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TODAY'S VERSE

Psalm 127:1 Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.

FACES OF MONTGOMERY

People who call our community their own.



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

THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 The Montgomery County Relay for Life is dedicated to helping communities attack cancer. Through funds donated, time given, or awareness raised, communities are teaming up to make a difference. The annual event is scheduled for Sept. 16, from 12 pm - 8 pm in Crawfordsville. You can participate by forming a team, raising money and celebrating at the event while honoring survivors and remembering lives touched by purchasing a luminaria. Please help spread the word to help them grow the success of this event! Click the button to visit the website to register a team and for more information.

2 You can help the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) learn more about the state's wild turkey population by sharing observations of hens with and without poults (i.e., young turkeys) through Aug. 31. Each summer, DNR personnel and community members from across Indiana conduct brood surveys, counting hens and poults to estimate how many young turkeys live through the summer. Summer brood survival is one of the primary factors influencing wild turkey population trends in various regions of the state and informs the DNR's wild turkey management. This year, the DNR aims to collect 3,000 reports across the state with at least 25 reports per county. Observations can be shared at on.IN.gov/turkeybrood. No password is needed. This link provides survey instructions, an illustrative guide to turkey identification, and results of previous brood surveys. For more information about wild turkey biology and DNR's management of the species, see on.IN.gov/turkey. To view more DNR news releases, please see dnr.IN.gov.

3 The City of Crawfordsville Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on Wednesday, August 16, 2023 at 7 p.m.

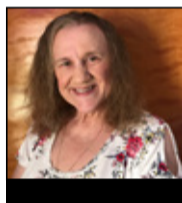
Duke Energy Gives Grant To Boys & Girls Club



Photo courtesy of Crawfordsville Boys & Girls Club

The Boys & Girls Club of Montgomery County recently received an \$8,000.00 grant from Duke Energy to support the Club's Summer Program. "We are thrilled Duke Energy is supporting our Summer Program. The children who participate in our program will benefit greatly from Duke's generosity," said Erica Cummins, Interim Executive Director of the Club. "We can't thank Duke Energy enough for their support." The grant will provide support for the Summer Program, which services over 130 kids and provides breakfast, lunch, STEM activities and other educational programs. "The Duke Energy Foundation is proud to help support the good work the Montgomery County Boys & Girls Club is doing," said Dagny Zupin, Community Relations Manager for Duke Energy. "The services and support the club provides to kids on a daily basis is something our community is fortunate to have." The local club is open Monday thru Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Karen Has A Quick Adventure



KAREN ZACH
Around The County

Written about Davis, Myers, Smith, and Jones families so I decided to check-out a more unusual name and made a "quick" jump to an interesting man with one - Nathaniel Quick, to be exact, who was described as "being loved by all who knew him." How's that for an epithet?

Nathaniel was interested and involved in many aspects of life. One of the oddest items I discovered in my research was that he ran against himself for County Treasurer in 1892 for the Prohibitionist and People's (Populist) party. Sure he didn't win but pretty nifty he was admired enough by two parties to be chosen.

At Nathaniel's death in April 1895, Dr. Thomas J. Griffith wrote a tribute for the Indianapolis Patriot Phalanx honoring Quick, stating Nathaniel was "an honest, conscientious man," but then Griffith got a bit off topic as per the tribute but likely not for the paper. Griffith told of Nathaniel assisting in organizing the Prohibitionist Reform Party in 1884 and remaining as an ever-active adviser to the group. Mainly, the article was



Photo courtesy of Karen Zach

regarding the Doctor's views that Populists and Prohibitionists should merge into one as they desired the same things for our country (equal suffrage, abolition of national banks, free coinage of silver and of course, prohibition). Occasionally, he got back to Nathaniel ("needed more men of his virtues on this side of life; a pillar in the New Light Christian Church and in his neighborhood and county"). For sure, a bit radical but very interesting article.

Born in Union Township, (where his father had entered land) Nathaniel's parents were Edwin and Abigail Ball Quick, June 30, 1832. He was schooled in the area and had one term at Merom Union Christian College. At age 21, he wed Catherine M. Groendyke who was four years (Dec 2, 1828) his junior but passed away (Nov 8, 1869) long

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Montgomery County Prepares For 16th Annual Taste On August 26

Lew Wallace Study thanks generous sponsors.

The idea that began seventeen years ago as a fun summertime fundraiser for the General Lew Wallace Study & Museum has evolved into the county's largest picnic and one of the area's most successful summer festivals. The sixteenth annual Taste of Montgomery County is returning to the grounds of the Museum in Crawfordsville on Saturday, August 26 from 12:00 - 10:00 p.m. Museum staff and a small army of volunteers are preparing for the most successful outing ever.

Some of Montgomery County's finest restaurants, caterers, and food vendors will be serving up their most delectable delicacies on the Museum grounds this year. Accompanying the delicious food available at the Taste will be fabulous live music from local and regional acts, representing the quality and variety that Taste-goers have always enjoyed. Three groups will perform from the TASTE Stage this year. From 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., the Elizabeth Lee Band will perform. The energetic Midtown Madmen will take the stage from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. As a special headliner this

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The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 6:33 a.m.
SET: 9:14 p.m.

High/Low Temperatures
High: 90 °F
Low: 70 °F

Today is...

- International Chess Day
- Moon Day
- Nap Day

What Happened On This Day

- 2012 Aurora shooting. A gunman, James Holmes, opened fire in a movie theater during the premier of the Dark Night Rises in Aurora, Colorado, killing 12 people and injuring 58 others.
- 1976 Viking I lands on Mars. Part of the Viking program, Viking I became the first American spacecraft to successfully land on Mars and to complete its mission.
- 1969 Apollo 11 lands on the Moon. Carrying Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin, who would become the first humans to walk on the Moon, the spacecraft safely landed on the Sea of Tranquility on the Moon.

Births On This Day

- 1947 Carlos Santana Mexican/American singer-songwriter, guitarist
- 1304 Petrarch Italian scholar, poet

Deaths On This Day

- 1973 Bruce Lee American actor, martial artist
- 1923 Pancho Villa Mexican general

Mayor's 122nd Community Forum



Graphic courtesy of Mayor Barton

Mayor Barton will be hosting his July Community Forum on Monday, July 31st from 4:00PM-5:00PM at Pike Place. This will be the Mayor's 122nd community forum. This event is open to the public to come ask questions, discuss concerns, and learn more about anything regarding the city.

HONEST HOOSIER

Here's a real big tip of the seed corn cap to Craig Reeves. This CHS grad and former basketball star has been a star for the Boys & Girls Club as the director for more than the past three decades. Craig is retiring from the club at the end of the month. All the very best to he and his lovely bride Laura!



TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Cut 250 calories a day from your diet to lose a half a pound a week. 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.



OBITUARIES

Brooke Ann Pike

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



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THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE

Funding A Bike For Luke Rice:

Kiwanis is in the process of purchasing a bike for a young man here in Crawfordsville. They are raising money through a GoFundMe page. Luke Rice is a local boy with cerebral palsy and a heart of gold. Copy the link: <https://gofund.me/b2d12490> in your device's browser to help a local boy!

TODAY'S QUOTE

"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success."
-Edward Everett Hale

TODAY'S JOKE

What'd the grape say when it got stepped on?
Not a word. It just made a little wine.

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70/90 HEAT INDEX NEAR 100 SETS SEVERE STORMS	64/82 LESS HUMID, MORE SUN	59/83 MAINLY SUNNY	60/84 SPOTTY P.M. STORMS	64/86 PARTLY SUNNY SPOTTY STORM	66/88 HOTTER, STRAY STORM CHANCE	66/89 MAINLY SUNNY
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OBITUARIES

Brooke Ann Pike

April 28, 1972, Sunday, July 16, 2023

Brooke Ann Pike, 51, of rural Crawfordsville, passed away Sunday, July 16, 2023, at Franciscan Health in Lafayette.

She was born April 28, 1972, in Watertown, South Dakota. She graduated from Clay Central High School in Royal, Iowa, as salutatorian, in 1990. She received a bachelor's degree in International Relations from Mount Vernon College, in Washington, D.C., in 1994. She later did further coursework at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College in Indiana.

Brooke lived in six states and the District of Columbia, visited Russia and Israel, backpacked through Scandinavia, and met two former U.S. presidents. She worked in state and federal government and then in the education field. She was skilled at cooking and made it an important part of her life. She also loved cats and adopted or fostered many stray cats over the years. Brooke was an active participant in many churches throughout her life, most recently at CrossWay Covenant Church in New Market.

She is survived by her husband of 26 years, William E. Pike, and by their son, Jacob B. Pike. A Celebration of Life service is being planned for a later date. Cremation was chosen with Sanders Funeral Care entrusted with arrangements. Share memories and condolences at www.SandersFuneralCare.com.



Photo courtesy of Wabash College

Wabash Named A Best College By Money Magazine

Money's analysis centers on quality and affordability.

Wabash College was named one of the Best Colleges in America in Money magazine's 2023 analysis of more than 700 colleges and universities nationwide.

In identifying colleges that combine quality and affordability, Money

analyzed 26 data points in three categories, including graduation rates, cost of attendance, financial aid, and alumni salaries in developing a star-based ratings system. Wabash received four and a half stars out of five.

Writing about the Wabash benefits, Money mentioned that the College features small class sizes, a

low student-faculty ratio, easy access to professors, dual-degree opportunities, a wealth of student clubs and organizations, strong financial aid, and the Gentleman's Rule.

Money's star-based ratings system recognizes that there are multiple ways for a school to provide value, and determining a "best" college depends upon the

goals and priorities of the individual student. Money has been ranking colleges and universities since 2014.

Earlier this month, Wabash was listed in the 2024 edition of the Fiske Guide to Colleges as one of the best and most interesting colleges and universities in the United States, Canada, Great Britain, and Ireland.

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➔ Meeting Notes

Board Of Public Works And Public Safety Meeting

City of Crawfordsville City Building, Council Chambers
300 E. Pike St
July 19, 2023 at 10AM

I. Approval of the minutes from July 5, 2023.

II. Approval of the claims for the week of July 10, 2023 and July 17, 2023.

III. Old Business
IV. New Business

A. Helen Hudson requesting to close Pike Street at Pike Place on Saturday, September 16 from 2-9 for a Celebration of Unity event

B. Bethany Rauch, Whitesville Christian Church, requesting to close Pike Street at Pike Place on Saturday, October 28 from 2-8 for Trunk-or-Treat

C. Joseph Dark, 213 Maple Street, requesting to place a dumpster for 2 weeks beginning Monday, July 24 thru Friday, August 4th

D. Dan Wills requesting to close one lane on Wabash Avenue at the Wabash Avenue Presby-

terian Church for a lift to paint (date: tbd)

E. Francis and Mount requesting to close Pike Street at Pike Place for their BBQ Smoke Off on Saturday, July 29th 2-10pm

F. Midwest Paving closure request of Wabash Ave from Wallace to Mill. Currently slated from Monday, July 24 - Monday, August 7

G. Request from Mark Cox, Street Commissioner, to surplus a Lincoln Portable Welder (model SA200)

H. Price Excavating requesting a lane closure on Whitlock Ave for a sewer repair (date, time & location will be provided at meeting)

I. Agreement between the City and Bowman-Cohoe Construction, Inc.

J. Barry Lewis, Code Enforcement Officer, with a work order request

• 108 W. Franklin Street, owned by Stephanie Poole

V. Departments Heads
VI. Adjournment

Attorney General Todd Rokita And Team Take Strong Actions Against Robo-callers As Part Of National Sweep

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita and his team have continued a months-long crackdown against illegal robo-callers responsible for billions of calls nationally and tens of millions to Hoosiers.

As part of this effort, Rokita's team has collaborated with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and other law enforcement partners nationwide — including attorneys general from all 50 states and the District of Columbia — in a national sweep the FTC has dubbed "Operation Stop Scam Calls."

"All Hoosiers, my wife and I included, hate these unwanted automated calls that disturb our peace and interrupt our routines," Rokita said. "But these calls are more than mere annoyances. Quite often, they're part of elaborate scams aimed at stealing people's money and identities. We're working to stop these criminal acts and hold perpetrators accountable."

The national sweep targets telemarketers and the companies that hire them — as well as lead generators who deceptively collect and provide consumers' telephone numbers to robo-callers. These deceptive lead generators falsely represent that consumers have consented to receive calls.

Operation Stop Scam Calls also targets Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) service providers who facilitate tens of billions of illegal robo-calls every year, which often originate overseas.

Over past months, Rokita's team has taken the following actions:

- In April of 2023, Attorney General Rokita's team finalized settlements with Startel Communication LLC, Wanda Hall, and Rapid Eagle Inc. — doing business as VoIP Essential Inc. These companies allegedly helped robo-callers make over 4.8 million phone calls to Hoosiers and hundreds of millions of calls to other states across the United States. The alleged robo-calls included a variety of scams, including IRS and Social Security Administration imposter scams, legal action or arrest scams, Apple support scams, and Amazon subscription scams. The settlements included civil penalties and injunctive terms. Rapid Eagle Inc. LLC agreed to follow state and federal laws on telephone privacy and pay \$150,000 to the State of Indiana. Startel Communication LLC and Wanda Hall agreed to leave the robo-calling and telecom industry forever.

- In March of 2022, Attorney General Rokita's team settled with Piratel LLC — a California telecommunications company whose clients included the aforementioned Startel Communication LLC. The settlement resolved allegations that Piratel LLC had accepted money to essentially "look the other way" rather than act upon its knowledge that Startel facilitated robo-calls. Piratel LLC agreed to follow state and federal laws on telephone privacy and pay \$150,000 to the State of Indiana.

- In April of 2023, Attorney General Rokita's team settled with Greg

Sheppard doing business as Connected Leads out of Chicago, Illinois for allegedly sending at least seven robo-calls sent to Hoosiers on the Indiana Do Not Call List. The settlement included a judgment of \$30,000 and other injunctive terms.

- In August of 2022, Attorney General Rokita announced that his team was leading The Anti-Robo-call Multistate Litigation Task Force. The Task Force is a 51-state-member collective, led by the Attorneys General of Indiana, North Carolina, and Ohio, which is focused on actively investigating and pursuing enforcement actions against various entities — currently, VoIP providers — in the robo-call ecosystem that are identified as being responsible for significant volumes of illegal and fraudulent robo-call traffic routed into and across the country.

- On behalf of the Anti-Robo-call Multistate Litigation Task Force, Attorney General Rokita's team in November of 2022 filed a petition to enforce a Civil Investigative Demand issued earlier that year to One Eye LLC. In May of 2023, the court ordered that One Eye LLC, its ownership group, and its successive company One Owl Telecom Inc. stop transmitting calls to: 1) phone numbers on the National Do Not Call Registry; 2) phone numbers on the Indiana Do Not Call List 3) phone numbers with an Indiana Area Code; and 4) Indiana residents.

- Co-leading a 49-attorney-general coalition,

Attorney General Rokita filed a civil lawsuit in May of 2023 against Michael D. Lansky LLC — doing business as Avid Telecom — and others alleging violations of various state and federal telephone privacy and telemarketing laws.

The complaint alleges that Avid Telecom sent or transmitted more than 7.5 billion calls to telephone numbers on the National Do Not Call Registry. This was the first enforcement action that arose out of the investigative efforts of the 51-member Anti-Robo-call Multistate Litigation Task Force. As of July 2023, the case remained pending.

- Attorney General Rokita and his team, along with six other states, prepare for trial in August of 2023 against Health Advisors of America Inc., Michael T. Smith and Scott Shapiro for their alleged role in one of the United States' largest robo-calling schemes. The complaint alleges defendants made 25 million calls to Hoosiers in 2019 and 2020, which included more than 13.5 million calls to people whose numbers were on the Do Not Call Registry and 5 million calls to Hoosiers on the Indiana Do Not Call List. In March of 2023, the Attorney General settled with John Spiller and Jakob Mears.

"Collaboration is a key component in investigating and prosecuting illegal robo-callers," Rokita said. "We will continue working with state and federal partners to combat this criminal activity and achieve positive outcomes for Hoosiers."



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Hydrofoils Defined And Why Environmentalists Are Excited

EARTHTALK

Dear EarthTalk: What exactly are hydrofoils and why are environmental advocates so bullish on them revolutionizing the shipping industry?

The shipping industry emits around three percent of the world's greenhouse gas emissions annually, which is a comparable figure to that of the widely known airline industry's footprint. Looking at how to make the shipping industry, and maritime transport, more sustainable is accordingly a key concern for environmental leaders around the globe. Hydrofoils are not a new concept, but electric ones may be a promising new innovation for the future of sustainable maritime travel, and the field is developing fast.

December 2022 saw the advent of the world's fastest and most long-range electric ferry to date in Stockholm, Sweden, in the form of the Candela P-12 shuttle. Like all hydrofoils, this public transportation shuttle was built with a wing-like structure underneath itself that functions much like the airfoil seen on airplanes: As the official Candela press release states, "The hydrofoil technology means that the boat is lifted on wings that

'fly' underwater, eliminating water resistance from pushing the hull through water. The hydrofoils reduce energy consumption by 80 percent compared to conventional ships." This new combination of technology makes electric hydrofoils both faster than diesel-powered ships and cheaper to operate due to less stringent energy demands.

The wide-spread implementation of electric hydrofoil technology has not yet occurred. However, Stockholm's KTH Royal Institute of Technology asserts that the inclusion of electric hydrofoils or similar technologies could potentially reduce the shipping industry's emissions by 97.5 percent compared to the emissions of standard diesel-fueled ships. Furthermore, the very nature of the construction of these light-weight electric hydrofoils requires less material, overall minimizing the emissions of an electric hydrofoil throughout its lifetime.

In the face of rising global temperatures, and a projected increase in global greenhouse gas emissions, hydrofoils are necessary additions to the maritime industry if it hopes to reach the International Maritime Organization's goal of cutting carbon emissions by 40 percent by 2030. Beyond

that, these ships also serve in the interest of efficiency, particularly since their lighter designs and inability to produce a wake mean that they are often-times faster than standard diesel boats: For example, the implementation of an electric hydrofoil has cut down one commuting route in Stockholm from 55 minutes to only 25. The original concept of a hydrofoil has existed for decades, but electric hydrofoils are the "new kid on the block" focused on growing sustainable practices for the future. These boats' low carbon footprint, lower operating costs and ability for more efficient transportation make them an interesting new opportunity for investment, and for a future that will require more environmentally-focused decision-making.

CONTACTS: *Hydrofoil Basics*, lancet.mit.edu/decavator/Basics.html; *Electric hydrofoil boats beat diesel boats for climate sustainability*, kth.se/en/om/nyheter/centrala-nyheter/elektriska-barplans-fartyg-klimatsmartare-an-diesel-fartyg-1.1212858.

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Young, Colleagues Introduce Bipartisan Legislation To Help Small Businesses Adopt Digital Tools

U.S. Senators Todd Young (R-Ind.), Jacky Rosen (D-Nev.), Ted Budd (R-N.C.), and Jeanne Shaheen (D-N.H.) introduced bipartisan legislation to help small business owners integrate digital tools into their businesses. The Small Business Technological Advancement Act would clarify that small businesses can utilize the Small Business Administration's (SBA) 7(a) loan program to finance technology that supports daily operations, including inventory management, product delivery, and accounting systems.

"Technological advancements have created opportunities for small businesses to tap into the digital economy and expand their customer base. However, the high upfront and ongoing costs associated with these technologies can pose financial challenges," said Senator Young. "Our bipartisan bill would mitigate these economic barriers, facilitating the adoption of digital tools by small businesses in Indiana and across the country."

"Small businesses are the heart of Nevada's economy, and I'll continue doing everything I can to help them thrive," said Senator Rosen. "This bipartisan legislation will cut through bureaucratic red tape and give small businesses the resources to modernize their systems and better compete in this digital era."

"Allowing job creators to use 7(a) loans for digital business tools is a common-sense way to help small businesses compete in the 21st century economy. Thanks to Senator Young for proposing this bill," said Senator Budd.

"The global economy has become more reliant on technology and the pandemic only accelerated that trend, forcing businesses to utilize new software, digital tools and online work. When small businesses incorporate more technology into their operations, they are more likely to grow and provide more good jobs," said Senator Shaheen. "The Small Business Technological Advancement Act

will clarify that small businesses can use SBA's 7(a) loans to access these important digital tools to help manage and grow their businesses."

The last few years have seen an accelerated digital transformation among small businesses, pushing the adoption of software for business continuity, customer engagement, and remote work support. The Small Business Technological Advancement Act would help small businesses continue to bridge this technological gap by amending the Small Business Act to clarify that 7(a) loan borrowers can finance business software or cloud computing services for the following:

- Facilitating daily operations;
- Product or service delivery;
- Processing, payment, and tracking of payroll expenses;
- Human resources;
- Sales and billing functions; and/or
- Accounting or tracking of supplies, inventory, records and expenses.

The Greatest Value Of The Summer Returns At The 2023 Indiana State Fair

Options abound for Fairgoers for the 2023 Indiana State Fair to enjoy 100+ Free Things to do!

The Indiana State Fair returns in just 9 days and there are many ways to save on your State Fair experience. The State Fair offers deals and discounts throughout the 18-day Fair, including 100+ free things to do once you're there! The greatest value of the summer is back at the State Fair, opening Friday, July 28th through Sunday, August 20th (closed Mondays & Tuesdays). Plan your trip today at IndianaStateFair.com.

Fairgoers are encouraged to buy tickets early to save up to 34%. Tickets are currently available to purchase online at [www.IndianaStateFair.com] www.IndianaStateFair.com. All advance discounts end Thursday, July 27th at 11:59pm ET.

Additional Advance Admission Discounts - the following discounts are available now at IndianaStateFair.com:

- Advance Discount Fair Admission Tickets. \$11 advance discount State Fair Tickets are available through July 27 at 11:59PM ET - SAVE 29% off gate admission

- Advance Discount Fair Parking Pass. \$8 discount State Fair parking is available through July

27 at 11:59PM ET - 20% savings

- Advance Discount Midway Wristbands. \$25 midway wristbands available through July 30 at 11:59PM ET - 35% savings

- Advance Discount Family 4-Pack. Includes 1 parking pass and 4 admission tickets to the 2023 Indiana State Fair. Available now through July 27 at 11:59PM ET - 34% savings

Daily Gate Discounts - discounts listed available on select days:

- BMV Discount Day, Wednesday, August 2. \$7.00 gate admission with printed or digital voucher from IN.GOV/BMV (50% savings on admission)

- \$3 Thursdays presented by the Indiana Secretary of State, Thursday, August 3, 10, and 17. \$3 admission, \$3 Midway Rides, and \$3 food options at each food stand

- Free IndyStar Ticket Day, Wednesday, August 9. Grab a copy of the IndyStar on Thursday, August 3rd for a FREE admission ticket to the Fair - valid ONLY at the State Fair on Wednesday, August 9 for FREE admission

- AAA Day, Wednesday August 16. AAA Cardholders receive FREE State Fair admission with a valid AAA membership card presented at the gate.

One valid card per person.

- Military & First Responders' Day presented by Peterman Brothers, Friday August 18. First responders, current and former Military, and their families receive FREE admission with valid ID presented at the gate.

Additional Daily Deals & Value:

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- <https://www.indianastatefair.com/p/state-fair/general-information/100-free-things-to-do>
- Free Tractor Shuttle Rides. Travel around the fairgrounds for FREE this year on the tractor shuttles

- Free Entertainment and Activities at Every Turn. Visit IndianaStateFair.com to view the Top 100 Free Things to Do DAILY at the 2023 Indiana State Fair

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- Pedal and Park. Save \$1.00 off Fair admission when you ride your bicycle to the Fair and use one of the free secured bike racks on the Monon Trail north of 38th St.

Please note: The Indiana State Fair will be closed Mondays and Tuesdays throughout the Fair.

Over 19k Federal Student Loan Borrowers In Indiana Approved For Loan Forgiveness

The Biden-Harris Administration has approved 804,000 borrowers for \$39 billion in federal student loans for automatic discharge this summer. Eligible borrowers will not have to take any action to receive this income-driven repayment (IDR) forgiveness.

In Indiana, 19,470 borrowers will receive \$932.80 million in IDR forgiveness in the coming weeks.

Below is a statement President Joe Biden released on Friday (in the press release linked below, a statement from Education Secretary Miguel Cardona is included and a statement Vice President Kamala Harris is linked):

"I have long said that college should be a ticket to the middle class - not a burden that weighs down on families for decades.

"My Administration is delivering on that commitment. Starting today, over 800,000 student loan borrowers who have been repaying their loans for 20 years or more will see \$39 billion of their loans discharged because of steps my Administration took to fix failures of the past. These borrowers will join the millions of people that my Administration has provided relief to over the past two years - resulting in over \$116 billion in loan relief to over 3 million borrowers under my Administration.

"But we're not stopping there. My Administration has worked hard to secure the largest increases to Pell Grants in a decade, fixed broken loan programs such as Public Service Loan Forgiveness, and created a new income-driven repayment plan that will cut undergraduate loan payments in half and bring monthly payments to zero for low-income borrowers. And, when the Supreme Court made the wrong decision, I immediately announced a new plan to open an alternative path to relief for as many borrowers as possible, as soon as possible.

"Republican lawmakers - who had no problem with the government forgiving millions of dollars of their own business loans - have tried everything they can to stop me from providing relief to hardworking Americans. Some are even objecting to the actions we announced today, which follows through on relief borrowers were promised, but never given, even when they had been making payments for decades. The hypocrisy is stunning, and the disregard for working and middle-class families is outrageous.

"As long as I'm in office, I will continue to work to bring the promise of college to every American."

More information about these discharges can be found in the full press release here: <https://www.ed.gov/news/press-releases/biden-harris-administration-releases-state-state-data-39-billion-loan-forgiveness-804000-borrowers-result-fixes-income-driven-repayment-plans>

Additional Background

An IDR plan sets a borrower's monthly student loan payment at an amount intended to be affordable based on that borrower's income and family size. IDR plans also offer forgiveness of any remaining loan balance after borrowers make 240 or 300 monthly payments, which corresponds to 20 or 25 years. The number of required payments depends on when a borrower first took out the loans, the type of loans they borrowed, and the IDR payment plan in which the borrower is enrolled.

Before the Biden-Harris Administration's improvements to the IDR forgiveness program, qualifying payments that should have moved borrowers on IDR plans closer to forgiveness were not counted properly. Inaccurate payment counts have resulted in borrowers losing hard-earned progress toward loan forgiveness. Some borrowers were steered into forbearances

and other statuses instead of toward IDR in ways that ran counter to our policies. Now, the Department is ensuring all borrowers have an accurate count of the number of monthly payments that qualify toward IDR forgiveness and is discharging the loans of borrowers who have met the requirements.

The Department has begun notifying eligible borrowers about their discharges. The emails from Federal Student Aid inform borrowers their discharges will start 30 days from the notification date. The emails also explain that borrowers who wish to opt out of the discharge for any reason should contact their loan servicer during this period. Borrowers will be notified by their loan servicer after their debt is discharged. Those receiving forgiveness will have repayment on their loans paused until their discharge is processed; borrowers who opt out of the discharge will return to repayment once payments resume this fall.

The Department is taking steps to help borrowers access affordable payments going forward, including recently creating the most affordable payment plan ever—the Saving on a Valuable Education (SAVE) IDR plan. The SAVE plan will cut payments on undergraduate loans in half compared to other IDR plans, ensure that borrowers never see their balance grow as long as they keep up with their required payments, and protect more of a borrower's income for basic needs. Borrowers can visit StudentAid.gov/save for details about this plan.

Will you help spread the word about IDR forgiveness to federal student loan borrowers in Indiana? Members of your audience may find it valuable to know about IDR plans and forgiveness and understand how they could benefit. Please encourage borrowers to visit StudentAid.gov/idr to learn more.

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Braun, 22 GOP Senators Send Letter Demanding Protections For Biden Bribery Whistleblowers

Sen. Mike Braun (R-Ind.) joined a group of twenty-four Republican senators in calling on the Department of Justice (DOJ) and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to commit to protecting agency whistleblowers who disclosed the existence of FBI records alleging a criminal scheme involving then-Vice President Biden and a foreign national.

"Whistleblowers have and continue to play a vital role in exposing government misconduct at all levels. Without whistleblowers, Congress would have never known the existence of the unclassified FD-1023 form involving an alleged multi-million-dollar bribery scheme between then-Vice President Joe Biden, Hunter Biden and a foreign national," the lawmakers wrote.

"Accordingly, we demand that you commit that no taxpayer funds will be used by DOJ or FBI to expose the identity of or retaliate against any whistleblowers," the lawmakers continued.

Federal law prohibits agencies from retaliating against employees for whistleblowing. The senators are seeking express commitments from Attorney General Merrick Garland and FBI director Chris Wray to following this law.

Earlier this month, Sen. Grassley led an effort to prevent retaliation against IRS whistleblowers who called attention to irregularities in the Hunter Biden investigation.

Along with Grassley and Johnson, today's letter was cosigned by John Barrasso (R-Wyo.), Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.), Mike Braun (R-Ind.), Ted Budd (R-N.C.), John Cornyn (R-Texas), Kevin Cramer (R-N.D.), Mike Crapo (R-Idaho), Ted Cruz (R-Texas), Deb Fischer (R-Neb.), Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.), Bill Hagerty (R-Tenn.), Josh Hawley (R-Mo.), Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-Miss.), Mike Lee (R-Utah), Cynthia Lummis (R-Wyo.), Roger Marshall (R-Kan.), Jim Risch (R-Idaho), Rick Scott (R-Fla.), Eric Schmitt (R-Mo.), Tommy Tuberville (R-Ala.), and Roger Wicker (R-Miss.).

Full text of the letter follows:
July 18, 2023
VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION
The Honorable Merrick Garland
Attorney General
Department of Justice

The Honorable Christopher Wray
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Dear Attorney General Garland and Director Wray:

We write to you today in support of the brave and courageous Department of Justice (DOJ) whistleblowers who have approached Senator Grassley's office to disclose wrongdoing within DOJ and the Federal Bureau of Investigation

(FBI). Whistleblowers put their lives, careers, and reputations on the line to bring the truth to light. Whistleblowers have and continue to play a vital role in exposing government misconduct at all levels. Without whistleblowers, Congress would have never known the existence of the unclassified FD-1023 form involving an alleged multi-million-dollar bribery scheme between then-Vice President Joe Biden, Hunter Biden and a foreign national.

On October 13, 2022, Senator Grassley wrote to Attorney General Merrick Garland, FBI Director Christopher Wray and U.S. Attorney David Weiss with respect to whistleblower disclosures that indicated the "FBI has within its possession significant, impactful and voluminous evidence with respect to potential criminal conduct by Hunter and James Biden." DOJ and FBI failed to respond.

On May 3, 2023, Senator Grassley and Chairman Comer wrote to Attorney General Garland and Director Wray noting that DOJ and FBI possess an unclassified FD-1023 that describes an alleged criminal scheme involving then-Vice President Biden and a foreign national relating to the exchange of money for policy decisions.

The FBI refused to even admit this document existed until Senator Grassley informed Director Wray on May 31, 2023, that he had reviewed it.

Then, on June 7, 2023, the FBI agreed to provide the House Committee on Oversight and Accountability in camera access to the document. However, the FBI only provided the unclassified document to the House in a classified facility and with significant redactions.

On June 12, 2023, Senator Grassley spoke on the Senate Floor and noted, based on legally protected whistleblower disclosures, that the FD-1023 provided to the House redacted reference to 17 recordings, which included 15 recordings between the foreign national and Hunter Biden and two recordings between the foreign national and then-Vice President Joe Biden.

DOJ and FBI have refused to produce a fully unredacted version of the FD-1023 to either the Senate or the House. Getting a full and complete 1023 is critical for the American people to know and understand the true nature of the document and to hold DOJ and FBI accountable.

Whistleblowers are brave men and women who perform an invaluable public service and must be protected. Accordingly, we demand that you commit that no taxpayer funds will be used by DOJ or FBI to expose the identity of or retaliate against any whistleblowers. Please respond no later than August 1, 2023 with your commitment to do so.

KAREN

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before him during childbirth with their youngest (Daisy who died in April 1870). Their other children were Flora (a beautiful woman who married George Fuller and mothered Otis, Rosco, Bert, Avery, Claud). Jessie (5 Jan 1857-5 Feb 1859); Clara (married OW Mason and mothered four sons: Edwin; Ewing; Paul and Lee); Thomas (6 May 1862-8 Nov 1865); Abby (2 Dec 1863-20 June 1864); and Nathaniel (15 July 1865). May have been one more.

Nathaniel was born into a large family with several full and half-brothers (Stebbins, Albert, Amos) and sisters (Martha, Sarah, Margaret, Hannah, Hulda, Alice and Salona). He was particularly close to Stebbins born 13 months apart and died 15 months apart, both of their final demise beginning with the grip (flu). Both were active members (Nathaniel a deacon/minister) of the Liberty Church, both buyers for the Montgomery County Horse Breeding Association, early members of the local Grange as well as having the same political views.

In 1877, Nathaniel married Sweck Cook who outlived him more than 35 years. They are buried together at Liberty (awesome pic on Find-A-Grave added by Diane Nibeck-Smith - thanks so much) and his first wife's stone stands alone in poor condition, sadly. Sweck was also involved in the Liberty Church and one of the few gals for the times gutsy enough to voice her opinion in politics. In 1903, she married Robert Collins and they mainly lived in Madison County where she passed away 23 Oct 1933 and Hancock County where he passed, leaving Sweck in a pretty financial condition.

Nathaniel Quick usually went by Nathaniel but occasionally Nathan and his son by that name was generally referred to as Nathan or Nate. In April 1890, "Nathan" built a new home on Black Creek. I assume this was Junior as he would get

married a few months later to Ida Springer. From what I read regarding the younger Nate, he reflected his father in perfect form, sliding into his father's positions, especially as an active member of the church, a graduate from Merom, and he also belonged to the Union Detective Association. Sadly, Nate passed (typhoid fever) about eight months later the same year as his father leaving a wife and two young children. For an example of the respect and love of these men, it is appropriate here to say that Nate's college president (Dr. - Rev. Aulridge) preached his funeral at Liberty. To add to this family's burden, Flora passed just a few months later and she too was a good, kind, Christian soul.

One curiosity I nabbed while researching this family was the Quick School, obviously named for one of the family members but which one? Don't know and if anyone does, let me know! Not sure when it began, but it was definitely active in the 1890s and closed in August 1901 when the students were moved into Crawfordsville along with other youngsters from various other small schools.

Certainly, Nathaniel Quick was an interesting, loving, smart, kind, religious man, but I could not be sure in which category his final request falls as he was buried (Liberty Cemetery, of course) in a "metallic casket which was put in a burglar-proof vault". It took 16 men to lower him into the grave! Hadn't really heard of any grave robbing in the area but Nathaniel Quick I'm pretty sure had it covered - RIP and my "quick" research into his life was an "interesting adventure!"

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

Realtors® Release June Central Indiana Housing Data

New housing data issued by the MIBOR Realtor Association for June 2023 shows no change in median sales price and decrease in active inventory compared to June 2022.

The median sales price remained the same in June compared to June 2022, and remained the same compared to May 2023. New listings decreased 27.7 percent in year-over-year comparison. Active inventory decreased 3.5 percent in year-over-year comparison and increased 1.0 percent compared to last month.

Pending sales decreased 12.8 percent in year-over-year comparison. Closed sales decreased 20.9 percent compared to last year.

"Home prices in central Indiana held steady at the all-time high of \$300,000 in June, unchanged from last month and the same as last June. Year-over-year closed sales of 2,988 were down 20.9%, the largest year-over-year drop since January, although sales rose slightly compared to last month. Pending sales are about 13% below last year, while new listings were down 27.7%. Similar to what we are seeing on a national level, the lack of inventory in central Indiana continues to keep home prices high and despite higher interest rates, the market remains solid," said Shelley Specchio, CEO of MIBOR REALTOR® Association. "Median days on market have remained relatively steady, with June at 8 days, compared to 7 days in May 2023 and 5 days in June of 2022. While the market has slowed from the rapid pace of 2020 - 2022, the market continues to show resiliency."

Dr. Elliott Eisenberg, an internationally acclaimed economist and public speaker says, "The chronic lack of new listings due to mortgage lock-in continues to suppress inventory levels, and as a result, the market remains tight and in a 'wait-and-see' mode. Because of high rates, buyers are much more interest rate-sensitive than they were a year ago. A half-point move in interest rates in the current environment will result in larger swings in market activity than in the past. Until we have a downward movement in interest rates, it's unlikely that we will see inventory rising. At the national level, year-over-year home prices continue to be relatively stable, showing that this remains a very strong market. In this cycle, despite rapid and steep interest rate increases, prices have barely budged because of the lack of inventory. And while many experts predicted that prices would decline more than they have, instead, seasonally adjusted year-over-year prices are starting to rise, and it's likely that the worst may be behind us."

Additional central Indiana year-over year comparisons (June 2022 vs. June 2023)

- Pending sales decreased 12.8 percent to 3,059
- Current median sales price: \$300,000
- Months supply of inventory: 1.2 months
- Total active listings: 3,491

The attached MIBOR REALTOR® Association (MIBOR) Market Insights Report provides a market

analysis of the 16 central Indiana counties within the MIBOR service area by creating a single, timely, reliable source of data. The report analyzes both month-over-month and year-over-year to give a view of the trends occurring in the central Indiana market.

Effective immediately, issues of the MIBOR Market Insights Report will include new market information to gain further insight into local market performance. In addition to Average Days on Market data, the report will include Median Days on Market. Additionally, each reporting metric for all MIBOR data now has its own full page and a new chart has been added for each metric to compare it across all counties. Lastly, the name for the Absorption Rate metric has changed to Month Supply of Inventory.

"In 2021, we began including the median for days on market because the housing market was changing rapidly, and the average was not adequately reflecting the pace of the marketplace. While we are no longer in the supercharged environment of 2020 and 2021, the median still provides a better measure for how long the typical home is on the market. Consider that the average days on market may be skewed by a handful of properties that are on market significantly longer than most listings. This could make the days on market appear greater than what a typical listing might experience. The median, being the midpoint (50 percent above and 50 percent below), is less prone to these outliers and provides a more reliable measure for days on market." - Brad Coffing, MIBOR Research Analyst

Consumers will also have access to specific county information for the 16 counties included in MIBOR's Broker Listing Cooperative® (BLC®) listing service area: Bartholomew, Boone, Brown, Decatur, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Jackson, Jennings, Johnson, Madison, Marion, Montgomery, Morgan, Putnam, and Shelby counties.

To coincide with the MIBOR Market Insights Report, MIBOR provides a consumer tool to allow members of the public to view a number of market metrics such as number of units sold, median sales price, number of new listings and more. The metrics are shown graphically to show the trends in the marketplace. To view the Market Insights tool, visit www.mibor.com/marketinsights.

This information has been provided by MIBOR REALTOR® Association, the professional association representing central Indiana's REALTORS®. MIBOR serves the needs of over 10,000 members in Boone, Brown, Decatur, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Johnson, Madison, Marion, Montgomery, Morgan, and Shelby counties. MIBOR also supplies the BLC® service to REALTORS® in Bartholomew, Jackson, Jennings, and Putnam counties. MIBOR's archive of housing data can be found at www.mibor.com/marketinsights.

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year, Josh Kaufman, the winner of Season 6 of THE VOICE will be on stage from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. On the grounds, guests will be able to enjoy performances by local favorites. Emery Allen from 3:15 to 4:15 and The Bumps from 6:45 to 7:45.

Advance tickets are \$2 for students and \$5 for adults. Tickets at the gate on the day of the Taste will be \$3 for student tickets and \$7 for adults. Advance ticket holders will also be able to get into the gate faster on the day of the Taste, as they won't have to wait in line to purchase tickets.

Volunteer opportunities are still available for this year's TASTE. Volunteers receive free entry to the TASTE and their choice of a TASTE t-shirt or five food tickets. Those interested in volunteering should visit <http://www.tasteofmontgomerycounty.com/volunteers/> to sign up online.

The Taste would not be possible without our generous sponsors. Every year the Taste Committee and the Lew Wallace Study Preservation Society Board and staff are amazed by the local businesses and individuals who contribute to this event and we sincerely thank them for their support.

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