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**TODAY'S VERSE**

Isaiah 30:21 And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.

**FACES OF MONTGOMERY**

People who call our community their own.



Darlisha Steele, owner of C'Ville Docs offered a smile to one of our roving photographers while received her Readers' Choice 2023 award! Thanks Darlisha!

**THREE THINGS You Should Know:**

**1** Thursday marks the start of competition for Madison Parker, the Pittsboro, Ind. teen competing in the 66th Distinguished Young Women National Finals. Parker along with 49 other state representatives, has been in Mobile for the past two weeks participating in community activities and preparing for the national scholarship competition. Ticket and live webcast information can be found at DYWNationalFinals.com.

**2** The Indiana Department of Transportation announces State Road 75 will close on or after Wednesday, June 28 over Muskrat Creek, near Dover. Crews will be performing bridge work. The road will be closed between S.R. 32 and County Road 200 N. through mid-August, weather permitting. The official detour follows S.R. 32 to I-65 to U.S. 52 to S.R. 47 and back. This contract was awarded to Calumet Civil Contractors, Inc. It also involves HMA overlay work on S.R. 75 through Thorntown. The entire contract is expected to be completed in October of 2023.

**3** The Environmental Protection Agency released its final Renewable Volume Obligations for 2023, 2024, and 2025, which sets annual biofuel blending targets under the Renewable Fuel Standard. Soy growers are expressing disappointment, as the rule does not accurately reflect the growth expected in the industry and falls far below the industry's current production.

## Mercury Broadband To Invest \$2 Million In Crawfordsville, Indiana Service Center

Garrett Wiseman, co-founder and Chief Executive of Mercury Broadband announced Wednesday the company plans to offer state-of-the-art broadband services to 17,000 residential households and businesses.

"We are excited to enter this new phase of expansion with the City of Crawfordsville and are looking forward to advancing broadband Internet to rural and under-served communities across Montgomery County and the State of Indiana," Wiseman said. "We are committed to providing affordable services and providing a positive impact in the communities we serve."

Mercury Broadband has entered into a purchase agreement for approximately five acres of property located on Industrial Boulevard in Crawfordsville. Industrial Boulevard runs off US 231 near Cracker Barrel. The 12,000 square foot service center will have office and warehouse space.

"We are excited to welcome Mercury Broadband to our community and are very

### About Mercury Broadband

Mercury Broadband is a leading provider of high-speed Internet and digital phone services for homes and businesses across select rural markets in the Midwest. The company was founded in Topeka, Kan. after recognizing a need for broadband services in these underserved markets. A hybrid approach to serving these "last mile" customers was developed by extending high-capacity fiber optic networks with the range, reliability, and flexibility of carrier-class wireless technologies to provide next-generation services to customers.

pleased that they have chosen to locate their new service center in Crawfordsville," Crawfordsville Mayor Todd Barton said. "Mercury will be creating high-quality employment opportunities in the growing tech sector, while increasing connectivity options for residents and businesses in this region of Indiana. We've worked hard to attract Mercury to our community, and the types of jobs created by this investment fit perfectly within our strategy to further diversify the types of employment opportunities available locally."

The company plans to seek a tax abatement from the city

for their development. Pending city approval of that, construction on the new site is expected to be completed in mid-2024. Mercury will establish a temporary facility while construction of the service center begins. Mercury is estimated to hire approximately 30 employees.

Customers will be able to purchase services next year in the first and second quarters. Visit [www.mercurybroadband.com](http://www.mercurybroadband.com) and follow Mercury Broadband on Facebook and Instagram for updates on the launch of services. You can also contact the company at (800) 354-4915 for more information.

## New Artist Exhibit At Crawfordsville District Public Library

The Mary Bishop Memorial Gallery at the Crawfordsville District Public Library would like to invite the public to view international artist, August Kochanowski. This exhibit is currently open and will be on display through July 14th. The public is encouraged to visit the gallery during CDPL's regular hours of operation. Do not miss your opportunity to see this exhibit.

August Kochanowski is a fourth-generation blacksmith living and working in Central Wisconsin's heart. He received his MFA in sculpture from the Herron School of Art and Design in Indianapolis, and his BFA from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. He was chosen for the 2017 Fellowship at the Ox-Bow School of Art and Artist's Residency in Saugatuck, Michigan; in 2020, he was the visiting artist for the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point; and in 2022 he participated in iron pour at the Sculpture Trails Outdoor



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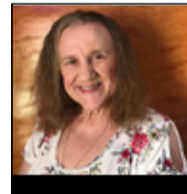
### Walk A Mile by August Kochanowski

Museum in Solsberry, Indiana.

Kochanowski's exhibit celebrates the work boot as a symbol of identity and urges the audience to embrace one's unique narrative regardless of societal expectations. To Walk a Mile emphasizes two aspects - the alcove installation

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## All About The Gobens



### KAREN ZACH Around The County

The Goben family in Montgomery County began in 1829 when Jesse J. Goben entered land in Walnut Township. For a couple of years in his native Kentucky he

worked hard raising tobacco, saved the money and walked to Crawfordsville to enter his land at just age 21. In his own words, "I raised my cabin, hewed puncheons and floored it, built the chimney up to the mantel and prepared the small sticks for running the flue." Cabin complete, it was back to Shelby County to marry his beloved (married 56 years at her death) Arminta Goben, age 18. In the dead of winter (mid December) they made their way back to their MoCo abode (she on the back of their one horse, he walking through slush and mud) and parented 14 children,

➔ See KAREN Page A6

## The Daily Almanac

**Sunrise/Sunset**  
RISE: 6:17 a.m.  
SET: 9:21 p.m.

**High/Low Temperatures**  
High: 79 °F  
Low: 63 °F

**Today is...**

- National Chocolate Éclair Day
- National Onion rings Day
- Stupid Guy Thing Day

**What Happened On This Day**

- 1990 Checkpoint Charlie is dismantled.
- 1945 Okinawa falls to U.S. troops.
- 1633 The Catholic Church forces Galileo Galilei to renounce his heliocentric world view.

**Births On This Day**

- 1953 Cyndi Lauper American singer-songwriter, producer, actress
- 1949 Meryl Streep American actress

**Deaths On This Day**

- 2008 George Carlin American comedian, actor, author
- 1969 Judy Garland American actress, singer

## Art on Thursday Paint with Cindy

Come and have a painting party with a local artist, Cindy Woodall, a professional artist and instructor. No talent or experience necessary to create your own masterpiece.

The "Tree for all Seasons" will be the colorful picture you will paint and take home! Classes are relaxed and enjoyable for family and friends.

The instructor will provide all supplies needed to paint your own art piece with acrylic paints.

Class will be on Thursday, July 13th. Choose either an afternoon session (1-3 pm) or an evening session (6-8 pm). Class is open to anyone 12 years and older. Cost is \$35. Classes meet at Athens Arts, 216 E. Main Street, Crawfordsville, IN.

To reserve a spot for the July 13 8th class, stop by Athens Arts Thursdays and Fridays 10 am to 6 pm or on Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm or call 765.362.7455 during business hours to pay via credit card.

**HONEST HOOSIER**

John Dillinger was born on this date 120 years ago. Was there ever a more charming bad guy in Hoosierland?



**TODAY'S HEALTH TIP**

You can't spread poison ivy, oak or sumac to another person once you have washed with warm soap and water.

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).



**OBITUARIES**

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The Paper appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank **MARCIA DESMET** for subscribing!



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**THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE**

**Police Officers Breakfast:**

Calling all retired and active duty police officers. There will be a breakfast at the Neighborhood Cafe on June 20 at 9 a.m. Contact Gary Bell by June 15 if you intend to attend at 765-366-3638

**TODAY'S QUOTE**

My buddies wanted to be firemen, farmers or policemen, something like that. Not me. I just wanted to steal peoples' money."  
-John Dillinger, born on this date in 1903

**TODAY'S JOKE**

Did you hear that Putin's cronies said they aren't nervous about nuclear war because all good Russians will go to heaven. Heaven heard that and immediately joined NATO!





## Meeting Notes

# Board Of Public Works And Public Safety Meeting

June 21, 2023 at 10:00AM

I. Approval of the minutes from June 14, 2023.

II. Approval of the claims for the week of June 19, 2023.

III. Old Business

IV. New Business

a. Public Hearing: Unsafe Building Order - 122/124 W. Main Street

b. Parking Space Rental request from Nick McCarroll (space V-9) located in the parking lot in the 100 block of W. Pike Street

c. Agreement with Crawfordsville Community Schools for School Resource Officers from

Crawfordsville Police Department

d. Request to surplus 35 Air Packs - Crawfordsville Fire Dept.

e. Barry Lewis, Code Enforcement Officer, with work order request

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· 912 Tuttle Avenue, owned by Teresa Goodnight

· 910 Tuttle Avenue, owned by Remling Properties, LLC.

· 702 Whitlock Avenue, owned by Clayton Mennen

V. Departments Heads

VI. Adjournment

## JD Power Ranks Erie Insurance #1 In Property Claims Satisfaction

According to the J.D. Power & Associates 2023 U.S. Property Claims Satisfaction Study released earlier this year, Erie Insurance has topped the list in customer satisfaction with Property Claims Experience.

Derrick Clore, President of Clore Insurance Group with offices in Crawfordsville, Carmel and Brazil Indiana said "This is real affirmation of what we see and say every day. When it comes to delivering on a promise, there is no better insurance carrier than Erie Insurance. And, after all, isn't that what you're really buying with insurance, a



DERRICK CLORE

promise that the company will deliver in your time of need. We're proud of Erie's competitive pricing and superior coverage options but this study proves they're the best at the most important part of the business, taking care of clients when it counts."



Left: Crawfordsville Chamber welcomes Waveland Pub. Right: The Chamber welcomes Kelsie Warren, owner of Compass Business Solutions



Photos courtesy of Crawfordsville/Montgomery County Chamber

## Chamber Of Commerce Holds Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies

The Crawfordsville / Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce welcomed Kelsie Warren, owner of Compass Business Solutions, with a ribbon cutting for the new location of her office at the Fusion 54 building.

Compass Business Solutions offers experience in bookkeeping, business strategy, management accounting, and consulting. Kelsie has over 10 years of experience in using QuickBooks Desktop, and QuickBooks Online, and is a QuickBooks ProAdvisor. Her bookkeeping experience specializes in construction, transportation, hospitality, and retail. She offers an execu-

tive, professional, and administrative monthly subscription package that you can find those on her website.

Kelsie states, "My mission is to provide clients with the best service possible in order to meet needs, gain profitability, pursue goals, and sustain a healthy financial status."

Compass Business Solutions is located on the second floor of Fusion 54 which is located at 101 W. Main Street, Office 217 in Crawfordsville. You are welcome to call them at 765-401-1826 or stop by the office from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm on Monday through Friday.

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The Crawfordsville / Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce celebrated with a ribbon cutting for the grand re-opening of the major renovations of the interior of The Waveland Pub. The event started off by welcoming the Chamber with a tour of this outstanding, new building.

The pub was built in 1930 and is located near two lakes, four campgrounds, and two canoe rentals. Inside, they have a staging area for live entertainment, gaming, a jukebox, and a pool table. The pub went under construction adding all new flooring, ceilings, walls, electrical, and plumbing,

and the kitchen will be open soon. They plan on renovating the exterior of the building soon. They can't wait to see lots of new faces walk through their doors, so make sure you stop by and show them your support!

The Waveland Pub is located at 11012 S State Road 47 in Waveland. Their business hours are 9:00 am-12:00 am on Monday through Saturday and 10:00 am-10:00 pm on Sunday. You can follow The Waveland Pub on Facebook for event updates. For information regarding the chamber, visit the website at crawfordsvillechamber.com or contact us at 765-362-6800.

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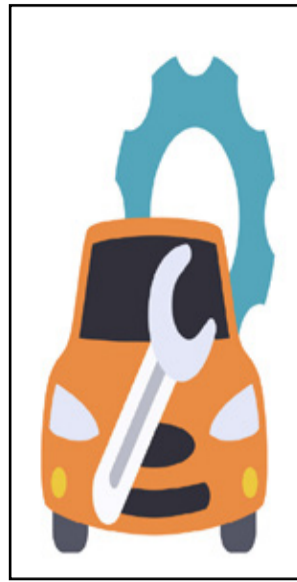
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## Boone County Couple Charged In 2020 Arson

A Boone County couple now face charges following a multi-year investigation of a 2020 arson fire in Indianapolis.

Leslee Pettit-Myers, 51, and her husband Michael G. Myers, 49, face charges stemming from a Dec. 10, 2020, arson fire that occurred in the 7000 block of West 93rd St., in Indianapolis. Pettit-Myers has been charged with felony arson and leaving the scene of an accident while Michael Myers was charged with obstruction of justice.

The fire first was reported by a neighbor who heard a commotion outside his home before a white vehicle drove away from the scene, just before fire became visible from the structure. Fire crews arrived to extinguish the blaze and determined an accelerant had been used on the first floor of the residence.

Other neighbors reported similar accounts of the same vehicle at the

property just before the fire and witnessed it crash into a nearby street sign as it left the area. One neighbor was able to identify a partial license plate of the car, which was provided to investigators. The car was traced back to Pettit-Myers, and cell phone records placed her in the area of the arson and accident at the time they occurred.

Investigators say Michael Myers, of Zionsville, took the white 2016 Tesla Model X to a repair shop in Louisville, Ky., after the incident for extensive front-end damage. An employee of the business said the driver indicated an "unauthorized person" was driving the car at the time of the damage and he did not want to turn the car in to his insurance company. A Tesla representative also confirmed the event data recorder in the vehicle indicated a crash at the same time the neighbors reported the accident had

occurred.

Investigators were able to determine the site of the arson was adjacent to a home that previously belonged to Pettit-Myers' parents. The owner of the home where the fire occurred told investigators he and Pettit-Myers had previous altercations during the process of selling the house after the death of her mother in 2018.

This case was a joint investigation conducted by the Indiana Department of Homeland Security and Pike Township Fire Department, with significant assistance from the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department, Indiana State Police, Louisville Metropolitan Arson Bureau and United States Secret Service.

Investigators encourage anyone with information about a potential arson to call the Indiana Arson Hotline at 800-382-4628 or email TIPS1@dhs.in.gov.

## Electric Vehicle Pros and Cons



**Dear EarthTalk: What are the environmental and other pros and cons of ditching the gas guzzler for an electric vehicle (EV)?**

Transportation accounts for almost a third of all U.S. greenhouse gas emissions, making the switch to EVs a welcome change for environmental advocates. But is ditching your old conventional wheels for a shiny new EV really the best thing for the planet? To evaluate how eco-friendly a car is, you should consider the environmental impacts of its three life stages: its creation, operation and disposal.

Studies conclude that manufacturing a vehicle accounts for around 25 percent of its lifetime carbon footprint. Making a car creates a lot of pollution as raw materials have to be extracted, transported and manufactured. In fact, according to the environmental consulting firm Ricardo, 46 percent of an EV's total carbon footprint is generated before it even travels a mile. Keeping your old car eliminates the environmental effect of manufacturing a vehicle.

An important question arises: Do the negative environmental impacts of manufacturing EV batteries outweigh the benefits? A report by CarbonBrief concludes that EVs have

a smaller carbon footprint than used gasoline cars in about four years and a smaller carbon footprint than new ones in around two years. EVs also benefit the environment by eliminating tailpipe emissions and having better fuel economies than gasoline-powered cars. And while the sustainability of EVs ultimately depends upon the mix of renewable energy in the grid where you live, even with the current renewable energy percentage, driving EVs tends to be beneficial. The more renewable energy you charge your car with, the better: So consider choosing your utility's greener options or purchasing Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs).

EVs themselves pose a bit of a difficulty when it comes to responsible disposal. Recycling EV batteries can be difficult as the design and chemicals vary greatly from one battery to another. Most batteries aren't even designed to be recycled. While much is being done to address this issue, it remains a significant contributor to toxic waste.

Financially speaking, according to a report by GetJerry, EVs cost an average of \$56 per month more to insure than gasoline-powered cars. They are also more expensive to repair. But in spite of these down sides, operating an EV comes with certain economic benefits. It can help you evade the ever-increasing gas prices

and the ever-increasing maintenance needs of an aging gas-powered vehicle. It also may be eligible for tax incentives and credits. And prices of battery EVs are seeing significant reductions: According to EVI-USA, "Experts expect that their prices will be at par with diesel or petrol vehicles between 2025 and 2027."

To conclude, over their full life, electric and hybrid vehicles have significantly lower carbon footprints than normal cars. But, EVs tend to be a bit more expensive. If investing in one is out of reach, you can reduce your transport-related issues by walking, biking or using public transport whenever possible.

**CONTACTS:** CarbonBrief, carbonbrief.org; EVs Save You Gas Money, but EV Insurance Costs More, getjerry.com/trends-reports/evs-save-you-gas-money-but-ev-insurance-costs-more; Will Electric Vehicles Come Down In Price? evi-usa.com/will-electric-vehicles-come-down-in-price; EPA's Fast Facts on Transportation Greenhouse Gas Emissions, epa.gov/greenvehicles/fast-facts-transportation-greenhouse-gas-emissions.

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## Senator Braun, Leader McConnell, 31 GOP Senators Call On President Biden To Withdraw Julie Su Nomination For Labor Secretary

Senator Mike Braun, Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, and 31 fellow Republican Senators sent a letter to the White House calling on President Biden to withdraw the nomination of Julie Su to be Secretary of the Department of Labor.

The letter was signed by Senator Braun, Senate Republican Leader McConnell, Senate Republican Whip John Thune, Senator John Barrasso, Senator Marsha Blackburn, Senator Katie Britt, Senator Ted Budd, Senator Bill Cassidy, Senator John Cornyn, Senator Kevin Cramer, Senator Mike Crapo, Senator Ted Cruz, Senator Steve Daines, Senator Deb Fischer, Senator Lindsey Graham, Senator Bill Hagerty, Senator John Hoeven, Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith, Senator James Lankford, Senator Mike Lee, Senator

Cynthia Lummis, Senator Roger Marshall, Senator Markwayne Mullin, Senator Rand Paul, Senator Pete Ricketts, Senator James Risch, Senator Eric Schmitt, Senator Rick Scott, Senator Tim Scott, Senator Thom Tillis, Senator Tommy Tuberville, Senator Roger Wicker, and Senator Todd Young.

The Senators write, "Her track record and unwillingness to provide clarity to her past positions and the actions she would take as Secretary of Labor continue to raise concerns about her nomination."

The letter voices concern about Su's time as head of the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency:

"In her capacity as the head of California's Labor and Workforce Development Agency, Ms. Su was the architect of a law that

forced independent contractors in the state to reclassify themselves as W-2 employees, and she did not hesitate to express her willingness to enforce this law, threatening investigations and audits to the wage claim process for workers who did not comply."

As well as concerns with how her approach to the franchise business model would affect small businesses:

"Strong concerns from the small business community have also been expressed over Ms. Su's approach to the current franchise business model, citing her support of California legislation that gave authority to government appointees to make decisions regarding wages and working conditions at independently owned restaurants across the state."

# The Paper

## Public Notices Deadline:

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# Country's First Talent Attraction + Retention Program Of Its Kind Recruits Hundreds

Fortune 500 companies address workforce trends and challenges with successful Indyfluence.

Indianapolis-based Fortune 500 companies Roche and Eli Lilly and Company, along with the city's other top global companies and economic development organizations, are working together to attract and retain emerging talent in an innovative and collaborative way. While companies traditionally compete for talent, Indyfluence brings corporate leaders together to demonstrate the appeal of starting a life and career in Indianapolis to emerging talent.

Indyfluence is a comprehensive four-week, in-person program consisting of workshops, mentorship, and philanthropic opportunities delivered to more than 600 interns from at least 32 states and 23 countries. The program was the first of its kind in the country when it began in 2019, and it evolved to incorporate virtual programming when the COVID-19 pandemic started in 2020. This will be the first year Indyflu-

ence is fully in-person again for all interns.

In 2019, the last time the program was held in person, over 50 percent of the approximately 500 Indyfluence interns took a job and started their careers in Indianapolis. This percentage is more than the 36 percent number of interns who noted they were "highly likely" to take a job in Indianapolis when surveyed prior to participating in the program.

In 2020, the retention rate still remained strong despite many interns having to work remotely due to the pandemic and never getting to live or work in Indy. Virtual Indyfluence programming allowed them to envision life in Indy after graduation. Around 200 graduates, or nearly 40 percent of interns, who participated in Indyfluence chose to start their careers in Indianapolis.

This year, participants will connect face-to-face with fellow interns working for different companies, city leaders, and changemakers through events and workshops

under the programs' three pillars: Meet Indy, Learn from Indy, and Give Back to Indy.

Meet Indy: Interns will experience what it's like to live in the Indianapolis region through weekly blog content and newsletters, daily social media posts, and events like:

- The program kick off event June 21st at the Scottish Rite Cathedral where they'll learn about and connect with the people, places, and things that make the city unique
- Walk and Talk Tours with Through2Eyes to discover the history of the city
- Indy Chamber and IndyHub networking events
- Learning the inside scoop about Indianapolis from Visit Indy, the city's tourism authority
- A closing event July 17th at Gainbridge Fieldhouse, home of the NBA's Pacers and WNBA's Fever

Learn from Indy: Participants will discover personal and professional growth opportunities through workshops hosted by participating companies covering relevant topics,

including:

- Mental Health and Wellbeing
- Personal Branding
- Powerful Questions & Levels of Listening
- Buying a Home by 25
- Give Back to Indy: The group will be invited to participate in community service projects and engage in an interactive, collective impact grant experience resulting in a gift of \$14,000 to a local nonprofit of their choosing.

Learn more about the program at [www.indyfluence.com](http://www.indyfluence.com).

"Indyfluence's success demonstrates Indianapolis' unmatched ability to bring together corporate and civic leaders for the betterment of our entire community," Julie Dunlap, Chief Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Officer and Sr. Vice President of Talent at Lilly. "We have these bright interns coming to us from all over the world for an amazing career opportunity, and it's our goal for them to want to stay here after graduation. The Indyfluence partnership has provided an innovative way to showcase all

the reasons they should want to do that, ensuring a strong talent pipeline and growth for Lilly and Indianapolis."

A study conducted by Visit Indy and SMARI Research to determine which factors Gen Z workers look for in a city, those that clearly rose to the top included cost of living, housing and rental costs, and job opportunities. Indyfluence showcases the cost of living benefits of Indianapolis and Central Indiana including through a "Buying a Home by 25" workshop by real estate leader Century 21, while the other participating companies focus on the job opportunities and career growth potential.

Gen Z's focus on work-life integration is also addressed by Indyfluence, with the programming demonstrating the ease of living in the region, diversity of urban and suburban neighborhood options, food and culture scene, entertainment options, nonprofit young professional boards, and more.

Workshop topics and city tours will also address topics of interest

to emerging talent such as diversity, equity and inclusion; making a difference; building face-to-face relationships with peers and mentors; and addressing the "soft skills gap" exacerbated by the remote and virtual learning of the pandemic with in-person work and networking events.

"Alongside other corporate leaders in Indianapolis, we remain committed as ever to attracting the best talent to our region," said Bridget Boyle, vice president and head of people and culture for Roche. "Indyfluence allows us to focus on showcasing our company to our interns, while also connecting them more directly with the Indianapolis community, which we know is important. Indyfluence gives these emerging leaders access to the incredible people, resources and opportunities that our city offers."

Indyfluence sponsors include Roche, Lilly, OneAmerica, and Century21. Programming partners include INNOVATIVE, IndyHub, Indy Chamber, and Ascend Indiana.

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some passing young or at birth, basically nine growing up. His story of how he became a minister is amazing and how he preached to himself as he worked out in his fields. Thus, it culminated with him being deathly sick, no doctor being able to figure out his malady. Arminta saw a doctor in a dream and Jesse was hauled to Crawfordsville to see Dr. Benage (Arminta recognized him from her vision) – within 48 hours Rev. Jesse was as good as new and preaching away. (Chapman Brothers Portrait & Biographical ... p 345). The couple were amazing singers and led revivals in song many times over.

Jesse Goben was the son of James and Elizabeth (Kline) Goben, James the son of William "Billy" Gobon who was said to have been a native of Ireland. In 1776 Billy married Rebecca Brandy of Dutch descent. Billy was a Revolutionary Soldier. Jesse received his name from his mother, Minty's father, Jesse Leonard Plunkett.

One of Jesse and Arminta's five sons to grow to adulthood is my subject today, although mention of the others will likely crop-up as well. William P. Gobon was born right here in MoCo on the 20th of May in 1849 and passed away 15 February 1926. As with some of his brothers, he probably went to Wesley Academy near Waynetown. Overall, he was a carpenter but did some farming and other such work and toward the end of his years, he and wife owned a boarding house. The carpentry helped the most, I guess as in April of 1892, he (and some of his brothers which I could never pinpoint but I'm guessing Jesse and Matthias Vancleave, possibly John L., but John has a story of his own about that time and depending on which paper and who you probably would have talked to whether he did all the shenanigans he was accused of doing is questionable; however, since there were large discrepancies when he was county treasurer and again as county auditor, who knows)? John and MV also liked to race and purchase horses, plus they both moved to Illinois not long after the troubles. Ohhhh, hmmm!!

At any rate, Will was the major force behind the Gobon Fire Escape that was patented. Many since the Chicago fires had worked on perfecting fire escapes but this was somewhat unique as it had moveable (all automatic) sections that went down a flight, the person quickly moved to another moveable platform and the first returned to pick up someone else trying to get out. Sounds a bit confusing but it had much praise, many followers and several buyers (especially hotel owners) of the affair (yep, they could use it on all the windows at the same time). Ironically, several companies from Chicago purchased such.

Will P. was first married to Ann Elizabeth "Lizzie" McIntire on 20 October 1881 and their daughter Sally Belle



Photo courtesy of Karen Zach

(oops?) was born the next year on the last day of May in my little hometown (had no idea until researching this). She was but 5 years old when her mother passed away. The Review poked a bit of fun (12 Feb 1898) at Sally saying that she visited Linden on Sunday and that she admired gray houses. Evidently her husband Thomas Endean lived in one near there. They married and presented Will P. with two grandsons (Paul William and Edward). Sally lead a pretty long life compared to the other gals in the families, passing 21 Dec 1958 of lung and colon cancer which she had suffered from for about five years!

Will P. was married again to Dorcas Foster (20 April 1891) at the home of his father's good friend, Matthias Vancleave and they were blessed with one beautiful and vivacious daughter, Jessie Lee (born 17 April 1894) I assume named for Gpa'. Again, Will lost his wife, Jessie her mother and Sally her stepmother as Dorcas died at just 40 Aug 11, 1904.

Guess the third time was the charm as Will married for the third and final time to Martha White McClure who survived him. She lost a son in 1925 (or late 24) living in Washington DC of unknown causes at just 40 years old. That year, Will lost his beloved daughter Jessie who had married Rev. Russell Pittman. They were so happy, married for seven years (she was a wonderful helper and he an admired preacher) and finally expecting their first child, only Jessie developed a poisoning in her stomach and died before giving birth. Think it is neat that the Pittmans and Will and Martha travelled far and wide together before all this happened.

William P. Gobon (sometimes spelled Gobin) didn't seem anyway to be a big joiner but upon his death, his obituary was emphatic about making sure the reader realized that Mr. Gobon was "widely respected for his honesty, sincerity and deep devotion to his family and friends!" Sounds like Jesse J's (photo of what I imagine Will looks like – Jesse was handsome, huh photo of the Gobens from Cliff Gobin on Ancestry) – clone and that's a good thing all the way around!

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## EXHIBIT From Page A1

of the same name, and variations of the human figure in an adjoining space. Both sections touch upon characteristics of his personal identity.

To Walk a Mile is a story about the passage of time for Kochanowski as an artist and craftsman. Beyond the physical representation, the work boots become a metaphorical extension of the sculptor's inner self. The worn and weathered boots speak of resilience in the face of challenges and the ability to endure long hours involved in the family business as a blacksmith, shaping iron. By the end of each year, he is left with a pair of worn-out work boots after creating several works of art, forging iron, and taking countless steps.

The absence of shoelaces recalls the resourceful habits which were passed down by the artist's grandparents who fled war-torn Poland after World War II and immigrated to the United States. When shoes wore out, the shoelaces were always salvaged and kept in a box for another day's use.

Two particular attributes of this exhibition lie in the range of sizes portrayed in the boots – from oversized weathered boots in cast iron to elegant verdigris bronze, then finally miniature

boots blushed with gold. Moreover, the choice of material further enhances

the narrative of artistic growth and transformation. The progression from cast iron to bronze and finally to gold, also signifies the artist's increasing mastery of his chosen medium.

In the adjoining space, Kochanowski took the opportunity to showcase purely visual expressions with variations on the human figure. The artist delves into abstractions of the body, many from his own proportions; fortifies and memorializes his mentor in cast iron friendship; and analyzes gesture and space in formal planar studies. It is the style Kochanowski has used in his public artworks.

If you would like to know more about August Kochanowski and his work, please find him at Instagram@august-kochanowski. For more information about CDPL's hours of operation, please visit our website at www.cdpl.lib.in.us. If you are an artist or a member of an artists' group and are interested in displaying your work at the Mary Bishop Memorial Gallery in 2024, please contact Toni, the Gallery Coordinator at (765) 362-2242, or email her at twoodall@cdpl.lib.in.us for more information.

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## Nearly 400 Hoosiers Receive Teaching Scholarships

The Indiana Commission for Higher Education has awarded nearly 400 scholarships to the seventh class of Next Generation Hoosier Educators. The number of scholarships expanded significantly this year due to recent legislation authored by Representative Robert "Bob" Behning with bipartisan support from the 2023 Indiana General Assembly.

"What I have learned is that being a teacher goes beyond the classroom where each day they are tasked to be not only a teacher but a mentor, counselor, role model, etc.," said Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship recipient Emma Seits. "This scholarship confirmed the gut feeling I recently had on becoming a teacher. I look forward to the relationships and impact I will make on my future students."

Emma Seits Selected through a competitive process based on academic achievement and additional factors, recipients will receive \$10,000 annually (up to \$40,000 total) for committing to teach in Indiana for at least five years after graduating college.

A total of 598 students

applied for the 2023-24 Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship. Applications were received from students representing 263 high schools in 88 of Indiana's 92 counties. Additionally, 75 percent of applicants were Indiana high school seniors with the remainder comprised of current college students.

To qualify for the scholarship, students had to either graduate in the top 20 percent of their high school class, earn a score in the 20th percentile on the SAT or ACT, or have at least a 3.5 cumulative GPA.

"We are encouraged by the overwhelming support from our legislative partners to grow Indiana's teaching pipeline by further leveraging the Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship," said Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Chris Lowery. "Recipients of this scholarship are driven, passionate and committed to making a positive impact in Hoosier classrooms and communities."

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