grants & Community Relations Director at 765-362-1267 or cheryl@mccf-in.org.


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The awards were presented on May 18 during the IBA Mega Conference in Indianapolis. The Association created the C2C Awards in 2018 to celebrate exceptional bank outreach and to raise public awareness of the diverse

ways that banks support the communities they serve.

"Banks serve as economic drivers in communities across the state of Indiana," said Amber R. Van Til, IBA president and CEO. "It is in community service

and outreach that banks show their greatest value, investing in the welfare and lives of people. The nominees for the IBA Commitment to Community Award all demonstrate outstanding examples of community investment."



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