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# Follow The Path To Eclipse Central At The Carnegie Museum

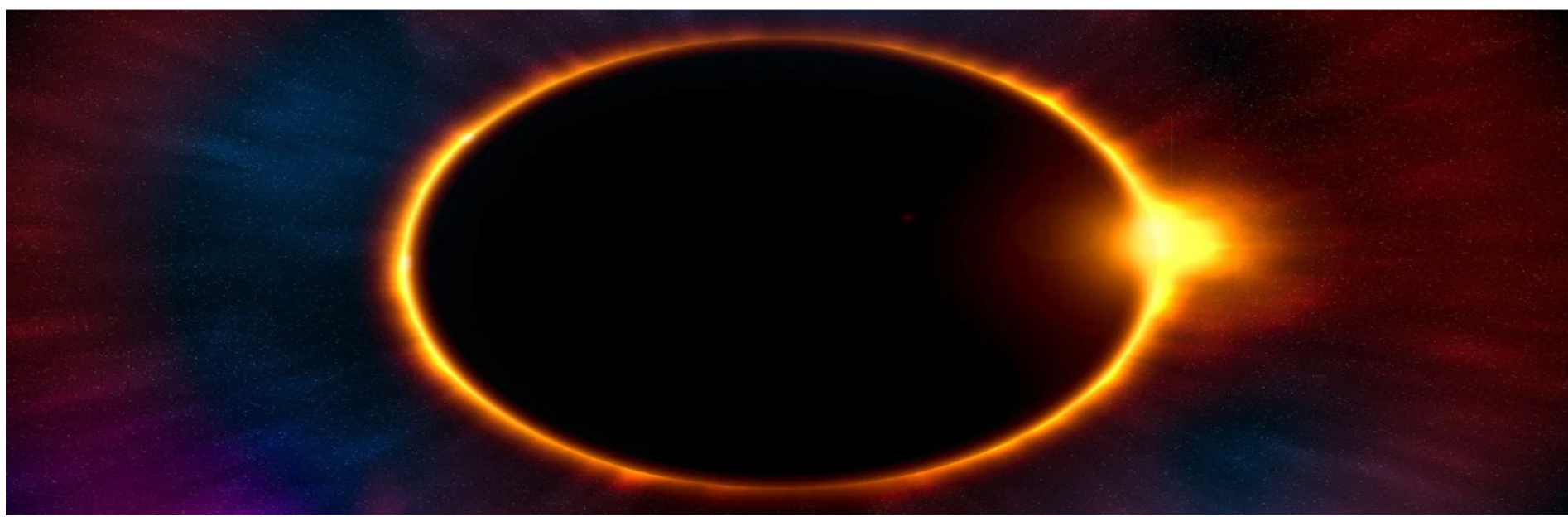


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Looking for fun activities to keep the kids busy this Fall Break? Head over to the Carnegie Museum of Montgomery County! Eclipse Central will be open Oct. 18 – 21 for Fall Break Science! Drop in for eclipse themed activities from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Plus bonus activities! On Oct. 19 there will be Eclipse Stomp Rockets and on Oct. 21 there will be Dark Eclipse SLIME!

Bring the kids over to learn, play, and explore at the Carnegie Museum!

The Carnegie Museum is located at 222 S. Washington Street, Crawfordsville. Admission is free, and the museum is wheelchair and stroller accessible. The Carnegie Museum is open Wednesday - Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### TODAY'S QUOTE

"Double, double toil and trouble; fire burn and cauldron bubble."  
from "Macbeth"

### TODAY'S JOKE

I'm tall when I'm young, I'm short when I'm old, and every Halloween I stand up inside Jack-o-lanterns. What am I? A candle.

### TODAY'S VERSE

Matthew 7:7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

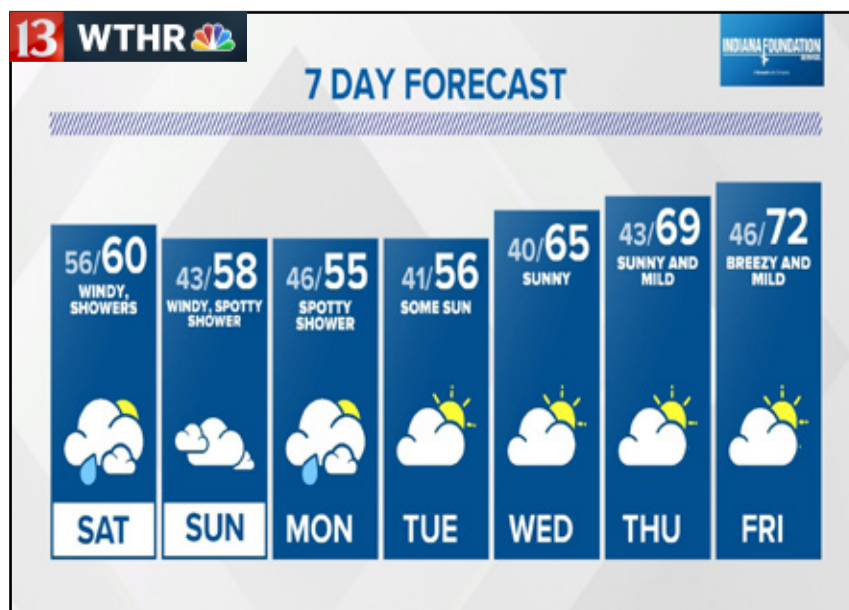
### TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Treat burns by immediately soaking the area in cold water for at least five minutes and cover any open areas with antibiotic ointment. Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Paper and online at [www.thepaper24-7.com](http://www.thepaper24-7.com).



### HONEST HOOSIER

Here's hoping we don't forget the Sabbath and the really important things during this spooky season.



HONEST HOOSIER



Not a bad trip north!

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# Facts & Fun



## Number $\%$ Stumpers

1. What percentage of people live in Rensselaer?  $\geq$
2. How old is Jasper County?  $\leq$
3. How old was Jasper County when the courthouse was built?  $\geq$
4. What is the population density of the county?  $\leq$

Answers: 1. 17.5 2. 181 Years 3. 60 Years Old 4. 59 / sq. mi.

## Did You Know?

- Jasper County was formed in 1838 and was named for Sgt. William Jasper, a famous scout for the Continental Army during the American Revolutionary War
- Rensselaer, the county seat, has a total population of 5,859 residents.
- Former home to Saint Joseph's College.
- The Jasper County courthouse was built in 1898 at a total cost of \$141,731.94.
- The county is 561.39 square miles and has a population of 33,478 residents.

## Got Words?

The Jasper County Courthouse has a historic clock tower on top of the building. Montgomery County 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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## Word Scrambler

Unscramble the words below!

1. ILAWMLI JSRAEP
2. SATIN JSHOPES
3. ESERAERNLS
4. EPSJRA YUOCTN
5. ORSCUHEUOT

Answers: 1. William Jasper 2. Saint Josephs 3. Rensselaer 4. Jasper County 5. Courthouse

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## Indiana Task Force Debates Floodplain Mapping

By Casey Smith  
Indiana Capital Chronicle

Multiple lawmakers on the Indiana Drainage Task Force expressed concerns on Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2023, about the accuracy of the state's floodplain maps and said they now support a more robust system that ensures property owners know if they are in a flood zone. (U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service/Flickr)

Are enough Hoosiers up to date on statewide floodplain mapping? How are landowners being notified about changes to those maps? And should property owners have more say, overall, in what areas are designated as flood zones?

Those questions were at the heart of the Indiana Drainage Task Force's Wednesday meeting, where lawmakers, state officials and industry experts gathered to discuss the ability of landowners to seek changes in flood hazard map designations after the Indiana Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) "best available mapping data" is adopted by the federal government.

Talks also centered around the possible effects of the DNR's "best available mapping data" on mortgage lending, as well as the need for — and availability of — flood insurance.

Hoosier property owners continue to complain that the newest floodplain maps adopted by the DNR are more restrictive than those from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Many contend that they were never notified of the floodplain map changes that went into effect in 2022 and are now faced with costly requirements for building projects on their property.

Multiple lawmakers expressed concerns on Wednesday about the accuracy of the DNR maps and said they now support a more robust system that ensures property owners know if they are in a flood zone, whether it be within the state or federal maps.

They emphasized, too, that a process should exist for Hoosiers to challenge the mapping in a timely manner — without exorbitant costs.

"I think these (DNR) maps aren't ready," said Republican Rep. David Abbott, of Rome City. "I think we need to take a step back — a big step back — take a look at these maps as a whole, and take them off the table. I think these maps need to be avoided temporarily until they can go in and do a more detailed modeling ... of the whole state. And that's going to be very, very expensive."

Environmental groups, meanwhile, point to increases in extreme rain events that lead to greater flooding. They maintain that state lawmakers should focus more on ways to introduce green infrastructure — like planting trees and restoring and protecting wetlands.

The interim committee, created in 2022, is tasked with reviewing state drain-

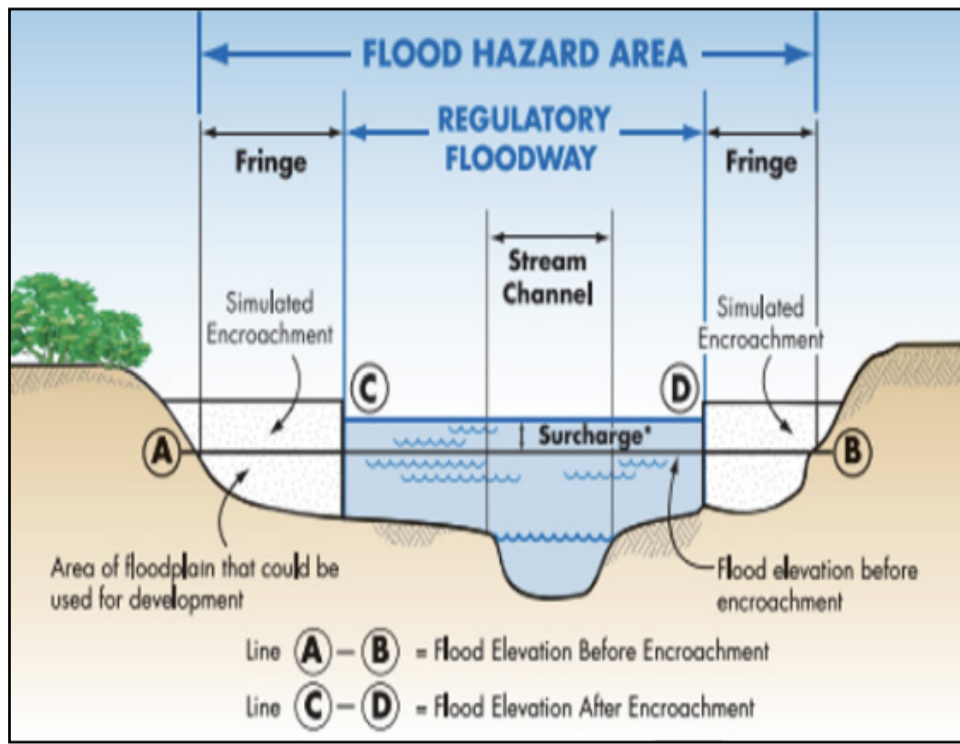


Photo courtesy of Indiana DNR

**Indiana's website explains the history of floodplain issues in the state and allows you to use mapping to check areas around the state. Surcharge is the difference between the flood elevation before and after encroachment. Surcharge must be less than 0.15 ft.**

age laws and making recommendations concerning drainage and regulatory matters — including at the legislative level. Wednesday's meeting was the second of three to be held this fall.

### Concerns over proper notification

A floodplain is the area next to a stream or river that is at risk for flooding at least once per 100 years or more.

Resulting floodplain maps are often made by calculating rainfall, topography, and hydraulic analysis, which evaluates the capacity of a stream or other water body.

FEMA has published maps for many of Indiana's floodplains, but not for all of them.

To cover the rest of the state, the DNR maintains floodplain maps for an additional 18,500 miles of Indiana streams. The state agency combined its maps with those created by FEMA to produce the Best Available Flood Hazard Area map.

Environmental advocates maintain that the DNR map is the best resource for identifying flood-prone areas. Currently, local floodplain administrators are charged with using it to reduce construction in the floodplain so rivers and streams can spread out, as needed. That keeps flood waters from flowing as fast or rising as high, which also reduces erosion.

Indiana's website explains the history of floodplain issues in the state and allows you to use mapping to check areas around the state. Surcharge is the difference between the flood elevation before and after encroachment. Surcharge must be less than 0.15 ft. (Photo from Indiana DNR)

But several on the Drainage Task Force took issue with the lack of notification given to property owners about changes to the DNR floodplain maps. Updates to the state maps meant some parcels of land were no longer determined to be in flood zones, while others are now located in newly-designated floodplains.

DNR water division director David Knipe maintained that the agency's new maps have been available online since

2018. It has been up to Hoosiers to access that data on their own.

Now, however, FEMA is in the process of updating federal maps, beginning with Wells County. New map adoptions are expected in other Indiana counties in the coming years.

As a part of that process, a public hearing is held when maps change. If property owners don't like the maps proposed, they can hire a surveyor or engineer to refute them, although industry representatives said Wednesday that appeal could cost Hoosiers upwards of \$20,000.

Knipe said about 2,000 fliers were sent out about the informational meeting to Wells County property owners affected by floodplain designation changes, but that only 50 people showed up.

Abbott said the fliers amounted to "mumbo jumbo" for many who received them: "They're not going to understand that their designation has now changed."

"Maybe we need to extend the time period where these people have a chance to respond and have their properties checked," he added. "Whether we disregard the maps or we delay the maps, I don't think FEMA should be coming in adopting them yet."

Sen. Jeff Raatz, R-Richmond, said property owners should be informed about the latest changes and have a chance to refute the maps before DNR sends them to the federal government.

"I'm protecting the property owner. I shouldn't have to pay to go to the federal government after the fact and ... defend my supposition that I'm not in the flood zone," he said, maintaining that while "maybe 90% to 95%" of DNR's maps are "absolutely accurate," some are still in contention and deserve to be refuted. "I don't think it's the role of government to just all of a sudden say, from the top down, that you're now in the floodplain without having any conversation with people who rightfully own that property."

Task force co-chair Sen. Jean Leising, R-Oldenburg, agreed that the DNR

fliers didn't do enough to properly notify affected Hoosiers in Wells County. She said she's concerned that, unless changes are made, thousands of Hoosiers will remain under-informed.

"I think the flier obviously wasn't as effective as it needed to be because otherwise more than 50 people would have come if they would have understood the ramifications of what it might mean to their property values and for their ability to build," she said at Wednesday's meeting. "I think it's wrong that we have taken away people's property rights without any of them knowing it."

### Insurance matters and implications

Knipe said there are more than 2.5 million households in Indiana, but only 17,390 flood insurance policies in effect. Most, but not all, are actually located within a floodplain.

Any property owner in a community that participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), no matter what floodplain they are in, can purchase flood insurance. Not every Hoosier community takes part in the program, but the majority do, he said.

Ross Teare with the Indiana Bankers Association said his industry "relies solely on FEMA floodplain maps, rather than DNR mapping," because that's all that is required by federal law when determining whether flood insurance is needed.

He said FEMA maps enable banks to establish whether a property falls within a designated flood zone. When it does, federal regulation mandates that the property owner maintain flood insurance. Banks are responsible for ensuring that borrowers adhere to the requirements when they provide loans.

A lender is required to notify property owners at least 10 days ahead of closing, but many banks alert clients as soon as the purchasing process begins, Teare said.

If maps are updated, like in Wells County, banks are required by federal law to notify property owners that they are now in a floodplain zone and are required to have floodplain

insurance, Teare added. "We just want the most accurate maps available because our interests need to be protected when it comes to mortgages, and we need to know where the floodplains are," he said before the task force.

Wayne Capek, president and CEO of Brownsburg-based Floodplain Consultants, which represents about 60% of the banks in Indiana, said nearly all lenders use services like his to track floodplain map changes.

Floodplain Consultants is already keeping tabs on 1.2 million properties. If a FEMA map change goes into effect, Capek said his company will notify lenders within 30 to 60 days that the property is now in a special flood hazard area and flood insurance is required.

Capek said flood insurance costs a Hoosier property owner, on average, anywhere from \$500 to \$1,000 annually through the federal insurance program, but varies depending on the property.

Michael Niland with the Insurance Institute of Indiana further said there is a private market for homeowners seeking flood insurance, but that can be even more expensive.

### Other task force issues

Raatz recommended that any future changes to floodplains in Indiana would require meetings at the county level, with all affected individuals, "to make sure there are no errors."

"The issue for me is not that things are either in the floodplain, it's the process ... and how we notify property owners," he said.

Knipe said the DNR is "not adverse" to a beefed up notification process about future changes to the best available floodplain maps, but he cautioned that more requirements can become "quite a burden" for agency staff.

"I mean, do we knock on people's doors and tell them they're in a floodplain?" he asked.

Rep. John L. Bartlett, D-Indianapolis, additionally echoed others who suggested that information about floodplain mapping should be sent out with property tax bills.

Jeff Healey, a supervisor for the Hendricks County Soil and Water Conservation District and member of the task force, said DNR mapping should be "ground truth" to make sure that the previous surveying has accurately reflected the ground surfaces. Doing so would require boots on the ground, which Knipe said the agency "certainly doesn't have enough staff for."

Nearly two dozen other recommendations have also been submitted by task force members, so far. That includes proposals related to permitting, ditch mapping, updates to the state's drainage handbook and jurisdictional responsibility changes for the DNR and Indiana Department of Environmental Management.

The task force must make final recommendations by the end of the month.

Ahead of the 2024

legislative session, the committee was tasked with reviewing the responsibilities of landowners and state and local authorities under newly enacted Indiana legislation and recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions.

Members are also seeking to determine:

- whether authority over drainage matters is shifting from county drainage boards to state authorities

- the extent to which the state's drainage laws align with conservation and pollution control objectives

- whether the delays and costs associated with regulatory requirements applying to farm conservation projects are too great

- whether floodway permit requirements should apply to the installation of fences and the removal of embedded tree limbs and stumps on farmland located in floodways

- whether the balance between state authority and local authority over drainage of agricultural land favors state authority more in Indiana than in neighboring states

The committee consists of 19 members, including six members of the Indiana Senate, six members of the Indiana House of Representatives and seven governor-appointed individuals.

During the task force's last meeting, in September, members largely focused on breaking down Senate Enrolled Act 242, which passed during the 2023 session and changed how Indiana's floodplains are mapped.

The legislation nixed a provision in state law that required floodplain administrators to use the "best floodplain mapping data available" when reviewing an application for a construction permit in or near a floodplain.

It also allows a property owner to request a review by the DNR of the mapping data that applies to their property. Agency officials said the agency will complete the review and data analysis in 120 days at no cost to the requestor.

SEA 242 further requires the floodplain administrator of a county or municipality to complete certain training by June 30, 2025. There are currently 310 administrators throughout the state, according to DNR officials. The agency has already contacted those individuals via email and mailed letters about the new requirement.

Sellers are additionally required to disclose whether a property is located within the FEMA floodplain maps.

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## In The Kitchen

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# Quick, Easy Recipes to Add to Your Dinner Rotation



Poached Egg Tostadas with Avocado-Tomatillo Salsa

## Simple, nutritious meals to make more time for family

### FAMILY FEATURES

Making time for meals together can have a positive impact on the well-being of families, including children and adolescents. In fact, regular meals at home can help reduce stress and boost self-esteem, according to research published in “Canadian Family Physician.”

Mealtime conversations are also a perfect opportunity to connect with your loved ones. A study published in “New Directions for Child and Adolescent Development” showed these conversations help improve children’s vocabularies more than being read aloud to.

Making time for meals together shouldn’t require spending all night in the kitchen, however. A simple-to-prepare

ingredient like eggs can help you spend less time cooking and more time with family.

For example, these heart-healthy recipes for Poached Egg Tostadas with Avocado-Tomatillo Salsa, Sweet Potato Hash with Eggs and Poblano Frittata from the Healthy for Good Eat Smart initiative, nationally supported by Eggland’s Best, are ready in 15 minutes or less. They include a wide variety of vegetables, fruit, whole grains and healthy protein sources, which are recommended by the American Heart Association to help prevent heart disease and stroke.

To find more tips for family mealtimes and recipe inspiration, visit [heart.org/eatsmart](http://heart.org/eatsmart).

### Poblano Frittata

Servings: 4 (2 wedges per serving)

- 4 large eggs
- 1/4 cup fat-free milk
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- 2 medium poblano peppers, seeds and ribs discarded, chopped
- 2 cups frozen whole-kernel corn, thawed
- 2 medium green onions, chopped

- 1/4 cup finely shredded Cotija cheese or crumbled queso fresco
- 1 medium tomato, chopped
- 1/4 cup fat-free sour cream

In medium bowl, whisk eggs, milk and cilantro.

In medium skillet over medium heat, heat oil, swirling to coat bottom of skillet. Cook poblano peppers 3 minutes, or until browning on edges, stirring frequently.

Stir in corn and green onion. Reduce heat to medium-low and

carefully pour in egg mixture. Cook, covered, 10 minutes, or until mixture is just set on edges and still soft in center. Avoid overcooking. Remove from heat.

Sprinkle with cheese. Cut into eight wedges. Place two wedges on each plate. Top with tomatoes and sour cream.

**Nutritional information per serving:** 244 calories; 8.5 g total fat; 2.5 g saturated fat; 1.5 g polyunsaturated fat; 3 g monounsaturated fat; 192 mg cholesterol; 177 mg sodium; 27 g carbohydrates; 4 g fiber; 8 g total sugars; 13 g protein.



Poblano Frittata

### Sweet Potato Hash with Eggs

Servings: 4 (1 cup per serving)

- 2 teaspoons canola or corn oil
- 1/2 medium onion, chopped
- 4 medium sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into 1/2-inch cubes
- 1/2 medium red or green bell pepper, chopped
- 2/3 cup fat-free, low-sodium vegetable broth
- 2 teaspoons minced garlic
- 2 teaspoons smoked paprika
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme, crumbled

- 1/2 teaspoon coarsely ground pepper
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 4 large eggs
- hot pepper sauce (optional)

In pressure cooker set on saute, heat oil. Cook onion 3 minutes, or until soft, stirring frequently. Turn off pressure cooker.

Stir in potatoes, bell pepper, broth, garlic, paprika, cumin, thyme, pepper and salt. Secure lid. Cook on high pressure 3 minutes. Quickly release pressure. Turn off pressure cooker.

Remove pressure cooker lid. Crack one egg into small bowl. Using back of

spoon, make small well in potatoes. Slip egg into well. Repeat with remaining eggs, making separate well for each egg. Secure lid with pressure vent open. Saute 2 minutes. Let stand on “keep warm” setting 2 minutes, or until eggs are cooked to desired consistency.

Serve hash sprinkled with dash of hot pepper sauce, if desired.

**Nutritional information per serving:** 258 calories; 7.5 g total fat; 2 g saturated fat; 1.5 g polyunsaturated fat; 3 g monounsaturated fat; 186 mg cholesterol; 244 mg sodium; 39 g carbohydrates; 6 g fiber; 9 g total sugars; 10 g protein.

### Poached Egg Tostadas with Avocado-Tomatillo Salsa

Servings: 4 (1 egg and 1/2 cup salsa per serving)

- Nonstick cooking spray
- 4 corn tortillas (6 inches each)
- 4 cups water
- 1 tablespoon white vinegar
- 4 large eggs

### Salsa:

- 1 medium avocado, diced
- 1 medium Anaheim or poblano pepper, seeds and ribs discarded, diced
- 1 medium tomatillo, papery husk discarded, washed and diced
- 1/2 medium tomato, diced
- 1/4 cup diced red onion
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro
- 2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
- 1 medium garlic clove, minced
- 1/8 teaspoon salt

Preheat oven to 400 F. Line baking sheet with aluminum foil. Lightly spray foil with nonstick cooking spray.

Arrange tortillas in single layer on foil. Lightly spray tortillas with nonstick cooking spray. Using fork, pierce tortillas to prevent from filling with air. Bake 5-6 minutes on each side, or until golden brown. Transfer to serving plates.

In large skillet over high heat, bring water and vinegar to boil.

Once water is boiling, reduce heat and simmer. Break egg into cup then carefully slip egg into simmering water. Repeat with remaining eggs, avoiding eggs touching in water. Simmer 3-5 minutes, or until egg whites are completely set and yolks are beginning to set but aren’t hard. Using slotted spoon, drain eggs. Place each egg on tostada.

To make salsa: In medium bowl, gently stir together avocado, pepper, tomatillo, tomato, red onion, cilantro, lime juice, garlic and salt. Serve with tostadas.

**Nutritional information per serving:** 185 calories; 11 g total fat; 2.5 g saturated fat; 3 g polyunsaturated fat; 5 g monounsaturated fat; 186 mg cholesterol; 169 mg sodium; 15 g carbohydrates; 3 g fiber; 2 g total sugars; 9 g protein.



Sweet Potato Hash with Eggs

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## Support Your Immune System

### in 5 Simple Ways

#### FAMILY FEATURES

Catching a cold or getting the flu can happen any time of year, but the height of cold and flu season requires extra precaution. Flu activity often increases in the fall and peaks between December and January, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Staying completely healthy throughout cold and flu season can't be guaranteed, but, along with following guidance from your health care provider, dietary and lifestyle changes can help optimize your immune system and well-being.

#### Eat Healthfully

Eating a healthy diet is essential for optimizing your immune system. Many experts recommend consuming whole foods and plant foods like fruits, vegetables, nuts, seeds and legumes as well as whole grains. These foods contain beneficial plant compounds linked to health benefits in humans. Consider one prime example, fresh grapes, and how they may support immune health.

- At the most basic level, healthy cells are the foundation of good health. Natural grape compounds, including antioxidants and other polyphenols, help protect the health and function of the body's cells.
- Studies suggest some grape compounds – resveratrol and certain flavonoids – may positively influence immune function.
- Additional studies show adding heart-healthy grapes to your daily diet can help support brain, colon and skin health. Maintaining healthy bodily systems is essential to defending against illnesses.
- Grapes are a good source of vitamin K, which may help support lung health.

An easy way to incorporate healthy foods into your diet is with simple recipes like this Immune-Boosting Green Grape Smoothie that contains additional nutritious ingredients that support immune health like spinach, walnuts and Greek yogurt.

#### Stay Hydrated

Drinking plenty of water is important for staying hydrated, which helps your immune system by keeping the body's defenses functioning properly. In addition to water, you can increase hydration by eating foods with high water content like Grapes from California, which contain about 82% water.



#### Immune-Boosting Green Grape Smoothie

Prep time: 5 minutes  
Servings: 1

- 1 cup green Grapes from California, chilled
- 2 1/2 ounces baby spinach
- 1/3 cup plain low-fat Greek yogurt
- 1/4 cup fresh orange juice
- 1 cube (1/2 inch) peeled fresh ginger or 2 teaspoons prepared minced ginger
- 1 tablespoon walnut pieces

In blender, blend grapes, spinach, yogurt, orange juice, ginger and walnuts until smooth, scraping down sides as needed.

**Nutritional information per serving:**  
280 calories; 12 g protein; 46 g carbohydrates; 7 g fat (23% calories from fat); 1.5 g saturated fat (5% calories from saturated fat); 10 mg cholesterol; 110 mg sodium; 4 g fiber.

#### Exercise Regularly

Getting your blood pumping with a little exercise can help improve immune response and reduce inflammation, according to a scientific review from the "Journal of Sport and Health Science." Look toward aerobic activities like moderate-intensity walking, jogging and biking to increase the heart rate and encourage circulation of immune cells.

#### Practice Good Hygiene

You can protect yourself and others at the same time by taking preventive measures, like practicing good hygiene, to avoid spreading germs. At the most basic level, limit contact with others who are sick, cover your nose and mouth with a tissue while coughing or sneezing and wash your hands using soap and water.

#### Manage Stress

Stress can have a negative impact on many aspects of your health and wellness, including limiting your body's ability to fight off infection. You can lower stress by practicing deep breathing or meditation and developing good habits like eating right, exercising and getting enough sleep. For late night snacking urges, choose foods such as grapes that are a natural source of melatonin, a compound which helps regulate sleep cycles. Talking with someone you trust, whether it's a friend, family member or mental health professional, can help relieve stress as well.

Find more immunity-boosting recipes by visiting [GrapesFromCalifornia.com](http://GrapesFromCalifornia.com).

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Raspberry Streusel Muffins

## Go Whole Grain for a Healthy Heart

### FAMILY FEATURES

Eating 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 whole-grain 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](http://Heart.org/healthyforgood).

### Raspberry Streusel Muffins

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

#### Muffins:

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

#### Streusel:

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

To make muffins: Preheat oven to 400 F. Lightly spray 12-cup muffin pan with nonstick cooking spray.

In large bowl, stir sorghum flour, 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.



Pancakes with Blueberry Vanilla Sauce

### Pancakes with Blueberry Vanilla Sauce

Recipe courtesy of the American Heart Association and Sorghum Checkoff  
Servings: 4 (2 pancakes, 1/4 cup sauce and 2 tablespoons yogurt per serving)

#### Sauce:

- 2 teaspoons cornstarch
- 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

#### Topping:

- 1/2 cup fat-free plain Greek yogurt

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.

To make pancakes: In medium bowl, stir oats, sorghum 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 and no flour is visible without overmixing.

Heat nonstick griddle over medium heat. Test temperature by sprinkling drops of water on griddle. Griddle is ready when water evaporates quickly.

Pour 1/4 cup batter for each pancake on griddle. 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.

Transfer pancakes to plates. Spoon sauce over pancakes. Top each serving with 2 tablespoons yogurt.

### 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
- 1/2 cup carrot strips, sliced into matchsticks
- 1/2 cup red bell pepper, diced
- 1/2 cup button mushrooms, thinly sliced
- 1/2 cup frozen shelled edamame, thawed
- 2 large eggs
- 2 tablespoons low-sodium soy sauce, divided
- 1/2 cup water chestnuts, rinsed and drained
- 1/4 cup green onions, diagonally sliced

Prepare sorghum using package directions, omitting salt. Once cooked, spread sorghum in

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.



Garden Vegetable Stir-Fried Sorghum

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## 5 COZY WAYS TO ADD WARMTH TO COLD-WEATHER MEALS

### FAMILY FEATURES

When the winds howl and the chill of changing seasons brings a crispness to the air, one way to warm up from the inside out is with favorite foods. Filling up on comforting recipes like hearty soups and stews can be the solution you need to fight off cold temperatures.

Consider quick and easy ingredients that add a little warmth to your plate as the cravings for comfort kick in.

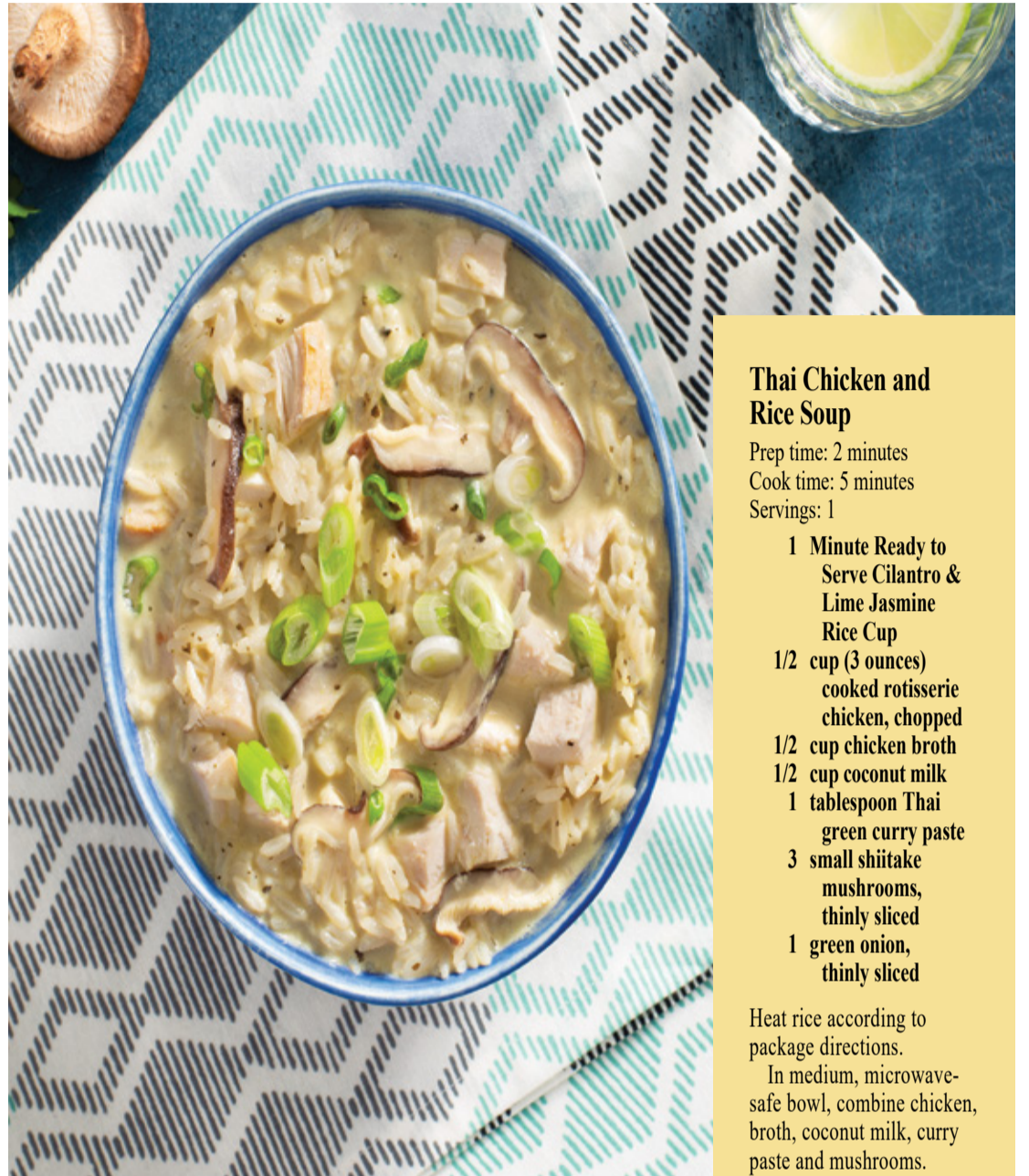
### Cheese

A family favorite in recipes year-round, ooey-goey cheese is a hallmark of cool-weather recipes. Consider creamy mac and cheese mixed with your preferred protein, homemade Mexican cuisine topped

with melted chile con queso or an appetizer plate with options like brie, Manchego, aged cheddar, Parmesan and more.

### Rice

If you're craving a meal that's big on flavor but short on prep time, it's hard to top the classic comfort food combo of chicken and rice. This Parmesan Chicken and Rice with Spinach and Artichoke starts with the homestyle taste of fully cooked Minute Chicken & Herb Seasoned Rice Cups with carrots, onion and garlic. The BPA-free cups offer a quick and flavorful option for an on-the-go power-up loaded with chicken, vegetables and herbs paired with hearty rice. Ready in only 1 minute, you can enjoy the flavored rice right out of the cup or prepare it as part of this 5-minute recipe on a busy weeknight.



### Thai Chicken and Rice Soup

Prep time: 2 minutes  
Cook time: 5 minutes  
Servings: 1

- 1 Minute Ready to Serve Cilantro & Lime Jasmine Rice Cup
- 1/2 cup (3 ounces) cooked rotisserie chicken, chopped
- 1/2 cup chicken broth
- 1/2 cup coconut milk
- 1 tablespoon Thai green curry paste
- 3 small shiitake mushrooms, thinly sliced
- 1 green onion, thinly sliced

Heat rice according to package directions. In medium, microwave-safe bowl, combine chicken, broth, coconut milk, curry paste and mushrooms. Microwave on high 3 minutes. Stir in rice and garnish with green onion.



### Parmesan Chicken and Rice with Spinach and Artichoke

Prep time: 5 minutes  
Cook time: 5 minutes  
Servings: 1

- 1 Minute Chicken & Herb Seasoned Rice Cup
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 cup spinach, stems removed
- 2 ounces chicken, cooked and shredded
- 1/4 cup canned artichokes, drained and quartered
- 1/4 cup shredded Parmesan cheese

Heat rice according to package directions. In medium saute pan over medium heat, heat olive oil. Add spinach and saute 1 minute. Add chicken and artichokes; saute 2 minutes, or until heated through. Add cheese and rice; stir to combine until heated through.

### Pasta

Whether you prefer spaghetti or penne, bowtie or stuffed shells, pasta provides a simple base for delicious meals loaded with comforting ingredients. For an easy weeknight meal, just choose a type of pasta, sauce and protein to put dinner on the table in 30 minutes or less.

### Curry Paste

Available in many varieties, curry paste is a common ingredient in South Asian dishes. It typically consists of ingredients like garlic, chiles or peppers, ginger and lemon-grass. When you'd like to add some spice to your menu without bothering with takeout, this Thai Chicken and Rice Soup calls for green curry paste, which is generally spicier than red or yellow versions, but any can be substituted based on your heat tolerance. You can

take the dish up a level with lightly seasoned Minute Cilantro & Lime Jasmine Rice for zesty flavor in a BPA-free, microwaveable cup for a simple solution when life gets hectic and preparing a time-consuming meal becomes challenging.

### Cayenne

Serving up a touch of spice in a wide variety of favorite recipes can be as easy as adding ground cayenne. Made of dried cayenne peppers finely ground to a powder, it's commonly used in dishes ranging from deviled eggs and pastas to shrimp and barbecue as an easy way to add a warming kick to cold-weather meals.

Find more comfort food recipes at [MinuteRice.com](http://MinuteRice.com).

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## 6 Ways to Weatherize Your Home

### FAMILY FEATURES

As changing of the seasons may mean adjustments to your routine and updates to your home decor, but it also brings maintenance and upgrade opportunities for homeowners. As temperatures shift and seasonal weather rolls in, weatherizing can help you conserve energy, save money and improve comfort all while protecting the exterior (and interior) of your home from the elements.

This checklist from the door experts at Masonite, a global industry leader in interior and exterior doors and door systems, can help you keep the outdoors out.

### Have Heating and Cooling Systems Inspected

Turn to the professionals to have your furnace and air conditioning inspected before temperatures change. They can make sure the system is working properly so you can have heat or cool air when you need it while conducting safety checks to keep your family safe from carbon monoxide leaks and other hazards. Plus, having your system inspected before any extreme weather means necessary repairs can be completed before you're relying on it for comfort.

### Trim Trees

Your trees and shrubs might provide a beautiful aesthetic in spring and summer, but winter weather can turn them into hazards for your home. Heavy winds and snow and ice buildup can cause branches to break off and damage roofs, windows and more. Some experts recommend waiting until leaves fall to prune; be sure to research the types of trees on your property and understand the best maintenance methods to keep them healthy without putting your home at risk.

### Replace Your Front Door

Living in a comfortable, energy-efficient home starts with keeping out rain, wind, cold and heat. For a protected and weather-proof home, consider replacing your front door with a premium alternative like the Masonite Performance Door System, designed to keep the outside out and the inside in. Available with a variety of exterior fiberglass doors in a multitude of styles, colors and finishes, including multiple glass options, the system's industry-leading 4-Point Performance Seal provides superior energy efficiency, performance and comfort. Plus, the system is backed by a 10-year limited full replacement warranty and available at home improvement retailers nationwide. Additional benefits include:

- A square edge door fits perfectly into its frame for a solid, energy efficient seal.
- A self-adjusting sill maintains its seal, adapting to imperfect or changing conditions.
- Adaptive weatherstripping made of high-end, low-wick memory foam snaps back into shape when bent or twisted, stopping air and water in its tracks.
- Enhanced corner pads stop upward water pressure and form a tight seal between sill, door panel and frame.

### Clear Gutters

While it's a bit of a dirty job, clearing gutters of debris and buildup like leaves and twigs keeps the system running as it should. Gutters can't properly drain when they're blocked, which means water isn't being diverted properly. This leads to water spilling over and can cause problems ranging from mold or mildew to larger issues like foundation damage.



### Secure Outdoor Furniture

It may cause a bit of sadness putting patio furniture away for the season, but it's an important step in protecting both the furniture itself and your home from high winds that can pick up during colder months or increased moisture during the rainy season. Some pieces may need stored away while others can simply be covered, but make sure to clean and carefully dry to avoid mold and mildew growth beforehand. Take advantage of the opportunity to thoroughly clean grease and grime off grill grates, repair damaged furniture items and clear the entire area of dirt and debris so everything's ready to be dusted off and enjoyed in the spring.

### Hire a Roof Inspector

The roof is a critical component in keeping your home structurally sound. A professional can examine your roof for damage and assess anything that may need fixed or replaced ahead of winter weather or rain. This examination includes shingles, soffit, fascia, chimneys, gutters and more along with a check for signs of interior damage like water stains, mold, holes or wood rot.

Find more ways to weatherize your home and keep the outdoors out by visiting [Masonite.com/Masonite-Performance-Door-System](http://Masonite.com/Masonite-Performance-Door-System).



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**Aerovy, a Purdue-connected startup, has developed cloud-based software solutions to address power grid limitations and operational inefficiencies in the advanced air mobility sector. The company has completed an \$800,000 round of pre-seed funding and developed a partnership with Australia-based battery technology provider Electro Base, a subsidiary of Electro.Aero.**

## Aerovy, An Advanced Air Mobility Software Provider, Completes \$800,000 Pre-Seed Funding Round

Aerovy, a Purdue University-connected startup, has completed a round of funding and is expanding industry partnerships around the world. Aerovy develops cloud-based software solutions for the advanced air mobility, or AAM, sector, which includes electric-powered urban and regional aircraft.

CEO Nick Gunady said Aerovy has closed its round of pre-seed funding, raising \$800,000 from Purdue Innovates, M25 and the Flywheel Fund.

“The closing of the pre-seed round represents a critical milestone in our missions to unlock the energy equation for AAM and airport electrification,” Gunady said. “This will allow us to deploy to our customers and partners worldwide.”

Gunady said Aerovy is planning a round of seed funding in 2024.

Funders’ perspectives Tyler Mantel, director, Ventures, Purdue Innovates, said, “Purdue has long been at the forefront of innovation in aviation, and we are proud to play a role in nurturing the groundbreaking technology behind Aerovy. Investing \$200,000 into their fundraising round was not just a vote of confidence in their vision, but a testament to our belief in their potential to revolutionize energy demand management.”

Mike Asem, founding partner of M25, said, “We could not be more excited to join Nick Gunady and the Aerovy team on their exciting journey to enable the future of mobility. After many conversations with the team, as well as elite industry experts abroad, it is clear that Aerovy has unique technology with full potential to be a core component of the next wave of transportation infrastructure. As a Purdue alumnus myself, in addition to M25’s focus on startups in the Midwest, we couldn’t be happier about investing in this game-changing technology out of West Lafayette.”

Brian Hutton, venture partner at Flywheel Fund, said,

“Flywheel is excited to support Nick Gunady and the Aerovy team with their mission to help the aeronautics industry plan for, monitor and optimize their clean energy production. We are observing dramatic changes in the energy industry and in the possibilities for electric air travel, with Aerovy at the nexus of the two. Our focus on supporting entrepreneurs in Indiana and the Midwest is really shining through with the investment in this game-changing technology.”

### New and expanded partnerships

Gunady also announced an expanded partnership between Aerovy and Electro Base, a leading provider of battery container technology. Electro Base is a subsidiary of Electro.Aero, an electric aviation charging technology company based in Perth, Australia. Aerovy and Electro.Aero had established a partnership in early 2023.

“Our continued partnership with Electro.Aero and this new strategic relationship with Electro Base highlights our commitment to advancing the charging landscape for AAM and beyond,” Gunady said in a previous news story. “We’re excited about the possibilities this collaboration unlocks for the future of sustainable transportation.”

Aerovy had previously established worldwide partnerships with Altaport, an automation software company based in Salt Lake City, and SkyScape, a developer of vertiport infrastructure based in Osaka, Japan.

“Through this partnership with SkyScape, Aerovy will deploy cloud software solutions to the Integrated Aviation Center in Hokkaido, Japan,” Gunady said. “Aerovy has additional plans to deploy around the world, including to sites in Paris, Singapore, Dubai and California.”

Gunady said Aerovy also has recently launched additional new partnerships with Apricus Energy Partners and Volatus Infrastructure & Energy Solutions. He said the company is

open to additional industrial collaborations.

**Aerovy’s software solutions** Aerovy has developed AATLAS and VEMS, two software solutions that address obstacles to advanced air mobility: power grid limitations and operations.

“The AATLAS planning software identifies locations that would attract the most demand, so operators would be able to make back their investments quickly,” Gunady said. “It also assesses the expected usage over time, simulating charging events minute by minute throughout the day. We can size power generation and storage assets, which enables end users to reduce dependence on the grid.”

VEMS operational software automatically connects users with all their assets at infrastructure sites, including chargers and off-grid energy systems.

“Customers will have full control over their infrastructure site without physically needing to be there,” Gunady said. “We have built automation tools to remotely connect with aircraft, charge vehicles, minimize grid cost and dynamically price without any user input.”

Aerovy’s cloud-based software suite is based on work by Purdue graduate and undergraduate students, including Gunady, who is an alumnus of Purdue’s School of Aeronautics and Astronautics and research assistant in Purdue’s Center for Integrated Systems in Aerospace. The team won the 2022 Smart Connected Aviation Student Competition, a Federal Aviation Administration contest, with its entry “Advanced Air Mobility as an Electric Grid Demand Response Asset.”

Gunady and his team disclosed the software innovations to the Purdue Innovates Office of Technology Commercialization, which applied for intellectual property protection for the work. OTC issued Aerovy an exclusive license to manufacture and sell the technologies.

## Wabash Ranked In Top 50 Nationally In Payscale College Salary Report



Wabash College continues to rank among the best colleges and universities nationally when it comes to the salaries its graduates earn.

According to the 2023 Payscale.com College Salary Report, Wabash graduates rank No. 48 in the all-alumni category – alumni who earned a bachelor’s degree, including those who went on to earn additional degrees at any school—with an early-career salary listing of \$78,700 and a mid-career salary of \$159,900.

“Research shows that paid internships boost salaries and confidence in pursuing careers, even one year after graduation and Wabash has offered an average of about 200 paid internships each summer in recent years,” said Cassie Hagan, director of professional development and the Center for Innovation,

Business, & Entrepreneurship. “Our graduates have had access to invested career mentors, paid internship opportunities, and an education that prepares them for career mobility. Leadership experience afforded to Wabash students likely contributes to higher mid-career salaries, since management responsibilities often factor into salary as well.”

Wabash graded well among graduates who earn only a bachelor’s degree, ranking 96th nationally among all institutions according to the salary graduates can earn. Based on this ranking, Wabash graduates earn \$74,200 in the early-career category (0-5 years after graduation) and \$140,900 at mid-career (10+ years of experience).

Those figures ranked No. 24 nationally among liberal arts colleges and third in the Midwest behind Rose-Hulman and Notre Dame.

Based on this ranking, Wabash graduates with a bachelor’s degree earn nearly \$290,000 more over a 20-year period than the median college graduate, which breaks down to better than \$14,000 annually.

The Payscale 2023 College Salary Report includes 1,736 of the 2,167 eligible bachelor’s degree granting schools in the U.S.

## IN-MaC Pathways System Summit Brings Educators And Industry Together To Take Students From High School To High-Paying Careers

The Purdue University Indiana Next Generation Manufacturing Competitiveness Center (IN-MaC) brought more than 70 influential industry and education partners together recently to empower critical workforce pathways for manufacturers in Indiana and across the nation.

IN-MaC is committed to shaping Indiana’s future workforce through impactful manufacturing/STEM initiatives. Manufacturing is emphasized due to its vital role in driving Indiana’s economic growth and prosperity. By creating exciting, intentional pathways that take high schoolers from hands-on opportunities in the classroom to the manufacturing floor, IN-MaC is helping to build a robust pipeline for the future workforce.

“Throughout Indiana and multiple states, we are developing pathways system programs that are showcasing high tech, high paying careers in students’ communities,” said Lisa Deck, Program Manager for IN MaC Workforce and Education. “This summit celebrates our partners’ successes, highlights best practices, and establishes paths forward for communities wanting to build similar programs.”

Learning opportunities at the summit included implementing manufacturing academies, creating learning cultures within manufacturing facilities, and connecting resources from Design & Innovation Studios to the academies. Speakers from Indiana detailed best practices, lessons learned, and outlined what is next. More than 70 education and industry participants

from across Indiana attended the IN-MaC Pathways System Event at Purdue’s Indiana Manufacturing Institute.

“The event epitomized innovation and ingenuity, setting the stage for a brighter future in the manufacturing sector,” said Lezlie Winter, Superintendent of Mississinewa Community Schools. “Attendees embraced the newfound knowledge and strategies, knowing we are equipping the next generation with the tools they need to thrive. Together, we are building a solid foundation for the future of manufacturing.”

There are currently 15 pathway programs in Indiana, West Virginia, Mississippi, and Kentucky, and one is in development. There are 36 industry partners, including Toyota of America, Honda Indiana, West Virginia University Medical, and many others.

“Through this summit, I have extreme confidence in both the educators in the room and the industry partners coming to the table to help students of the future pave the way for successful careers in manufacturing,” said Ryan Christner, Supply Chain & Logistics Manager for Medartis, Inc. “I look forward to following these pathways system academies to see how they impact the families in their communities by providing the training needed for a brighter future filled with possibilities!”

Planning for the 2024 Pathways System Summit is already underway. To learn more about the pathways system program, email Lisa Deck at [adeck@purdue.edu](mailto:adeck@purdue.edu).



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## Purdue Launches Broadband Team, Effort To Increase High-Speed Internet Access, Adoption And Use Throughout Indiana



Purdue University continues to fulfill its land-grant responsibilities, this time by serving the state in its broadband initiative. Through its presence in every county in the state, the university is taking a leading role to help ensure all Indiana families and businesses have access to affordable broadband internet service — which is crucial for success in the 21st century — while also helping to ensure data accuracy that will help the state of Indiana in deploying the \$868 million in federal funding from the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program for high-speed internet improvements.

Purdue President Mung Chiang announced on Monday (Oct. 9) the launch of the Purdue Broadband Team, a collaborative effort between Purdue, the Indiana Broadband Office, and the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs. Coordinated by Purdue's Office of Engagement, the Purdue Broadband Team will include Purdue Extension, 4-H, the Purdue Center for Regional Development and the Purdue for Life Foundation.

"The lack of affordable high-speed broadband affects economic development and quality of life in various communities in our state," Chiang said. "Continuing our long-standing tradition as Indiana's land-grant institution, Purdue is honored to play a small and hopefully useful role as the state government plans the next-level broadband deployment."

The Purdue Broadband Team is part of Chiang's "ABCD" plan to better serve the state through four initiatives: Airport for the Greater Lafayette region, Broadband for rural counties, (hard-tech) Corridor for central In-

diana, and Purdue@DC, which brings unique capabilities to our nation's capital.

The announcement was made as Chiang continued toward his goal to visit all 92 Indiana counties. During his tour, Chiang has seen firsthand and heard from residents, community leaders and business owners what impact insufficient broadband can have on a community. By visiting every region of the state, he says he hopes to send a message that Purdue is a resource for addressing challenges, including bridging the digital divide.

"It is part of our mission as a land-grant university to use resources, knowledge and scope of reach to aid in this critical endeavor," Chiang said. "Broadband means better health care, better schools, stronger infrastructure and more jobs for people to choose from. This is about translating why it matters and helping make that linkage for people in communities."

Working at a community level, the Purdue Broadband Team will help residents, businesses and local leaders expand broadband access, adoption and use by:

- Increasing awareness of:
  - o Tools to verify service, including tools for community members to conduct speed tests and validate broadband service maps.
  - o Programs (state and federal) to expand broadband access.
  - Providing training to residents and businesses on digital literacy.
  - Supporting community-led broadband task forces/working groups.

With this mission, the Purdue Broadband Team is launching at a critical time, when the state of Indiana has made expansion of broadband service a top priority.

"Access to fast, reliable internet is a major contributor to quality of life and is one of the great equalizers in today's society," said Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, Indiana's secretary of agriculture and rural development. "I applaud Purdue's commitment to investing in broadband by educating Hoosiers

on tools to improve their own broadband access. As a state, we have seen a direct connection between the number of people requesting broadband services in a certain area and the areas providers are most likely to invest in. I am confident that this partnership with Purdue will accelerate state efforts to ensure that all Hoosiers, in every community, will have broadband access."

The Purdue Broadband Team will be led by Roberto Gallardo, Purdue vice president for engagement and director of the Purdue Center for Regional Development, and include Purdue Extension personnel, students, 4-H members and alumni.

Gallardo says the core component of this initiative is for team members to educate the public and spread the word with family, friends and colleagues about the importance of broadband in their local communities.

"Purdue is a long-standing and trusted partner across Indiana. With those community relationships, we want to increase awareness about the tools that are available to improve high-speed broadband access, adoption and use by making broadband data more accurate," Gallardo said.

The Federal Communications Commission map is a key metric in determining where funding is allocated for broadband projects. Gallardo said the more accurate the data at the local level, the better the chances for resources to reach unserved and underserved areas of Indiana.

"Accurate and up-to-date information is a critical piece of the puzzle. Local broadband groups and the state can run into challenges with the data that is needed to support grant applications," Gallardo said. "For broadband funding to be allocated to Hoosier communities needing it the most, data must accurately reflect gaps in broadband connectivity."

Helping communities to improve the quality of available broadband data is just one of many efforts that the Purdue Broadband Team will undertake to help Indiana close the digital divide.

## Stellantis, Samsung Investing \$3.2B In State

Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb announced earlier this week that Stellantis and Samsung SDI will significantly expand electric vehicle battery manufacturing operations in Indiana, investing more than \$3.2 billion. The facility will be the joint venture's second StarPlus Energy gigafactory in Kokomo. To support this growth, the companies plan to create 1,400 new, high-wage jobs in north central Indiana, growing its total planned workforce to 2,800 jobs.

"Indiana's economy is on a roll," Holcomb said. "Today's commitment from Stellantis and Samsung SDI will double the capital investment, the new jobs created, and the impact this joint venture will have on Kokomo and the state of Indiana for decades to come. This decision puts Hoosiers squarely at the center of innovating and developing the future of mobility, catalyzing Indiana's leadership position in tomorrow's global economy."

This will be the second StarPlus Energy gigafactory in Kokomo, growing the joint venture company's total investment to more than \$6.3 billion. The second next-generation electric vehicle manufacturing facility will be built adjacent to the first gigafactory in Kokomo first announced in May 2022, which is currently under construction and targeted to launch in the first quarter of 2025 with an annual production of 33 gigawatt hours (GWh). This second battery manufacturing facility is expected to start production in early 2027 and aims to have an initial annual production of 34 GWh, significantly increasing the joint venture's U.S. capacity and accelerating Stellantis' transition to electric vehicles.

"Our battery ecosystem is the foundation of our electrification strategy and our great partners Samsung SDI, the state of Indiana, and the city of Kokomo have created a compelling case for locating our sixth gigafactory in Kokomo," said

Mark Stewart, Stellantis COO North America. "The BEVs coming to our North America brands play an important role in our drive to offer clean, safe and affordable mobility for all and achieve the bold goal of carbon net zero by 2038."

This investment is intended to be the sixth battery facility to support Stellantis' bold electrification plan outlined in Dare Forward 2030 and is part of the company's long-term electrification strategy to invest \$35 billion USD through 2025 in electrification and software globally. Stellantis plans to reach a 100% passenger car battery electric vehicle (BEV) sales mix in Europe and 50% passenger car and light-duty truck BEV sales mix in the U.S. by 2030. To achieve these sales targets, the company is securing approximately 400 GWh of battery capacity. This investment marks that Stellantis is on track to become a carbon net zero corporation by 2038, all scopes included, with single-digit percentage compensation of remaining emissions.

"Through construction of the second battery plant of StarPlus Energy, Samsung SDI will be establishing its largest production base for electric vehicle batteries in North America," said Yoon-ho Choi, president and CEO of Samsung SDI. "We expect Stellantis brand vehicles powered by Samsung SDI batteries featuring unrivalled technologies to contribute to fastening the U.S. transition to an era of electric vehicles."

Stellantis employs more than 85,000 people across North America, including more than 7,000 throughout its Indiana operations. Since 2020, the company and its JV partners have committed to investing nearly \$6.5 billion in Indiana to support its transition to electrification. In February, the company announced plans to invest \$155 million in three Indiana facilities to add and localize production of its new electric drive module (EDM) to provide

an all-in-one solution for electric vehicle powertrains.

"We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to Stellantis, Samsung SDI, and their joint-venture StarPlus Energy for their continued commitment and investment in our community. The addition of this second battery plant will solidify Kokomo as one of the largest electric vehicle battery producers in North America and shows that Kokomo continues to remain on the cutting edge of advanced automotive manufacturing."

Pending approval from the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) Board of Directors, the IEDC committed an investment in StarPlus Energy of up to \$37.5 million in the form of conditional tax credits and up to \$2 million in conditional training grants based on the joint venture's investment and job creation plans. The IEDC also committed an investment of up to \$22 million in conditional redevelopment tax credits based on the company's investment plans and up to \$115 million in conditional structured performance payments. These incentives are performance-based, meaning the company is eligible to claim state benefits once investments are made and employees are hired and trained. The city of Kokomo, Greater Kokomo Economic Development Alliance Inc., Howard County, Duke Energy Indiana and Northern Indiana Public Service Company offered additional incentives.

The news comes on the heels of Holcomb's economic development trip to South Korea in August 2022 focused on advancing the state's electric vehicle ecosystem. There, the governor and the delegation visited Samsung SDI to tour its main electric vehicle battery production line and meet with top executives of the company and with Stellantis to celebrate their growth plans in Indiana.

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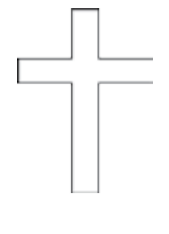
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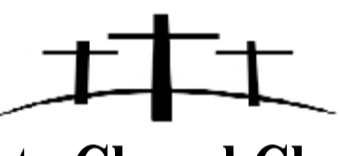


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*Starting August 1:*  
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Wednesday 6:30 Bible Study



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## Around The County With The Saidlas



**KAREN ZACH**  
Around The County

Not particularly a one-person article today, but more an overview of an interesting early Darlington area family. This family's story begins with Johanna Adam Saidle who was forced into the German Army and did not want that for his own sons. He was born in Mockmuh and baptized 17 April 1790 in Senfeld, Baden, Germany, his parents John Adam and Barbara. He married Catherine (Kellar, I believe). Two sons were born to them while there, then they decided it was time to go!

When they arrived in America, his name became John Adam Saidla, although it was still often spelled the original way. Coming to the Darlington area, John purchased a total of 400 acres in Sec 14 and 23, Sugar Creek Township and someone in the family lived there for generations!

And, so it began! The generations to come of this family, of course, had their tragedies (little John, son of Adam, grandson of our originator drowned at age 5). John Henry, son of Philip Jacob was accidentally shot in the stomach when he and his hired hand were working in the field in 1880, just 24 years old. Quite a bit of a fence row was burned; good horses were lost.

Yet, there was a multitude of blessings we can overview here. For one thing, the Saidla's were certainly up and coming. When phones became available, John and Will were a couple of the first in line to purchase one. UPS & Fed Ex had nothing on the Saidlas as Byrd opened a shipping shop "shipping all kinds" of things in Nov 1900. They kept their properties improved (new gate, new wallpaper at "the mansion" and such). Will purchased one of the first roadsters of the area as well.

Funny, but one of the biggest items I noticed as I researched

this family was that they loved to entertain – for any and all occasions! They even let others use their large home for such (CWJ 9 Nov 1900) as did Ray Craver with Lulu and Hattie Pittman at Frank's home for a masquerade ball with 50 young folks in attendance wearing striking costumes, having oysters and other light refreshments with games and music afterwards. "One who was there," wrote: "We voted Mr. Craver and the Pittmans royal entertainers," and thanks were given to the Saidlas as the guests departed at a late hour. Wedding parties, ice cream suppers, Women's Aid Society (ice cream and a great variety of cake with foreign fruits and mild drinks) and musical get togethers – well, you name it – one of the families seemed to always be in the papers partying (good kinds of course).

The Saidlas (thanks to Nancy Pickel for the stone name) seemed to be hard workers, Adam being one of the first to put in his crops each year; Will building (Oct 1899) corn cribs for Joe Binford; John and Bert were the Darlington street sprinklers summer of 1896; and Byrd shipped 3,000 rabbits at the end of December 1900.

I'd say they didn't mind going out on a limb, either, as did Stella when her Sunday School class made a silk quilt, selling for a 10 cent donation a place for your name. Stella wrote to President Benjamin Harrison asking if he'd like his name included. He wrote her back, not only sending the donation but postage as well telling her she could place his name on "the quilt if by so doing it will help you in a good cause!"

While I'm on the ladies, two especially were musically gifted, Joshua's daughter, "the handsome and accomplished" Bessie receiving a piano in September 1894, having taken lessons and often entertaining. Then, Stella also Josh's daughter attended DePauw, majoring in music – both doing a lot of playing.

Politics? Not too much other than in township politics, but most all were church goers, some such as Adam finding Christ not long before passing when Elder DC Campbell of the White Church baptized him in October 1897.

Service? I only found two – likely more – but John Adam would be happy that, John Saidla joined the US Navy

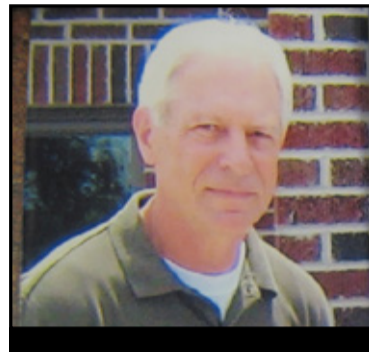
at the end of May 1901 and cruised around the World; however, at his arrival in NY he was discharged due to his eyes deteriorating. He was perfectly satisfied with the experience though, but was glad to spend Christmas eating his momma's home cooking in the "best place in the whole wide world – Darlington, Indiana!" Sadly, Collyn Saidla, Jr, a member of the Valparaiso Civil Air Patrol was fatally injured in Porter County when his 65-horse powered Piper Cub crashed. He is buried in Darlington. RIP.

Lastly, they were a close-knit family celebrating all occasions and having reunions for several decades, loving family memorabilia, as well. At their 18th reunion in 1916, the family bible having made the trip from Germany and a pair of eyeglasses that were over 200 years old were on display.

How I became interested in writing about the family is reading an article Martha F. sent me that Wayne Guthrie (loved his writings) wrote in his Indianapolis News column on 9 Nov 1953 about an interesting Saidla possession. The original John Adam Saidla using the timber from his land, built a distillery that at first set on the hillside south of the old log barn. Later, it was moved closer to Sugar Creek. Willard Anderson was the great grandson of John Adam and Catherine. In about 1900, Willard's parents lived there and at that time the distillery was used to hold grain and in good shape. When Guthrie's article was written there was no trace of it. In August of 1953, Willard Anderson decided he was finding a piece or two of it, the old home or something to represent the Saidla progenitors. Third time out searching was the charm, finding a nice piece but the wood was small, "yet he fashioned some 40 letter openers," from it, noting "Souvenir, Old Saidla Distillery, 1840" and gave one to each of his living cousins. Hope they are all still in the family and I for sure have no doubt John Adam and Catherine would be quite proud of those family gifts!

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## Life, Liberty, And The Pursuit Of Happiness



**BUTCH DALE**  
Columnist

When I taught 5th grade Social Studies, each student was required to know and memorize several things. For instance they had to know the Pledge of Allegiance, the words to the Star-Spangled Banner, the states and capitals, the Bill of Rights, and all of the U.S. Presidents in chronological order, just to name a few. They also had to memorize this section of the Declaration of Independence:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness."

In the past few years, the American people have lost many of their freedoms. Our federal government, along with the hundreds of bureaucratic agencies, now control almost every aspect of our lives. Administrative rule is now America's system of government. We were once a republic, but now we are governed by edicts, mandates, and executive orders, with less and less freedom each passing day. This situation has certainly curtailed my "pursuit of Happiness."

One party controls almost every institution in America. Barack Hussein Obama promised "fundamental change." He was successful. Individual rights and responsibilities, and individual freedoms, are cast aside in favor of progressive socialism. The federal government considers itself to be our caretaker. Accordingly, we should be glad they are looking out for us. After all, they know what is best for everyone, don't they? They, and they alone, make the decisions. I have no issues with our local Democratic party, all of whom have common sense and care about Montgomery county. But the national Democrat party, which at one time represented the average working men and women and their families, now only cater to the large cities, liberal fanatics, Hollywood, the minorities, and the woke crowd. And if a conservative or outsider dare challenge their authority and power, these politicians will seek to squelch any uprising. The news media and social media, the motion picture industry, the teacher unions, and the majority of the federal

courts are simply extensions of the Democrat party. Welcome to Obama's world. You have to admit, he was a great actor. And what about O! Joe? We need to remember what Obama said about Joe Biden during the 2020 election..."Don't underestimate Joe's ability to \*\*\*\* things up." Joe is just a puppet on a string...Howdy Doody reincarnated.

So to you all-knowing, power hungry politicians in Washington, D.C. who want to control my life, I will remind you...

I do not want you to advocate for "social justice programs" that seek to defund the police and institute "no cash bail" for dangerous felons. I want a wall built to keep out illegal aliens, terrorists, cartels, and drug smugglers. I do not want the FBI to intimidate parents who show up at school board meetings to protest insane liberal policies. I do not want my taxes to subsidize abortion clinics. I do not want my school-age granddaughters forced to use "gender neutral" restrooms. I do not want you to read and monitor my E-mails. I will not give up my right to buy a gun for self-protection if I so choose. I do not want an electric-powered car. I don't want you to tell me what type of light bulbs, showerheads, gas stoves, refrigerators, ceiling lights, and washing machines I can buy. I am not going to be forced into wearing a mask or getting a vaccination just because you say so. I am tired of high-priced gas and high interest rates because of your ridiculous policies. And don't think you can increase the number of judges on the Supreme Court when their decisions don't go your way. Finally...to all of you politicians, both Democrat and Republican, who have been in Congress much too long, I want term limits...NOW!

In retrospect, I should have also had my students memorize this section of the Declaration:

"That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute a new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its power in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness."

In the 1976 movie "Network," Howard Beale shouted, "I'm made as Hell, and I'm not going to take it anymore!" Many people in our great country are starting to feel that way. Unless things change, I believe that the above stated "Right of the People" may be fast approaching.

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## Ask Rusty – How Will My Wife’s Social Security Be Affected by her Teacher’s Pension?

**Dear Rusty:** My wife, born in 1960, was a Texas school teacher for about 10 years and receives a \$1,000 per month pension from that work. She didn’t pay into Social Security while teaching, but she paid into it for about 23 years while working elsewhere. I paid into Social Security my entire life, the maximum in most years, so my SS benefit will be much greater than hers. I understand there are some sort of penalties or restrictions on my wife’s Social Security benefits and also for spousal benefits due to her school pension. Please share the process I can use to estimate my wife’s Social Security and tell me if she can file for spousal benefits. **Signed: Planning for the Future**

Dear Planning:

Because your wife has a Texas school teacher pension earned without contributing to Social Security, any SS benefits she is entitled to will be affected by two rules – first, by the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) which will reduce her personally earned Social Security retirement benefit and, second, by the Government Pension Offset (GPO) which will reduce any spousal boost (if she is entitled to one) to her own benefit.

The amount of the WEP reduction to your wife’s personal SS retirement benefit will be computed using a special formula which considers the number of years she has contributed to Social Security through other (non-state) work. Since your wife became eligible for Social Security benefits in 2022 the maximum



**ASK RUSTY**  
Social Security Advisor

WEP reduction with 23 years contributing to SS will be \$358. If your wife has already obtained an estimate of her Social Security retirement benefit, deduct \$358 from that estimate and that will be pretty close to her actual SS retirement benefit when she claims. Social Security will figure out the exact amount of her WEP reduction when your wife applies, but you can also use Social Security’s

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

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“WEP Calculator” for an estimate, which you can find at this link: [www.ssa.gov/benefits/calculators/](http://www.ssa.gov/benefits/calculators/).

Whether your wife will be entitled to a “spousal boost” to her own Social Security retirement benefit depends on how your respective FRA entitlements compare, and the GPO. The base amount of your wife’s spousal boost will be the difference between her pre-WEP FRA entitlement and 50% of

your FRA entitlement. If your wife’s normal FRA entitlement is less than 50% of your FRA entitlement, the difference is a “spousal boost” added to your wife’s personal SS retirement benefit. However, that base spousal boost will be reduced if taken before your wife reaches her FRA, and even further reduced by the GPO (the GPO reduction will be 2/3rds your wife’s State of Texas pension, e.g., about

\$667). Any remainder left after these reductions to your wife’s spousal boost will be added to her own WEP-reduced SS retirement amount, but if the remainder is \$0 then no spousal boost will be given, and your wife will get only her WEP-reduced Social Security retirement amount.

FYI, Social Security’s WEP and GPO provisions apply to anyone who has a pension earned without contributing to Social Security, including many public service retirees in the 26 states which do not participate in the federal Social Security program. I’ve published numerous articles about how these rules affect benefits, and also about the rationale behind both provisions, which you are welcome to review at this AMAC Foundation website: [www.SocialSecurityReport.org](http://www.SocialSecurityReport.org).

## Oh, Those Cars . . . If Butch Had Only Known!



**BUTCH DALE**  
Columnist

In a recent column, I mentioned that my wife and I had purchased a new Toyota SUV a couple of years ago...the price \$42,500. We normally buy a good, low mileage used car, but we decided to go ahead and get a new one as it is likely the last new car we will ever own...unless I win the lottery. At that time, the interest rates were fairly low, too.

Now I’m glad we purchased that Toyota. The prices of new and used cars have skyrocketed in the last two years, and interest rates have almost doubled! We stopped in at the Dog N’ Suds last Saturday to feast on their coney dogs before they close for the season, and after leaving, I drove through the DeFouw dealership lot. There was a used Chevy SUV on sale...\$92,500...yes, that’s correct...it was USED! There were several vehicles priced over \$50,000. I guess that 1951 Chevy I bought for \$10 in 1978 was a pretty good deal!

This got me to thinking about all of the vehicles I have owned since I got married at age 18 in 1966. Now let’s get one thing straight to start with...I was a certified “car nut.” My folks had really crappy cars when I was growing up...a green 1948 Pontiac, then a 1955 pink and white Buick, and followed by a 1963 red and white Chevy station wagon (with no radio)...

not exactly “chick magnets” for the dating scene. So now that I was on my own, attending Purdue, and earning my way through college by working at National Homes for “good money” (\$2.00 an hour), I decided to buy a nice car...a 1965 Chevy Impala Super Sport...price \$2450, with payments \$63 a month.

After graduating from Purdue, I traded the Impala in on a new Chevy Nova 4-speed...price \$3150. It was a good car, but I had always wanted a Corvette, so the next year I traded the Nova for a 1969 Corvette convertible with a 427 c.i. engine and 4-speed transmission...price \$3200. I became a teacher at Darlington Middle School, and it was a delight just to drive that Vette to work each morning...just a tad tricky on snowy days! But then along came our first child in 1971. No room in a Corvette for a baby, so I reluctantly traded it for a Ford Gran Torino family car.

However, two years later, I had saved enough to buy a second car...yes, another Corvette...a 1967 convertible for \$1700. Through the past 57 years, I have owned several “family” cars and a few “sporty” cars. Also, as a hobby, starting in the late 1970’s, I bought older cars and trucks that I fixed up and resold...usually making a profit, but occasionally losing money. For instance, I purchased a 1970 Chevy Chevelle in Colfax one afternoon for \$1700, and then sold it three weeks later for \$3200...a nice little profit that helped to feed...by then...our three kids.

I estimate that I have owned approximately 100 vehicles since 1966, two-thirds of those “buy and resell for profit.” In retro-

spect, I should have kept the seven Corvettes that I owned during that time, along with a 1969 Dodge Charger, a 1973 Camaro, a 1956 Ford pickup, a 1937 Plymouth, a 1995 Dodge Stealth, a 1948 International pickup, and yes, that ten dollar 1951 Chevy, along with a few others. Those 1965 and 1969 Vettes, for instance, now each sell for around \$70,000 plus! It’s hard to find any bargains today.

When I was a deputy on the Sheriff’s Department back in the early 1980’s, I stopped at a house one evening in New Richmond to ask directions. No one answered the door, but I heard someone in the nearby garage. An old fellow came out, and we started talking. After giving me the directions, he told me to take a look at a car in his garage that was covered with a large blanket. I was astonished. It was a 1936 Cord convertible...one of the greatest luxury classic cars ever made...the car that the Hollywood stars drove back in those days. I asked him if it was for sale, but the old fellow told me that the car was his “retirement insurance.” It had to be worth a fortune.

I don’t know what ever happened to that great car. I couldn’t afford it, but out of curiosity would just like to know...Do any of you readers have any idea? If I live long enough to purchase another new car, I may have to take out a mortgage on our house...or just buy a horse.

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## NQC Is A Slice Of Americana That Fills The Soul



**RANDALL FRANKS**  
Southern Style Columnist

I entered the LeConte Center in Pigeon Forge, Tenn. and found myself in a sea of smiling faces.

They were looking forward to hearing and seeing their favorite gospel music performer either on the stage or in their booth at the National Quartet Convention.

The people walked gleefully towards their seats for the event only pausing as they passed a familiar artist standing in their booth where they stopped to say hello or to see their latest album.

Once inside the auditorium, the seats filled the room that guided your attention to the stage where stood one of the up-and-coming acts performing three songs for the crowd.

The talents of act after act crossed the stage only broken in speed by the emcee’s introduction.

A non-stop cavalcade of stars and upcoming talents kept the audience

in the Spirit of their performances with old and new gospel songs.

As part of the week-long event, the stage also featured the Singing News Fan Awards, the Southern Gospel Music Hall of Fame inductions, numerous ministerial messages, special showcases, and special feature events.

There were numerous worthy award winners at the Singing News Fan Awards outstandingly hosted by my former bosses Jeff & Sheri Easter. Two of my favorites presentations included two of my friends Karen Peck Gooch won Favorite Soprano Award, while The Inspirations, including my former Americana Youth of Southern Appalachia participant Isaac Moore (Favorite Young Artist Award), won Favorite Artist Award; Favorite Soloist was Joseph Habadank; Favorite Mixed Group went to the Collingsworth Family; Triumphant Quartet took Favorite Quartet; Connie Hopper received the Favorite Alto Award; among a list of other recipients. Visit [singingnews.com](http://singingnews.com) to find out more.

This year’s Southern Gospel Music Hall of Fame inductees included Sue Dodge, Danny Fundurburk, Norman Holland

& Reagan Riddle! I was especially please to see my encouragers Norman Holland who helped me launch my career at Benson and now retired Primitive Quartet performer Reagan Riddle. Their music fueled my youth and performing hopes. Be sure to support their new museum at Biblical Times in Pigeon Forge. Find our more at [Sgma.org](http://Sgma.org).

Friends, if you would like to experience a true slice of Americana, I urge you to make the National Quartet Convention 2024 in Pigeon Forge part of your plans. Great music, great people and down home fun. Visit [NQConline.com](http://NQConline.com) to learn more.

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## Federal Government Distrust



**BRIAN HOWEY**  
Guest Columnist

The last two American presidential assassinations — coming about 60 years apart — set in motion different yields when it comes to trust in government. When bullets felled President William McKinley in Buffalo in 1901, the subsequent ascension of President Theodore Roosevelt commenced a progressive movement that largely persisted over six decades, bringing us the New Deal and the Great Society.

And it was 60 years after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in Dallas that ultimately led to a gradual unraveling of our public trust. Yes, the bullets of Dallas brought about the Great Society and the Voting Rights Act of 1965 two years later under President Lyndon B. Johnson, but those were quickly followed by the Vietnam War, the Watergate scandal and President Nixon's resignation in disgrace, and a rise of a conservative movement beginning with Barry Goldwater in 1964.

When the National Election Study began asking about trust in government in 1958 for Pew Research, about three-quarters of Americans trusted the federal government to do the right thing almost always or most of the time. Today, Pew reports that 25% of Democrats and Democratic-leaning independents say they trust the federal government just about always or most of the time, compared with 8% of Republicans and Republican-leaning Americans.

This may have come to a head when President Reagan held a press conference on Aug. 12, 1986, in which he uttered this famous phrase still quoted by his GOP acolytes:

“The nine most terrifying words in the English language are: ‘I’m from the government, and I’m here to help.’”

Donald Trump adroitly tapped into this notion three decades later. During Trump's presidency, there had been overt damning of the federal government. This ranged from his unproven allegations that the 2016 and 2020 elections were “rigged” and then “stolen,” to the Jan. 6, 2021, U.S. Capitol insurrection, to defining the federal bureaucracy as the “deep state,” to his public distrust of the U.S. intelligence network and the federal courts, to his Stalinist definition of the news media as “fake news” and as the “enemy of the American people.”

Reuters reported that the annual Edelman Trust Barometer reported in Davos, Switzerland in 2017 (the year Trump came to power) revealed that faith in the Chinese government jumped 8 points to 84%, while in the United States it fell 14 points to 33%. “The United States is enduring an unprecedented crisis of trust,” said Richard Edelman, head of the communications marketing firm that commissioned the research.

By 2021, after a year of the COVID-19 pandemic, Edelman reported: “With a growing trust gap and trust declines worldwide, people are looking for leadership and solutions as they reject talking heads who they deem not credible. In fact, none of the societal leaders we track — government leaders, CEOs, journalists and even religious leaders — are trusted to do what is right, with drops in trust scores for all.”

Reagan explained in his January 1989 farewell address, “Back in the 1960's when I began, it seemed to me that we'd begun reversing the order of things; that through more and more rules and regulations and confiscatory taxes, the government was taking more of our money, more of our options and more of our freedom. I went into politics in part to put up my hand and say, ‘Stop.’ I was a citizen politician, and it seemed the right thing for a citizen to do.”

The bookend to decades of acute conservative criticism of the federal government came last Sunday when Republican U.S. Rep. Jim Baird of Indiana reacted to last week's news that House Speaker Kevin McCarthy had been booted from office in a historical first, followed days later by the surprise attack on Israel by Hamas. “Our disunity on Capitol Hill is weakening America's position as a global leader and hindering our ability to respond to the atrocities committed by Hamas on the Israeli people,” Baird posted on X. “We must stop these political games and show leadership during this international emergency.”

But that's the federal government. State governments fare much better. When Morning Consult did its governor approval ratings in all 50 states last July, not a single sitting state executive had a higher disapproval than approval, and most (including Gov. Eric Holcomb at 55% approve, 35% disapprove) were well above 50%. Only three governors had approval below 50%.

As for the Trump era, in an essay for the Brookings Institute, Elaine Kamarck, founder of the Center of Effective Public Management, asks a series of questions: Did Trump weaken the powers of Congress? Has Trump damaged our system of shared power between the federal government and the states? Has Trump weakened the judiciary? Did Trump weaken the press? Was Trump able to exert control over the civil service?

The answer to all of these questions is “No.” “The fact that Trump did not tear down the major guardrails of democracy does not mean that all is well in the United States,” Kamarck said in July 2021. “The lesson is that democracy requires constant care and constant mobilization.”

Yes, that's the lesson: Democracy demands maintenance.

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## WANTED



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

## WANTED



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

## WANTED



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

## WANTED



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

## WANTED



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

## WANTED



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

## WANTED



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

## WANTED



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

## WANTED



**Tasha L. McCray**  
Born 1991  
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