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Growing Up Girls: Women's Equality Day











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On Friday evening, the League of Women Voters gathered to celebrate Women's Equality Day in Mural Alley.

In her book 18 Months, Shannon Thrace recounts a conversation with her female friends about growing up as a girl – the peeping toms spying into her bathroom window as a teenager, invasions of her body by strangers while swimming and gropings. Then in her blog Speaking the Ineffable, Thrace penned an open letter to Jordan Petersen, a popular - and pop - psychologist, about his assertion that women just aren't biologically created to pursue careers in many

STEM fields. Good at math since her childhood, Thrace fought a life-long steering to the arts, to become a software engineer and IT professional. In her mid-fifties now, she lamented the numerous positions where she eagerly sought new challenges, took up the slack for co-workers and exceeded job duties to earn opportunities to prove her engineering skills, only to be maneuvered into project management roles, or roles "you're more likely to enjoy" because she is a woman.

This lifelong conditioning and deferential treatment signals there is still much work in the long slog toward women's equality. To be sure, much has improved over the past century, as Claudia Goldin outlines in Career and Family. Goldin attempts to trace the changing cultural expectations for middle-class girls and women regarding their educational and career achievements. The trouble with focusing on a narrow subset of the population, Goldin leaves a wide gap that allows the "biological determinism" argument to persist, even as the work toward equality has progressed. Beginning with the suffragists and the League of Women Voters (and its progenitors), the right to vote shifted the rules of the game. Though only white women gained the right to vote in 1921 – such rights were withheld from Native American, Asian American and African American women until later - women began the slow, persistent work of influencing perception and policy.

The evidence shows up in mundane places, like the class portraits on the walls of the Indiana Medical History Museum, where classes in the early 1900s

had no women, then one or two (and one or two black men), which blossoms into a handful before the school was shuttered. The portraits at other schools surely look the same. When a 14-year-old penned "To the University of Cambridge, in New England" in 1773, she made the case for the humanity of both black people as well as demonstrated that she belonged in those hallowed halls as much as those white men, after all she was an enslaved girl who had learned English, Latin and Greek, as well as their poetic styles in order to write and deliver that poem.

180 years later, when Ruth Bader Ginsburg began law school at Harvard, she and the other nine women in her class of 500 were invited to the dean's house for dinner, where he reportedly asked "Why are you at Harvard Law School, taking the place of a man?" Ginsberg finished her degree at Columbia in 1959 at the top of her class, only to be declined jobs at the 12 firms where she first interviewed because she was a woman. Now women no longer have to plead to be admitted to universities; they're actively recruited mostly by fellow women - into STEM fields and can attend the likes of Rose-Hulman, a top-rated Hoosier engineering school that didn't admit women until 1995.

A mere 21 years earlier Congress passed the Equal Credit Opportunity Act, which finally allowed women to open bank accounts and lines of credit without a male co-signer. Next year will be the 50th anniversary of that right. If that seems old, it isn't old enough to

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🗢 TODAY'S QUOTE

"So in times of trouble, don't give in to your natural reflex of worry. Instead, condition your reflex to pray." Greg Laurie, Christian Pastor

🗢 TODAY'S JOKE

The boss is so dumb he thought Dunkin' Donuts was a basketball team.

TODAY'S VERSE

1 Peter 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

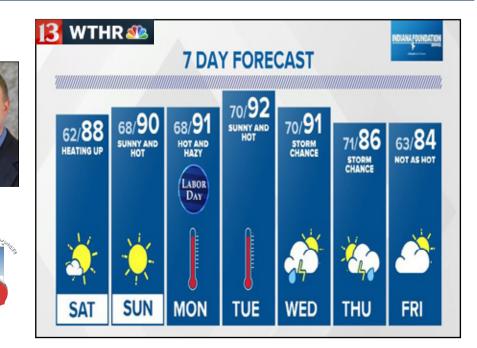
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Remember when we used to observe Sunday as both the Lord's Day AND a day of rest. What happened?





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be so codified and entrenched not to be overturned. Fifty-year-old rights have been overturned, repealed or weakened frequently - the Voting Rights Act of 1965, Roe Vs. Wade, Plessy Vs. Ferguson. Some of those should have been overturned, but others are needful. It's the work of the people to ensure that laws reflect their democratic will. The ubiquitous legalization of the birth control pill in the U.S. was decided by another Supreme Court decision, Eisenstadt v. Baird in 1972. The pill not only improved women's health – it's often used to help medical conditions – but created more flexibility for women and girls when it came to education, marriage, career and childbearing and prevents unwanted pregnancies. More women now graduate from high school and college than ever before. Thanks to that and Title IX, women's sports teams have national audiences. More women serve in Congress now than ever. (Maybe someday we'll have a longer, more diverse list of presidents and vice presidents, as other Western democracies do.) Women's equality is proven to elevate economies and stabilize nations.

In a 2009 article, "The Women's Crusade," Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl Wudunn reported extensively on the evidence that educating women, giving them financial independence and allowing them to make financial decisions in the household improved health, educational levels and socio-economic conditions for the entire household, reduced poverty in whole regions and also reduced terrorism and violence. Kristof and Wudunn have reported extensively on the role that women's equality has had on universally better outcomes for all in the U.S. and around the world. Time and again, elevating conditions and improving equality prove to break trauma cycles that keep people in poverty and ill health. Unfortunately, women still do not have a constitu-tionally protected status in the U.S. though the Equal Rights Amendment was proposed in 1923. If people create an outcry and compel Congress to listen, it

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has the votes to be ratified. For this year's Women's Equality Day, celebrated on Aug. 26, the League of Women Voters reminded citizens to call loudly for the ERA, for expanding not restricting voting rights and to pay attention to reproductive freedoms. Close attention to the strategies of many large conservative groups shows that restricting the right to birth control is a goal, as is prosecuting women who pursue abortions. Some even want to go further and overturn Obergefell v. Hodges, which grants equal marriage rights. Defending rights requires diligence, grit and persistence. It helps to do this work together. We are stronger together.

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan, multi-issue political organization which encourages informed and active participation in government. For information about the League, visit the website www.lwvmontcoin.org; or, visit the League of Women Voters of Montgomery County, Indiana Facebook page.

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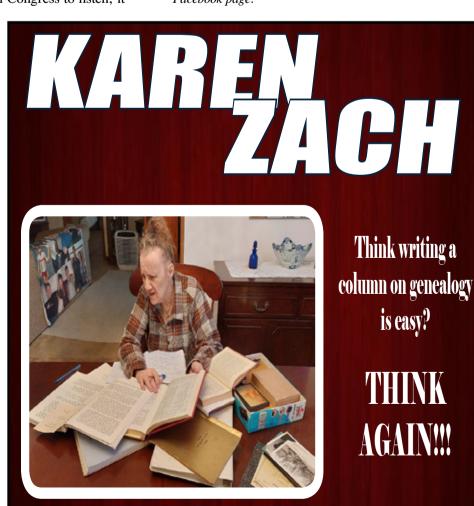
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recently added a clock tower to our courthouse. What do you think is the cultural impact of having a landmark such as that atop a courthouse?

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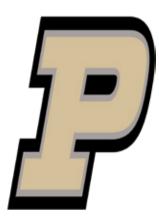
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Purdue student Anna Murray places printed circuit board samples into an oven to test for stability and other important qualities in electronic components. The latest funding round for the SCALE workforce development program helps students build these skills to use in microelectronics work.

Second Funding Round Delivers \$19 **Million To Purdue-Led Microelectronics** Workforce Development Program



Purdue University on Wednesday (Aug. 30) announced that the SCALE (Scalable Asymmetric Lifecycle Engagement) microelectronics workforce development program will receive more than \$19 million in funding from the Department of Defei to strengthen existing efforts in key research areas and to add new academic partners. The second installment of the DoD's funding enhances efforts in areas including radiation-hardened microelectronics and trusted artificial intelligence and expands student training, continuing education and dissemination. It includes \$3.8 million for Purdue, \$5 million for Indiana University and \$1.6 million for Vanderbilt University. Some of these subjects are the focus at several universities that have been added as SCALE partners: Morgan State University, a historically Black college or university in Baltimore; the University of Tulsa; and the Microelectronics Security Training Center, headquartered at the University of Florida. The SCALE program is the nation's preeminent workforce development effort, funded by the DoD's Trusted and Assured Microelectronics program and managed by Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division. Purdue leads a public-private-academic partnership of now 19 universities and 48 partners within the defense industry and government. Peter Bermel, SCALE director and professor of electrical and computer engineering at Purdue, said the new funding will significantly expand this work, which is founded

on Purdue's Next Moves in national security and technology.

"Now, more students interested in these technical areas have more opportunities to get involved and develop in-demand skills and experiences," Bermel said. And we add these new partner universities while broadening the participation of current partner universities in SCALE."

The SCALE partners regularly meet to update a prioritized list of knowledge, skills and abilities that are most needed for new entrants to the microelectronics and trusted artificial intelligence workforce.

"Understanding the

graduate studies in hightech areas," he said, like electrical engineering.

At the same time, there is more money going into the actual technologies, Bermel said. "To achieve the goals of the CHIPS and Science Act, we need a deep pool of talented and motivated people who can do the work at the highest standards," he said.

That talent pool must include both technical expertise and as much diversity as possible "to draw skilled and capable individuals from all parts of the country to meet the need and to benefit communities throughout the United States," he said

Purdue Global Says Don't Fear Generative AI Tools In The Classroom

Stuart Collins is always looking for good conversation topics during his American government and civics courses at Purdue Global.

Collins, a faculty member in the School of Multidisciplinary and Professional Studies, recently focused a class discussion on 2023's debt ceiling negotiations in class, but with a twist: He used a generative artificial intelligence tool, OpenAI's ChatGPT, during the seminar.

This example of a Purdue Global faculty member's use of generative AI within an academic context might be a glimpse into the classroom of the future. Purdue Global, which is Purdue's online university for working adults, is at the forefront of exploring AI opportunities in higher education, with an AI task force drawing on the creativity and innovative thinking of faculty, students and staff.

As Collins screenshared ChatGPT and walked students through the process of prompting the program, it provided additional historical information about the debt ceiling he was not expecting.

Following the session, Collins reminded the students to verify any information from generative AI against reliable sources and stressed the importance of informaBraslow, Purdue Global's director of assessment and research.

The AI Task Force had issued initial guidance for students and faculty on acceptable and unacceptable uses of generative AI for completing coursework. In general, the guidance allowed it as a research aid and to help improve spelling and grammar.

To see how the use of AI was going, Purdue Global distributed a survey and guidance to the student body and faculty. More than 400 students and 100 faculty members responded.

"The vast majority of students and faculty found the guidance clear and helpful, but the real surprise came when students were asked about whether they planned to use generative AI to complete their schoolwork," Braslow said.

While fewer than 25% of students said that they planned to use AI, nearly 75% of faculty believed that students would use AI to complete their schoolwork. Student responses ranged from equating AI use to cheating to expressing fears of being accused of plagiarism.

Braslow said it is important to find a balance in using generative AI programs as a tool, especially as Purdue Global students are working adult learners and many students have indicated they are already using generative AI programs in the workplace. The task force is creating resources and guidelines to help educators understand how higher education can teach and leverage the power of AI. Items such as curriculum guides; professional development courses: and mission, vision and value statements are in final stages of review. Purdue Global Provost Jon Harbor says it is essential for higher education institutions to actively adopt new policies and integrate AI into the classroom and coursework while finding a way for students and faculty to use the programs. "Embracing AI in higher education at institutions like Purdue Global is crucial to staying relevant, fostering innovation, enhancing educational quality and preparing students for the opportunities and demands of an AI-powered future," Harbor said. "Finding common ground ensures that AI is used responsibly, eth-

education," said Matthew ically and in a way that maximizes its benefits for both educators and learners."

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A student's perspective Austin Lawton, a student from Noblesville, Indiana, pursuing an information technology degree with a focus on programming and software development, embraces generative AI.

Lawton has helped Purdue Global's AI Task Force with some of its activities, bringing a student perspective. He uses generative AI to assist with his learning and classwork.

"It has been incredibly valuable to have a tool that can help streamline the information acquisition process to essentially augment my understanding of more complex engineering concepts," he said.

The user-friendly AI programs help him navigate through large amounts of information. While he hasn't encountered misinformation, he has come across inaccurate coding.

"Using AI like ChatGPT isn't just about inputting questions and receiving answers. It's about discovering your own learning curves and gaps in understanding and developing strategies to overcome those,' Lawton said. "My primary concern rests more on the question of control: who gets to decide

most current technical and professional workforce skills in microelectronics is imperative for SCALE universities to fully develop students to meet those specialized workforce needs," said Jennifer Linvill, SCALE director of workforce needs and assistant professor of technology leadership and innovation at Purdue.

As a result, SCALE universities will need to upgrade their classes, projects and research to ensure that students can meet the rapidly advancing needs of the field.

SCALE has a mission to bolster next-generation workforce development to bring the United States back to prominence in global microelectronics research and manufacturing. The demand for microelectronics increased 26% in 2021. But while the United States consumes about half of the chips produced worldwide, only about 12% are manufactured here. That is down from 37% roughly 30 years before.

Workforce development needs this kind of funding, Bermel said, especially to amplify the number of U.S. citizens who can work on these technologies.

"The expectation from multiple credible studies is there will be major shortages in the microelectronics workforce on a national scale if we do nothing. Part of the reason is that fewer U.S. students are going into undergraduate and

"In that sense, Morgan State joining SCALE with expertise in systemon-chip technology is a very important part of the story," Bermel said, encouraging engineering students at historically Black colleges and universities and underrepresented minorities at all institutions to strongly consider careers in semiconductors and microelectronics.

Purdue is a national leader in microelectronics device and packaging research, spanning the semiconductor ecosystem in software and hardware. The funding announcement is the latest piece of Purdue's continually expanding research and development in microelectronics and semiconductors. Purdue already has established excellence in other key research areas considered critical to national security, including microelectronics. Strategic initiatives such as the first comprehensive Semiconductor Degrees Program, which were announced before the CHIPS and Science Act passed in 2022, are intended to prepare a next-generation workforce for industry, while a separate partnership with SkyWater Technology, known as the **READI** Semiconductors Workforce Development initiative in Greater Lafayette, will support SkyWater's planned \$1.8 billion future state-ofthe-art semiconductor manufacturing facility.

tion literacy.

Collins, who serves on Purdue Global's AI Task Force, began using generative AI tools in December 2022. He now uses them in class, as well as in his research.

"I realized that 80%-90% of the assignments I had created for my government and civics courses could now be readily answered by AI," Collins said. "That realization presented quite the problem. We are now thinking about how we can make our courses both AI-amplified and AI-resilient.'

Purdue Global leans into generative AI

Purdue Global administrators and faculty were already discussing generative AI in sessions at an internal conference in the fall of 2022. They accelerated their exploration of how generative AI tools could change education with a focused AI in Education group launched in January 2023.

"Purdue Global has attempted to be open-minded and forward-thinking about the positive role that artificial intelligence can play in higher

what AI can and cannot generate, and where the line is between accuracy and truth."

He is grateful that Purdue Global has embraced AI rather than suppressing or dismissing the technology and that administrators and faculty are working with students to figure out next steps.

His vision involves a 'private student AI,' which would be a personalized educational companion for each student. The program would have the ability to remind a person of upcoming deadlines, assist with study sessions and identify areas of struggle.

"As we navigate this era where access to knowledge is unprecedented, it's essential to consider how AI can shape our future. I see AI as an invaluable guide, a resource that is always present, like a mentor providing advice and insights rather than dictating actions. It holds immense promise for the evolution of learning and, in a broader sense, the human experience," Lawton said.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Spaghetti and Clams

Spaghetti and Clams

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

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

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

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

shake pan to distribute evenly. Transfer to plate or bowl and sprinkle with remaining parsley.

DO'S AND DON'TS OF COOKING WITH GAS

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

Do:

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

Skirt Steak with Salsa Verde

Recipe courtesy of chef Dean Sheremet on behalf of PERC

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

Don't:

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

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

Add parsley and 1 tablespoon mint to reserved dressing; stir and set aside until ready to use. Cover and refrigerate steak 30 minutes, or up to 24 hours. In small saute pan over medium heat, toast

pistachios, tossing often, until golden brown, about 3 minutes. Set aside.

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

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

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



1/4 cup red wine vinegar 2 thinly sliced scallions



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Bring Back Family Bonding This Fall

3 ways to free up busy schedules to spend time with loved ones

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B usy fall schedules often leave little time for the things that matter most – sharing special moments with those you love. This year, as time seems to speed up during another school year, making family bonding a priority in your household can start with a few simple tricks.

Connect with your loved ones this fall while juggling hectic routines with this advice:

Schedule Family Nights

Desiring evenings spent with your nearest and dearest and actually making them happen are two separate things entirely. It's easy to get caught up in the hustle and bustle of the season with days that feel too long and evenings that are often too short. Putting dedicated family nights on the calendar is a good way to avoid last-minute commitments that take away from important bonding time. Incorporate some favorite activities, whether your loved ones are board game enthusiasts or movie buffs, to give everyone something exciting to look forward to.

Make Cooking Together a Family Activity

Making dinner for the family shouldn't take up valuable time that could be used for quality moments together. Seeking out quick and easy recipes leaves more hours in the day to spend with family members

 – or you can even make preparing dinner a family activity.

Teaching kids how to make your favorite recipes creates great memories and can maximize time spent together. From making kidapproved lunchbox sliders together to preparing time-saving, weeknightfriendly sliders as a family after school, King's Hawaiian Rolls and Slider Buns have the power to help unite busy parents and picky kids. Plus, they're soft and fluffy with the right touch of sweetness, and sliders are customizable, easy, fun and always a crowd pleaser. These Ham and Swiss Sliders or Peanut Butter, Jelly and Banana Sliders offer ways kids can help, from layering meats and cheeses to spreading peanut butter. Everyone can lend a hand in the kitchen while enjoying quality time together.

Encourage Extracurricular Participation

Beyond those special moments at home, there are plenty of ways to connect with your kiddos. Encouraging them to participate in extracurriculars, like sports, band, theater, dance, choir or other activities, provides a great way to enjoy something together as you watch your children branch out and



try new things. If they happen to try an activity you used to (or still do) participate in, it's an easy way to make a unique connection by sharing your own memories, offering helpful tips or even passing down old equipment like sports gear or an instrument.

Find more inspiration for family bonding with delicious meals and snacks by visiting KingsHawaiian.com.

Ham and Swiss Sliders

Total time: 25 minutes Servings: 4-6

> stick butter
> package (12 rolls) King's Hawaiian Original Hawaiian Sweet Rolls

Peanut Butter, Jelly and Banana Sliders

Prep time: 5 minutes Servings: 4-6

- 1 package (12 rolls) King's Hawaiian Original Sweet Rolls
- 4 tablespoons salted peanut butter
- 4 tablespoons strawberry jam
- 2 bananas, sliced

Cut entire pack of rolls in half horizontally, keeping all top and bottom halves intact.

Spread peanut butter on bottom halves followed by strawberry jam. Top with banana slices then top halves of rolls.



1 pound shaved deli ham 1 pound thinly sliced Swiss cheese

Heat oven to 350 F. Melt butter and set aside.

Cut entire pack of rolls in half horizontally, keeping all top and bottom halves intact.

In 9-by-13-inch pan, place bottom halves of rolls and cover with ham and cheese.

Cover ham and cheese stacks with top halves of rolls. Drizzle butter mixture over tops of rolls. Bake, uncovered, 15-20 minutes. Separate rolls for serving.





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Raspberry Streusel Muffins



Raspberry Streusel Muffins

Recipe courtesy of the American Heart Association and Sorghum Checkoff Servings: 12 (1 muffin per serving)

To make muffins: Preheat oven to 400 F. Lightly spray 12-cup muffin pan with nonstick cooking spray. In large bowl, stir sorghum flour,

for a Healthy Heart

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ating healthy is a priority for many Americans but knowing where to start and with what foods may be a little trickier. One way to level up the nutritional value of your meals is to better understand whole grains and why they are important for a heart-healthy diet.

As a key feature of heart-healthy diets, whole grains like sorghum, oatmeal and brown rice are rich sources of dietary fiber, may improve blood cholesterol levels and provide nutrients that help

the body form new cells, regulate the thyroid and maintain a healthy immune system.

However, according to a survey by The Harris Poll on behalf of the American Heart Association, U.S. adults are least knowledgeable about refined vs. whole grains compared to other foods like fruits, vegetables and proteins. Also, when asked to identify whole grains and refined grains, most adults incorrectly believe multi-grain bread is a whole grain and only 17% believe sorghum is an example of a whole grain when

it is, in fact, a nutritious wholegrain option.

If you're looking to try more whole grains, sorghum is a primary ingredient in these heart-healthy recipes for Pancakes with Blueberry Vanilla Sauce, Raspberry Streusel Muffins and Garden Vegetable Stir-Fried Sorghum. These flavorful dishes can be part of an overall healthy diet as recommended by the American Heart Association's Healthy for Good initiative, supported by the Sorghum Checkoff.

Find more heart-healthy meal ideas at Heart.org/healthyforgood.

Muffins:

- Nonstick cooking spray 1 1/2 cups whole grain sorghum flour
- teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 3/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 3/4 cup low-fat buttermilk 1/3 cup firmly packed light
- brown sugar
- large egg whites
- 1/4 cup canola or corn oil
- teaspoons grated lemon zest
- teaspoon vanilla extract cup fresh or frozen unsweetened
- raspberries, thawed if frozen

Streusel:

- 2 tablespoons whole grain sorghum flour
- tablespoons light brown sugar 2 tablespoons uncooked quick-
- cooking rolled oats
- tablespoons chopped pecans
- tablespoons light tub margarine
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Garden Vegetable Stir-Fried Sorghum

Recipe courtesy of the American Heart Association and Sorghum Checkoff Servings: 4 (1 1/2 cups per serving)

- 1 cup uncooked whole-grain sorghum
- 2 teaspoons toasted sesame oil
- 2 medium garlic cloves, minced
- 1 teaspoon gingerroot, peeled and minced
- 1 cup fresh or frozen broccoli florets, chopped, thawed if frozen
- 1 cup snow peas, trimmed and halved

even layer on rimmed baking sheet or 13-by-9-by-2-inch baking dish. Let stand 5-10 minutes at room temperature. Refrigerate, uncovered, 20 minutes, or until cool.

In large nonstick skillet over medium heat, heat oil, swirling to coat bottom. Cook garlic and gingerroot 30 seconds, stirring frequently. Increase heat to medium-high. Cook broccoli, snow peas, carrots, bell pepper, mushrooms and edamame 10-12 minutes, or until vegetables are tender-crisp, stirring frequently.

In small bowl, using fork, beat eggs and 1 tablespoon soy sauce.

Reduce heat to medium. Stir water chestnuts and sorghum into vegetable mixture. Push mixture to sides of skillet. Pour egg mixture into center of skillet. Using heatproof rubber scraper, stir 1-2 minutes, or until partially set.

Stir vegetable mixture into partially cooked egg mixture. Cook 1 minute, or until eggs are cooked through and sorghum is heated through, stirring constantly. The USDA recommends cooking egg dishes to 160 F.

Remove from heat. Stir in remaining soy sauce. Sprinkle with green onions.



Cook 2-3 minutes, or until tiny bubbles appear on surface and bottoms are golden brown. Flip pancakes. Cook 1-2 minutes, or until cooked through and golden brown on bottoms. The USDA recommends cooking egg dishes to 160 F.

pancakes. Top each serving with 2 tablespoons yogurt.

and Sorghum Checkoff Servings: 4 (2 pancakes, 1/4 cup sauce and 2 tablespoons yogurt per serving)

Pancakes with Blueberry Vanilla Sauce

Sauce:

2 teaspoons cornstarch

Pancakes with Blueberry Vanilla Sauce

- 1/3 cup water
- 1 cup blueberries
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract

Pancakes:

- 1/2 cup quick-cooking rolled oats
- 1/2 cup whole grain sorghum flour
- 1 1/2 tablespoons firmly packed light brown sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 cup fat-free milk
- 1/2 cup unsweetened applesauce
- 1 large egg
- 1 tablespoon canola or corn oil

Recipe courtesy of the American Heart Association

Topping:

To make sauce: Put cornstarch in medium saucepan. Add water, stirring to dissolve. Stir in blueberries and sugar. Bring to boil over medium-high heat. Boil 1-2 minutes, or until sauce thickens slightly. Remove from heat. Stir in vanilla. Cover to keep warm. Set aside.

flour, brown sugar, baking powder and cinnamon.

In small bowl, whisk milk, applesauce, egg and oil. Stir into flour mixture until batter is just moistened

Heat nonstick griddle over medium heat. Test temperature by sprinkling drops of water on griddle.

Pour 1/4 cup batter for each pancake on griddle. Transfer pancakes to plates. Spoon sauce over

cinnamon and baking soda.

In medium bowl, whisk buttermilk, brown sugar, egg whites, oil, lemon zest and vanilla. Stir into flour mixture until batter is just moistened and no flour is visible without overmixing. Spoon batter into muffin cups. Top each muffin with raspberries.

To make streusel: In small bowl, stir sorghum flour, brown sugar, oats, pecans, margarine and cinnamon to reach texture of coarse crumbs. Sprinkle over muffins, gently pushing into batter. Bake 16 minutes, or until wooden toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. The USDA recommends cooking egg dishes to 160 F.

Transfer pan to cooling rack. Let stand 5 minutes. Carefully transfer muffins to rack. Let cool completely, about 20 minutes.



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'Fall' In Love with Family-Favorite Autumn Recipes

FAMILY FEATURES

ith temperatures cooling and cravings leaning toward comforting flavors, fall offers a perfect time for families to explore adventurous twists on favorite foods. As you and your loved ones rework the menu for autumn, turn to versatile ingredients that provide fresh tastes and new ways to enjoy classic recipes.

One star ingredient that can be used for appetizers, main courses, sides, snacks and desserts alike is watermelon. In fact, using the entire watermelon (rind included) means you've discovered a sustainable way to create nutritious meals without food waste.

Consider these simple, delicious ways to use the entire watermelon in your kitchen.

Watermelon Bourbon Glaze with **Grilled Flank Steak**

Servings: 6

- 1 1/2 cups watermelon juice
 - (approximately 2 1/2 cups
 - chopped watermelon, blended)
 - 2 tablespoon minced garlic
- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 2 teaspoon hot sauce

1/4-1/2 cup bourbon 2 pounds flank steak or London broil 1/4 teaspoon cornstarch

In medium saucepan over medium-high heat, reduce watermelon juice to 2/3 cup. Toward end of reduction, add garlic. Remove from heat, cool 10 minutes then add soy sauce, brown sugar, hot sauce and bourbon. Mix well.

Place watermelon-bourbon glaze in large zip-top bag. Add steak and massage to cover meat. Close bag and refrigerate 3-4 hours.

Heat grill to high heat. Remove steak from plastic bag and gently shake to remove excess glaze.

Grill steak 4-6 minutes; turn, grill 4-6 minutes, depending on thickness of steak. Remove from heat. Steak should be pink in center.

Allow steak to rest on platter or cutting board 10 minutes.

Mix small amount of watermelonbourbon glaze with cornstarch. In small saucepan over medium-high heat, add cornstarch mixture to remaining glaze and simmer 3-5 minutes. Reduce to medium heat until mixture thickens. Remove from heat.

Cut flank steak on bias into thin strips. Drizzle watermelon-bourbon glaze over top.

Watermelon Flesh

In the fall, whole watermelon is still available in many areas. You can also find mini watermelon in the fresh cut produce section at many local grocers. The flesh is often the favorite (and most-used) part of the watermelon. Served on its own as a hydrating snack or as part of a recipe for tasty entrees, the flesh offers something for nearly every appetite so no watermelon goes to waste.

Watermelon Juice

Watermelon is 92% water, making it a sweet choice for staving hydrated. Even if your watermelon is overripe, don't throw it out – instead, juice or puree it to retain value and nutrition. Use it to sweeten this Watermelon Bourbon Glaze then drizzle over a perfectly grilled flank steak and serve with mashed potatoes and grilled vegetables for an ideal fall meal.

Watermelon Rind

The rind is often thrown out - many people don't realize you can eat it, too. The rind absorbs flavors added to it and adds an unexpected texture to this Watermelon Walnut Currant Chutney. Try serving over brie with crackers or simply dip with naan or baguettes.

Find more flavorful fall solutions to avoid food waste at Watermelon.org.



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Watermelon Walnut **Currant Chutney** Servings: 16

- 4 cups watermelon, juiced
- 2 cups watermelon rind
- (white part), diced small 2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
- 1 1/2 cups packed brown sugar
- 1/2 medium white onion, sliced
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon cloves, ground

1 teaspoon lemon zest

- 1 lemon, juice only
- 2 tablespoons currants
- 2 tablespoons roasted walnuts
- wheel brie cheese, for serving 1 crackers, for serving

In saucepan over medium heat, reduce watermelon juice to 2 cups. Combine with watermelon rind, apple cider vinegar, brown sugar, white onion, garlic, nutmeg, cloves, lemon zest, lemon juice, currants and walnuts; simmer until almost dry.

Chill and serve over brie with crackers.

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Plant Trees This Fall For Decades Of Benefits



MELINDA MYERS Columnist

Fall is a great time to plant trees in the landscape. The soil is warm and air temperatures are generally cooler. creating a better environment for the tree and the gardener doing the planting. The cooler temperatures promote root growth which helps the tree establish a more robust root system before new growth begins the following spring.

Proper planting as well as timing is important for growing healthy longlived trees that provide shade, reduce energy costs, help manage storm water and so much more. Reduce the risk of injury, inconvenience, and expense by calling 811 at least three business days before putting the first shovel in the ground. This free service contacts all the utility companies who will mark the location of the underground utilities in vour work area. Look up and avoid planting trees under overhead utilities.

Select trees suited to the growing conditions and those that will fit the available space once they reach full size. Trying to keep a 40-foot-tall tree at 15 feet negatively impacts the tree's natural beauty and requires lots of work on your part. Once you select the right tree for the location make sure to give it a safe ride home. Transporting the tree in a pickup truck or trailer is easier for you and better for the tree. If this is not an option, consider spending a bit more money to have the nursery safely deliver your tree. When transporting your tree, use a tarp to cover the top of the tree to prevent wind damage to its leaves. Protect the trunk by wrapping it with a towel where it will rest on the vehicle. Always move the tree by the root ball, not the trunk, to prevent damage to the roots. Keep your tree in a cool, shaded location until planting. Mulch balledand-burlapped trees with wood chips to help keep their roots moist. Water these and container-grown trees daily or as often as needed to keep the roots slightly moist. Locate the tree's root flare, also called the trunk flare. This is where the main roots angle away from the trunk. Dig the planting hole to the same depth as the distance



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A tree's root flare, the place where the main roots angle away from the trunk, should be at or slightly above the soil surface when planting.

between the root flare and the bottom of the root ball so the root flare is at or slightly above the soil surface. Digging deeper can result in the soil settling and water collecting in the depression around your tree. Make the hole at least three to five times wider than the root ball.

Roughen the sides of the planting hole to avoid glazed soil that can prevent the roots from growing into the surrounding soil. Carefully remove container-grown trees from the pot and loosen or slice pot bound and girdling roots circling the trunk and root ball before planting. Place the tree in the planting hole so the trunk is straight and the tree is facing the desired direction. Remove the tags and twine and cut away any wire baskets and burlap on balled-and-burlapped trees. Fill the planting hole with existing soil so the roots adjust to their new environment. Avoid amending the soil as this

encourages the roots to stay in the planting hole instead of moving out into the surrounding soil.

Water thoroughly to settle the soil and moisten the root ball and surrounding soil. Spread a two- to three-inch layer of wood chips or shredded bark over the soil surface surrounding the tree. Pull the mulch back several inches from the trunk. Mulching helps conserve moisture, moderate soil temperature, reduce competition from grass, and prevent weeds. It also keeps tree-damaging mowers and weed whips away from the tree trunk while eliminating the

home.

Continue watering as needed. It takes several years for trees to develop a robust root system that is better able to access water from a larger area. Water thoroughly when the top four to six inches of soil is crumbly and moist. Apply enough water to wet the top twelve inches of soil.

The time you invest in proper planting and care will pay off in years of enjoying the shade, beauty, and other benefits your tree provides.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the recently

5 Tips For Organizing Your Home Office

(Family Features) When temperatures creep up again, it signals time for an annual tradition: spring cleaning. While big projects like windows are hard to overlook, don't forget smaller areas that need attention, too, such as your home office.

Making sense of a year's worth of paperwork and clutter can take some serious time, especially as many people have been working from home more than normal, but getting organized can help you tackle home management tasks more efficiently. Making the office a priority can reduce frustration when it comes to spending additional time in your office while working from home.

These five tips can help get you started:

1. Make sure you have furniture that can adequately store your stuff, including plenty of space for files, reference books and computer equipment. Pieces need not be costly to be functional and there are plenty of attractive options available online and at both small and major retailers.

2. Arrange the space with its intended use and your own work style in mind. For example, if you don't need ample space to spread out over a large, flat work area, eliminate

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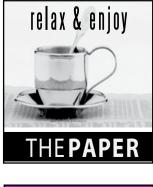
that space - it's simply an invitation for clutter.

3. Place items you rely on frequently, such as a calculator or ruler, within arm's reach so they can easily be put away between uses. Capture these items in containers and bins to keep the space looking neat and free of clutter.

4. Establish a filing system that lets you keep track of important papers you need to keep and have a shredder handy to help you discard any sensitive documents. Whether you alphabetize, color code or use some other method, group paperwork into segments for categories such as bills, banking, health care, auto, insurance and so on for easy access in the future.

5. Tangled cords can make even the most organized spaces look messy, and they may pose a fire or tripping hazard. Get control of your cords by storing devices you don't use regularly and securing the remaining cords with twist ties or clips. Remember to use a surge-protected power strip to minimize the chance of damage should a power surge occur.

Find more tips to make your workspace tidy and organized at eLivingtoday.com.



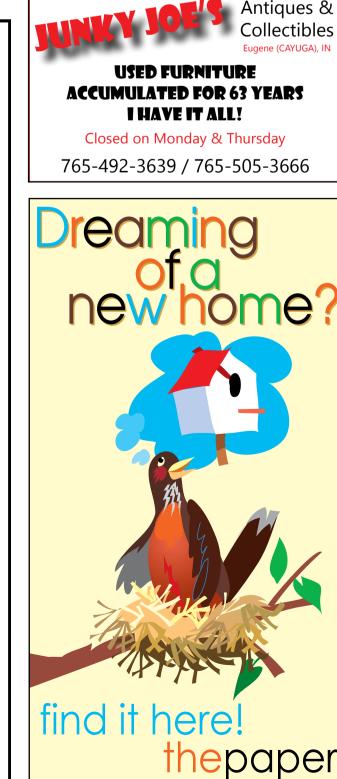


need for you to hand trim.

Only remove broken, damaged, and rubbing branches at the time of planting. Research shows that the more leaves a tree has, the more energy it can produce, and the quicker it develops new roots and recovers from transplant shock. Begin structural pruning in a few years once the tree has adjusted to its new

released Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition and Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" instant video and DVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and her website is www.MelindaMyers.com.







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nother school year means millions of children across the United States will begin and end each day with a bus ride. The way many kids ride to school today, however, is the same as it was 25 years ago – in diesel school buses, which have been shown to be harmful to children's health, the community and the climate.

Investments are being made to clean up the nation's school bus fleet, like the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Clean School Bus Program, which will provide \$5 billion over five years to help replace existing buses with low- and zero-emission models. One alternative energy source, propane, is an environmentally friendly and affordable option that can be implemented today to provide a better tomorrow for more students. The low-carbon emissions energy source is abundantly available and can work in tandem with other energy sources, including electric, to move the nation's school bus fleet further down the path to zero emissions and ensure every child has a safe, clean, healthy ride to school.

In addition to speaking to your children's school district officials about alternative school bus solutions, there are lessons parents can teach their

children about how to remain safe before, during and after their daily trips on school buses. Consider these tips from the experts at the National Association of Pupil Transportation.

Before the Bus Arrives

- Ensure backpacks are packed securely so papers and other items don't scatter as the bus approaches.
- Create a morning routine that puts kids at the bus stop five minutes before the scheduled pickup time. This helps avoid a last-minute rush, when safety lessons are easily forgotten, and ensures kids are safely in place for boarding.
- Encourage children to wear bright, contrasting colors so they can be seen easier by drivers.
- Instruct children to walk on the sidewalk. If there is no sidewalk, advise them to stay out of the street, walk single-file, face traffic and stay as close to the edge of the road as possible.
- Walk young children to the bus stop or encourage kids to walk in groups. There is safety in numbers; groups are easier for drivers to see.
- If kids must cross a street, driveway or alley, remind them to stop and look both ways before crossing.
- Verify the bus stop location offers good visibility for the bus driver; if changes are needed, talk with nearby homeowners or school district officials to implement changes. Never let kids wait in a house or car, where the driver may miss seeing them approach the bus.
- Remind children the bus stop is not a playground. Balls or other toys can roll into the street and horseplay could result in someone falling into the path of oncoming traffic.
- Instruct children to stay at least three steps away from the road and allow the bus to come to a complete stop before approaching it.

On the Bus Ride

- When boarding the bus, items can get bumped and dropped. Caution children that before picking anything up, they should talk to the driver and follow instructions to safely retrieve their possessions.
- Teach safe riding habits: Stay seated with head, hands and feet inside at all times; keep bags and books out of the aisle and remain seated until the bus stops moving.

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- Instruct children to never throw things on the bus or out the windows and to never play with or block emergency exits.
- Remind kids that loud noises are off limits so they don't distract the driver. That includes cellphones and other electronic devices; instruct children to put them on mute or use headphones.

Leaving the Bus

- Remind children to look before stepping off the bus. If they must cross the street, teach them to do so in front of the bus by taking five big steps (approximately 10 feet) away from the front of the bus, looking up and waiting for the driver to signal it's safe.
- For parents who meet their kids at the bus, eliminate the risk of your children darting across the street by waiting on the side of the street where they exit the bus.
- Make the bus ride part of your daily "how was school?" discussion. Encourage kids to talk about the things they see and hear on the bus so you can discuss appropriate behaviors and, if necessary, report any concerns to school administrators.

Benefits of Propane Buses

Every day, 1.3 million children in the United States ride to school in 22,000 propane-powered school buses, which are currently in use by more than 1,000 school districts across 48 states. Alternative fuels, such as propane, offer multiple benefits for school districts and students alike because propane buses reduce harmful emissions, save money and provide a safer ride for students.

Student Health

Propane reduces harmful nitrogen oxide emissions by up to 94% compared to diesel and emits near-zero particulate matter emissions. Both emissions, which can be found in the cloud of smoke emitted from the tailpipes of diesel buses, are known triggers for asthma, bronchitis and other respiratory problems, according to the EPA.

Reliability

Propane has a range of 400 miles and the performance needed to drive long distances without stopping to recharge or refuel.

Cost Savings

While propane and electric are both options for clean student transportation that also reduce the harm to air quality, the cost is not equal. On average, an electric school bus costs \$375,000, meaning districts can purchase three propane-powered buses (which are only \$6,000 more expensive than diesel buses) for the price of one electric bus. In fact, a study from the World LP Gas Association found the cost savings of getting rid of all diesel buses and replacing them with propane would save enough money to hire 23,000 teachers due to lower long-term fuel and maintenance costs.

Find more information and learn how to talk to school district officials about adopting clean school buses at BetterOurBuses.com.





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BBB Tip: Avoid Bogus Bargains At Going Out Of Business Sales

When brightly colored signs with prominent letters shout "Going Out of Business Sale," "Total Liquidation," or "Everything Must Go!" you might think you are about to get the deal of a lifetime. But you should shop cautiously for several reasons – even when merchandise is deeply discounted. The following tips will help you avoid common pitfalls and get the best deals.

Make sure the deals are real. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic, inflation, and The Great Resignation drove many retailers out of business. What's bad for businesses often means sales for shoppers, but before you jump on deals, make sure you aren't falling for a con. BBB Scam Tracker has gotten many reports about online "going-out-of-business" sales that either don't exist or don't live up to the hype.

Frustrated shoppers report to BBB Scam Tracker that the products they receive are much worse quality than what was shown online. For example, one victim ordered \$250 worth of "designer" clothes from a New York-based store. Instead, they received low quality items shipped from overseas. "What was supposed to be cotton and/or linen was the worst quality polyester," they told BBB. "The clothes, in general, were nowhere close to the advertised quality on the website images. Definitely NOT the quality I paid for."

Other times, scammers never intend to send you anything at all. They steal your credit card information when you are prompted to pay. These phony sites can also download malware onto your computer and give scammers access to your personal information, passwords, and more. Know where you shop. Be wary of purchasing items from online retailers with whom you are unfamiliar. Even if you are on the website of a reputable company, double-check the web address before you purchase to be sure scammers haven't redirected you to an imitation site.

Look for a secure connection and a privacy policy. Before you enter your personal information on any website, check for a secure connection. To do this, ensure the URL begins with "https://" and includes a lock icon on the purchase page. HTTPS ensures that users' internet experience is secure as they use their computers to browse the web. The lack of a privacy policy is also a red flag.

Use your credit card. Paying with a credit card gives you the advantage of being able to dispute fraudulent charges. This is the safest payment method for purchasing items online. Be warned, however, that your credit card company may not keep this up indefinitely. If you routinely shop at shady websites, they may refuse to return your money.

Even in legitimate goingout-of-business sales, some businesses hire third-party liquidators to help them get the most money possible from their remaining merchandise. After all, the business owner is still responsible for paying off any outstanding bills they owe, even after their business closes. Third-party liquidators often mark merchandise un first and then offer a small discount in the first week or two of the sale. This offers a better return to the business owner, but consumers may unwittingly end up paying more than the original price of the product, even though the seller claims it is discounted. To avoid falling into this trap, shop around. Compare prices at other stores to ensure the "discounted" item you plan to purchase is cheaper than the normal price.

address, check for a notice posted with information on where to turn for help. Also, look at the company's website and social media presence for information.

If the company has not filed for bankruptcy, the business is still obligated to fulfill your order for goods, services, or a refund. Closing a business doesn't relieve the owner of that responsibility. While it can be time-consuming and expensive, a consumer may take the company to court.

For returns: if you have a warranty for an item you bought at the store, look into whether the manufacturer or the store issued the warranty. If the manufacturer issues the warranty, it will most likely honor it. When a company goes out of business, its warranties and services often die unless other agreements have been made.

If you have unused gift cards for a closed business, bankruptcy filings will likely determine if and how they can be used or claimed.

Use up gift cards and pay with a credit card. Gift cards might seem like the perfect present for a hard-to-shop-for friend or family member, but they are not without drawbacks. When a store goes out of business, gift cards do, too. With the announcement of Bed Bath and Beyond's bankruptcy and David's Bridal, this issue is back on shoppers' minds. The Federal Trade Commission's decision in 2010 declared that gift cards couldn't expire for at least five years. These regulations differ by province in Canada. However, the situation changes when a business declares bankruptcy. If you miss the deadline to redeem a gift card, you can file a claim for the card's value. However, these claims are processed behind the company's major creditors. So if you see news about a company preparing to file for bankruptcy, use your gift cards immediately. Don't make impulsive decisions. Going out-of-business sales aims to get merchandise out the door fast. Advertisers use a sense of urgency and scarcity to pressure consumers into buying things they may not need simply because the price is too good to pass up.

Solar Energy Innovator Launches US Headquarters, Manufacturing In Indiana

Bila Solar, a solar energy startup, launched Tuesday, announced plans to establish its U.S. headquarters and a state-ofthe-art solar module manufacturing facility in Indianapolis, creating more than 240 new jobs in the coming years.

"Indiana's entrepreneurial ecosystem is strong, and we're excited to welcome Bila Solar to our growing network of innovators advancing products that power the world," said Governor Eric J. Holcomb. "With Bila's new Indianapolis manufacturing operation, Indiana's skilled workforce will be making solar energy more accessible and powering our growing clean energy sector to new heights."

Bila Solar will invest more than \$35 million in its new headquarters and manufacturing facility, renovating and equipping an existing 150,000-square-foot space just south of downtown Indianapolis at 1249 S. White River Parkway East Drive. The new factory, which is expected to begin production in the summer of 2024, will produce a yearly capacity of one gigawatt (GW) of innovative glassless, frameless solar modules – an output akin to crafting around 5,000 high-capacity modules daily. Bila's debut product will increase opportunities for solar power where traditional glass modules cannot be used, accelerating the transition to clean energy.

"We are thrilled to begin the Bila Solar journey in Indianapolis," said Mick McDaniel, "We are excited to welcome Bila Solar to Indianapolis," said Mayor Joe Hogsett. "This partnership not only bolsters our shared commitment to power greener solutions, but also underscores the importance of good-paying jobs in Indianapolis neighborhoods. Just recently, Indianapolis was ranked one of the top cities in the Midwest to launch a startup, and Bila Solar's \$35 million investment and creation of 240 new jobs in Indianapolis is a testament to that."

Pending approval of the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) board of directors, the IEDC will commit an investment in Bila Solar of up to \$4.2 million in the form of incentive-based tax credits and up to \$300,000 in workforce training grants, based on the company's investment and job creation plans. The IEDC will also commit an investment of up to \$2 million in Hoosier Business Investment tax credits and up to \$200,000 in Manufacturing Readiness Grants, which are designed to help companies invest in smart manufacturing and new technologies. These tax credits are performance-based, meaning the company is eligible to claim incentives once Hoosiers are hired. The city of Indianapolis will offer additional incentives.

About Bila Solar

Bila Solar is an innovative solar energy company that manufactures groundbreaking solutions to transform and power the world, driving evolution in the renewable energy sector. The company's flagship product – ultralight solar modules – transcends traditional limitations by enabling installations on low load-bearing roofs and curved surfaces, locations where traditional solar modules can't go.

Avoid fake sale scams with these tips:

Always check a company's reputation on BBB. org before doing business with them. Look beyond the letter grade rating to read the customer reviews and details of complaints to get an idea of what past customers have experienced. You may decide the great prices they advertise may not be worth the potential problems that could arise.

According to the BBB Code of Advertising, liquidation and going out of business sales are considered "emergency" or "distress" sales. Businesses may only advertise this kind of sale if they are actually going out of business. In addition, they have a limited time period to offer such deals. BBB's code states, "If such sales exceed ninety (90) days, advertisers must be prepared to substantiate that the offering is indeed a valid emergency or distress sale." If you notice a business in your area advertising a "going out of business" or "liquidation" sale for months without ever closing, be wary. It could be a shady sales practice. Some businesses use these terms dishonestly to draw in customers and pressure them to buy, often by implying limited access to certain merchandise or a small window of time to purchase.

Think about returns and warranties. If you have not received goods or services you have already paid for, all may not be lost. BBB has these tips to help you toward resolution:

Collect receipts, proofs of purchase, and other documents such as warranties and manuals. These materials will help you prepare for your request for a resolution.

Check with the bank or credit card you used to make the purchase(s) at the now-closed company. You may be able to dispute the transaction(s) due to failure to receive goods or services. Credit cards offer more consumer protections on purchases than debit cards, so it's generally better to shop with a credit card, particularly for big-ticket items.

Try to contact the company to complete the transaction or resolve the issue. Some closed companies will offer an email, website, or phone number to contact for more information. Check with your BBB to see if they have information about the company, or search for the company on BBB.org. If the business has a physical Use good judgment. When shopping going out of business sales, don't be too hasty. Ensure that the deals are real before making a purchase.

Check to make sure the business and products are legit. Ensure you are getting a good deal on a product that isn't defective.

Be cautious. Going out of business sales can be a great way to save money on products you need, but always proceed with caution.

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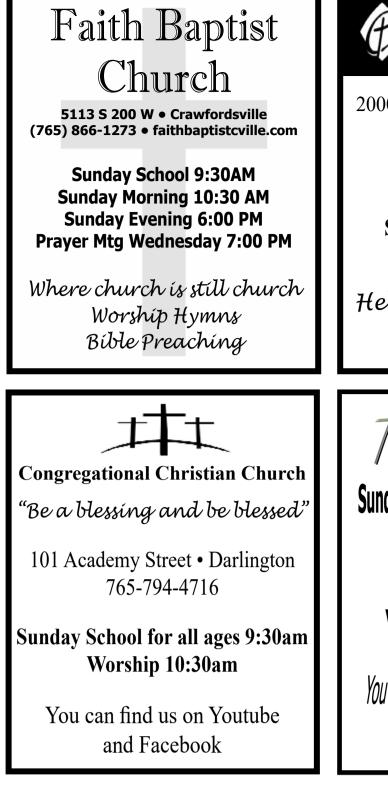








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Fremont St. Baptist Church 1908 E. Fremont St. 362-2998

Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m.; 6 p.m. Pastor Dan Aldrich

Friendship Baptist Church U.S. 136 and Indiana 55 362-2483 Sunday School: 9:15 a.m. Worship: 10:30 a.m.; 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m. Friendship Kids for Christ: 6 p.m. 211 S. Walnut St. 362-4812 SUNDAY: 9:22 a.m. Contemporary Café worship

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:40 a.m. Traditional Worship WEDNESDAY: 5-7 a.m. Logos Youth Dinner & Program Pastor: Rev. Darla Goodrich

Ladoga Christian Church 124 W. Elm St. 942-2019 Sunday School: 9 a.m. Worship: 10 a.m.; 6 p.m.

Love Outreach Christian Church 611 Garden St. 362-6240 Worship: 10 a.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m. Pastors Rob and Donna Joy Hughes Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Worship: 10:30 a.m. Pastor: Gary Edwards

Church of Christ:

Church of Christ 419 Englewood Drive 362-7128 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Worship: 10:30 a.m.; 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.

Southside Church of Christ 153 E 300 South, east of US 231 765-720-2816 Sunday Bible Classes: 9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship: 5 p.m. Wednesday Bible Classes: 7 p.m. Preacher: Brad Phillips Website: southsidechurchofchristindiana.com

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Victory Family Church 1133 S. Indiana 47 765-362-2477 Worship: 10 a.m.; Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Pastor Duane Bryant

Lutheran:

Christ Lutheran ELCA 300 W. South Blvd. · 362-6434 Holy Communion Services: 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School: 9:15 a.m. Pastor: Kelly Nelson www.christchurchindiana.net

Holy Cross (Missouri Synod)

Nazarene:

Crossroads Community Church of the Nazarene US 231 and Indiana 234 866-8180 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Worship: 10:30 a.m. Pastor Mark Roberts

Harbor Nazarene Church 2950 US 231 S 307-2119 Worship: 10 a.m. Pastor Joshua Jones www.harbornaz.com

Orthodox: Holy Transfiguration Orthodox

New Life Apostolic Tabernacle 1434 Darlington Avenue 364-1628 Worship: Sunday 10 a.m.; 6 p.m. Sunday: The Voice of Healing & Restoration on 103.9 at 9 a.m. Tuesday prayer: 7 p.m. Thursday Mid-week: 7 p.m. Pastor Terry P. Gobin

One Way Pentecostal Apostolic Church 364-1421 Worship 10 a.m. Sunday School: 11 a.m.

Apostolic Pentecostal:

Cornerstone Church 1314 Danville Ave. 361-5932 Worship: 10 a.m.; 6:30 p.m. Bible Study: Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

Grace and Mercy Ministries 257 W. Oak Hill Rd. 765-361-1641 Worship: 10 a.m.; 6 p.m. Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Sunday School: 11 a.m. Co-Pastors Nathan and Peg Miller

Assembly of God:

Crosspoint Fellowship 1350 Ladoga Road 362-0602 Sunday Services: 10 a.m. Wednesdays: 6 :30 p.m.

First Assembly of God Church 2070 Lebanon Rd. 362-8147 or 362-0051 Sunday School: 9 a.m. Worship: 10:30 a.m.; 6 p.m. Wednesday: 6:30 p.m.

Baptist:

Browns Valley Missionary Baptist Church P.O. Box 507, Crawfordsville 435-3030 Worship: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.

Calvary Baptist Church 128 E. CR 400 S 364-9428 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Worship: 10 a.m.; 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m. Calvary Crusaders Wednesdays: 6:45 p.m. Pro-Teen Wednesdays: 7 p.m. Pastor Randal Glenn

East Side Baptist Church 2000 Traction Rd. 362-1785 Bible Study: 9 a.m. Worship: 10 a.m.; 6 p.m. Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Prime Time Teens, Pioneer Clubs; 6:45 p.m. :Adult Bible Study Rev. Steve Whicker

Faith Baptist Church 5113 S. CR 200 W 866-1273 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Worship: 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting: 7 p.m. Pastor Tony Roe

First Baptist Church 1905 Lebanon Rd. 362-6504 Worship: 8:15 a.m.; 10:25 a.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. High School Youth Sunday: 5 p.m.

Freedom Baptist Church 6223 W. SR 234 (765) 435-2177 Pastor Chris Hortin

Ladoga Baptist Church 751 Cherry St., Ladoga 942-2460 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m.; 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m. Ron Gardner, Pastor

Mount Olivet Missionary Baptist 7585 East, SR 236, Roachdale 676-5891 or (317) 997-3785 Worship: 10:30 a.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Wednesday Evening: 7 p.m. Bro. Wally Beam

New Market Baptist Church 200 S. First St. 866-0083 Sunday School: 9 a.m. Worship: 10 a.m. Children's church and child care provided

Second Baptist Church 119 1/2 S. Washington St, off of PNC Bank. 363-0875 Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m.

StoneWater Church 120 Plum St., Linden 339-7300 Sunday Service: 10 a.m. Pastors: Mike Seaman and Steve Covington

Waynetown Baptist Church Corner of Plum and Walnut Streets 234-2398 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Fellowship: 10:30 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Childrens' Church: 11:10 a.m. Pastor Ron Raffignone

Christian:

Alamo Christian Church 866-7021 Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Browns Valley Christian Church 9011 State Road 47 South 435-2590 Sunday School: 9 a.m. Worship: 10 a.m.

Byron Christian Church 7512 East 950 North, Waveland Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship Service 10 a.m.

Waynetown Christian Union Church SR 136, then south on CR 650. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Worship: 10:30 a.m. New phone #: 765-918-0438 New Pastor: Paul Morrison

Congregational Christian Church of Darlington 101 Academy St, P.O. Box 7 794-4716 Sunday School: 9:15 a.m. Worship: 10:30 a.m. Sunday Bible Study: 6 p.m. Wed. Prayer: 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m., Wed Bible Study 7 p.m. Kingdom Seekers Youth Group (alternate Sundays) Pastor Seth Stultz

Darlington Christian Church Main and Washington streets 794-4558 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Worship: 10:30 a.m.; 6 p.m.

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) New Hope Chapel of Wingate 275-2304 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Worship: 10:30 a.m. Bible Study: 6:30 p.m., Wed. Youth Group: 5:30 p.m., Wed. Homework Class: 4:30 p.m. Wed. Thurs. Champs Youth Program: 5:30 p.m. Wed. Adult Bible Class: 6:30 p.m. Wed. Pastor Duane Mycroft

New Hope Christian Church 2746 US 231 South 362-0098 newhopefortoday.org Worship and Sunday School at 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

New Market Christian Church 300 S. Third St. 866-0421 Sunday School: 9 a.m. Worship: 10 a.m. Wednesday evening: Bible Study 6:15, Youth 6:15, Choir 7:15 Pastor Gary Snowden

New Richmond Christian Church 339-4234 202 E. Washington St. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Worship: 10:30 a.m. Pastor John Kenneson

New Ross Christian Church 212 N. Main St. 723-1747 Worship: 10 a.m. Youth Group: 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday Minister Ivan Brown

Parkersburg Christian Church 86 E. 1150 S., Ladoga 866-1747 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Worship: 10:30 a.m. Pastor Rich Fuller

Providence Christian Church 10735 E 200 S 723-1215 Worship: 10 a.m.

Waveland Christian Church 212 W. Main St. 435-2300 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Waynetown Christian Church 103 W. Walnut St. 234-2554 Worship: 10 a.m. Sunday School: 9 a.m.

Whitesville Christian Church 3603 South Ladoga Road Crawfordsville, IN 47933 (765) 362-3896 New Worship Service Time 9:00am 1st Service 10:30am 2nd Service Pastor Andy Schindler whitesvillechristianchurch.com

Woodland Heights Christian Church 468 N. Woodland Heights Dr. 362-5284 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.. Worship: 8:15 a.m. (traditional); 10:30 a.m. (contemporary) Student Ministry: 5 p.m., Sunday Pastor Tony Thomas

Young's Chapel Christian Church Rt. 6, Crawfordsville 794-4544

Church of God:

First Church of God 711 Curtis St. 362-3482 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Worship: 10:30 a.m.; 6 p.m. Pastor Chuck Callahan

Grace Avenue Church of God 901 S. Grace Ave. 362-5687 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Worship: 10:30 a.m.; 6 p.m. Pastor Duane McClure

Community:

Congregational Christian Church 402 S. Madison St., Darlington 794-4716 Sunday School: 9:15 a.m. Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Crawfordsville Community Church Fairgrounds on Parke Ave. Crawfordsville 794-4924 Worship: 10 a.m. Men's prayer group, Mondays 6:30 p.m. Pastor Ron Threlkeld

Gravelly Run Friends Church CR 150 N, 500 E Worship: 10 a.m.

Harvest Fellowship Church CR 500 S 866-7739 Pastor J.D. Bowman Worship 10 a.m.

Liberty Chapel Church 500 N CR 400 W 275-2412 Sunday School: 9 a.m. Worship: 10 a.m.

Linden Community Church 321 E. South St., Linden (Hahn's) Sunday: 9:15

Yountsville Community Church 4382 W SR 32 362-7387 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Worship: 10:30 a.m. Pastor Alan Goff

Episcopal:

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal 213 North St., Crawfordsville 364-1496

St. John's Episcopal Church 212 S. Green Street 765-362-2331 Sunday Eucharist: 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Christian Formation: 9:15 a.m. Midweek Eucharist Wednesday: 12:15 p.m.

Full Gospel:

Church Alive! 1203 E. Main St. 362-4312 Worship: 10 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Enoch Ministries 922 E. South Boulevard Worship: Sunday, 10 a.m. Pastor: Jeff Richards

New Bethel Fellowship 406 Mill St., Crawfordsville 362-8840 Pastors Greg and Sherri Maish Associate Pastors Dave and Brenda Deckard 1414 E. Wabash Ave. 362-5599 Sunday School: 9 a.m. Worship: 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study: 7 p.m., Wed. Minister: Rev. Jeffery Stone http://www.holycross-crawfordsville. org

Phanuel Lutheran Church Lutheran Church Rd., Wallace Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. Worship: 9:30 a.m.

United Methodist:

Christ's United Methodist 909 E. Main St. 362-2383 Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m.

Darlington United Methodist Church Harrison St. 794-4824 Worship: 9:00 a.m. Fellowship: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. Pastor Dirk Caldwell

First United Methodist Church 212 E. Wabash Ave. 362-4817 Sunday School: 10 a.m. Traditional Worship: 9 a.m. The Gathering: 11:10 a.m. Rev. Brian Campbell

North Cornerstone Church 609 South Main St. P.O. Box 38 339-7347 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Worship: 10 a.m. Rev. Clint Fink

Mace United Methodist Church 5581 US 136 E 362-5734 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Worship: 10:40 a.m.

Mount Zion United Methodist 2131 W. Black Creek Valley Rd. 362-9044 Sunday School: 10:45 a.m. Worship: 9:30 a.m. Pastor Marvin Cheek

New Market United Methodist Church Third and Main Street 866-0703 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Worship: 10:45 a.m.

New Ross United Methodist Church 108 W. State St. Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m.

Waveland Covenant United Methodist Church 403 E. Green St. 866-0703 Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. Worship: 9:15 a.m.

Waynetown United Methodist Church 124 E. Washington St. 243-2610 Worship 9:30 a.m. Johnny Booth

Mormon:

Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints 125 W and Oak Hill Rd. 362-8006 Sacrament Meeting: 9 a.m. Sunday School: 10:20 a.m. 4636 Fall Creek Rd. 359-0632 Great Vespers: 5 p.m. Saturday Matins: 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10 a.m. Sunday Rev. Father Alexis Miller

Saint Stephen the First Martyr Orthodox Church (OCA) 802 Whitlock Ave. 361-2831 or 942-2388 Great Vespers: 6:30 p.m. Saturday Wednesday evening prayer 6:30pm Divine Liturgy: 9:30 a.m. Sunday

Presbyterian:

Bethel Presbyterian Church of Shannondale 1052 N. CR 1075 E., Crawfordsville 794-4383 Sunday School: 9 a.m. Worship 10 a.m.

Wabash Avenue Presbyterian Church 307 S. Washington St. 362-5812 Worship: 10 a.m. Pastor: Dr. John Van Nuys

Roman Catholic:

Saint Bernard's Catholic Church 1306 E. Main St. 362-6121 Father Michael Bower Worship: 5:30 pm Saturday; 9:30 am, 12:15 - Spanish Mass, 5:00 pm at Wabash College Chapel (during school year) www.stbernardcville.org

United Church of Christ:

Pleasant Hill United Church of Christ - Wingate Worship: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. Pastor Alan Goff

United Pentecostal:

Pentecostals of Crawfordsville 116 S. Walnut St., Crawfordsville 362-3046 Pastor L. M. Sharp Worship: 2:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting: 10 a.m., Tuesday Bible Study: 6 p.m., Wednesday

Non-denominational:

Athens Universal Life Church Your Church Online http://www.aulc.us (765)267-1436 Dr. Robert White, Senior Pastor The Ben Hur Nursing Home Sundays at 9:00am Live Broadcast Sundays at 2:00pm Bickford Cottage Sundays at 6:00pm

Calvary Chapel 915 N. Whitlock Ave. 362-8881 Worship: 10 a.m., 6 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday: 6 p.m.

Rock Point Church 429 W 150S 362-5494 Sunday church services are 9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Youth group is from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Sunday Small Groups: Throughout the week

The Church of Abundant Faith 5529 U.S. Highway 136 Waynetown, IN Reverend John Pettigrew Sunday Worship: 9:45 am (765) 225-1295

The Vine Christian Church 1004 Wayne Ave. Crawfordsville Service at 10:02



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A 'Mini-Brain' Traces The Link Between Concussion And Alzheimer's Disease

How much time elapses between a blow to the head and the start of damage associated with Alzheimer's disease?

A device that makes it possible to track the effects of concussive force on a functioning cluster of brain cells suggests the answer is in hours. The "traumatic brain injury (TBI) on a chip" being developed at Purdue University opens a window into a cause and effect that announces itself with the passage of decades but is exceedingly difficult to trace back to its origins.

'We're basically creating a miniature brain that we can hit and then study," said Riyi Shi, lead researcher and the Mari Hulman George Endowed Professor of Applied Neuroscience in Purdue University's College of Veterinary Medicine. "We know there's a link between TBI and Alzheimer's; that's well established in clinical observation. But teasing out the basic essential pathway is not easy. With the TBI on a chip, we're able to test a lot of hypotheses that would be very difficult to do in living animals."

In a study recently published in Lab on a Chip, a research team led by Shi subjected functioning clusters of cultured neurons from embryonic mice to three blows of 200 g-force, each approximating the higher end of what a football player receives in a single hit. The trauma leads to an immediate surge in production of acrolein — a molecule associated with oxidative stress and neurodegenerative disease — and a rise in misfolded clumps of the protein amyloid beta 42 (AB42), which is found in masses called plaques in the brains of people with Alzheimer's disease. Additional experiments traced the links among impact, acrolein and AB42 The device can also be used to test possible therapeutics, including drugs known to reduce acrolein levels. In the current study, Shi's team used the device to show that the drug hydralazine, a known acrolein scavenger that is approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for lowering blood pressure, reduces the amount of acrolein and levels of misfolded



Photo courtesy of Purdue University

With a custom-fabricated experimental chamber housing a "mini-brain," Purdue researcher Riyi Shi traces the link between concussion and Alzheimer's disease.

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AB42 produced in the cluster of neurons after a hit. Shi, who has a long history of studying neurodegenerative disease, acrolein and hydralazine, said the TBI on a chip enabled a finding he's sought over two decades of study.

"Now that we know what's happening, is there something we can do about it? And the answer is yes," said Shi, who is also a member of the Purdue Institute for Integrative Neuroscience. "Acrolein is time-dependent; the longer it's there, the more AB42 aggregation it will cause. Here we show that if we lower acrolein with this drug, we can lower inflammation and AB42 aggregation." The device, custom-fabricated at the Purdue Center for Paralysis Research, uses a pendulum to deliver a specific g-force to a small chamber housing a cluster of a quarter million neurons supported by a bed of nutrients. A microelectronic array embedded in the chamber measures the electrical activity of the neurons, which will sustain functional firing patterns for several weeks, while a clear viewing port allows microscopic observation of the neurons. Researchers remove the cluster of neurons from the chamber at intervals to take specific biochemical measurements.

that you can hit this chip to an impact was enough to provoke misfolding. without damaging it, so

"This amyloid beta pathology started within hours, maybe immediately. That's never been heard of," Shi said. "It's like attacking the weight-bearing stud in a house wall. If you break that stud, of course the house is going to fall down."

Shi was joined in the research by Purdue colleagues Edmond A. Rogers, first author, and co-authors Timothy Beauclair. Jhon Martinez. Shatha J. Mufti, David Kim, Siyuan Sun, Rachel L. Stingel, Nikita Krishnan and Jennifer Crodian, senior research associate at Purdue's Center for Paralvsis Research, as well as Alexandra M. Dieterly of Charles River Laboratory. The study was supported by the state of Indiana, the National Institutes of Health and Plexon Inc. Moving forward, Shi said, he may be able to incorporate multiple additional features, which would allow the measurements of minute forces that cells experience during the blow, and biochemical testing — like checking levels of acrolein — without removing cells from the chamber. Industry partners interested in further developing or commercializing Shi's innovation should contact Joseph Kasper of the Purdue Innovates Office of Technology Commercialization at jrkasper@ prf.org.

Statewide Project To Provide Care And **Support To People Living With Dementia And Their Care Partners**

An Indiana University School of Medicine statewide project in collaboration with Indiana University Health was recently funded to support people living with dementia as well as their family care partners find more support and resources, thanks to a new \$686,000 grant from the National Institute on Aging IMPACT Collaboratory.

The Aging Brain Care Virtual program will be the first study to test dementia collaborative care in Indiana University Health primary care. The project will utilize the IU Health Virtual Hub system for making phone or video calls with the care partners and patients. The main goal will be to support patients living with dementia and family caregivers and the patient's primary care team.

"People living with dementia and their family caregivers are overwhelmed and stressed," said Nicole Fowler, PhD, associate professor of medicine and co-principal investigator of the study. "We hope the Aging Brain Care Virtual Program will help us assess if collaborative care management provided virtually meets the needs and addresses

people living with demen-

tia.' The Aging Brain Care Virtual Program will take place over the next two years at 24 Indiana University Health primary care clinics across Indiana. An intervention team will identify 860 patients aged 65 or older living with dementia—430 of them will receive the intervention, while 430 will be in the control group. A dementia care manager will provide a needs assessment, develop a care plan and implement protocols to help the care partner manage dementia symptoms over a 12-month period.

"Through this program, we hope to prove that a scalable, primary care-based intervention addresses the crucial needs of people living with dementia and their care partners," said Alexia Torke, MD, professor of medicine and co-principal investigator. "This has the potential to improve the quality of dementia care across the country, especially for those who do not have access to highly specialized research centers."

The grant is part of the **Demonstration Projects** Cycle 3 award from the NIA IMPACT Collabora-

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the surge in acrolein that occurs after a hit, and Shi said the most recent findings hint at the power of the model.

"Thanks to this device, people should know that when you get a concussion, you don't have 10 years before you will see damage," Shi said. "The clock starts ticking immediately, and if we want to do something about it, we need to act quickly.'

Within the first 24 hours after a hit, results show elevated levels of acrolein in the neuron clusters and a 350% increase in production of misfolded AB42. Shi said acrolein deforms normal AB42 by binding to sections of the protein that contribute to structural stability. Indeed, when the team conducted a simple experiment by combining large amounts of acrolein with normal purified AB42 suspended in fluid, they found elevated levels of misfolded AB42. The properly folded protein is sufficiently fragile that even subjecting normal purified AB42 in fluid (without acrolein)







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Steps You Can Take To Control Your Asthma

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

Here are some important facts to know first:

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

* Asthma rates vary within some communities. For example, Puerto Rican Americans have twice the asthma rate of the overall U.S. Hispanic/Latino population.

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

* Almost twice as many women as men have asthma.

Even if you experience asthma differently than others, you can still take action to try to control your symptoms and begin doing the things you love. The

National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) recommends these four steps:

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

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

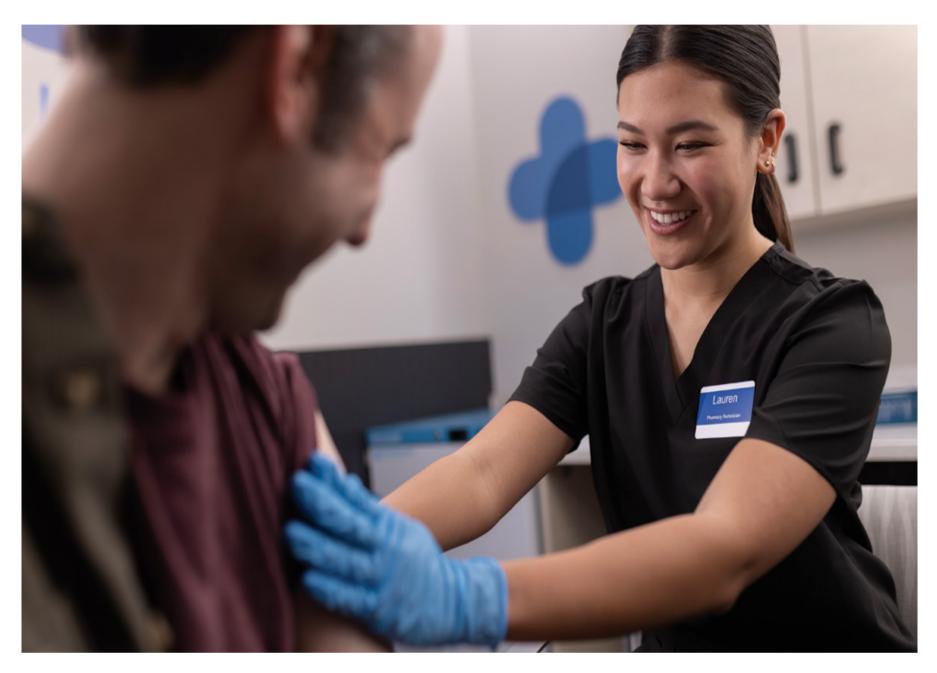
Identify and manage your triggers. Some common asthma triggers include dust, mold, pollen, pests like cockroaches or rodents and pet hair. The asthma action plan can help you figure out what triggers make your asthma worse and how to manage them.

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

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



Managing Your Family's Year-Round Health



FAMILY FEATURES

ow is a good time to check in and make sure your entire family is protected from infecover time. To reduce the risk of getting or spreading the flu, it's important to get a yearly flu vaccination. Retail pharmacies and clinics hold a unique posiion in the local communities they serve ar deeply committed to vaccine education and outreach. In addition to providing protection against illnesses such as influenza, vaccines also offer protection against hepatitis A, hepatitis B, varicella (chicken pox), measles, RSV, pertussis (whooping cough), COVID-19 and more. By equipping people with consistent, factual information, retail pharmacies and clinics empower them to make informed decisions about their health and the health of their loved ones. Research shows schools and colleges have the potential to cultivate a higher disease transmission rate that affects all ages, from students to staff and teachers, due to the proximity of people within buildings. When students are protected against vaccine-preventable illnesses, they experience fewer absences due to illness, allowing them to fully participate in classroom activities and maximize their learning potential. Ensuring children are current on their vaccines also creates opportunities for parents and caregivers to check their own preventive health statuses. The National Institutes of Health notes vaccinepreventable diseases cost the country approximately \$27 billion annually in lost wages and increased healthcare costs. Missing routine immunizations could result in missed work and medical bills that could prevent people from being able to provide and care for their families. Unlike some traditional healthcare settings, retail pharmacies and clinics are easily accessible. They are often located within local communities and have extended hours that cater to busy schedules, allowing flexibility for people getting their families vaccinated. In fact, 90% of the U.S. population lives within 5 miles of a pharmacy. Options like the Kroger Family of Companies' Pharmacies and other retail pharmacies have established vaccine clinics within their pharmacy and

clinic locations, making vaccinations a seamless and convenient part of the healthcare experience they provide. Annual Gallup Polls consistently show pharmacists and nurse practitioners are among the most trusted people in the medical field. Healthcare professionals at retail pharmacies and clinics undergo rigorous training and possess in-depth knowledge about vaccines, proper storage and handling as well as administration techniques. These professionals contribute to the confidence of their patients and the health of the community at large.

Retail providers disseminate accurate infor-

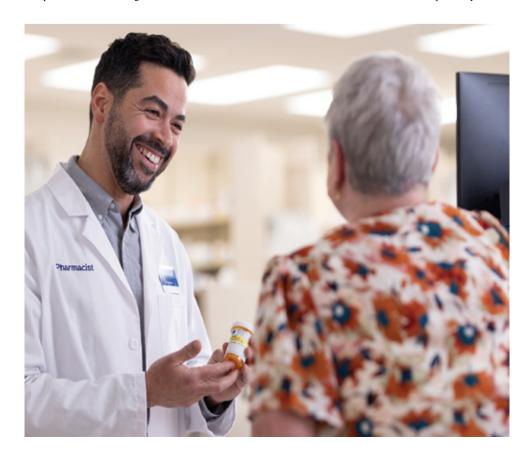
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According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), vaccines help create protective antibodies that fight off infections. Timely routine vaccinations, such as MMR (measles, mumps and rubeola) and Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), are known to prevent around 4 million deaths annually, yet only 1 in 5 adults are up to date on their vaccines.

Convenience, accessibility and lack of trust all play fundamental parts in why vaccination numbers are low across some demographic groups and geographic regions. Community pharmacies and clinics, such as the Kroger Family of Companies' Pharmacies and The Little Clinic, have emerged as accessible and convenient options for people seeking needed healthcare services outside of traditional settings. These facilities offer a range of high-quality services, including medication counseling, health screenings and immunizations.

Routine preventive care, including vaccine administration, can take place at various points throughout the year and is not limited to a single season. Certain populations, such as people who are 60 years of age and older, those with chronic diseases and some minority populations, are more at risk for contracting certain infections and are encouraged to maintain updated vaccinations and boosters throughout the year. (For children younger than 5 years of age, check with your local pharmacist or clinician for vaccine guidelines.)

The CDC recommends everyone 6 months old and older get an annual flu vaccine. Influenza, more commonly known as the flu, is a highly contagious respiratory virus that infects the nose, throat and lungs, and could lead to serious illness, hospitalization or death. Dominant flu strains are constantly shifting and protection from a single flu vaccine declines



hesitancy and misinformation within their local communities. By prioritizing proactive vaccinations, retail pharmacies create an environment that supports the overall well-being of students, teachers, staff and families alike, helping communities live healthier lives.

To learn more about annual vaccination needs, visit kroger.com/vaccinations or plan a visit to a local pharmacy or clinic.

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- Meningitis (Meningococcal)
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COVID-19

Influenza (Flu)

Shingles (Herpes Zoster)

 Td or Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis)

COVID-19

Flu (Influenza)

- Pneumonia (Pneumococcal)
- Shingles (Herpes Zoster)
- RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus)

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Two More Lew Partners



KAREN ZACH Around The County

Last week, I introduced you to Charles Monroe Travis, Michael Daugherty White, Samuel Campbell Willson and Thomas Fleming Davidson who were partners or trained-up with Lew Wallace. I had read about all of them before, but not in one article in relationship to Lew, thus I thought I'd give that idea a try.

Thinking I had most of the law partners, since then, I've discovered more; in fact, George Hurley was with Lew is his office for 15 years. His name was often found as George P. and just as often George W., but indeed his middle name was Daniel, thus George D. Hurley. Same with his "Judge" title. He was never a judge as he would not run for office, but he made so many such decisions and had been in the courtroom for decades that his last 20 or so years he was simply known as "Judge Hurley!'

The Bowen History p 1213 notes (sadly, mainly true, one reason I love to cover the everyday guy) that "histories and biographies reveal only those who have attained military, political or literary careers." The article reminded us that there were many "possessing the same qualities which contribute to success in private life – as did Hurley! "He exhibits a career of unanswering integrity, indefatigable private industry, and wholesome home and social relations." Basically, Hurley was a selfmade man, born 3 Dec 1833 in New Albany, Indiana, a son (having three brothers and a sister) of John and Hannah (Baker), his father having a ship building business in Baltimore, MD before coming to Indiana to do the same, New Albany well-known for boat building at that time. When about six, George came with his parents to Montgomery County where he had the basic education here of the times, then studied at Wabash, on to a commercial school in Cincinnati and then went to clerking in a Dry Goods Store in Lafayette. This George quickly discovered was not to



his liking and he began studying law which was certainly his niche, reading under Lew's partner, Sam Willson, passed the bar and built-up, "a wide and lucrative clientele," taking his place among the "annals of Montgomery County law." He had exceptional knowledge of Indiana's statues and was quite the pleader for his clients in the courtroom cases. Not in to politics like many others, he was more involved with his family which included wife, Frances Galey (daughter of William and Lucy Wilhite Galey, Montgomery pioneers) and their four children, Lucy (who married Wabash College student, Charles Kanouse who became a preacher but died young as he had just become well-loved in Princeton, KY, having died of typhoid fever, having had one son, Ben who died very young and Mable who with Lucy lived with George and Frances thereafter for a long time), Belle (believe died young), Frank (who was also a lawyer for a time as partner with his father) and John W. who was a home decorator. George passed 29 April 1906, Frances the next year in August and they are buried at Oak Hill.

Our other partner is Benjamin



its president one year.

Ben had some interesting cases, including one in support of Henry Bennett, president of the State Life Insurance Company who attacked the constitutionality of a law passed by the state as illegal, but his main concerns in law were divorces somewhat but especially probates. Business adventures were also in his repertoire, including a stockholder of the Wire Fence and Nail Company with HH Ristine, RE Bryant, WP Herron and SH Gregg, impressive localites, Home Building Association (Treasurer for a long time with other impressive area folks). Into various organizations, he was a director of the Oak Hill Cemetery Association, president of the Robert Browning Club; at one time a member of the Bachelor's Club; active with his brother-in-laws in developing the Pine Hills area (they loved to camp in their cabin); serving as president of the Wabash Alumni; Patriotic Order Sons of America and others. Mary was very active in the church with its music as well as a longtime member of the Baldwin Ladies Quartet that entertained all over the state for several years.

In 1894, Ben built a new brick building on Lafayette Avenue (JM Bishop, builder) and it may be the current brick building at the bottom of Grant on the avenue. From the description, sounds like it could be. Assume he had his office there. Ben loved to travel, going to California more than once; the World's Fair in '93; and to Europe enjoying the "C'ville Colony," while there. Not 100% positive what that is but assume some folks from our fair city who got together while living or working there.

Butch Remembers Those Scary Movies From The 50's



BUTCH DALE Columnist

A few years ago, I wrote a column about the fun times I had as a child at the Sunshine theater in Darlington. The theater was located on Main street, and the seating capacity was 100-120. It was open on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings. Tickets at that time were 25 cents, and popcorn was 10 cents...pretty cheap entertainment!

Most of the movies were considered "B-movies." No great classics, but we didn't care. There were lots of westerns and a few comedies, but I also remember many of the science fiction and horror movies which were shown on a regular basis. The first time I watched a scary movie was in 1954. I was 6 years old when Dad dropped me off to see "Creature from the Black Lagoon." It really didn't scare me that much, as I knew the creature was just an actor wearing a costume.

However, the next year I saw the movie "Tarantula," a giant 100-foot tall spider. At my age I thought that perhaps such mutated insects existed. A few days later, while mushroom hunting, I was certain that giant tarantula was in our woods. I ran all the way back to our house as fast as I could! I then decided it might be a good idea to skip horror movies...until I watched "Godzilla, King of the Monsters." But that movie seemed more funny than scary. The movies "Attack of the 50-Foot Woman" and "Attack of the Crab Monsters" were hilarious! But then in 1957, I watched "The Incredible Shrinking Man." Scott Carey had been exposed to an unknown chemical mist, and started shrinking ... until he was so small that he lived in a matchbox. When a spider attacked him, he killed it with a straight pin. I had my Dad measure my height the next morning. He informed me that I had shrunk a half inch! Oh my God! Thanks, Dad.

In 1958, I watched "The Blob." However, I knew if I ever saw the real "blob," I could easily outrun it ... so no worries there. Unfortunately the next movie I watched was "The Fly," where a scientist's genes became mixed up with those of a fly. The scientist ends up with the head and arm of a fly. Great scientist that I was, I thought this could be possible. At the very end, it shows the fly caught in a spider web, and as the spider approaches, the fly yells, "Help me, help me!" I was shocked when I saw the fly with the man's head! I didn't sleep very well that night. Also in 1958, I went with one of my older cousins to see a vampire movie. My folks were playing cards with another couple in town. My cousin sat in the front row with his friend, and I sat directly behind him in the second row. It wasn't too bad until the evil man opened a casket with a woman vampire inside. She opened her eyes. He plunged a wooden stake through her heart. Blood gushed from her mouth. That did it...I took off down the aisle and ran five blocks as fast as I could to where my folks were ... scared to death!

I swore I would never watch a scary movie again. I lied. The next year I couldn't resist. I watched "The Mummy." Not too bad. But then the next scary movie was "House on Haunted Hill" with Vincent Price. That's it. I'm done forever!

The Sunshine theater closed for good in 1959 when I was 11 years old. My folks took me to the Strand theater in Crawfordsville a few times, but I never watched any more horror movies. Actually, the last horror movie I watched was "The Exorcist" in 1973. When the possessed girl Regan spoke in tongues, projectile vomited into Father Karras's face, and turned her head all the way around, that was it for me! I have not watched any horror movies since then. Many people love horror movies. These are the same people that read Stephen King books. Count me out. If I ever attempt to swat a fly, and it yells "Help me, help me," you can visit me in the hospital section for patients who have suffered heart attacks.

Crane, born in neighboring Putnam County August 7 in 1850. He attended school at Bainbridge and graduate from Wabash College in 1873, after which he studied with Wallace and Hurley and was admitted to the bar in 1875. In 1877, when Lew was appointed governor of New Mexico, Hurley took on Crane as a partner while wrapping-up the Wallace-Hurley cases, Crane then becoming partners with his brother-inlaw, Albert B. Anderson who had married Rose Campbell, Crane's wife, Mary Campbell's sister, daughters of Prof John L. Campbell who taught at Wabash over five decades. Charles McCabe was Crane's last partner until Ben's passing on April 1924. Anderson went on to become a US District Court judge for the Indiana District. Crane was general counsel for the Supreme Tribe of Ben Hur (another sort of connection with Lew), a member of the National Fraternal Congress, serving as

Well, if I find more of Lew's partners, I'll let ya' know, otherwise, hope ya' enjoyed reading about the six I covered!

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It's OK, The Hole In The Canoe Is On Other End



TIM TIMMONS Two Cents

Forgive me, but this week is about us . . . the little newspaper industry that could . . . and you.

Let's start with an old saying: Only a fool believes they're safe because the hole in the canoe is at the other end.

We got trouble in this country. I've borrowed that line from Robert Preston, AKA Prof. Harold Hill a few times over the years. Hard to believe A) we need to keep using it and B) things are worse, perhaps worse than ever? Certainly not in recent memory anyways. A wise old buzzard observed that it hasn't been this bad since tanks and National Guard were in the streets in the late '60s, early '70s.

The left is fighting the right, the right is swinging away at the left and a lot of noses in the middle are getting bloodied. Think about this for a second. There is a distinct possibility that Donald Trump may be found guilty, sentenced and win the presidential election from inside a jail cell.

What would that say about our country? Can you imagine?

In the midst of this, a little newspaper in Kansas was raided earlier this month. I'm told that the local government was upset about questions the paper was asking. How dare it! So a judge issued a search warrant and the search and seizure that followed went way beyond norms. Computers, databases and cell phones were taken by people who may as well have been wearing brown shirts.

It's a long story, but the important takeaways are that our government shouldn't be able to basically shut down a newspaper because they don't like something that newspaper is doing. Most importantly, the elderly owner of the paper died of a heart attack the next day. Five days later, everything was returned to the paper . . . like nothing had happened. A person died and freedom of the press was flushed down a toilet.

Like.Nothing.Had. Happened.

Let's look at our national political scene.

Love him, hate him or don't care about him, Donald Trump probably isn't deserving of being the target of almost 100 indictments.

Hey, to be clear – Even some Trump supporters have been on record for a long time saying he's an arrogant, pompous, blowhard. It's hard in historical terms to paint him as the greatest president. The facts show that he did not drain the swamp like he said he would, and in fact, added a few trillion to our national debt. Before anyone goes nuts, let's be more specific. He grew the national debt by

40 percent. We should not be OK

with that. But we should also not be OK with the guy being the target of an investigation from before he took the oath of office - an investigation that everyone now agrees was made up as a campaign tactic against him. We should not be OK with multiple politicians lying that they had personally seen the evidence (hello Adam Schiff, Nancy Pelosi and Chuck Schumer) against Trump that he was an agent of a foreign government. We should not be OK with the constant witch hunt that ran throughout his entire presidency. We should not be OK with Trump's constant lies or over exaggerations or whatever you want to call them. Nor should we be OK with how he treats women – or his idiotic mugshot.

If Trump and Biden are the best we can offer as a country . . . well, is there a sadder statement?

Lastly, we should not be OK with a govern-

ment that tries to silence its enemies – enemies who are Americans, we might add – not a foreign power.

So, what does the newspaper in Kansas, the crappy presidential contenders and the war between the left and the right have to do with each other?

Us. You've all heard the definition of insanity – keep doing the same thing and expect a different outcome. Well, we - as in we the people - have to stop doing the same thing. If you are a Biden or Trump fan, how about hopping off the crazy train to nowheresville for a minute and admit neither did or are doing a good job? How about instead of ripping the guy or gal across the aisle from your political bent we try to see if we can find some common ground? How about if we all acknowledge that our government ain't what it used to be?

How about if we work together to demand better? Hell, I'll vote for a Democrat if they have a decent plan and seem to be at least halfway honest. I'll do the same for a Republican if they meet those standards.

I'll start trusting our government again when we band together and fire those in power who are only about power.

We've fallen and I'm not sure we can get back up. But get up we must, and the only way we can do that is by working together. If anyone hasn't learned by now that the federal government doesn't have the answer, they never will. Keep electing good people at the local level and demand more from inside the Beltway.

I hate to break it to you, but it's one of the very few answers that has a shot at a happy ending.

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Ask Rusty – I'm 64. When Should I Claim My Social Security?

Dear Rusty: I am 64 years old and still working full time. My question is - when should I start my Social Security? I would like to start it in January 2024 and go part time at work, but would I be losing much Social Security by not waiting until full retirement age? *Signed: Trying to Plan Ahead*

Dear Trying, to Plan: You are smart to evaluate the impact of claiming your Social Security (SS) benefits early. First, be aware that your full retirement age (FRA) for Social Security purposes is 66 years and 8 months, and that is when you get 100% of the SS benefit you've earned from a lifetime of working.

It appears you already know that if you start benefits before your FRA, you'll be subject to Social Security's "earnings test" which limits how much you can earn from working before they take away some of your benefits. But if you go part time at work you can mitigate the earnings test and claim your benefits early – just understand that your payment will be permanently reduced by doing so.

If you claim your benefits to start in January 2024, you'll be taking your Social Security about 18 months early, which means that instead of 100% of your FRA entitlement you'll get about 90% (a reduction of 10%). The earnings test will still apply, and we don't yet know what the 2024 earnings limit will be, but it will be something more than the 2023 limit of \$21,240. If your 2024 earnings exceed the annual limit, SS will take away \$1 in benefits for every \$2 you are over the



ASK RUSTY Social Security Advisor

limit. They "take away" benefits by withholding future payments until they recover what you owe for exceeding the limit. If you work part time and don't exceed the 2024 annual earnings limit, there will be no penalty and you will get every month's SS payment. If you find you will exceed the annual 2024 earnings limit, you can call Social Security and inform them of that and by how much, and they will

Social Security Matters by AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor Russell Gloor

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suspend your benefits for the number of months necessary to avoid overpaying you. If you don't inform them and you exceed the annual 2024 limit, they will catch up in 2025 when they get your 2024 earnings info from the IRS and issue an Overpayment Notice requiring you to pay back the amount owed (half of what you exceeded the 2024 annual limit by). As you likely know, the earnings test no longer

applies after you reach your full retirement age.

So, the decision on when to claim your Social Security benefit is yours to make, and you are smart to consider your work plans - but should also consider your life expectancy and marital status. If you are married and eventually die before your lower earning spouse, your spouse's benefit as your survivor will be based on your benefit amount

claim your benefit may also affect your spouse's benefit as your survivor; the longer you wait (up to age 70) the more your spouse's survivor benefit would be. And if you enjoy at least average longevity, which is about 84 for a man your current age, then by waiting until your FRA or later to claim you'll not only get a higher monthly payment but also get more in cumulative lifetime benefits. If, however, your financial circumstances are such that you need the SS money sooner, then claiming earlier may be the right decision, provided you don't substantially exceed the annual earnings limit prior to reaching your full retirement age. I hope the above provides what you need to make an informed decision.

at the time of your death.

Thus, your age when you

Butch Says Maybe It's Time To Head Back To Work



BUTCH DALE Columnist

at each other. And they both gained about twenty pounds. Sound familiar? I know another fellow

who also retired several years ago from the business he owned. After a year of total boredom, he went back to work, managing the hardware section at a discount store. He's been there now for the last ten years. wife suggests..."more crazy." Have you already reached the loony breaking point?

If you are retired and are completely bored, consider working again. Concerned about whether someone might not hire you because of your age? Don't worry. Employers need good help and people with prior skills,



RANDALL FRANKS Southern Style Columns

It is only through paying attention that we can media, many share their meetings on some platform so you don't even have to leave your home to know what they are doing.

Spending Until It Goes Out Of Style

Did you ever take the time to see how they are spending your money?

Is there some pet project that one or several of your elected officials decided is more important than providing the basic services that cities are suppose to provide. be equipped with facts about the waste and let them know you will not support them if they are not willing to change direction in spending policies.

Every thing is going up, but at the same time, cities can cut back just like we are having to do.

That means cutting back on services and eliminating the frills in your community. If its good enough for our

Yes, face it...those of you who were born between 1946 and 1964, like yours truly...the "Baby Boomer" generation, are still the largest and most influential group in America. We went to school, raised our families, and worked our rear-ends off. Time to retire ... right? Many of you have already turned in your keys and walked out the door. Yes, you have earned it...but hold on just a second.

A friend of mine retired a few years ago. Celebration, well wishes, and congratulations. Time to take some sightseeing trips, visit relatives, start up hobbies, do lots of fun things. However, Bidenflation stifled some of those plans. Then what? Yep, head to the coffee shop, walk around the mall, play golf, lose money at the casino...take up drinking. Now he and his wife sit around the house all day ... reading, working on jigsaw puzzles, watching the same lousy TV shows, and staring

He is 82 years old. No, he doesn't need the money. He just enjoys working and helping shoppers... and he is happy.

Now don't get me wrong. Many people enjoy life after retirement. They remain active, are in good health, and are very seldom bored. However, from my observations, these contented retirees are few and far between. Many have lost their purpose in life. Although volunteer work for various organizations or their church certainly makes for a more satisfying life, many retirees wake up each morning and wonder what to do all day.

At age 74, I still work full-time. I have no desire to retire. Yes, I may leave my current job at some point in time, but I want to keep on working somewhere...anywhere... no matter what the hours or the pay. I'm just not happy unless I'm working. If I wasn't working, I seriously believe I might go crazy, or as my no matter what their age. Let's face facts. Some of the younger people in today's world aren't too thrilled with the idea of getting a job. We baby boomers are not afraid of work. We know how to get things done, and done right. Employers need people like us who they can depend on.

It's time to get off the couch, turn off the TV, put away the puzzles, and head down to the local employment office to see what's available. Many of you may prefer a parttime job doing something you enjoy. You can be a lackadaisical complainer and turn into a vegetable...or you can perk up and regain a purpose in life.

Fellow baby boomers, it's up to you. I say "Go for it!"

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In big cities, its often difficult to understand who does what, and how they are spending our money.

In a small town though, it's your city council that is responsible for deciding what is spent annually within its budget, or bi-weekly if the expenditure is unanticipated or requires an additional approval through the bid processes required in your city.

It is your money they are spending and often we don't even think about the fact that by our vote we are putting people, we wouldn't even allow to balance our checkbooks in charge of millions of dollars in cash and multi-millions in infrastructure that belong to us.

On average, most councils meet twice monthly. Since the advent of social In a time when most cannot afford to put food on the table and gas in the tank, communities are often spending rather than cutting back.

The same can be said in a much larger scale about counties.

We all get wrapped up in our own lives trying to care for family, keep a business going, or simply working. But if our local governments are taking money from us and wasting it, its our own fault for not holding our council people accountable.

I know I have recently realized funds being wasted in my hometown and it made so mad I couldn't hold in my frustration.

What can you do. Well in most cities this is an election year. Mayors and council people will be hitting doors, doing gatherings to get you to vote for them. Ask them questions, but most of all household, the same should be true for our town.

Now, I can just hear every excuse that they might give as why they cannot cut back.

I can also hear all the reasons in my head why I can't vote for them.

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Biden, Trump And World Issues, Fervor Or Fever?



GLENN MOLLETTE Guest Columnist

Every day in America we hear the names of Biden and Trump mentioned on various news television or radio stations. We daily hear about the struggles of Ukraine and Russia. Border security, illegal immigrants, inner city issues and China are almost daily themes.

How could we ever get through a day in America without hearing these ongoing names, themes and issues? It doesn't seem like we can especially if we daily watch the national news.

Many of us don't want to live with our heads in the sand thinking the world is a cozy place with everyone living in unity. Most of us understand the world has problems and political personalities that we either admire or abhor or can't live without. However, most of us have our breaking point when it comes to the daily fodder of political jockeying, mudslinging and media grids committed to swaying how you are supposed to feel about different candidates or world problems.

Recently I attended my high school senior class reunion and thoroughly enjoyed the gathering of old classmates. We caught up on old times, old ballgames, previous teachers and administrators as well as how life is going today. We remembered those who are already deceased and heard some funny stories and jokes. We shared food together and enjoyed small talk, laughs and some hugs. The line often repeated throughout the evening was, "You sure are looking good." This was an honest compliment for the most part because old friends always look good. An old classmate or someone who shared years of school history with you is typically a welcomed sight.

I couldn't help but noticing as the evening wound down that I didn't hear anybody wanting to argue about politics or political candidates. I didn't hear anyone worried that China might invade Taiwan. There wasn't discussion about our border or America's growing homeless crisis. Our two plus hours was spent simply enjoying each other, reminiscing and having a few laughs. A lot of good admiring words where shared between people making for an enjoyable evening. We had a two-hour successful gathering that didn't involve the top news stories of the week or the bad stuff that we hear about every day.

Taking a break of from all of the mainstream daily tensions that divide many of us would be a novel idea for all of us. Take a break from it all, at least occasionally. Just focus on kindness, friendship, helping people and being good to each other.

You'll have ample opportunity to express your frustrations when you vote or when you decide to watch a political debate. There are plenty of those coming. If you start feeling like you are an indifferent and detached from reality, then you can always turn on the evening news to have your fervor or fever reignited.

UncommSense, the Spiritual Chocolate series, Grandpa's Store, Minister's Guidebook insights from a fellow minister. His column is published weekly in over 600 publications in all 50 states.

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MARK FRANKE Guest Columnist

Immigration may be a difficult problem but that does not preclude a solution — that is, assuming there is the political will to affect such a solution.

The political morass is beyond my comprehension or ability to navigate. That frees me to think unencumbered for possible solutions. Fortunately, I hang out with a group of friends who like to focus on what can be done rather than what can't. Several weeks ago we spent a couple of hours trying to arrive at a workable and reasonable proposal to solve this mess.

Any proposal would balance the following set of criteria: recognizing America's heritage as a nation of immigrants; realistically assessing our social network's ability to absorb a given level of immigration; meeting the needs of the American economy for entry level and professional workers; and ensuring entry only of those who have been qualified. e-verify process that would require employers to access before hiring any new workers. Records for all legal workers, both citizens and visa-holders, would be accessible for instant lookup. Employers would be required to verify the worker before hiring and, as this is a government program, be subject to significant fines for non-compliance.

We Lack Only The Will To Fix Immigration

One objection sure to come is the inclusion of citizens in this database. The privacy choir is sure to be heard on this. While understandable, employers already have access to confidential employee information for the purpose of reporting income and tax withholding. It is the age of Big Brother — remember that started in 1984 - and this system just won't work without all workers in it. Confidentiality protections can be built and enforced.

I think the genius of this idea is a restricted amnesty provision for current illegal workers to apply for inclusion in this system without a risk of legal repercussions. Rather than calling this the politically charged name 'amnesty," I prefer labeling it an "armistice." It is time we all admit the reality of the current state of affairs and consider a practical and achievable fix for all those "undocumented' workers who are contributing to our economy.

Note that this would

accommodate those temporary workers who have no desire for citizenship or permanent residence. Seasonal farm workers fall into this category. Work visas should be liberally and expeditiously granted to these workers. Entry and exit records would assure compliance.

Beyond this new verification system, there are some other immigration issues which must be addressed. The path to citizenship should be reassessed and perhaps shortened for those who have been here for years, gainfully employed and with no criminal record.

The proposed package is not without controversial provisions, such eliminating automatic citizenship to any baby born within our borders. I don't' know if this is a problem in reality or only in theory. The Center for Immigration Studies, self-proclaimed as "low-immigration, pro-immigrant," estimates about one in 12 U. S. births are to illegal immigrants. The center concedes that this might be an under-count.

But here is the problem with eliminating this right to citizenship: the Fourteenth Amendment. Given our toxic political scene, it is hard to conceive of any constitutional amendment that could get two-thirds support in Congress and then be ratified by three-quarters of the states. Flogging this dead horse will only be a distraction from the achievable aspects of this package. Then there is the issue of offering government benefits to illegal immigrants. The data on the cost of this is confounded by too many studies seeming to prove what the sponsors want proved. Can it work? We think so. Can it pass? Probably not, at least in the alternate reality that exists in the halls of Congress. But somebody needs to do something, and soon.

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That should be easy enough.

At some point in the discussion, one of our group suggested metaphorically constructing a high wall with a wide gate. What he was envisioning was an immigration control process that minimized the illegal entries while expeditiously processing the legal ones. A brilliant trope, in my opinion, but then the devil is always in the details.

The group was not shy about offering details for consideration.

One member, who clearly had given much thought to this, offered a comprehensive package of proposals. The foundation for his system-in-waiting is an set a hard deadline for compliance. After that date those not registered would be subject to immediate deportation. This will work if the guarantee to those who register is credible. It requires trust, something in short supply today.

The economy's need for more workers can be addressed by new immigrant workers who desire to come to America for job opportunities. A more efficient system for approval and placement is essential. There are too many entry-level jobs as well as skilled and professional positions not being filled by citizens. The "Help Wanted" signs are everywhere. The system must also

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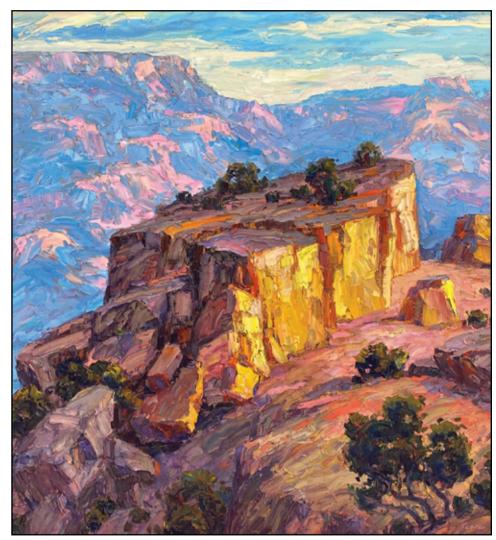


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Eiteljorg Museum: Upcoming Exhibits And Events This Fall

The Eiteljorg Museum will be open to the public on Monday Sept. 4, Labor Day, with regular hours, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and regular admission.

The 18th annual Eiteljorg Quest for the West® Art Show and Sale brings nearly 50 top artists in the Western American genre to the Eiteljorg Museum on Sept. 8 and 9 for a weekend-long art sale. It's an opportunity for art collectors to meet artists and collect new works. The deadline to register for the Sept. 8-9 sale weekend is this Friday, Sept. 1. Register at quest.eiteljorg.org. The event includes presentations by Jim Hatzell, a veteran of many Western movie and television productions who makes films and TV shows look authentic. Approximately 200 artworks from the sale, including paintings and sculptures by the Quest for the West[®] artists, will remain on view at the Eiteljorg Museum for another month for the public to experience. The Quest for the West[®] public exhibition is from Sept. 10 through Oct. 8, and is included with regular museum admission.

Peoples' Day Community Celebration with artists, storytelling and cultural presentations on Saturday, Oct. 7, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with regular admission. Then on Monday, Oct. 9, admission will be free for Indigenous Peoples' Day.

Looking ahead to the

Día de Muertos (Day of the Dead) Community Celebration, featuring music and dance performances, cultural presentations, a Mercado (marketplace) and the popular Catrina parade. Admission is FREE that day, Oct. 21.

For details, visit eiteljorg.org/diademuertos.

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2023 Schedule of Events

8 - 1 0 AM	Breakfast at New Ross Christian Church			
8 AM	Yard Sales open all over town			
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9 - 9:45 AM	Registration for "3 Point Shooting Contest" &			
	"3 on 3 Basketball Tournament"			
9 AM - 9 PM	Concession Stand Open at Community Club Building			
9 - 9:30 AM	Registration for Color Run at Leland Cornett Park by			
	the Walnut Elementary PTO			
9:30 - 11 AM	Color Run			
10 AM	3 Point Shooting Contest followed immediately by the			
	3 on 3 Basketball Tournament			
11 AM - 1 PM	Car Show Registration			
11 AM - 2 PM	Lunch Served by the "HE MEN" at Fire Station			
11 AM - 3:30 PM	Music by "Mobile DJ" at Car Show			
11 AM - 4 PM	LEGO Display at New Ross Methodist Church			
11 AM - 5 PM	Music by Ivan Brown at Main Stage			
1:00 PM	Register Entries for Pie Baking Contest			
	Sponsored by New Ross Conservation Club			
1 - 3 PM	Free Kids Activities 💫 👝			
1:30 PM	Pie Judging at Main Stage			
2:00 PM	Pie Auction at Main Stage			
2:30 PM	Car Show Judging			
3:30 PM	Car Show Awards Presentations			
4 PM	Parade - Theme: "Back to the 60s"			
5 - 8 PM	Dinner Served by the "HE MEN" at Fire Station			
6 - 8 PM	Kids Games by Southmont Band Boosters			
6 - 8 PM	Free Face Painting for Kids			
6 - 9 PM	Bingo			
6 - 9 PM	The Leadsmen Band at Main Stage			
9 PM	50/50 drawing			
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The Eiteljorg Museum will host the Indigenous

fall, the Eiteljorg -- in partnership with Arte Mexicano en Indiana and Nopal Cultural -- has a series of exhibits and events related to Día de Muertos (Day of the Dead).

• From Oct. 14 to Nov. 19, the museum will host an exhibition by Fernando Lozano, We Remember / Nosotros Recordamos, that reflects upon the lives lost during the COVID-19 pandemic to date in all 50 states and U.S. territories. It is included with regular museum admission.

• From Oct. 10 to Nov. 2, the museum and its partners will host a Community Altar and Ofrenda Exhibit. Community groups create ofrendas, or altars, in honor of loved ones who have passed. This exhibit has free admission.

• On Saturday Oct. 21 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., the museum will host the

A fascinating exhibition of contemporary Native American art opens at the Eiteljorg on Nov. 11, 2023, and continues through Feb. 25, 2024. UNSETTLE / Converge: The 2023 Eiteljorg Contemporary Art Fellowship will feature the works of five Native artists from the U.S. and Canada who create multi-media, ceramic sculpture, assemblage, beadwork and photography. The exhibition will be included with regular museum admission. Public programs where visitors can meet this year's five Fellowship artists are planned. Details are here:

https://eiteljorg.org/ news-release-2023-artists-chosen-for-eiteljorg-contemporary-art-fellowship/

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