

TODAY'S VERSE

Proverbs 1:7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.



Happenings

Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2024

WABASH COLLEGE Artist Talk at Fine Arts Center, noon Art Exhibition Reception at Fine Arts Center, 4 p.m Basketball at DePauw, 8 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 25, 2024

ATHENS ARTS Class: How to draw eyes (1-3 p.m. or 6-8 p.m. - reservation required) WABASH COLLEGE Board of Trustees meeting

Friday, Jan. 26, 2024

WABASH COLLEGE Board of Trustees meeting

Saturday, Jan. 27, 2024

WABASH COLLEGE Board of Trustees meeting

Sunday, Jan. 28, 2024

NORTH MONTGOMERY SCHOOLS High School Robotics Fundraiser at Fieldhouse, 2 p.m

Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2024

WABASH COLLEGE Basketball at Kenyon

Thursday, Feb. 1, 2024

WABASH COLLEGE Lecture Series, Blackness in Mexico - Dr. Anthony Jerry at Baxter Hall, 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 2, 2024

WABASH COLLEGE Faculty & Staff Workshop at Malcolm X Institute, 12:10 p.m. Wrestling at Univ. of Indianapolis, 10 a.m.

Sunday, Feb. 4, 2024

WABASH COLLEGE Special Olympics Basketball at Wabash College, 6 a.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2024

WABASH COLLEGE Faculty meeting, 4:15 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2024

WABASH COLLEGE Sports Gambling discussion at Fine Arts Center, 7:30 p.m

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CHS Snowcoming 2024



Photo courtesy of CHS Student Council / taken by Jenny Sims.

Crawfordsville High School's Snowcoming is this Friday and the Snowcoming king will be crowned prior to the varsity basketball game against Frankfort. The CHS 2024 Snowcoming King Candidates and Attendants are (front row from left) Senior King Candidates Ryan Miller, Ethan McElmore, Tyson Fuller and Zion Zacarias. (Back row from left) Freshman Attendant Jaiden McMullen, Junior Attendant Chet Kincaid, and Sophomore Attendance Alfonso Riaño Escobar.

Can agrivoltaics save family farms and local land?



The League of Women Voters, open to men as well as women, is a nonpartisan, multi-issue political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government. For information about the Montgomery County LWV, visit: www.lwvmt.com or message to LWV, PO Box 101, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933.

Our climate team's leading voice, John Smilie, has been posting on social media about agrivoltaics, and if you've

never heard the term, you can figure out its part science, part agriculture. If you're curious or nerdy enough, you might fall into a research rabbit hole to find out what it is and why it matters.

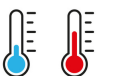
The term photovoltaics just means power from

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The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset

RISE: 8:03 am SET: 5:57 pm



High/Low Temperatures

HIGH: 48°F LOW: 43°F



Today is...

- Library Shelfie Day National Peanut Butter Day



What Happened On This Day

- 1984 The Apple Macintosh computer goes on sale. The "Mac" was the first commercially successful personal computer using a graphical user interface and a mouse. 1848 The California Gold Rush begins. Some 300,000 people traveled to California after James W. Marshall had found gold at Sutter's Mill in Coloma, California.



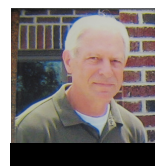
Births On This Day

- 1941 Neil Diamond - American singer-songwriter, guitarist 1712 Frederick the Great - Prussian king

Deaths On This Day

- 1965 Winston Churchill - English politician, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, Nobel Prize laureate 1895 Lord Randolph Churchill - English politician, Chancellor of the Exchequer

Darlington's 'Indian Ed' Miller exemplified greatness



BUTCH DALE Columnist

Every school has had a few teachers through the years who just stand out above the others. One such teacher at Darlington was Edwin "Ed" Miller, who taught and coached a total of 29 years . . . from 1915 to 1944. Born and raised near



Ed Miller and his 1917 Darlington Team

Sheridan, Ed dropped out of school during his junior year to help his parents on their farm. However, he finished his studies later on and enrolled at Wabash College, where he also played fullback on the Little Giant football team. Ed's mother was part Miami Native American, and with his straight black hair, rugged

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Want to take a trip? Come on along!

Ireland, Stonehenge, Blarney Castle, Scotland, London . . . If the mere mention of those enchanting places tickles your fancy, if you have dreamed of walking among the 20-ton standing monuments that make up



TIM TIMMONS Two Cents

Stonehenge or standing in the courtyard of a castle that's been standing since the time of the Knights of the Round Table . . . then do we have a deal for you! The Paper, Montgomery County's favorite newspaper, is working with the great folks at Collette Travel (you might know them from the many trips Pat and Vanna give away on the Wheel of Fortune) on the trip of a lifetime -

Exploring Britain and Ireland! It all begins on Sept. 22 and goes on for two full whirlwind weeks - but don't let that September date fool you. Seats are very limited and they're filling up fast. Really fast. Really. Really. Fast. Why? Well, not only is Collette one of the greatest travel companies on the

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TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Everyone should know their Body Mass Index (BMI) - adults should be less than 25.

Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Paper and online at www.thepaper24-7.com



TODAY'S QUOTE

"In a time of deceit, telling the truth is a revolutionary act." George Orwell

TODAY'S JOKE

Why were the euchre players mad at the pirate? He was sitting on the deck.

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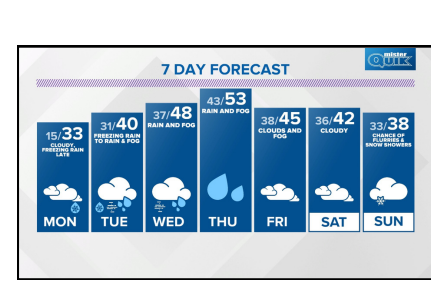
Have you renewed your subscription yet? If so, thank you! If not, then we'd love to have you continue getting your favorite Montgomery County newspaper bright and early every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 4 a.m.! All you have to do is e-mail ttimmons@thepaper24-7.com and let us know you want to continue. He's not busy - and he'll make sure we get you renewed and even send you a bill you can pay at your leisure. Honestly, we're looking for things for Timmons to do to keep him busy - know what we mean?

THREE THINGS You Should Know

- 1 Two lawsuits have been filed against school officials at Jay County Jr.-Sr. High School on behalf of a student identified who was required to expose her bra and chest during two searches for vaping materials. According to the ACLU of Indiana complaint, the male dean of students and school nurses, conducted two searches of a female student. During one of the searches, Dean Milleman touched the back of the student's bra clasp, and during another, the student was required to show her cleavage. This lawsuit comes 10 days after another student came forward with similar claims. 2 To help Indiana schools celebrate Earth Day 2024, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management is offering free hands-on classroom presentations to elementary students across the state. Every year, IDEM staff visit schools to talk about their careers and share STEM-based lessons on air, land, water, and recycling. Classroom Earth Day presentations are available for elementary schools and vary in length from 30 to 50 minutes. The interactive presentations offer activities such as reduce, reuse, recycle your trash, how long does your trash last or a demonstration on how water flows through a watershed. In-person classroom presentations are available on a first-come, first-served basis throughout the month of April, and each school may request up to four presentations. Registration is now open. Interested teachers can go to on.IN.gov/IDEMclassroom 3 Stay tuned for an announcement coming soon from your favorite newspaper and the good folks at Collette Travel! We can't tell you exactly what it is yet, but we can say that if you are thinking about going to Ireland, Scotland or England sometime this year . . . well, we might have just the "ticket" for you . . . see what we did there!



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



Wabash Artist-in-Residence Opens Show

Wabash College has announced interactive artist Owen Lowery as the Artist-in-Residence for spring 2024. Lowery will open an installation of his work on Wednesday, Jan. 24, in the Fine Arts Center.

As part of the opening, Lowery will discuss what motivates him to create his interactive, inclusive digital art at 12 p.m. in the FAC's Korb Classroom. Later that day Wabash will host an opening reception from 4-6 p.m. Attendees can chat with Owen and be among the first to interact with his captivating works while enjoying refreshments. Lowery's mission as an artist is to create situations that foster and reward curiosity. He prioritizes Universal Design in his work, hoping all people—regardless of age, height, background, or accessibility situation—can engage meaningfully.

The Pittsburg-based artist aims to create work with communities rather than for them, seeing people not as an audience, but as integral to the interactive medium itself as catalysts to the artwork and collaborators in its development. Because of that goal, his work is often found in non-traditional art spaces such as libraries, community centers, hospitals, halfway houses, psychiatric care facilities, maker spaces, education spaces, and community-oriented programming.

"I see art as existing within situations rather than physical artwork itself," Lowery said. "The art comes alive in moments when curiosity takes over and deeper exploration begins. I hope people take a little of this curiosity away with them into their daily lives."

Lowery holds an MFA in

communication media arts with a focus in interactive media and museum studies from Ohio University and a bachelor's degree in film studies from Columbia College Chicago. He also completed the Comedy Writing Program from Second City Theater.

While in residence, Lowery is transforming the Eric Dean Gallery into an interactive installation space and prototyping workshop where visitors can engage with his process, their own curiosity, and aid in the development of new artworks alongside the artist. The gallery will host open sessions with Lowery each Thursday evening of the exhibit from 7-9 p.m. All ages are welcome to interact with the exhibit and the artist while he is at work.

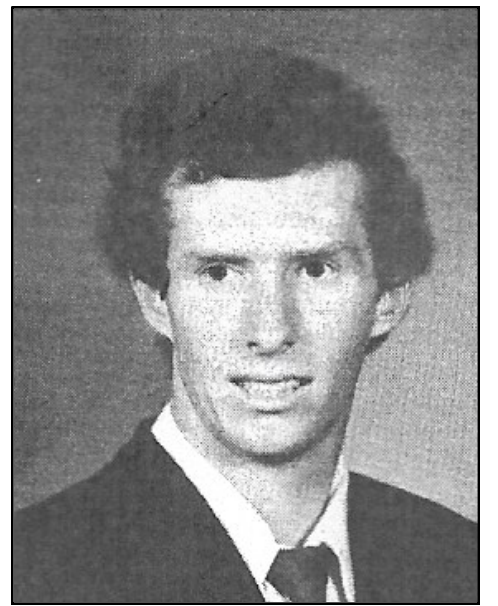
Lowery is also pairing with community partners at the Carnegie Museum of Montgomery

County and Crawfordsville District Public Library to bring his work directly into the community. School groups will visit the gallery each week for hands-on activities with Lowery and to interact with his immersive exhibit. These trips are funded by a Lilly Foundation Community Partnership Grant that supports bussing students from Montgomery County schools to Wabash College.

The Eric Dean Gallery is open Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursday 7-9 p.m., and Saturday 2-6 p.m. All events are free and open to the public.

Thank you for subscribing!

Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia



Do you recognize this person?

Hint: This 1974 CHS graduate retired from the police department and then started working for the Indiana Highway Department.

Answer on Page A4

Turkey Run State Park hosts Eagles in Flight Weekend Jan. 26-28

Activities include live birds of prey programs, multiple eagle viewing tours, owl prowling night hikes, and songbird banding led by a researcher. Advance registration is required and can be done at: eventbrite.com/e/2024-eagles-in-flight-weekend-tickets-778366995637.

877-563-4371 or go to Indianalns.com and reference group code 0126EI.

Cost for the entire weekend is \$20 for all events for those 16 and older and \$16 for only Saturday events. For ages 6-15, the cost is \$15 for all events and \$10 for Saturday events only.

Children ages 5 and under are free.

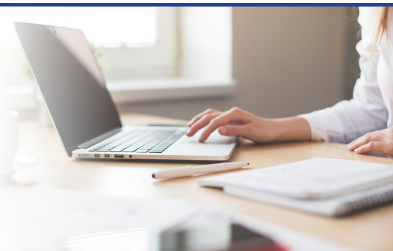
Gate fees are \$7 per in-state vehicle and \$9 per out-of-state vehicle.

Turkey Run State Park (on.IN.gov/turkeyrun) is at 8121 East Park Road Marshall, 47859.



Photo provided

A silent and live auction will be held by the Friends of Turkey Run and Shades state parks during the weekend, with the proceeds going to projects at those parks. Overnight lodging is available at the Turkey Run Inn. For reservations, call



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profile and muscular build, he earned the nickname "Indian Ed" from his teammates. Ed taught school at New Richmond, Elmdale, and Sheridan before coming to Darlington in the fall of 1915. He soon earned the admiration and respect of the students and athletes. As the 6th grade teacher, he masterfully weaved fun and learning into a combination that left his eager students spellbound and actually longing to be in school. Ed instilled in each student the desire and discipline to attain one's goals, and he set high standards that he expected everyone to achieve. Ed did not hesitate to use his paddle if a pupil got out of line or failed to do his best work. Yet he was fair to all and loved his students as a father. Ed's famous game of "judge ball" was employed as a reward after a hard day's work in the classroom. He also told ghost stories, used "Black Magic" tricks, and played practical jokes, and his knack of mixing education with fun activities could not be matched. My father, Bill

Dale, was a student in Ed's 6th grade class. To show the dangers of electricity, Ed hooked up a small hand-cranked generator with two wires dangling down into a 5-gallon bucket of water. He then dropped a nickel into the bucket, and dared any student to grab the coin as he cranked the generator. Dad told me his hand jerked in and out of the water, as he received small shocks while Ed cranked the handle . . . and he never forgot that lesson! Sometimes Ed rewarded students with a quarter for an excellent recitation, and class rankings were posted each month. The students also looked forward to recess, and Ed usually participated . . . on the girls' side, of course, to even the competition. In addition to teaching, Ed coached the high school basketball teams a total of 13 years. When he first arrived at the school, there had been no teams the previous three years, but Ed's zest for life made a big difference. The boys were so enthused to play that they adopted Ed's college nickname,

and from then on the Darlington teams became known as the Indians! The student body gave his teams tremendous support and elected the school's first cheerleaders. After graduation, some of Ed's players joined the Darlington Bearcats independent teams, which played against other teams from all over the country. Two teams actually claimed the national championship in those early days. After retiring in 1944, Ed continued to substitute teach around the county before moving to Florida. On his last day, as Ed was doing substitute work with grade school youngsters, he stepped into the locker room after a game was over. The principal found him there, with the whistle still around his neck. Ed passed away just the way he would have chosen . . . as a teacher and coach. Some of his former 6th grade students had this to say: "Mr. Miller taught integrity and honesty, and he was the first teacher to make me think about the future." . . . "No one was more



Ed Miller and his 6th Grade Class in Fall of 1938 (Class of 1945)

strict in discipline than Mr. Miller, yet he earned our respect and love and made learning enjoyable." . . . "I'll always remember Ed's math wizardry, his stories of Cousin Charlie, his ghost stories with the blinds down and the lights out, his strict discipline, and his fairness to all students." . . . "Ed was a fun teacher. His classes were filled with excitement, and he made learning fun. We need more like him today!" . . . "I think of all the classes, I will always remember Mr. Miller's the best. During the afternoons when we

thought we had studied enough and were getting restless, Ed would suddenly announce 'Time for recreation!' Judgeball, ciphering matches, spelling bees, ghost stories. I always liked the ghost stories the best!" Former teacher, principal, and bank executive John Bowerman summed it up best by stating, "the greatness of an individual cannot be determined solely by what is done while that person lives, because life is too short. Greatness is surely determined by the extent that others, year

after year, are better because of a life that has been lived. Such a life was that of Ed Miller."

John "Butch" Dale is a retired teacher and County Sheriff. He has also been the librarian at Darlington the past 32 years, and is a well-known artist and author of local history.



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planet, but the hostess for this trip is none other than the lovely, the talented Debbie Schavietello. Some of you may know her as a retired executive from Tipmont REMC. Some of you may know her from her time as the co-founder of Faith Alliance. Some of you may know her in her new role as the head of her new company HR With Heart. And a great many of you probably know her as one of the owners of your favorite Montgomery County newspaper! Debbie and her mother are leading the trip for the Paper. And heck, who wouldn't want to go on a trip with them, right! Before we go much further though, here's what you need to know right now. Collette's Eric Scott is coming to Crawfordsville on Feb. 20 to give a presentation about the overseas trip and take signups. The meeting will be at Fusion 54 and you must register. The great news is that you don't have to pay up front. All you have to do to secure your seat is sign up, put a 10 percent deposit down and then start marking the calendar to September! But enough from me – here's what Eric had to say about what Collette offers. "My name is Eric Scott and I'm a fellow Hoosier. Before I started working for Collette, I had never left this country and never really had the desire. That has all changed. I have now been able to walk the beaches of Normandy, France on our Memorials

of War Tour, I hopped on a 30-hour overnight train through the Canadian Rockies, from Vancouver to Banff, I took a camel ride through the Agafay Desert in Morocco, Africa and I leave for Italy in April. Let me just tell you that these tours have changed my mind and heart about international travel. We immerse you in the local culture through the people and the food, we will take you on a worry-free journey through Ireland and London. The only thing you have to worry about is how you sit next to and what you want to do during your free time! Enjoy." Wow – I'm pretty envious of Debbie right about now! OK, to be fair it's not all great news. On the bad side, the last I heard there are only 32 seats left and those are going to go fast. We anticipate having less than 20 left by the time of the Feb. 20 presentation. Of course that's understandable. You know Debbie. You know us at The Paper. And Collette's reputation is without question. So come on along (in the great words of long-time newspaper columnist Alberta White) and let's go see Stonehenge . . . and Ireland . . . and Scotland . . . and Great Britain . . . and . . .

Two cents, which is about how much Timmons said his columns are worth, appears periodically in The Paper. Timmons is the publisher of The Paper and can be contacted at ttimmons@thepaper24-7.com.

Hoosier Lottery Player Could Win \$250,000 at Pacers Game

The Hoosier Lottery and Indiana Pacers have partnered to provide a myLOTTERY member the chance to win up to \$250,000. As the grand prize winner of the Pacers Courtside VIP Giveaway, Davina Winkler of Franklin will participate in an on-court promotion during halftime of the Jan. 25 game versus the Philadelphia 76ers for the chance to win between \$5,000 and \$250,000. "I've only ever been to high school sporting events," Winkler said. "Getting to go to a pro game will be exciting, and having the chance to win money at my first-ever game is crazy!" Winkler said her husband is looking

forward to attending the game with her. His grandfather used to take him to one Pacers game every year, and he remembers those Nine secondary winners won lower-level tickets to a Pacers game, a parking pass, a VIP pre-game experience, a Hoosier Lottery prize pack and an autographed Pacers jersey. To become a myLOTTERY member and have access to member-exclusive offers and perks, visit HoosierLottery.com/my LOTTERY and sign up for a free account today! Must be 18 or older to play. Please play responsibly. Problem Gambling Helpline: 1-800-994-8448. No purchase necessary.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Resolution 2024-1
Town of Linden 2024 Regular Monthly Town Board meeting dates are listed below, meeting will begin promptly 7 pm and meeting location will be Linden Town Hall meeting room, located at 302 East Water Street, Linden IN 47955. Meeting agenda will be posted on Town website.
January 9th
January 23rd
February 23rd S/B 27th
March 26th
April 30th
May 21st
June 25th
July 30th
August 27th
September 24th
October 29th
November 19th
December 17th
Town of Linden Council hereby approves 2024 meeting schedule for 2024 calendar year on this 19th day of December 2023.
Wade Bennett, Council President
Paul Buckles, Council Member
Dennis J Charleston, Council Member
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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that on December 21, 2023, Rhonda Smith and Anita Eylar were appointed Co-Personal Representatives of the estate of M. June McClellan, deceased, who died on November 30, 2023, in Montgomery County, Indiana.
All person having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will forever be barred.
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light. And yes, photovoltaics is jargon for solar panels, and agrivoltaics is a kind of portmanteau, a blend of voltaics and agriculture, to suggest that large scale solar farming is increasingly an attractive way to optimize yields, which could help smaller farm operations survive the takeovers of agribusiness. These days, a number of people turn more to YouTube to bypass the jargon of newspaper and journal articles. YouTube can be helpful, but it's critical to remember that it's just a library of videos from anyone who adds their content, many of which are not subjected to fact-checking and the rigor of accuracy that science journals and reputable periodicals must pass. Furthermore, Google and search engines work on algorithms that can provide long lists of videos and websites that just repackage the same misinformation and utilize search engine optimization techniques to attract attention. For this reason, Smilie helped to fact-check one particularly insightful video - Matt Ferrell's "Solar Panels Plus Farming Agrivoltaics Explained." Because Matt Ferrell self-publishes via YouTube without an editorial board and a team of fact checkers, he's an independent reporter. He does cite all his sources posted with the transcript of his video linked in the notes of his video and his

website includes his personal ethics statement, which is promising. John Smilie has been presenting his research across Indiana and helping foot the bill to install solar for local non-profits - the Boys & Girls Club, the Youth Services Bureau, and now the Free Clinic. His goal is to educate about solar and mitigate climate change. "It's real. It's bad. It's us. There's hope," Smilie says. Ferrell too leads with hope. "We have a world population expected to grow by 1.2 billion people within 15 years, coupled with a growing demand for meat, eggs and dairy, which soak up over 70 percent of fresh water for crops, plus electricity demand that's growing even faster than population growth . . . what are we supposed to do about all of that? Well, we can combine two of my favorite things: technology and food." This video, one of many on promising new technologies, explains the types of land usage that are helping small farmers save their land from corporate takeovers. Ferrell defines dual-use land, where small farm animals help with the upkeep and maximizations of large scale solar installations. It's the kind of usage that Hoosier energy employed in 2021 when it partnered with sheep farmers in Columbus. WTHR reported that the sheep graze down growth beneath the

panels and thrive in the shade. Ferrell explains that chickens and geese are also excellent small animals to co-farm with solar. Until recently crop farming around solar farming was technically alternating use land. Farmers could only plant between the rows, losing ground under the panels, to allow the sun to reach the plants. Now European nations have begun farming with vertically mounted bifacial modules solar panels. Because they're vertically mounted, the panels help reduce wind erosion in vulnerable areas. Furthermore, in Next2Sun AG's pilot project in Germany, the bifacial vertical solar panels allowed for large farm equipment to cultivate hay between rows, boosting yields by 50 percent because they improved moisture retention in the soil. Smilie imagines that this promising innovation could transform the plight of Kansas wheat farmers, where farmers compete for water and rely on irrigation. Another benefit of bifacial panels? They produce more power at morning and evening, when we need it, making them complementary to ordinary tilt solar panels that maximize production at noon. Another solution is putting panels on stilts, which Purdue University has done in cornfields of northwest Indiana. Because they're high enough to let equipment move beneath, the land can generate profit two ways.

The University of Arizona reported a study on growing cherry tomatoes and pepper in arid land. The solar panels cool the land beneath in addition to preserving moisture, which improves water usage and yields in Arizona and other arid areas. In his video and linked article, Ferrell breaks down how much land might not be used with the different configurations and how yields are affected depending on the type of crop grown - sun-hungry versus shade-loving - under solar panels. Shade loving plants like raspberries, spinach, lettuce, potatoes and tomatoes can thrive. Yields for sun loving crops vary based on shifts in climate. In 'wet and cold' years, German experimenters saw 25 percent lower yields in agrivoltaic fields, but in 'dry and hot' years, yields were greater than non-solar fields. Researchers believe this holds promise for hot, arid regions of the world. After Ferrell provides all this positive evidence for voltaics, he asks: "So what's keeping us from rolling out this dual-purpose, game-changing system at a massive scale? What's the catch? Energy production is a different ball game from agriculture, which can slow down farmers from embracing the technology. But the actual obstacles are sadly . . . mundane . . . and some frustrating." Ferrell addresses the not-in-my-backyard

Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia Answer: Alan Plunkett

effect (NIMBY), bureaucracy, and the market concerns. He graciously speaks to crowds of people who resist the change, acknowledging that building local support is to ensure that the systems should be run by and be profitable for local farms, local energy cooperatives like CEL&Ps solar efforts and regional investors. Empowering the local people and communicating how it profits them are two solutions in Ferrell's opinion. Smilie notes that "we already use our fields for energy production - nearly 40 million acres of corn, and another 28-30 million acres for soy biodiesel. It's insane. You get minimum 30 times more gross energy per acre with solar (and like 100 times-plus net energy). Put that into an EV with three times efficiency, you get 90 times the vehicle miles traveled with less engine wear and tear and no air pollution or fertilizer runoff." Finally, for those farms that have implemented solar farming in conjunction with their operations, it's been a life-saver. Byron Kominek, a hay farmer with only 24 acres in

Colorado, said that adding solar saved his farm. A Wisconsin farmer struggling to keep his dairy farm alive decided to share 500 acres because he wanted to preserve family land. In the decades since Nixon's Agriculture Secretary Earl Butts fostered a shift to corporate farming, causing family farms to rapidly disappear, agrivoltaics is rescuing struggling farmers. "Farmers have what solar energy companies need: land," Wisconsin Public Radio reported. In turn, communities installing solar farms have realized they can benefit from farmers. From beekeeping to potatoes, broccoli, kale, herbs and tomatillos, Minnesota solar installations are better utilizing land to serve the people. *The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan, multi-issue political organization which encourages informed and active participation in government. For information about the League, visit the website www.lwvmontcoin.org; or, visit the League of Women Voters of Montgomery County, Indiana Facebook page.*

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Trooper Struck and Seriously Injured Along I-65 in Indianapolis

An Indiana State Trooper was struck and critically injured last week by a vehicle on I-65 near 30th Street in Indianapolis. Trooper Azariah Keith stopped on the left shoulder of I-65 southbound at the 116 mile marker to help a stranded motorist change a flat tire. He finished changing the tire and the motorist was pulling away when another southbound vehicle lost control and struck Keith before colliding with the back of his police car. At approximately 8:45 p.m. on Saturday, Keith located the disabled vehicle and stopped to help. Recognizing the vehicle was on a curve and a narrow shoulder, a second trooper responded to assist with traffic control before the curve. The second trooper was blocking the left lane just prior to the curve where Keith was. Keith finished the tire change at 9:17 p.m. and was putting his equipment away in his trunk. A 2018 Chevrolet Equinox driven by 22-year-old Armaandeeep Singh of Indianapolis, was approaching the scene in the left lane, believed to be at a high rate of speed, swerved around the trooper who was blocking the left lane, lost control and crashed into the concrete median barrier,

struck Keith then Keith's police car. Keith suffered critical injuries and was immediately tended to by the other trooper on scene. Keith was taken by ambulance to a local hospital where he is currently in stable but serious condition. Singh has been arrested on the preliminary charges of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated causing serious bodily injury. He was transported to a local hospital then subsequently transported to the Marion County Jail. After field sobriety testing, Singh was given a certified test for intoxication by way of blood draw, the results of that test are pending. Indiana State Police Detectives, along with crash reconstruction team members responded to the scene to assist with the investigation. The southbound lanes of I-65 were closed for nearly three hours while the scene was processed. Singh was arrested based upon probable cause, actual charges will be determined by the Marion County Prosecutor's Office upon review of the case. All suspects are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in court.

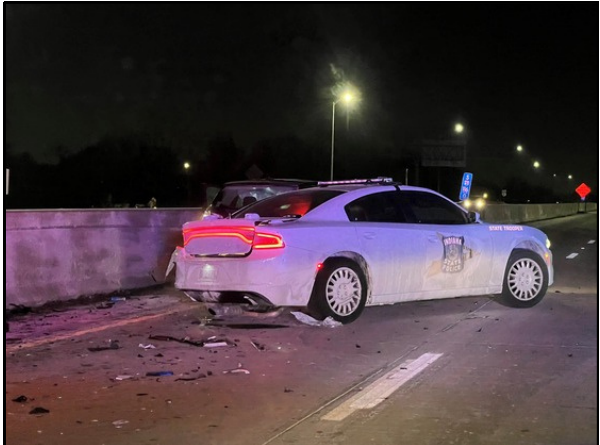


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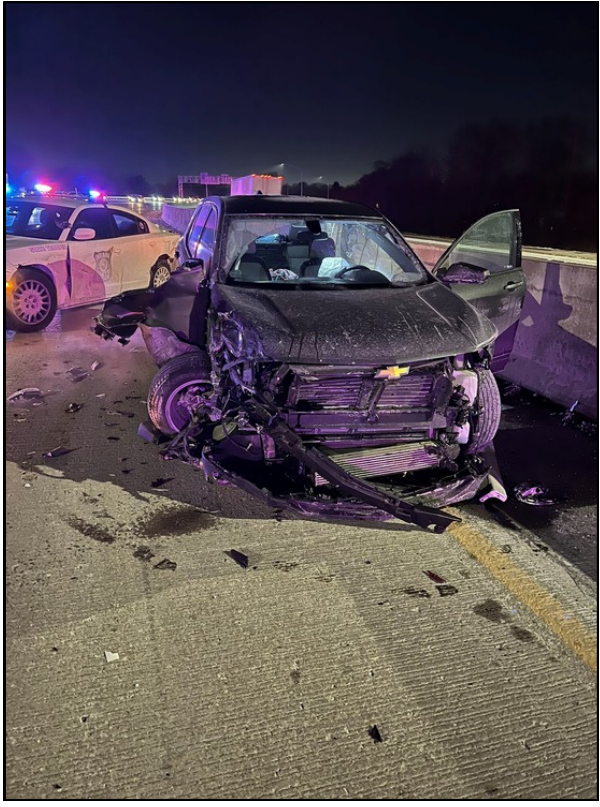


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State Researching Factors Impacting College Enrollment

The Indiana Commission for Higher Education (Commission) today announced it will begin research into the factors impacting college enrollment in Indiana. Through a \$1 million grant from Lilly Endowment Inc., the Commission selected award-winning research-led consulting firm, Heart+Mind Strategies, to lead the six-month-long research endeavor. Increasing college enrollment is a key pillar of the Commission's HOPE (Hoosier Opportunities & Possibilities through Education) Agenda. Indiana currently ranks

31st in the nation in the college-going rate for high school students, and 21st in the nation in first-time undergraduate enrollment for adults. The Commission intends to become a top 10 state in post-high school training and education by 2030. Using a mix of qualitative and quantitative research methods, the Commission will incorporate input from a range of stakeholders such as high school students, young adult students, adult students, the general public, parents and family members, high

school teachers, school counselors, additional school personnel, Indiana employers, youth-serving community- and faith-based organizations, and representatives from Indiana's higher education institutions. "Whether it's a certificate, two- or four-year degree, education and training beyond high school is the cornerstone to social and economic mobility and prosperity of all Hoosiers," said Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Chris Lowery. "Thanks to generous funding from the Lilly Endowment,

the Commission can meet Hoosiers where they are, understand the barriers to college enrollment, and inform potential solutions. I look forward to the professional insight and leadership of Heart+Mind Strategies in this work." The research will include one-on-one in-depth interviews, focus groups, and a survey. Findings from the research will complement and inform the development of the Commission's strategic objectives and initiatives around policy, communications, 2025 legislative priorities, and

resource allocation. Heart+Mind Strategies was founded in 2008. Its leadership team has been awarded 11 David Ogilvy awards which is the industry's highest award for market research that leads to game-changing campaigns. Heart+Mind Strategies previously conducted research on behalf of Strada Education Network, Pearson, and Western Governors University. "We are thrilled and honored to support the Commission in such vital and timely work," said Founding Partner of Heart+Mind Strategies Jennifer Airey.

"Understanding the needs, barriers, and rational and emotional components of how humans make decisions is our life's work. Using this knowledge to meaningfully impact choice for enrolling in higher education is as critical as it is gratifying." The research is scheduled to conclude at the end of June 2024. A full report of findings will be published.

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Presbyterians Celebrate 200 Years with Free Community Concert Series

In 1824 Presbyterians began to worship in Montgomery County. As part of its bicentennial celebration, Wabash Avenue Church is excited to offer five free concerts – entitled Concerts on the Corner – to the community throughout 2024. The Abel Family Quartet, a chamber group, will kick off the series Friday, Feb. 2, at 7:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary at 307 S. Washington. The Abel Family, an Indiana favorite led by Alfred Abel, director of the Wabash College chamber music orchestra, will perform masterworks from Haydn, Ravel, Brahms and Schubert. A free will offering will be given to the Montgomery County Youth Service Bureau. Planners of Concerts on the Corner recognize the prominence of the church building in the community as the steeple can be seen

from all directions coming into Crawfordsville. The congregation of WAPC notes its responsibility as a historic landmark institution and seeks to "share the love of God through the beauty of music." As part of its mission to serve others a free will offering will be taken at each event and given to local non-profit organizations. Performances throughout the year include Echoing Air with sacred music from around the world, March 17; internet sensations and recording artists Cameron Cody and James Kelly, singing, playing piano and organ, April 19; African American storytelling and spirituals by The Freetown Village Singers, Oct. 6; and Indiana blues favorite The Tad Robinson Band, Nov. 17. (Times will vary.) All are welcome.



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The Abel Family Quartet, a chamber group, kick off the five free concerts on Feb. 2 at Wabash Avenue Presbyterian.

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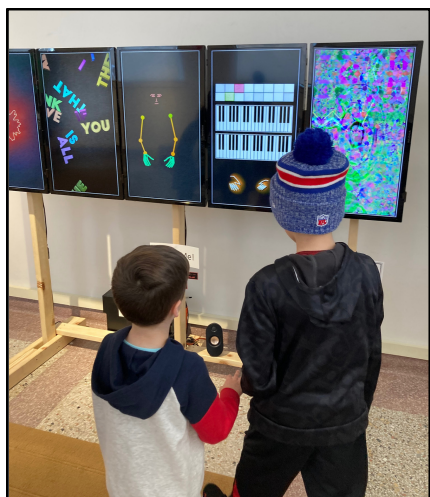
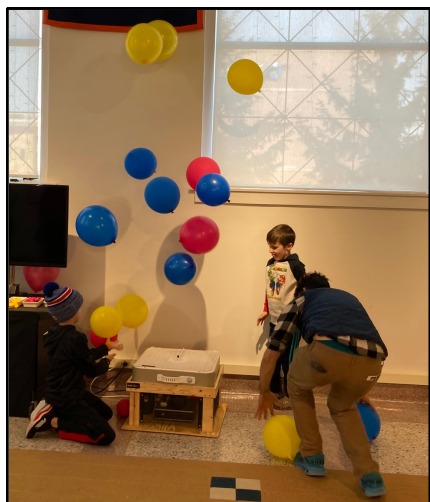
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The Carnegie Museum presents Access Art by Owen Lowery

A new exhibit opened this weekend at The Carnegie Museum. Access Art, by Owen Lowery allows visitors to explore accessible communication as interactive art. In three installations, Lowery invites participants of all ages to interact through speech, braille, color and motion. Access Art will be on display through summer 2024. Access Art is presented with support from Wabash College and the Eli Lilly Foundation.



Liam and Robbie Bernhardt explore the Access Art exhibit along with its creator, artist Owen Lowery.

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