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## How Do Montgomery County Youth Really Feel, And What's A Youth Summit Anyway?



On the left, some of the preliminary data is shared at the end of the high school summit. On the right, accurate record-keeping is a mandate for capturing all of the secondary students' perceptions for the report
"I believe the children are our future. Teach them well and let them lead the way." A popular 1980's song created an image of the idealife cycle where children's experiences and educatio
helped them evolve into effective adults. The nearly 40 years since the inspiring anthem was published have significantly impacted growing up in America. Domestic and international terrorism, school shootings, the impact
of the internet and popular culture plus of the internet and popular culture, plus
a world-wide pandemic have all changed the faces and minds of young people. Adults who grew up in simpler times ca only guess at how these young people are impacted.
A recent youth activity has taken som of the guesswork out of delving into pre-teens. Regionally, youth summits, as they are known, have been held in Tippecanoe and surrounding counties for five years. During the past school year, Montgomery County held its own
version of youth summits: one for high version of youth summits: one for high
school in October, and a middle-level summit in March.
What is a youth summit? The Search Institute in Minneapolis explains the purpose of a youth summit as " $\ldots$ a forum for young people to organize, network,
learn new things, and share their hopes and concerns in a public setting." Search and concerns in a public setting." Search and outcome of a youth summit. "...We see young people addressing the issues they care most about and that often affect them most directly. This might be in
their schools, neighborhoods and youth serving organizations. We see young people playing active roles in addressin issues being a part of creating solutions. How did Youth Summits evolve in Montgomery County? When the Mind Wellness Coalition sought to focus on


On the left, a Wabash facilitator leads high school students in discussing one of the focal points at the youth summit. On the right, two high school summit participants enjoy a fun lunch break
single facet of mental health in Montgomery County, it was a simple choice to begin with youth mental health. ACenin March 2022 found that "more than a third ( $37 \%$ ) of high school students reported they experienced poor mental health during the COVID-19 pandemic, and $44 \%$ reported they persistently felt sad or hopeless during the past year."
(Centers for Disease Control, 31 March 2022)

Such studies reflect global data, but to truly focus on local youth, the Mind Committee felt sampling student thoughts and emotions through a youth summit would produce more current dat To collect the data, the Mind Com-
mittee did not have to look far. The well-known Wabash College Democra and Public Discourse initiative has a
successful history for surveying varsuccessful history for surveying various populations. Under the direction
of James Proszek, Program Associate, Wabash students worked with the Mind Committee to create a collection of discussion questions that covered categories to learn about mental health stressors and challenges, resources, and relationships.
DPD fellows worked in pairs to lead the DPD fellows worked in pairs to lead the
discussions and make a careful record of the responses for a small group of students.
The Mind Committee worked with the student services departments in the local high schools to select students wh
could represent the total student body
as much as possible. The high school summit in October gleaned insights and North Montgom Craw students attended from Crawfordsville Middle School North Montgomery Middle School, and Southmont Junior High School. It is believed that the mid dle-level summit was the first of its kind in this region of the state. Following each summit, Proszek and
the Wabash fellows thoroughly analyze the records of the students' deliberations and produced a report of the findings. The summit participants also responded to a post-summit reflection. What information did the Youth Summits reveal? In our next article, we will learn some of the data collected.

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True love is like ghosts, which everyone talks about but few have seen." Unknown mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thin heart that God hath
thou shalt be saved.

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Day doesn't have the importance it used to? That might well have a lot to do with what's wrong with our country!



Did You Know?

- Jay County was formed in 1836
- It is the only county in the United States named for John Jay, co-author of The Federalist Papers, Secretary of Foreign Affairs under the Articles of Confederation, and first Chief Justice of the United States.
- According to the 2010 census, the county has a total area of 384.08 square miles ( 994.8 km 2 ), of which 383.90 square miles ( 994.3 km 2 ) (or $99.95 \%$ ) is land and 0.18 square miles $(0.47 \mathrm{~km} 2$ ) (or $0.05 \%$ ) is water.
- The population in 2010 was 21,253
- The county seat, Potland has a population of 6,223


## Got Words?

Why do you think it was decided to name the county after Jon Jay and why do you think it's the only county in the United States to bear his name?


Jay

## Number

## $\div$ Stumpers

1. What percentage of people live in

Portland?
$\geq$
2. How old is Jay County?
3. How many live in the county, but not in Portland? $\geq$
4. What is the population density of the county?
$\leq$



## Word

## Scrambler

Unscramble the words below!

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4. QUIUNE
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## Spacecraft Metals Left In The Wake Of Humanity＇s Path To The Stars



The Space Age is
leaving fingerprints on leaving fingerprints on
one of the most remote parts of the planet－the stratosphere－which has potential implications fo
climate the ozone layer climate，the ozone layer
and the continued habit－ ability of Earth． Using tools hitched to the nose cone of their research planes and sampling more than 11 miles above the plan－ et＇s surface，research－
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significant amounts of significant amounts of
metals in aerosols in the atmosphere，likely from increasingly frequent launches and returns of spacecraft and satellites． That mass of metal is
changing atmospheric changing atmospheric
chemistry in ways that may impact Earth＇s atmo－ sphere and ozone layer． ＂We are finding this human－made material in what we consider a pristine area of the
atmosphere＂said atmosphere，＂said Dan scientists who published a study on these results in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences．＂And if some－ thing is changing in the stratosphere－this stable
region of the atmosphere －that deserves a closer look．＂Cziczo，professor and head of the Depart－ ment of Earth，Atmo－ spheric，and Planetary Sciences in Purdue＇s


Dan Cziczo，professor and head of the Department of Earth，Atmospheric，and Planetary Sciences in Purdue＇s College of Science，was part of the research team ly from increasingly frequent launches and returns of spacecraft and satellites． Data was collected more than $\mathbf{1 1}$ miles above the planet＇s surface using sampling tools hitched to the nose cone of research planes．
an expert in atmospheric
science who has spent science who has spent
decades studying this rarefied region． Led by Dan Murphy，an adjunct professor in the Department of Earth，At－
mospheric，and Planetary mospheric，and Planetary at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Admin－ istration，the team detect－ ed more than 20 element in ratios that mirror those They found that the mass of lithium，aluminum， copper and lead from spacecraft reentry far exceeded those metals found in natural cosmic dust．Nearly $10 \%$ of large sulfuric acid particles protect and buffer the ozone layer－contained aluminum and other spacecraft metals． Scientists estimate
that as many as 50,000
more satellites may reach orbit by 2030．The team in the next few decades， up to half of stratospheric sulfuric acid particles would contain metals
from reentry．What effect that could have on the atmosphere，the ozone layer and life on Earth is yet to be understood．
Scientists have long Scientists have long
suspected that spacecraft suspected that spacecraft
and satellites were chang－ ing the upper atmosphere ing the upper atmosphere sphere，where we don＇t live and even the highest flights enter only briefly， is challenging． As part of NASA＇s Air－ borne Science Program， Murphy and his group sample the atmosphere 11.8 miles（ 19 km ）above the ground in Alaska， where circumpolar cloud
tend to form．Similar
measurements were made by Cziczo and his group from an ER－2 aircraft over the continental Unit－ ed States．Both groups use instruments hitched
to the nose cone to ensure to the nose cone to ensure
hat only the freshest， most undisturbed air is sampled．
The sheltering sky Like the view of the unruffled surface of the ocean，the stratosphere
appears untroubled－ appears untroubled－at
least to human eyes．Life and civilization take place mostly on the planet＇s surface and in the tropo－ sphere，the atmosphere＇s very lowest layer．The stratosphere is a surpris－
ingly stable and seem－ ingly serene layer of the atmosphere．
The stratosphere is also the realm of the ozone layer：that gaseous marve that acts as a global tent
to shield the planet and all
life on it from the searing， scorching rays of ultravi－
olet radiation．Without the olet radiation．Without the
ozone layer，life would zone layer，life would ikely never have arisen ife is unlikely to be able to continue． The last decades have been eventful for the stratosphere．The ozone layer came under threat in the chlorofluorocarbo in the 1980 s，and only global efforts of govern－ ments and corporations have begun to bear fruit in repairing and replen－ ishing it．
＂Shooting stars streak through the atmosphere，＂
Cziczo said．＂Often，the meteor burns up in the atmosphere and doesn＇t even become a meteorite and reach the planet．So the material it was made from stays in the atmo phere in the form of gas，which starts to cool and condense as mol－ ecules and fall into the stratosphere．The mole－ cules find each other and knit together and form moke．Scientists recently started noticing that the chemical fingerprint of hese meteoritic particles was starting to change， which made us ask， ＇Well，what changed？＇be－ ion hasn＇t changed．But the number of spacecraft the nu
has．＂
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What goes up
Spacecraft launches， and returns，were once international events．The
launches of Sputnik and aunches of Sputnik an he Mercury missions Now，a quickening tide of innovation and loos－ ening regulation means at dozens of countries and corporations are able
spacecraft into orbit．All sent up on rockets－and most of that material， eventually，comes back down．
Like the Like the wakes of great ships trolling through behind them a trail of metals that may change the atmosphere in ways scientists don＇t yet under
stand． stand． ＂Just to get things int
orbit，you need all this fuel and a huge body to support the payload，＂ Cziczo said．＂There are so many rockets going up and coming back and so many satellites falling
back through the atmo－ back through the atmo－
sphere that it＇s starting sphere that up in the strato sphere as these aerosol particles．＇ Of course，shoot－ ing stars were the first
space－delivery system space－delivery system，
Meteorites fall through the atmosphere every day．The heat and friction of the atmosphere peel material off them，just as they do off human－made artifacts．However，while hundreds of meteors sphere every day，they are increasingly being rivaled by the mass of metals that comprise the tons of Falcon，Ariane and Soyuz rockets that boost space－ again to Earth＇s surface ＂Changes to the atmo－ sphere can be difficult to study and complex to ＂understand，＂Cziczo said． ＂But what this research shows us is that the im－ pact of human occupation
and human spaceflight on the planet may be signifi－ cant－perhaps more sig nificant than we have yet imagined．Understanding our planet is one of the most urgent research

## Indiana Sees Promising College－Going，Enrollment And Completion Data

After more than a decade of declines， Indiana＇s college－going rate and overall college enrollment are starting to
turn around．The col－ lege－going rate for high lege－going rate for high
school graduates from the class of 2021 pursuing some form of postsecond ary education held steady at 53 percent．Addition－ ally，this fall，Indiana colleges and universitie students enroll，a two－p cent increase in enroll－ ment．More students are completing their degree programs with the state seeing a nearly 9 percent
increase in on－time com－ increase in on－time com－
pletion over five years Indiana＇s college－go－ ing rate holds steady at 53 percent The Indiana Commis－ sion for Higher Educa－
tion＇s most recent dat tion＇s most recent data 53 percent of the high school graduat－ ing class of 2021 enrolled in college immediately following graduation． This includes students who pursued less tha a one－year certificate
up through a four－year up through a four－yea
degree． ＂Las mission sounded the alarm on Indiana＇s falling college－going rate，＂said Indiana Commissioner
for Higher Education for Higher Education
Chris Lowery．＂This made clear that thought
ful，robust action must be
taken to reverse the pres－ ent trend．The Commis－ sion，with support from
partners in education partners in education， and faith－based orga－ nizations，philanthropy and government began advocating for and imple menting ground－breaking policies and programs
that directly impact the that directly impact th affordability of highe flattening of the col－ lege－going rate，coupled with 2023 enrollment data，is encouraging．Th Commission remains． laser－focused on closing persistent gaps．＂ ars continue to enroll in college at higher rates than their non－Scholar， low－income peers（81 percent compared to 30 percent）．
Roughly
Roughly 43 percent of Hispanic or Latino high
school graduates en－ rolled in college in 2021 ， followed closely by 45 percent of Black students compared to 55 percent of White students． Men continue to go to
college at a lower rate than women with 46 percent of men enrolling in college compared to 60 percent of women． The Commission pub－ lishes interactive dash－ historical data by county，
school corporation， institutions，gender，race and ethnicity，socioeco－ nomic status and more．
View Indiana＇s 2023 View Indiana＇s 2023 ollege－going data at che ics for college－going data are available here． Higher education is a great value in Indiana Higher education in In－ diana is ranked in the top
10 nationally for provid－ 10 nationally for pros．
ing the best value． －Indiana ranks first in the Midwest and fifth in the nation in providing need－based financial aid． －The state＇s four－year
institutions are sixth best institutions are sixth best in the nation at holding
the line in tuition and mandatory fees over the past decade． ＂These rankings combined with the newly implemented policy and programmatic changes future of our state，＂said Lowery．＂I am bullish on the prospects for rapid improvements to Indi－ ana＇s college－going rate to ensure more Hoosier students can access the opportunities that educa－
tion and training beyond high school provide lead－ ing to better outcomes for individuals，for employ－ ers，for communities and for our state．＂ Indiana sees largest enrollment increase since

2010
College enrollment increased by nearly 5,000 students，or two percent， school year making 2023 the first year enrollment in Indiana has increased in the past 13 years． Over 244，000 students， both undergraduate and graduate，enrolled in
one of Indiana＇s public one of Indiana＇s public
higher education institu－ tions during the fall 2023 school year．

## The Paper

## Purdue Team Examines Bio-Impact Of Toxic Chemical Cocktails In The Environment

Purdue University sci-
entists are unraveling the entists are unraveling the
complicated toxicity of a mixture of what are often called "forever chem
icals" found in many icals" found in many
consumer products consumer products.
In outdoor experiment under controlled conditions, the team found that tadpoles exposed to a common mixture of these compounds, called perfluoroalkyl and poly-fluoro
alkyl substances (PFAS) alkyl substances (PFAS),
suffered reduced growth suffered reduced growth
as they transformed into juvenile frogs. Size at this life stage is related to the survival and reproductive success of amphibians generally, said Purdue research faculty
Tyler Hoskins.
Tyler Hoskins. of these chemicals out there that we know of, and that list continues to grow as our analytical capabilities grow, Hoskins said. Acommon is the fire-retardant aqueous film-forming foams (AFFF) that have been used for more than 50 years to douse fuel fires airports and military sites. But PFAS are widesprea
environmental contaminants that are also found in fast-food packages, nonstick coatings on cookware, cosmetics, biosolid-derived fertilizers and a broad range of manufacturing processe mimic what aquatic organisms would experience if they were near a site where AFFF had been historically used. Water bodies at airports and defense sites are the
areas where you would areas where you would end up with AFFF," he end up
said.


Purdue University's Tyler Hoskins in the field at the Purdue Wildlife Area.

Hoskins and nine co-authors published their results in a paper high-
lighted on the cover of the journal Environmental Science \& Technology. "PFAS are perhaps the most persistent class of chemicals we have created since we started
producing chemicals," producing chemicals,'
said co-author Maria Sepúlveda, professor in the Department of Forestry and Natural Resources. "Studies that look at PFAS mixtures are very critical right now, and here aren t very many do." Existing studies ten the cellular level in the laboratory rather than in whole animals. A big challenge for scientists is how to sor
the toxicity of variou the toxicity of various
PFAS mixtures. In the field, Hoskins noted, ani field, Hoskins noted, ani-
mals become exposed to
dozens of these chemicals at the same time. But when scientists run laboratory tests or outdoor
studies under controlled conditions that simulate real-world environments, they often focus on exposures to three or fewer "It's
"It's rare to look at what's actually in the en-
vironment," Hoskins said vironment," Hoskins said
The team designed the The team designed the examine the relative role of one PFAS in particular - perfluorooc tane sulfonate (PFOS)as part of a mixtur
four other PFAS.
The company that manufactured PFOS voluntarily phased it out in 2002. "But it's still the most commonly detected PFAS in the environment
and in animals. It's a and in animals. It's a study," Hoskins said. PFOS accumulates in biological tissue more than most PFAS chem
cals and also ranks among the most toxic. The researchers had hoped to
resolve whether PFOS resolve whether PFOS
would stand out as the most toxic chemical of the mixture. Their results suggested, however, that FOS was no more toxic han the other four PFAS in the mixture.
The U.S. bann other class of long-lasting toxic chemicals, poly-
chlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), in 1979. Ther are close to 250 types of PCBs, compared to housands for PFAS. ago that all PCBs act in ago same way.
the "With PFAS
"With PFAS, that's not the case," Sepúlveda said "There's nothing unique that you can say, ‘Oh, There are so many different mechanisms going on that it's hard to study them because you don know how they act.'

In studies conducted over the last five years at the whole-animal level, Sepulveda's team has seen that each chemical in the tested mixtures usu-
ally has additive effects. The pervasive nature of PFAS complicates the studies.
"If I took a blood sample from you, you're oing to have a PFAS profile in your blood," Sepúlveda said. "It's chemicals, and not all of them have the same toxcity. You need to know how those might interact when they're together to pact toxicity." The chemicals are commonly found in lab oratory equipment, too.
This includes glassware, plasticware and even the rabbit chow they feed the frogs. "We found it in the anks that leached. And worst of all, it's in the da said. "How do you control for that? We can't keep the tanks sealed. It's a problem right now. The research team has follow-up studies in progress to further study
mixture toxicity in insects and in aquatic community dynamics.
"Aquatic organisms xist in a community, and they interact with one another," Hoskins of the community gets perturbed, that can have ripple effects for other nembers of the community. The communi-ty-level effects of PFAS have not received muc The team chose a phibians for this study phibians for this study
because they have an
aquatic life stage and can breed near sites affected by AFFF. "Just like every other animal, they serve important roles in the eco-
system " Hoskins noted system," Hoskins noted.
They eat a lot of insects. including mosquitoes. And they serve as prey, in turn, for other animals such as herons, turtles and snakes. "Chemicals serve a lot of important purposes for us. But if we're going
to put large amounts to put large amounts environment, it's our responsibility to understand what they're doing to our health and wildlif health," Hoskins said. to do here." we're trying The contributors to this study include Purdue's Linda Lee, Distinguished Professor of Environmental Chemistry in the Department of Agron-
omy; Jason Hoverman professor in the Department of Forestry and Natural Resources; Ann Catlin, senior research scientist, Purdue InforMation Technology; and Youn Jeong Choi, senor partment of Agronomy They also include Wesley Flynn, now at the U.S. Geological Survey; Grace Coogan, former Purdue lab manager; Chloé de Agriscience; and Masha Modiri Gharehveran (PhD environmental en gineering '19), now at EA Engineering, Science and Technology Inc.
This work was funded by the U.S. Departmen of Defense's Strategic and Development Program, ER-2626.

Lipid Biomarker Panels Perform Real-Time, Point-Of-Care Sample Analysis In Industrial, Agricultural Settings

Purdue University researchers are using mass spectrometry, a century-old analytical experts in a laboratory, to monitor and analyze patterns of molecules in real-time, point-of-care applications in industrial and agricultural settings
by nonexpert users. by nonexpert users. metabolomics analyst at Purdue's Metabolite Profiling Facility and Center for Analytical Instrument Development, said traditional mass spectrometry requires several steps to
obtain a profile containing structural information of diverse molecules and connect them to a specific characteristic "It is performed by homogenizing the sample, mixing it with trifuging and drying it before injecting it into a system operated by an expert," Ferreira said. "After that time-consuming process, the data
needs to be processed and needs to be processed an subalysis. There are many
anale software packages that
simplify this process, but it is time-consuming and needs expertise to be carried out and their validanels Ferreira and her col leagues have developed patent-pending biomarke panels and workflows that deliver nanograms or nanoliters of a biological
sample, usually lipids or metabolites, directly to the mass spectrometer without performing liquid chromatography or other sample preparation. "Our method is by natu informative because it includes structural information of all the molecules in the panel. Removing the sample preparation step makes it possible to analyze the data of the samples in
real time," Ferreira said. "This is a high-throughput technology: It is much less expensive and more amenable to be used outside a laboratory by nonexperts with minimal technical training.
The benefits are the high The benefits are the high
amount of chemical information acquired in a
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$\begin{array}{ll}\text { short time and in a simple } & \begin{array}{l}\text { ing of biologica, } \\ \text { tions as well." }\end{array}\end{array}$
The technology has been used by Purdue researchers of the Me-
tabolite Profiling Facility since 2016. Since then, it has been used in research that has been published in more than 40 peer-reviewed publications including Meat Science, Journal of Assisted Re-
production and Genetics, Reproductive Biology and Endocrinology, Analytical Chemistry and Journal of Mass Spectrometry.
"It was initially developed during my postdoc-
toral training at Graham Cooks' laboratory in Purdue's Department of Chemistry to discriminate advanced Parkinson's disease from controls using a few microliters, Ferreira said. "It also has been applied to discriminate human polycystic ovary syndrome, coronary artery disease, atopic dermatitis and to monitor
diet interventions. There diet interventions. There are diverse application
of the technology for mechanistic understandprovided to cattle and ender it is. Grass-fed fed beef, but there is no method to independently validate a grass-fed claim. The researchers, approach to determine Ferreira received $\$ 43,600$ from the Trask Innovation Fund, which awards funding for short-term projects that
enhance the commercial value of Purdue University intellectual property. It is managed by the cialization.

Certifying beef quality Ferreira and her collabFerreira and her collabof Sao Paolo in Brazil are using the technology to determine the type of feed other meat quality characteristics, including how as healthier than grain-patent-pending method
allows for a fast approach to determine certification requirements Purdue Innovates Office of Technology Commer-

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Rosa Walsh, director of scientific research at Rosa Walsh, director of scientific research at
the Florida Department of Citrus. "It offers a number of key vitamins and minerals, including vitamin C , folate, fiber and thiami, including vitamin C, folate, fiber and thiamin,
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## Cooking <br> A reliable energy source <br> can make cooking nutritious Co®ด meals quick and easy


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lion
Phemes with reidible energy people can count on. Plus, gas-pwered cooktop are pereferered by $96 \%$ of of profesional chefs, Kincluding nutstitionis and chee Dean Shereme of "My K Kitchen Ruses," who parthered with
the Propane Education \& Research Council (PRRC) to educat homeowners on the benefitso of cooking with gax "There is a lot of misinformation about cooking with gas in the news," Sheremet said. "It's important air quality, regardless of the energy that powers
the stove. Having a qualifed technician insall the stove. Having a qualified technician install and
perform regular service for the stove, maintaining perform regular service for the stove, maintaining
proper veniliation using a hood or opening doors proper venitiaiaion using a hood or opening dorss
or window and following common sense safety
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Because ventilation when cooking is key, its ispportant to
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because more than $00 \%$ of electicicity productiction comes trom because more than $60 \%$ of e cectrititity yroduction. comes from emissions as part of the generation process. Beyond the enviromental benefits, propane-powered
cooking apliances provide convenience cooking appliances rrovide convenience, modern desigg
and pertormance in kitchens allowin home and performance in kitchens, allowing home chefs to of time. Sheremet values the efficiency of a propane cooktop when creating nutritious meals like Skirt Steak
with Salsa Verde and Spaghetti and Clams, which can be with Sass Verde and Spaghetti and Clams, which can
whiped up in minutes using a clean energy source.
 reasons", Sheremet said. ""y son, Atasas, is onten in the
kitchen when Im cooking, and we know sometimes kids kitchen when ${ }^{\prime} \mathrm{m}$ cooking, and we know sometimes kids
don't listen when we tell them to not touch a pano or the stove. Propane cooktops allow for greater control of heat tevels and their instant flame turroff capabilities help them cool faster
than traditional electric stoves, which can remain dangerosly than traditional electric stoves, which can remain dangerously
hot tor a period after they have been turned off:" Learn morer about tooking witt propane and find recipes
from Sheremet at Propane.com/ChefDean.


Spaghetti and Clams
Recipe cocr
8-12 Sittleneck or other small clams in shell, scrubbed
$1 / 4$ pound spaghetti noodles
2 tablespoons extra-irigin
122-1 garlic colove, miniced
$1 / 2$ dried red chile pepper
$1 / 3$ cup vermouth or white wine
$1-2$ tablespoons chopped fresh Italian parsley

Bring large pot of lightly salted water to boil. Soak clams in coldd water
Add spagheti to boiling water and cook until slightly



 gently. Sinmer 1.2 minutes until spaghetti is cooked to taste.
Discard unpened clams. Add half the pasisey and Discard unopened clams. Add halif the paraley ynd
shake pant odstibute evenly. Transer to plate or bowl
and sprinkle with remaining parsicy.

DO'S AND DON'TS OF COOKING WITH GAS


Skirt Steak with Salsa Verd Recipe cautresy of chef Dean Sheremet
$1 / 2$ cup extra--irgin olive oil
$1 / 2$ cup extra-virgin olive
$1 / 4$ cup red wine vingegar
2 thinly sliced scallions 3 tablespoons capers, draine 3 garlic cloves, minced
$1 / 2$ teaspoon kosher salt, plus
$1 / 2$ teaspoon black pepper, plus
$1 / 2$ teaspoon black pepper, plus
additional, $t$ taste, divided
$11 / 2$ pounds skirts stak
tablespoons chopped parsle mint, divided
mes pistachios
$1 / 4$ cup pistachios
1 romaine heart
1 radicchio
12 radichin
 to coat.
Add parsley and 1 tablespoon mint to reserved
dressing stir and set sasde until ready to dressing, stir and set aside until ready to use. Cover
and reffigerate steak 30 minutes, or up to 04 hours In small saute pan over medium heat, toast pistachios, tossing often, until golden brown, abo 3 minues. Set aside.
Set grill to medium-high heat or heat gill pan Sev griil to medium-high heat or heat grill pan on
stovetop over medium-ligh heat. Grill steak about 5 minutes per side. Transfer to plate and rest Cut romaine hearts lengthwise into quarters. Arrans romaine and radicchio in layers on large plater, leaving room on one side for stak. Sprinkle with goat
cheses p pistachios cheses, pistachios and remining mint. Slice stak into 3-inch pieces then slice against grain
to cut steak into wide strips. Add sliced stak to plater. Drizzle reserved dressing on romaine and stak



Enjoy Apples Now And For Months To Come


MELINDA MYERS Columnist

We＇ve all heard an ap－ paway．But did you know an apple before grocery shopping means you will buy more fruits and vegetables？
Researchers at Cornell
University found that University found that snack before grocery shopping purchased 25 to $28 \%$ more produce than those who ate a cookie or nothing at all before
heading to the store． heading to the store． apple season to incor－ porate this healthy habit into your lifestyle．Have an apple or other healthy snack before your next trip to the grocery store．
Your healthier mindset your healthier mindset cart with more fruits and vegetables．
Then tantalize your taste buds by trying some new－to－you apple varieties．You＇ll find a
wide variety at farmer＇s wide variety at farmer＇s
markets，orchards，and retailers this time of year．Many offer sample and provide recipes and recommendations for th best snacking，baking， and processing varieties Or buy a collection of own taste test．
Extend your enjoyment with proper storage．Use bruised，cut，or damaged


A temperature betwen 32 and 39 Photo courtesy of Melinaanyers．com A temperature between 32 and 39 degrees with
condition for mature，firm，blemish－free apples．
 and only store apples th and only store apples that
are firm and blemish－free Mature apples store best in temperatures be－ tween 32 and 39 degrees with $95 \%$ humidity． Providing ideal storage
conditions is not alway conditions is not always
possible．Maximize their possible．Maximize their
storage life by placing ap ples in perforated plastic bags in the crisper drawe of the refrigerator．The plastic bag helps increas the humidity around the fruit while allowing air to fow through the holes．
If refrigerator space is limited，consider preserv ing some of the apples． Make them into sauce or apple pie filling for canning．Peel，chop，cook and dry apples into fruit
leathers for snacking leathers for snacking． pies for a quick and easy dessert to simply bake and serve when needed． Then add some fun by

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Take advantage of apple season to find new ways to include apples in your diet．You＇ll enjoy the
diversity of flavors and many uses this healthful fruit provides．

Melinda Myers has writ－ ten more than 20 gardening books，including the recently er＇s Handbook，2nd Edition and Small Space Garden－ ing．She hosts The Great Courses＂How to Grow Anything＂instant video and DVD series and the nationally syndicated Melin
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## Double Lilies：

 Perfect For YourBridal Bouquet！

If you are getting married soon，it＇s time to choose the flowers for your bridal bouquet！How about double lilies without pollen？They look stunning also in the decorations on your special day． Surprising color palette Double lilies are avail－ able in brilliant white and several shades of pink：
from very soft pastel to fom very soft pastel to we piqued your interest？ Double lilies have no stamens，and therefore no pollen．This is what makes them so perfect for bridal flowers（no unsightly pol－ Their scent is ever so sub－ tly floral－just right！ Lush \＆minimalist If you want to get mar－ ried in a romantic atmo－ sphere，why not combine double lilies with flowers
of the season，like tulips of the season，like tulips or dahlias in summer and autumn．The more rich in flowers，the more romantic your bridal bouquet will be．If you prefer a mini－ malist look，opt for a tight bundle of double－flowered lilies with long stems
（without leaves）．For
their hair or a small flowe arrangement looks very cute． From backdrop to table decorations You can let the flowers bouquet come back in the decoration of the wedding venue．You could use double lilies in a backdrop for the ceremony hall，for
example．Or lily bouquets example．Or lily bouquets the aisle．．．In the hall（or tent），you could place large vases filled with double lilies．And don＇t forget to decorate the welcome sign
with flowers．If you have with flowers．If you have
planned a dinner，place one planned a dinner，place one
double lily on each plate． double lily on each p
So festive！ Bridal trends Bridal bouquets in soft pastel shades are still very trendy．It looks very
romantic，after all！The romantic，after all！The
understated wedding is understated wedding is a
recent trend：think white table linens and white lilies－beautiful in all their simplicity．Above all，you should choose what you both like．The most im－ portant trend is：make your wedding day personal！
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it www．ilsysays．com．

## A White Garden：

## Pure And Natural

Choose white if you want something different White may not be an offi cial color，but it will giv your garden a calm and hades of white with dif－ ferent types of bulbs and reenery in your garden， you will create a perfect sense of harmony．
Pure and natural Pure and natural ze simplicity，cleanliness and purity．If you combine white with the greenery of plants，shrubs，and trees in your garden，you will eate a pure and natura Whosphere． Whether you have a modern garden or a classic
one（or maybe a little bit of overything），white flowers are always a good fit！ Mixing white To create this pure and different types of bulbs
in fall．Spring－flowering bulbs are planted as early as fall because they need a cold period to flower prop－
erly．If you have a modern garden，try keeping it to no more than three different white flowering bulbs．For a relaxed or classic garden， you can go all out with all types．As long as they are Patio and balcony If you have a patio or balcony and you like the natural and pure style， white flower bulbs will also work really well．
If you have a white pot If you have a white pot around，or else something made of natural material such as reeds or wood，you can combine it very nicely with your bulbs to enhance the natural atmosphere More information is bulbs．com．


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## CAREER READY

$\square^{\text {or some time，heading to college or joining the }}$ workforce have been the standard dhoices for teen． upon high school graduation．Today，in part due to
technology and social media soudents have aceess riad career paths that are all but traditional． With an increasingly dynamic career landscape creating an awareness of jobs that didn＇t exist even 10 years aso and
a shoratae in the workfore，there＇s w willingness for both
 young talent friom a whole new perspective． ＂There is ist ta＇typical＇career anymore＂，＂said Dr．Loma Bryant，Gen $Z$ career expert and head of career education
for Pearson Virtual Schools ．＂With the perfect stomm in the workforce of boomers eetiring，many people stil not returning to work in the wake of the pandemic and
 generation（ages $11-26$ in is positioned extremely well flipped to the supply side and demand is causing many employers to remove barriers to work entry．Whether high school grads go to college or work，developing in－demand the fiture＂ Consider these tips from Bryant to help students explore the many options in front of them and prepare for the
possibilities that await tater high school

Help Kids Cultivate Durable Skills
While technology has transformed the world of work，an increasing number of careers prioritize durable skills over technical or hard skills．Durable skills salso known as ＂soft＂＂o＂human＂skillss include collaboration，leadership． communication and attention to detail，along with traits，
like empathy，grit and resilience．According to Pears，＇s like empanhy，grir and resilience．Accorting to Reansons skills for employers．In addition，research from America Succeeds found employers seek durable skills 3.8 times more frequently than the top five tecthicata or hard skins sin every Iocation，industry sector and educational attainment level．
Possessing these kkill sis not only a atractive to employers but colleges and universities，too．One of the best ways to prepare for the jobb of tomorrow，which don＇t exist today，is to focus on timeless durable skills．
Many students a aready possess or re actively developing these skills in high schoo．The key is to raise awareness them on college and job applications or resumes．For example，teens can display their leadership skills by captaining sports teams or statiting a club at school．They
can show case can showcase collaboration and communication abilities
by holding and thriving in sudent goverment positions by hodiding and thriving in sutdent government positions，
Bridge Passions and Hobbies to Careers Begining converastions with children as early as middde
school that expose sududenst $t$ o job roles responsibilides schoor that exposes students to job roles．responsibiliteses and
salaries connected to a areas of interest is inportant fo setid sdem up for long－term success．Nutruing interests－rather
then than dismissing them as fights of fancy - and finding paths to explore hala align wifh huose hoobbies or ineresest in real－world applications can open doors to poteniai careers that may not have previously been considered． Academy yrad，is attending Princeton U law track．The fiexibility of online school enabled him to dig into his passions for political and community organizing and activisis in high school，including a activism around dilimate
and enviromental policy．It was through oinining local nurses and environmental policy．It was through joining local nurses
in their fight for a fair contract he realized he wanted to bea lawyer and make a difference in the labor rights cause．

## 3 strategies to prepare teens for life after school



To help students align their values and interests with potential careers，ask questions such as． What jobs srecificically，you renjoy y about your interests？ serving others，being creative，etc．）？
Do you have the skills to do those jobs？If not，what research and training do you need to acquire the
necessary skillset？ you want to live？
－Can you make enough money to live the lifestyle you want doing this job？
－Can you envision enjoying this type of work for 8 （or
more）hours per day？
College Credi
As earning college credits，career－ready credentials and secialized training for future careers is becoming mor accessible for high school and middle school students， it＇s important to research available options．From online career readiness programs that allow students to enter college or the workforce＂job－ready＂，there are more ptions available now than ever before
One example，Connections Academy，a K－12 online career readiness initiatives for middle and high school
courses can deliver high school credit；industry－recognized micro－credentials（to help qualify for careers in data
analytics，UX design，software development，cybersecurity analytics，UX design，software development，cybersecurity
and more）；and eligibility for college credit toward more than 150 bachelor＇s degree programs at partner universities in the United States．In addition，the Career Pathways program delivers curated learning experiences ntields such as IT，business and health care，allowing and take advantage of specialized classes that transition seamlessly to higher education or nationally recognized， industry certifications．
Taking advantage of program offerings，aspiring paramedic Maeson Frymire，a 2022 Inspire Connections Academy school．After graduation，he became a firefighter and is now working toward becoming an advanced certified EMT，carving out a career path toward flight paramedicine．
Or consider Abigail Sanders，also a 2022 graduate，who high school．Now in the second year of her doctorate program in medical school，she aspires to be a doctor by the age of 22 and uses her love of learning and passion for science to
advance her career while seeking to become an oncologist．

For more information on online schools and career readines programs for teens，visit ConnectionsAcademy．com．

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## Business

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## Hoosiers，Travelers Vote Indy Airport Number 1

USA TODAY＇s 10BEST Readers＇Choice Award has
named the Indianapolis Inter national Airport（IND）numbe one among the best large airports in the United States． by a nationwide public vote， with USA TODAY revealing 20 category nominees． ＂Spending time at the airport is an inevitable part of most travel experiences，and the quality of the airport itself said USA TODAY．＂These 10 large airports have been voted as the best in the U．S．by our readers for their fantastic ame nities，top－notch concessions， and the wealth of destinations they serve．＂
The Indy Tom Indy airport was chose ＂direct flights service a range of destinations including San Francisco and Toronto， and as an added bonus，the complex is loaded with cozy bars and restaurants that are perfect for a little pre－flight re－
laxation，＂USA TODAY said． The Indianapolis Airport Authority expressed its grat－ itude to Hoosiers who voted for their hometown airport team and to the expanse of ai port employees and business partners who work diligently customer experience to Indy airport guests．
＂We are very happy to be honored frequently with prestigious customer feedback awards based on the passenge experience at the airport，＂said
IAA Executive Director Mario Rodriguez．＂But we did un－ abashedly ask fellow Hoosie to vote in this open－forum contest，and Hoosiers stepped
up and readily helped to put us at the top．And we－all of
us at IND－－are immensely grateful．＂
Condé Nast Traveler also recently included the Indy ers＇Choice Awards for best airports in the United States，a prestigious list the Indy airport has consistently been included in for the past decade．More than half a million readers pa ticipated in this year＇s annual survey．
＂Indianapolis＇s airport has long been one of the top－sco ers in our survey，and there＇s no secret why，＂Condé Nast Traveler said，pointing out travelers＇praise of the Indy airport＇s convenient shopping and dining options，including King Brewery and Tinker Coffee Co．＂Even as it grew to accommodate nearly 10 million passengers a year－a sizable increase for this mid－ sized facility－it has retained
the qualities that have made it he qualities that have made it Travel＋Leisure also cluded the Indy airport earlier this year as the number－two ranking best domestic airport in its annual World＇s Best Awards．More than 165,000 readers were asked to rate air－ in／security，restaurants／bars， shopping and design．The Ind airport has been included on his prestigious list for the pas eight years． More recently，customer feedback put the Indy airpor at the top of the J．D．Power
list of best medium－sized ai ports in North America－with the Indy airport getting high marks for its restaurant and
bars among consumers．The Indy airport was also named Best Airport in North Amer－ ica earlier this year by the Airports Council Internation－ al－North America for the 11th year in a row of how a culture of Hoosier Hospitality is winning hearts and minds among travelers across North America，＂said Rodriguez．
About the Indianapolis Airport Authority The Indianapolis Airport ates Indiana＇s largest airport system in the Indianapolis metropolitan area．In addition to the Indianapolis Inter－ national Airport（IND），its facilities include the Down－ town Heliport，Eagle Creek Airport－Gordon Graham Field Indianapolis Regional Airport and Metropolitan Airport．IND generates a $\$ 7.5$ billion total annual economic impact to the state of Indiana－without
relying on state or local taxes to fund operations．More than 11，000 people work at the airport each day，and nearly 54,000 jobs statewide have a connection to the airport．In 2022 ，IND served more than 8 million business and leisure ranked，year after year，as the best airport in North America and the nation，based on ease of use，passenger ameni－ ties，customer service，local retail offerings and public art world＇s second largest FedEx operation and the nation＇s eighth－largest cargo facility For more information，visit IND．com．


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## Purdue，IU To Collaborate On Analysis Of Indiana＇s \＄500 Million Economic Development Efforts

The Purdue Center for Re－ gional Development，as part of the Office of Engagement，and
he Indiana University Public Policy Institute will collaborate on a multiyear project to exam－ ine the economic and communi－ ty impact of Indiana＇s nationally recognized，\＄500 million Re－ gional Economic Acceleration Launched by Gov．Eric Hol－ comb，the READI program has awarded more than $\$ 487$ millio of the initiative＇s original $\$ 500$ million to accelerate strategic investments in 17 regions that ties．These funds will match additional public，private and nonprofit dollars，totaling an expected $\$ 12.2$ billion invested in Indiana communities，talent and innovation． The project will assess the fram，from its inception in pro gram，from its inception in 2021
through December 31， 2026 ， to produce key performance indicators and other program insights，including population growth，per capita income and economic impact analyses，for the Indiana Economic Devel－
opment Corp．（IEDC）which opment Corp．（IEDC），which will allocate $\$ 1.69$ million ove nearly four years to this project to monitor the state＇s growth in key areas that contribute to the quality of life of Hoosiers． READI grant program，we knew it had the potential to $h$ a generational impact across every region and further accel－ erate population and economic growth throughout Indiana，＂ said David Rosenberg，Indiana secretary of commerce and CEO with Purdue and IU will put additional data behind these investments in quality of place quality of life and quality of opportunity，highlighting the significance of each project and program and the state＇s unprec－
edented investment as a whole． Together，we can illustrate Indiana＇s commitment to and progress toward creating nation ally recognized，vibrant destina－ tions that retain and attract top talent．＂
The IEDC announced fund－ ing awards December 2021，
allocating matching grants to 17 regions ranging in amounts from $\$ 5$ million to $\$ 50$ million These funds will support 361
unique，shovel－ready projects and programs across the state to accelerate community，work
force and economic growth ＂These investments have the potential to really transform the regions of the grant recipients，＂ said Roberto Gallardo，vice president for engagement and director of the Purdue Center for case，the investment is so signif－ icant that I think we really need to go beyond dollars and cents． Community engagement in the program is key to its success． Tom Guevara，director of Policy Institute do＇s sentiments，saying the joint research project will deliver tangible，data－driven insight． ＂Our work，in partnership with the Purdue Center for Re gional Development，will give nities detailed insights for the next several years on how thes investments have worked to improve the quality of life and economic future for Hoosiers everywhere，＂Guevara said． Gallardo said the Purdue and to examine the community buy in for the projects．The research will explore not only how the money is used in the develop－ ment of capital projects and programs but also how those local efforts are improving the quality of life for resident ＂We want to know if residents do said．＂With our contribution to the evaluation process，we＇ll be helping to tell a powerful story of the impact this progran is having in regions throughou the state
Gallardo said results will help provide transparency and ac－ who authorized the $\$ 500$ million investment，and inform Indiana residents of what＇s being done to attract，develop and retain talent in Indian
investments． investments．
both partners offer comara said tary skills and expertise that will allow them to synchronize data and generate creative analyses for the IEDC that，Guevara noted，＂can be used for expand－
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## Bed Bug Outbreak Raises Concerns For Drivers And Passengers

A recent outbreak of bed bugs across Europe has prompted many to
question their suscep－ question their suscep－ both private vehicles and public transporta－ tion．With the increase in international travel，it is crucial for drivers and passengers alike to be
mindful of this risk．A bed bug infestation is not only a nuisance but also a potential health hazard with their propensity for spreading disease． ＂Diligence is the pri－ mary defense against bed bugs．These pests hitch
a ride on clothing and luggage，so whether you are a driver or a passen－ ger，an awareness of you surroundings can go a long way in preventing their spread，＂advises International Drivers
Association．
Identifying Bed Bugs： The First Line of Defense Recognizing the presence of bed bugs is the first step to combat
the infestations．They the ill，flat bugs，typical－ ly reddish－brown，often hiding in crevices and cracks．Their bites，which may lead to itchy，red welts，can be a telltale sign of an infestation．
Preventing Bed Bugs can minimize the like－ can minimize the like lihood of encountering ing some precautionary measures：
－Undertake Regular Cleaning：Regular thor－ ough cleaning is crucial Cleaning hard－to－reach areas where bed bugs often hide is essential． －Use Protective Cov－ ers：If possible，consider using protective covers on seats．These not only deter bed bugs but also
make detection easier． －Personal Hygiene： Travelers should keep their luggage and clothes clean．Remember，bed bugs can latch onto cloth ing and bags． spotting a bed bug immediate actions lik killing it or cleaning the affected area can prevent further spread． The Role of Profes－
sional Help sional Help When a car or taxi is management might be necessary．＂DIY remedies often prove inadequate for a full－blown infesta－ tion，＂points out Wyatt of the International Drivers the Internation
Association．

Travel Tips：Guarding against Bed Bugs The challenge of avoid
ance becomes greater for ance becomes greater for Yet，staying mindful and prepared can help ensure a bug－free journey： －Check for Signs：On
entering a cab，quickly entering a cab，quickly check the seating area for signs of bed bugs．Look black spots，usually signs of their feces．
－Keep Your Belong－ －Keep Your Belong－ ings Close：Keep person－ al belongings on your lap instead of placing
on the seat next． on the seat next．
－Inspect Luggage R ularly：Upon arrival at your destination，inspect your luggage to ensure no bugs have hitched a ride． Bed bugs in vehicles are becoming a grow－
ing concern across the ing concern across the
globe．However，by acting responsibly，taking preventive measures， and remaining vigilant， we can help curb the spread of these unwel－ come pests．Now that you are equipped with
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＂We
＂We are honored to welcome these outstanding individuals to our board of directors．Their divers backgrounds and deep
industry knowledge will be invaluable as we continue to grow and innovate．We believe their contributions will be instrumental in driving our organization
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## 5 Ways to Support Dogs＇Health as They Age

Family fertures

While you may look at your dogs and
see the same little see the same little
puppies you brought home years ago，the reality is they age the same way people do， and if you count in＂dog years，＂ sometimes even faster．The aging process for dogs can mean graying whiskers and less ball chasing， but it may also mean adjusting to changing health needs．
As dogs approach their late adult and senior years，it＇s important to adapt the ways they＇re cared for so they can enjoy happy and heathy lives．To fully support your dog＇s lives as they age，consider this advice from the pet experts at Zesty Paws．

## Enjoy Enrichmen

 and ExerciseWhether your furry friends prefer a friendly game of fetch or a long walk around the neighborhood， exercise is key for dogs of all ages．As dogs mature，some of the high－energy bursts may fade， but continuing with low－impact exercises can help them stay in shape both physically and mentally．


Stay active by walking to support joint health and mobility and keep regular grooming appointments to support healthy kin and coat．Don＇t forget enrichment activities to help stimulate their minds，too Try hiding food or treats in puzzles or toys， or schedule play dates with other dogs so they can get active and socialize．

Explore the Benefits of Functional Pet Supplements
Dogs，just like humans，have a molecule in their bodies called nicotinamide adenine inucleotide（NAD＋），which supports ellular function energy and repair mechanisms．NAD＋levels naturally decl echanisms．NAD＋levels naturally declin throughout the aging process，but to help health regeneration in dogs，Zesty Paws ealh resuplementos，Zesty reated a supplement to support heathy ging for dogs． Powered by Niagen to help reinvigorate cellular energy，the Healthy Aging NAD＋Precursor system brings a little of their puppyhood back through support of normal cellular，metabolic，brain and
heart，skeletal and muscle health．This innovative system of supplementation offers pet parents a fun and unique way to support their dog＇s solden years．

Adapt Your Dogs＇Diets to Match Life Stages A healthy and balanced diet is important for dogs of all ages With that in mind，there are subtle nuances at different lif stages that call for ingredients of food blends to motch dietey eeds For expmple punpies needs．For example，puppies typically require foods with more protein and fats to hel fuel their growth．
Adult dogs may need food that is more focused on addressing issues like gut health，weight control，denta hygiene and other needs． Then，as pets mature into their senior years，you may need to consider foods with added support for their hips and joints or a lower－calorie diet to help alleviate weight concerns due to decreased activity．

Be Diligent About Regular Vet Appointments
While pet parents already know the importance of keeping up with routine veterinarian visits，these check－ins with a health professional can take on increased significance for aging pets．
It＇s recommended to schedule regular appointments with your vet so he or she can conduct physical examinations to monitor your pet＇s well－being，and this time also provides an opportunity for you to discuss any changes you＇ve noticed in your pet＇s routines．Just like you，your adult dogs should have a complete examination at least once a year．

## Stick to Routines

Just as you have certain things you do each day，like brushing your teeth and making your morning coffee doos can also benefit from having their own routines．Whether it＇s morning walk or weekly bathing having a routine can reinforce previous trining for adult dogs and hol dogs and help them continue to learn new behavior． Routines based on exercise，enrichment，training and groo travel moving or new house guests and allow dogs to feel mor confident and comfortable Fol connident and com． maintaining a routine can also be helpful for consistency and reducing nervousness．

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## STOP LISTENMG

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## The Paper

Joseph Belton Never Returned Home Alive


KAREN ZACH Around The County

Recently，I was honored to write one of my Around The Cameron Fullenwider who died from wounds received in the Battle of Thompson Station and whose government stone was placed by his great grand nephew，Dave Fullenwider， Waveland Presbyterian Ceme－ as and 33rd Indiana historian， Chris Walker，History Professo at Indiana Wesleyan． Brown Township sent and lost many to the Civil War， including today＇s subject，
Joseph Belton．Sadly，little is Joseph Belton．Sadly，little is one，there is no birthdate for him．He is found in only two census records－from these we can glean he was probably born in late 1834 or early 1835 in either PA or OH．It seems
fairly obvious that he lost at least his father but was close to his brother，Samuel，whom I don＇t believe ever married． Sam was quite a bit older than Joe（ 24 years and thought 1 had found Joe＇s father but found proof later definitely his
brother）and was born in PA but brother）and was born in PA but
imagine Joe＇s birth occurred in Ohio with his parents having been born in PA．Although I was frustrated I didn＇t find his parents，I $m$ not the only one－ hard to find！I suspicion Israel Belton who passed 19 Nov 1852 and Elizabeth Pacey both who married there at Hecking－ ton 18 August 1817，came to America on the Sarah Ralston to Philadelphia 18 March 182 with Eliza，11，a male with name beginning with＂ G ＂or
＂ S ＂age 9 ；Mary 5 ；Caroline 3 and John age 1 are probable to be but found no specific record as such．Just hints such as in Sam＇s 1900 census record it states both parents were born in England．In 1850 the family （Joe working as an apprentice
blacksmith elsewhere in the blacksmith elsewhere in the Ohio with Ann and Jane with them．In 1870，Elizabeth age 78 is still in Stark County，Ohio with daughter Nancy age 40 ．


There is more proof when we talk about Joe＇s letters below． Joe married Mary Elinor
Hamilton in Columbiana County，Ohio 16 October 1856，Mary one of the oldest of ten children born to William
Wallace and Isabel McK Wallace and Isabel McK in Ohio（Alliance，then New Lisbon）but were in Waveland by 1859 ，having a small farm and he using his blacksmith skills quite extensively with his brother，Sam．Hiram Pratt，
long time barber in Waveland long time barber in Waveland purchased beef from Sam and Fountain North Johnson wrote about working as a blacksmith with Sam and Joe Belton， making carriages and wagons． Sam became quite active in
the local Masons，a member the local Masons，a member
until death．Joe was active in protecting the town，serving as head officer，major for the local militia（11th）but then joined （8 January 1864 CoH ）the 40th Indiana as a private in the regular service，his majorship mean
Army
His
His letters to Mary when he was in the army gave glimpses into his earlier life． As per above（ 1870 census） if Elizabeth is his mother（he speaks of Nancy and several
of the other children of hers and Israel＇s thus it is likely this is the correct parentage）he is fairly insistent that if something happens to him that Mary takes their children and goes to live with＂Mother．＂Mother espe－ cially wanted Frank to come to her，as an educated woman，she
could teach Frank individually， but Mary could read and write just fine，too and she certainly had other plans．
Little touches of humor are in his letters＂I expect Nancy of－ ten thinks of me when she has something good for dinner for
she was always grumbling at she was always grumbling at
me for being so hard to please． Well，I＇m not so hard to please as I was．＂He asked sister Jane to also help with Frank＇s schooling and that he would try

o compensate her later for it． In almost every letter to his Dear Wife，＂he tells her he will likely get a furlough and that his doctor was trying hard to do that（as he was in the Joe Holt Army Hospital in Jeffer－ sonvile，Indiana for several
months）．He was still waiting a his death but a few days before had told her his bowels were bad，couldn＇t even get out of bed，and his kidneys failing and that he was being examined for a discharge．A couple of times
he apologized to her－he was he apologized to her－he was
occasionally a bit bossy but can you imagine the times？In one letter he admits that he made a mistake in joining．He prom－ ised when returning he would do everything in his power to make her happy．Trying to keep things light，he tells her of the
books he has read and that he books he has read and that he the whole hospital ward and the whole hospital ward and
that for several weeks when he was feeling fairly well he was assigned medicine duty but was so tired after getting it all doled out then starting all over again．
Not sure he even saw his youngest（Carrie who was 2 Nov 1864 married Arthur Kleiser，having two wonderful daughters，Mildred and Wane－ tah）he thanks Mary for telling him of Belle＂writing to him would be to see Miss Belle herself．Another son was born as well as another child lost young，Willie 1858－59．Son Frank later owned several busi nesses in town，marrying local gal，Jessie Herley，then Emma Garland and having one son， the children for him．Bet he would have been so happy to see them grow up and enjoy his close to a dozen grandchildren．
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Butch Had To Face The Goblins


BUTCH DALE
Columnist
I grew up in an old two－story farmhouse southeast of Dar－ lington．As was the custom in those days，Dad farmed the ground for the landlord，and he house was provided for free．Up until the age of $31 / 2$ ， I slept downstairs in a small safe and sound．However，when my brother Gary was born in March of 1952，I was shipped o the upstairs room．The only one up there was little ol＇me． Not good．It certainly did not help the situation when Dad Whitcomb Riley poem： ＂Wunst they wuz a little boy wouldn＇t say his prayers，－－
An＇when he went to bed at An＇when he went to bed at
night，away up－stairs， night，away up－stairs，
His Mammy heerd holler，an＇his Daddy heerd him
bawl， ivvers down，he wuzn＇t there at all！
An＇they seeked him in the after－room，an＇cubby－hole，an press，
An＇seeked him up the chimbly－flue，an＇ever＇wheres， I guess；
But all they ever found wuz But all they ever found wuz thist his pants an roundabout YOU
Ef you Don＇t Watch OUT！＂ I have no idea why Dad re－ peated that poem over and ove ure I said my nighttime pray which went like this：
＂Now I lay me down to sleep．．．I pray the Lord my soul keep；If I should die before wake．．．I pray the Lord my soul Great have to worry about goblins， but it was now running through my feeble little mind that I could．．．DIE！No wonder I neve missed Sunday School at the Methodist church．
o get to sleep．A night light
o get to sleep．A night lig
helped，but most of the
time I slept under the covers，


Gary and Butch in 1954 even on hot summer nights． could hear something，like－ ly mice，scratching around inside the walls，so my folks brought up a fan to drown out those noises．In the winter，
the upstairs room was so cold that I could see my breath． Oftentimes，in addition to my pajamas，I wore a sock hat， coat，and gloves．．．but still ran the fan！
Well，I eventually adjusted to sleeping in that tiny upstairs bedroom．But when I was six a heart attack in a field behind our house．After the funeral， I was absolutely certain that his ghost resided in the up－ stairs closet．Fortunately my
little brother joined me little brother joined me soon
afterwards．We were scared to aterwards．We were scared to
death．．．together．We slept in that upstairs bedroom all through our years at home．There was no bathroom up there，and since we did not want to venture too far in the darkness，many times we took a few steps，lifted the window，and urinated through have to do．Dad never figured out why that window screen became rusty．
When my wife and I had
children I wited children，I recited the Riley ＂Gobble－uns＂poem to my
kids．Might as well be a family kids．Might as well be a family
tradition．．．and at age 75 ，every day of the year．．．I still run a fan at night．So．．．．all of you need to remember this：
＂You better mind yer parents， an＇yer teachurs fond an＇dear，
An＇churish them＇at loves An＇churish them＇at loves
you，an＇dry the orphant＇s tear， you，an dry the orphant＇s tear，
An＇he＇p the pore an＇needy ones＇at clusters all about， Er＇the Gobble－un＇s＇ii git YOU．．．Ef you don＇t watch OUT！＂
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## The Paper

## Israel Response Will Be Watched



TIM TIMMONS Two Cents

Don＇t know about you， but it＇s been a while since I＇ve been to a concert． Been even longer since I was at one of those events held out in the open with acts coming and going over an extend
of time． of time another state and what felt like a lifetime or three ago．I do remember hav－ ing more than a few cold beverages－and not sure how reliable
Still，the day brings back a good memory Good weather，good friends，good music． Perhaps you have a similar memory？ If so，imagine that in
the middle of this pleas－ ant experience you hear shot．Then another．And another．Soon，guys with guns are everywhere．
People are being shot People are being shot
Imag
Imagine running for your life．
To no avail Pleasant turns to panic．
Hapiness to Happiness to horror． That＇s exactly what hundreds of mostly went through during the went through during the
opening moments of the invasion by Hamas． To be clear，I am no expert on Israel．My wife and I were fortunate enough to be visitors
there for a short period there for a short period．
If you are a believer，a If you are a betieve y
religious person，you know Israel is a special place．Even if you are not，the idea that all your neighbors want you dead should resonate deeply．
As of this writing，the As of this writing，the
world is waiting for the Israeli Defense Force to go into Gaza and begin rooting out the evil that is Hamas．I am sure that the media will report on story after story of how Israel
is now in the wrong． There will be innocent people who die．Cameras horrific events of war and Israel will be blamed． I believe we will hear
a great deal about＂pro－ a great deal about＂pro and how Israel has gone overboard．
Poppycock
Did anyone talk about a proportional response after terrorists flew air－
liners into U S．buildings liners into U．S．buildings a couple of decades ago？ We made retribution for that dastardly act a mis－ sion that carried over into two presidential adminis－ trations－one Republican and one Democrat．What
George W．Bush started， Barrack Obama finished when Navy SEALS hunted down and killed Osama bin Laden． God bless them． How can there be a
proportional response fo proportional response for nately kill families，who kill babies？
Have you seen the Have you seen the videos？ A terrorist swings a
shovel repeatedly
the neck of a dead Israeli
soldier in an effort to de－ capitate．Another shows a terrorist walking up to a wounded civilian lying helplessly on the ground and simply pointing their weapon at them and pull－ ing the trigger．In Kfar
Aza 40 babies were foun murdered．Early reports indicated they were beheaded．That was later disputed．Does it matter？ Forty babies were killed．
It＇s evil．Evil like the It＇s evil．Evil like the times． For those who are calling for a rapid and peaceful solution－well， from your lips to God＇s ears．But I fear that God isn＇t the only supernatural
force in play here．People force in play here．People
who kill families，who murder babies，don＇t un－ derstand God．And they ertainly don＇t understand proportional responses． Astoundingly，there are multiple pundits who are fake news．Forget the fact that there are videos． Forget the fact that sol－ diers，journalists and peo－ ple who live there have said they have seen the
bodies first－hand．Some are denying it．The only explanation I can come up with is that it doen＇t fit their narrative．
The truth and painful eality is that Israel is a nation of 9 million people who want them dead． Surrounded．By．Ene－ mies．
And what some folks those calling for Israel oo back down，to ease up will never understand that there are times when you have to fight．There are times when turning he other cheek doesn＇t work．We would like to say，to believe with all
of our hearts that reas will prevail．We want to think that we can bring everyone to the negotiat ing table and find some ort of peaceful solution． But how do you find peace when one side only wants to squash you out There＇s a lesson for us here in the U．S．，too． We have enemies who want what we have．We also have an open borde where millions have
come into our country unchecked for a few in Israel happen here？ And if it did，what would we do today？ More than two decades go，9－11 galvanized us，
brought all sides together Would we unite again？ Answer this．Where is the outrage over the 29 Americans who were killed by Hamas？Where is someone like Bush o
Obama telling Hamas Obama telling Hamas does，we will hunt down those who killed our citizens and make them pay？
Where is our national will？ Again，as of this writ－
ing the world is watchin ing the world is watching
and waiting to see what and waiting to see＇what
Israel does．Here＇s wish ing them the very best in their mission．
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Ask Rusty－Can My Wife Claim Her Benefit Now，And Switch To A Spouse Benefit From Me Later？

Dear Rusty：Can my
wife claim her benefits now（at 63，and we know about the reduction for claiming early）and then， when I retire at 66 year and 10 months of age can she switch over to spousal benefits based on my benefit amount？ She worked at a higher paying job for much of her career but is now at a much lower incom the amount that would reduce her benefits further．I currently ear about nine times her annual salary so the spousal benefit for her
would be an increase would be an increase
when I retire．Signed： Seeking Information

Dear Seeking：Yes， your wife can claim her own（reduced）Social Security retirement ben－
efit now，and she will be
automatically awarded a spousal boost when you later claim your SS retire ment benefit．However， your wife＇s benefit when you claim will not be
$50 \%$ of your full retire－ $50 \%$ of your full retire－
ment age（FRA）amount ment age（FRA）amount
because she claimed her own SS benefit early and also because her spousal boost will be awarded prior to her FRA．Any benefit taken before FRA
is reduced，including the spousal benefit． Here＇s what will happe if your wife claims her own Social Security at age 63：
－Your wife＇s personal SS retirement benefit，
when she claims，will be when she claims，will be
reduced by about $25 \%$ －When you claim at your full retirement age，your wife will get a＂spousal boost＂to her
own reduced benefit．

－The amount of your －The amount of your wife＇s spousal boost will
be the difference between her FRA entitlement and $50 \%$ of your FRA enti－ tlement，reduced because the spousal boost will be awarded（automatically）
before she has reached her before she has reached he FRA amounts are used to compute the spousal boost，regardless of the age at which benefits are

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－When you claim your FRA，so the amount of her spousal boost（the difference between her FRA entitlement and half of your FRA entitlement） will be reduced．
－The reduced spousal your wife＇s reduced SS retirement benefit，result－ ing in her total benefit payment being less than half of yours．

## Butch Can Teach Anything！



BUTCH DALE
By the time spring of By the time spring of
1977 had rolled around，I had taught Social Studies， PE，and Health to students at Darlington Middle School and North Mont－
gomery High School for gomery High School for seven years．That summer，
Eual McCauley，the North Montgomery Superinten－ dent，wanted to speak with me about the upcoming school year．He explained that there was a shortage of Industrial Arts teacher in the state，and he had to fill the position at Darlington．He needed someone to teach shop class to 7th and 8th graders． Mr．McCauley then quizzed me，＂Do you
know anything about metalworking？＂＂No a thing，＂I replied．．．＂What about electricity？＂．．．I shook my head，＂Abso－ lutely nothing．＂．．．＂OK， how about woodwork ing？＂．．．＂Well，I made
some simple toy boats some simple toy boats when I was a little kid．＂ Mr．McCauley started to look somewhat forlorn． ＂Do you have any knowl－ edge of motors，engines， and the like？．．．＂I tried to build a go－cart when
I was 13 ，but it was a disaster．＂．．．＂What about drafting？＂．．．＂I never took that in high school，but some people think I am a fairly decent artist．＂Mr． McCauley hesitated for a few seconds．He was
getting desperate，＂Butch you grew up on a farm， you grew up on a farm
right？＂．．．．＂Yes．＂＂OK，

that＇s good enough for me．How would you like year？＂ Mr．McCauley was a good guy，and he had been a close friend of my Dad for many years．．． plus，he was the one who first hired me as a teach
er．．．＂Sure，Mr．McCau－ er．．．Sure，Mr．McCau－ A big smile crossed his face，and I was the new Industrial Arts teacher at the middle school that September．He handed me
the textbook，and I looked the textbook，and looke I was somewhat unsure how this would go over， but I decided that since it was junior high，I could manage．The students and I would learn together farm，I was familiar with several tools from watch－ ing and helping my Dad． So the first week＇s lessons involved the identification of hand tools and power tools and their uses，along with safety．I decided that of electricity，it was best to skip that，so I had every－ one start a simple wood－ working project，using hand tools only．The boys loved it！After a few mor
woodworking projects，I woodworking projects，I
let them use some power let them use some poe
tools．．．drills，portable saws，band saws，sanders，
etc．and they thought they etc．and they thought they
were professional wood－ were professional wood－
workers．I taught drafting workers．I taught drafting
for a couple of weeks in the classroom，but I could tell the boys wanted to get back in the shop room again，so we started on some simple
ing projects． ing projects．
Of course that age， boys are starting to think about cars and getting their driver＇s licenses in a couple of years．With not much money in the school＇s shop supply
account，I decided to purchase an old car with my own money and have the boys work on it．You should have seen the look on their faces when I wheeled a 1937 Plym－ outh coupe into the shop
room one morning！We room one morning！We worked on it for a month，
and the kids became＂auto mechanic experts，＂at least in their minds！ I taught that shop class for two years，and I can honestly say that I had I even taught the 7 th and 8th grade girls for a few weeks each semester while the boys took home economics and learned how to cook，sew，take care of a newborn，etc． skills＂back then．．．but not skills＂back then．．．but not
in today＇s world． One thing I discovered
is that many of the kids who were not fond of math soon found out that basic math and knowledge
of geometry are essential of geometry are essential
when building or making something in the shop room．I believed that shop class certainly helped to develop their math skills． Also，several students who took no interest，or who did poorly in oth－
er＂regular＂classroom subjects，really excelled in shop class．After high school many went on to become carpenters， auto mechanics，or other occupations which require
specific knowledge and specific knowledge and
skills．．．certainly satisfying stills．．．certainly satisfying
to them and beneficial to the community．My Dad always said that the main thing in life is to find something you love to do．．．．and then become good at it．
Yes，I loved teaching shop for those two years． from the Sheriff＇s depart－ ment，the principal at Clinton Prairie called me， and asked if I would teach unior high shop class for someone．
＂I sure would！＂I had another fun year！I even－ ually purchased several power tools from Sears and built custom wood abinets as a hobby for a few years，and I enjoy
working with my hands on all types of things．But as far as electricity goes， I can put in a light bulb．．． that＇s about it．I cut a light cord in two with a pair of scissors when I was
four years old．What a SHOCK．．．that was enoug for me！

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The only way your wife can get the full $50 \%$ is to wait until her own FRA（67）to claim Social Security，but by doing so she also forfeits the mon－ ey she would otherwise own benefit now．As long as she won＇t significantly exceed the earnings limit while working before her FRA，claiming now is an acceptable strateg
because it will take many years to recover the mo until her FRA to claim． It＇s also reasonable be－ cause women statistically
outlive men and your outlive men and your
wife＇s benefit as your surviving spouse will be $100 \%$ of the amount you are receiving at your
death，instead of the death，instead of the smaller spousal amount
she was receiving while she was receiving while
you were both living you were both living
When to claim is When to claim is
always a personal choic and life expectancy should always be thought－ fully considered，but the answer to your specific question is－yes，if your
wife claims her own wife claims her own
benefit at 63 ，she will benefit at 63 ，she will
automatically receive her spousal boost when you claim，but her payment as your spouse will be less than $50 \%$ of your FRA benefit amount．

## Activity Helps

 Strengthen Each Day

30 minutes， 40 minutes， 50 minutes and still click， click，click．The perspira－ tion from the sun now has I press on． I can feel the pounds being beamed off me by the mythical Star Trek transporter．Well maybe not pounds，more like
RANDALL FRANKS Southern Style Columns Click，click，click，click， ers as I walk along the hiking path ever hopeful hat with each passing mile I am a little more fit
and well on my way to and well on my way to
losing the few pounds I am seeking to shed． After opening boxes， and pulling jeans up only to find they will not close and a crowbar will be needed
off．
I know there are people all over the world who find this same dilemma as they strive to improv their health and possi－ bly not have to pry into The sun shines warm on my face and being in it seems to invigorate my sense of hope that there is more to do，more to ry，more to achieve．I walk faster taking longer trides
Sometimes I wonder what ever happened to the days when the pounds just slipped away easily．Now they just seem to hang in the places I don＇t want hem to be．
I know that if I can just push ahead，keep walk－ surely peel away．Well， maybe not peel away but hopefully the pounds will get less and less．
Click，click，click，click lick，click， 60 minutes． My ，I am getting hungry， et＇s see what can I eat？

## The Paper

## Separation Of Church And State Is A Two-Way Street



## BRAD BRIGHT

 Guest ColumnistP.T. Barnum purportedly said "There are two kinds of people in suckers. Thank God for the suckers!'" The next time someone cries, "Separation" immediately ask, "Do you think it is a one-wa or a two-way street? Does it mean only that government may not require religious practice or speech? Or does it als may not censor religio practice and speech?" My friends, the Constitution never says everyone has the righ to freely exercise their religion except for bakers
in Colorado The Const says everyone has a right to free speech except for football coaches at publi high schools in Washing ton State. The Constitution never says everyone has the
right to freely exercis their religion except gov ernment employees. A few weeks ago, Auburn's head football coach, Hugh Freeze, voluntarily helped baptize spur of the moment in a lake on campus. Immediately, the Freedom from Religion Foundation (FFRF) cried foul. The phrase, "Freedom from Religion," tells you everything you need to "Freedom from" is merely "newspeak" for censorship. I suspect if Jesus were on a college campus today, they would probably try to
The FFRF pounds the table demanding "Separa tion of Church and State,"
pretending that the U.S
Constitution promotes Constitution promotes one-way street. Here is their game. Th FFRF focuses exclusively on the Establishment clause of the Constitu-
tion: "Congress shall tion: "Congress shall
make no law respecting an establishment of religion." This means the government may not require religious practice or speech. Americans overwhelmingly support
this clause in the Constithis clause in the Consti-
tution-me included. However, the FFRF re ligiously goes deafeningly silent on the Free Exercise clause, which says, "Congress shall make no law...prohibiting [religion's] free exercise. the Free Speech clause It's not an overt lie-just a deceptive omission. When you combine the Establishment clause with the Free Exercise clause,
it means the government may neither require nor censor religious practice or speech. Emphasizing one above the other breaches the Constitution Jefferson's "wall of separation" between
Church and State forbids the government from requiring or censoring re ligious speech or practice anywhere, at any time. It emblazons a bright red line across the Constitution, thundering, "You
shall not pass!", The Freedom fro Religion crowd promote what I describe as, "Segregation of Church and State." They boot religious speech to the back of the bus. Years ago, we threw off the evil shack les of government enNow is the time to reject government sponsored segregation of religious speech as well.
The Constitution guarantees every American
freedom of speech-and the right to freely exercise their religion. Of course, we all know you do not have the right to endanger other people's lives by yelling "fire!" in a theater. But what ratio nal person would equate speech with life-threaten
ing speech? Separation of Churc cuffs on the government. Politicians, judges and bureaucrats may not forbid, censor, stifle, subjugate, coerce or restrict the
religious or non-religious speech of We the People. The Constitution obligates government to remain neutral, ensuring a level playing field for all speech-religious and non-religious. Protecting secular speech while cen
soring religious speech is not neutral. Every child knows that is called taking sides. The courts contemptuously disregard the bright red line of separation restraining whenever they censor the religious speech of even one American. Many Freedom from Religion folks allege that allowing religious expression in public edu-
cation is "exclusionary by definition." Do you know what is exclusionary by definition? Censorship.
They often say that to be "inclusive" of all viewpoints, you must exclude religious view points. In other words, you must be exclusive. Welcome to George Orwell's 1984 where: "War is Peace." "Freedom is Slavery." "Ignorance is Strength. And
ty is Inclusivity ty is Inclusivity.
So, the next ti one utters, "Separation of Church and State," listen closely for the deafening silence. Omissions often speak far louder than spoken words. Don't be a I applaud Coach Freeze for his courage and authenticity. He loves Jesus. He loves the Auburn students. He oves his neighbor as he is far more concerned he is far more concerned than man's. We should all aspire to be more like Coach Freeze. God is the issue.
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the Issue.


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## OMG \& F-Bomb Craters

Why am I all primed to unleash a barrage of incendiary words at the
slightest provocation? It doesn't provocation? It doesn't take six shots of espresso or a fender bender to create anxiety and initiate my longIt seems as though the landscape of my tranquility has become scarred with "OMG!" pockmarks and "F-Bomb!" carnage happen? Could carnage happen? Could ized? "Hell No!" "O mean Heck No." "Well, maybe."
$\mathrm{Mi}, \mathrm{Mi}, \mathrm{Mi}$, is no longer a vocal warm-up for a performance. It has become $\mathrm{Me}, \mathrm{Me}, \mathrm{Me}$,
the mantra for self-indulhe mantra for self-indul-self-fulfillment, and the

Vay. Not that there is anything wrong with a strong self-image. You need one to succeed in life.
The
The question is, Where does that strength ome from?"' Be honest. we are today strictly on our own. Recognizing the contributors to our uccess helps temper our elf-image.
How can I temper my ocabulary? It is worth ansideration. An import zation is self-discipline Leave that element out, nd it becomes all about me, me, me. Everyone around me becomes my self-image is out of balance.

If you carpet bomb your next conversation
at the coffee shop with he F-word or too many OMGs, you may notice nearby tables cringing. It doesn't necessarily mean they are a bunch of
prudes. Maybe they are prudes. Maybe they are
merely hoping for a valuable conversation where you choose your words well. Use an expletive sparingly, and it has more impact. It's not a big deal,
but each F-bomb dropped but each F -bomb drop
annihilates tranquility annihilates tranquility your credibility. What are your words
worth? worth?
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## The Paramount Theatre＇s Resurgence

The Paramount The－ atre Centre \＆Ballroom
in Anderson，Ind．，has experienced tremendous growth since March 2019，when Honeywell Arts \＆Entertainment （HAE）became a co－part－
ner．HAE is dedicated to ner．HAE is dedicated to
providing arts，education， and entertainment for all through live enter－ tainment，movies，arts education，cultural events， culinary experiences，and
more．HAE partners with more．HAE partners with
several venues across In－ several venues across In－ expertise，leadership，and services ranging from booking talent to guest relations and marketing support．Among those partner venues is The Pa 20，000 audience member have attended a Honey－ well－presented show at The Paramount Theatre since March 2019，with 10,600 attendees already this year and 5，0 time
visitors．
Of the 54 performanc－ es to hit The Paramount stage in the five years since the partnership with HAE began，there have been multiple sold－out
shows from a wide rane shows from a wide range
of national touring artists and performances，includ－ ing rockers Three Dog Night，80＇s superstars TESLA，legendary Rock \＆Roll Hall of Famer Buddy Guy，and more Dragons \＆Mythical Beasts and Fairy Tales On Ice，repeat favorites like Oak Ridge Boys，come－ dians Jim Breuer and Bob $\&$ Costaki，and traveling
shows Glenn Miller Or－ shows Glenn Miller Or－
chestra and Rhythm of th Dance have also graced

the stage over the years． ＂The Paramount hosts great organizations such as the Anderson Sym－ Anderson Youth Ballet Theatre，along with numerous regional non－ profits for their galas and er，Anderson Madison County Visitors Bureau Executive Director． ＂The Paramount＇s successful marketing partnership with Honey－
well Arts \＆Entertainment well Arts \＆Entertainm awareness to downtown Anderson and our dining establishments．Event traffic has grown due to this partnership and more businesses have returned
downtown to create a downtown to create a
broader community exp rience．，＂
The Paramount draws many out－of－town attend－ ees，with more than $70 \%$ of ticket buyers coming from outside of Madison
County eager to make County eager to make drive from Indianapolis
without the hassle of big city traffic，the theatre＇s ease of parking，accom－ modations，and nearby its guests happy and com ing back for more． The Paramount＇s rich history as a staple
for celebrating the arts for celebrating the arts
since 1929 makes it a point of pride for locals as well．The 1450 －seat ＇atmospheric＇theatre was originally designed by John Eberson－and is thought to be one of only 12 Eberson theatres in the
U．S．－with enchanting features like wrought－iron gates，original statues along the walls（Hebe， Goddess of Youth and Ve nus，Goddess of Love），a cloud－painted ceiling with Grand PAGE Pipe Organ and more．
＂The Paramount has long been considered the crown jewel of perfor－ mance entertainment in our region．The theatre is
a place where local fami－ lies and out－of－town visi－

tors alike can experience an eclectic mix of shows，
from holiday movies \＆ young ballet performers to world－class concerts and presentations，＂said Clayton Whitson，Presi－ dent／CEO of the Madison County Chamber of Com merce．One of the main
drivers of tourism in our area has been the addition of Honeywell presented shows，regularly bringing thousands of visitors to our downtown area every year．The renovations
to The Paramount over the years have restored the theatre to its historic beauty，which truly makes it a one－of－a－kind venue．＂ With even more in store for the remainder of 2023 and 2024，newly
announced Executive Director Rich Jorn invites guests from near and far to experience the magic of this historic theatre building and community． About the Anderson Paramount Theatre atre Centre \＆Ballroom
has been in operation has been in operation
since Aug．20，1929．The since Aug．20，1929．The
Paramount has inspired many spectators with its architecture，entertain－ ment，and history．On behalf of generous local benefactors with an ap－ preciation of history，the as brightly on the outside as the stars do inside．The Paramount offers resi－ dents and visitors unique entertainment options year－round in partnership with Honeywell Arts \＆ Entertainment．For more Anderson Paramount Theatre，visit Anderson－ Paramount．org．
About Honeywell Arts \＆Entertainment Honeywell Arts \＆En－ the full range of arts opportunities and venues of The Honeywell Foun－ dation，a nonprofit public charity based in Wabash， Indiana．The organization is dedicated to providing tainment for all through
ive enterta hotos provid live entertainment，
movies，arts education， movies，arts education，
cultural events，culinary experiences，Honeywell Arts Academy，and more Offerings take place at seven venues including the Honeywell Center， Honeywell House，Eagles
Theatre，Charley Creek Gardens，Dr．James Ford Historic Home，Clarkson House，and 13－24 Drive In．Honeywell Arts \＆ Entertainment partners with a network of venues further the reach of live entertainment program－ ming．Honeywell Arts \＆ Entertainment programs and activities are made possible by generous donors and in part by Arts United of Greater Arts Partner；the Indian Arts Commission，a state agency；and the National Endowment for the Arts， a federal agency．For more information about Honeywell Arts \＆En－
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## How to Choose the Right Car Seat

FAMILY features

A
sa parent，one of the most important purchases you＇ll make for your
child is child is a car seat．It＇s impootant to choose a car seat that properly fits both your child and your car，as car crashes are a leading cause of death Control and Prevention．
As your children grow，you＇ll need to change the mode of their car seat to accommodate their weight and height．There are four recoommended stages of child restraint usage：rear－facing harness，forward－facing harness，belt－positioning booster seat and seat belt．Different car seats offer different varieties of these mod
of use，so families can choose a product that fits best with their child＇s needs． of use，so familes can choose a product that fits best with their child $s$ needs．
For example，the Graco 4Ever DLX Grad 5 －in－1 Car Seat is a firstin－market For example，the Graco 4 Ever DLX Grad 5 －in－Car Seat is a first－1n－market seat that provides added longevity and value with its kid－centric design that
accommodates children from $4-120$ pounds and up to 12 years of age．The car seat features five modes of use to help children through each stage，including a rear－facing harness，forward－facing harness，both high－back and backless boosters and a removable seat belt trainer．Additional features include a space－saving slim design，SnugLock technology for quick and easy installation，a 10 －position headrest and harness，removable inserts and rotating cupholders．
To help choose the right car seat for your child with safety top of mind，Graco curated a stage－by－stage guide to help meet first－time and growing family needs， following guidelines set by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration．

Stage 1：Rear－Facing Harness
According to the American Academy of Pediatrics，children should remain in a rear－facing car seat in the vehicle backseat for as long as possible，until they reach the specified weight or height limit of the car seat for optimal protection while riding in the car．
While many parents bring their children home from the hospital in an infant carrier，which is a portable seat with a stay－in－vehicle base，designed specifically for newborns and small babies，there are other rear－facing options．Convertibles children to remain rear－facing up to $40-50$ pounds．


Stage 2：Forward－Facing Harness
When children outgrow their rear－facing car seats，they should be buckled in a forward－facing car seat with a harness and top tether in the vehicle backseat until they reach the maximum height or weight for the seat， typically around age 5 －6．

Stage 3：Belt－Positioning Booster Seats
Once children outgrow their forward－facing car seats with a harness，they should be buckled in a high－back Once children outgrow their forwarr－－facing car seats with a harness，they should be bucked in a pitin－lowe
belt－positioning booster seat（for children 40 －100 pounds）to provide added neck and head support followed belt－positioning booster seat（ for children $40-100$ pounds $t$ to provide added neck and head support followe
by a backless belt－positioning booster seat（for children $40-120$ pounds）in the backseat until the vehicle seat belt fits properly across their laps and shoulders without a booster seat，which usually occurs between $9-12$ years old．

Stage 4：Seat Belt
Approximately $31 \%$ of parents transition their children from a high－back booster directly to a vehicle seat belt，according to a survey fielded by Ipsos．To ride safely，many children need assistance with seat belt fit until age 8－12．The 4Ever DLX Grad 5 －in－1 Car Seat features a removable Seat Belt Trainer that helps guide the seat belt into the correct position to help keep children safer for longer while still allowing them to feel like big kids．
Once the seat belt fits properly，children no longer need to use a booster seat．This means that they can sit all the way back against the vehicle seat with knees bent at the edge of the seat，the lap belt sitting low on their hips and upper thighs（not the stomach），the shoulder belt fitting across the collarbone and sitting flush with the torso－they can stay seated this way for the entire ride．
To learn more and find the right car seat for your child＇s needs，visit gracobaby．com．


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Charge: P/V Dealing Methamphetamine (Level 3)

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

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

WANTED


Tasha L. McCray Born 1991 Charge:
FTA Fraud (Felony 6)


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