

Report: Nonprofits more active in advocacy, education but work is still 'shallow'

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A report from Indiana University found more nonprofits in Indiana do advocacy and public education work than they did almost 20 years ago, though few dedicate a substantial amount of resources to that work, and there is probably confusion about what nonprofits are allowed to do as tax-exempt organizations.

The report, based on a survey from the Indiana Nonprofits Project, found 43% of nonprofits participated in advocacy or public education activities in 2017, the most recent year data was available.

That's an increase from 27% the



A woman takes a picture of workers at a voter registration booth on Indiana Avenue. (Photo/Tyler Fenwick)

last time the survey was conducted in 2002, though Kristen Grønberg, director of the Indiana Nonprofits Project and one of the authors of the report, said 43% isn't necessarily good or bad.

"It means that those kinds of activities are fairly widespread," she said.

At the same time, the report calls some of the nonprofits' work in this area "shallow" because only 38% reported advocating to policymakers.

Most focus on the general public.

Part of the problem appears to be a combination of miseducation and hesitancy, Grønberg said, since the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has many nonprofit classifications that come with various restrictions to preserve tax-exempt status.

The most popular is 501(c)(3), the section that includes most public charities. It's a misconception that 501(c)(3) organizations can't do anything

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IU Health following new recommendations after death of Susan Moore

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Dennis Murphy, president and CEO of Indiana University Health, has released recommendations from an external review panel following the death of Dr. Susan Moore on Dec. 20, 2020. Recommendations include an increase in diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) training, the hiring of more patient care advocates and improving communication among health care workers.

"We owe it to our patients to always show up for them, to treat them with dignity and respect, to appreciate their perspectives, and to validate their feelings when they are in our care," Murphy said in a statement. "We did not live up to these values with Dr. Moore and acknowledge that we have more to do to become a more diverse, inclu-

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Indianapolis Public Library amplifying diversity efforts

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The heightened disparities in resources and technological divide in Indianapolis throughout the pandemic came as no surprise to public library workers.

That's why, even as we're nearing the finish line in the fight against COVID-19, staff in the Indianapolis Public Library system are addressing these issues and making their spaces more welcoming for a diverse audience.

Jessica Moore, the diversity, equity and inclusion officer for Indianapolis Public Library, said the 2021-23 strategic plan for the library system is a continuation of the work the library system has been doing since she started working there in 2019.

"When I started in this role, the library had already been sending staff members to racial equity training, and having partnerships with IPS, and they wanted to drill in on why this work is important and critical," Moore said. "This past summer, we made a decision to drill in on [social justice]. We wanted to do more than just a book display, because we don't make systemic changes through displays."

Libraries play a critical role in addressing the digital divide. The library took notice of data from Indianapolis Public Schools that showed roughly 40% of responding families didn't have a device that would work for e-learning, and 30% lacked reliable internet connection and decided to focus efforts on closing the gap. The Haughville branch of Indianapolis Public Library now checks out Chromebooks and Wi-Fi hotspots to members of the neighborhood.

"Lack of access isn't a new problem, but the pandemic elevated it. It shined a light on a lot of the inequities we face," Moore said. "When you start to shine a light on inequities, you can't run away from them."



Indianapolis Public Library CEO Jackie Nytes speaks at the unveiling of the library's 2021-23 strategic plan April 27. The plan emphasizes the need for a more diverse and accessible library system. (Photo/Breanna Cooper)

Now is the time for us to really drill into it, that's how we're really going to make some leeway in terms of fixing the problem."

In addition to closing the digital divide, library branches will cater their collections to their diverse audiences. For example, the new branch in Perry Township will have materials focused on Burmese culture and characters to reflect the area's large Burmese population while the Central Library in downtown Indianapolis will highlight the contributions of African American and women writers in the building itself.

Library officials recently discovered an area they overlooked. When Central Library was built in 1917, 76 authors' names were engraved inside or outside the building. Five more names were added during renovations in 2007, bringing the total to 81. However, none of the authors memorialized in the building

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Longtime library patron spearheads engraving project

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Dr. Michael Twyman has gone to Central Library since he was a child. Around 20 years ago, he noticed all of the engraved names of authors throughout the building were those of white men and just a handful of women.

Now in his mid-50s and a financial backer of Indianapolis Public Library, Twyman is looking to make Central Library more inclusive. Through June 30, community members can nominate Black authors to be memorialized in the walls of the library.

"I think as we evolve as a country, we have not

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State tweaks youth employment requirements, removes schools from process

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Some Indiana employers will have to use a new system to register youth employees, and schools will no longer issue work permits, according to new requirements issued by the Indiana Department of Labor.

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political, but it is true that the IRS limits what they can do. They can't, for example, get involved in a political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for office, but they can take positions on public policy issues and even do some lobbying.

The report defines advocacy as "action taken in support of a cause or an idea," including litigation, public education and lobbying.

Indiana Humanities, a 501(c)(3), reported using staff and volunteers to "influence foreign, national, state or local legislation" in its most recent filing with the IRS. What that means in practice, President and CEO Keira Amstutz said, is lobbying for federal funding.

Indiana Humanities receives a portion of its funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The organization, along with humanities

groups from other states, takes a "hill visit" to Washington, D.C., to meet with Indiana's congressional delegation and make their case for funding.

Amstutz said it could be possible to lobby for public policy issues, but the IRS says lobbying can't be a "substantial" part of a 501(C)(3)'s activities.

"We have gotten very accustomed to the rules and knowing how to report," Amstutz said.

Act Indiana, a 501(c)(4), grew out of Faith in Indiana, a 501(c)(3), in large part because of the debate over mass transit in Indianapolis.

Most 501(c)(4) organizations have to operate "exclusively for the promotion of social welfare," according to the IRS. A 501(c)(4) can make lobbying its primary activity as long as it's related to the organization's mission.

"We realized in order to have

a bigger say in the decisions that impact people's lives, it requires difference vehicles," said Shoshonna Spector, executive director of Act Indiana. Spector is also executive director of Faith in Indiana, but the organizations are separate.

Even though Act Indiana technically has more leeway when it comes to political activity, Spector said much of the work overlaps with what Faith in Indiana does because advancing democracy — through voter engagement, for example — isn't about partisan politics.

"At the end of the day, our work is really focused on people," she said. "People should have a say in democracy and the decisions that impact their lives."

The Indiana Nonprofits Project survey included traditional public charities such as homeless shelters and museums but excluded colleges, hospitals,

bank-managed trusts and public school building corporations.

It's possible the years-old survey data doesn't accurately reflect what nonprofits are doing in 2021. A worldwide civil rights movement that started in 2020 could cause nonprofits to increase the amount of advocacy and public education work they do, but Grønbjerg said it's difficult to tell if that actually happened because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

A survey in May 2020 found nonprofits were struggling with basic operations. More than half curtailed or suspended programs, and 71% reported a loss in revenue from the beginning of March.

Central Indiana Community Foundation (CICF) is ramping up its focus on policy but mostly uses its sizeable influence to help organizations doing the "everyday work," said

Pamela Ross, vice president of opportunity, equity and inclusion.

Ross said the organization, a 501(c)(3), started focusing on smaller groups in 2020, including Indy10 Black Lives Matter, which has been active since the police killings of George Floyd in Minnesota and Dreasjon Reed locally.

For the most part, Ross said, the pandemic and civil rights protests didn't create new problems. Home internet access, for example, was already an issue.

"We didn't learn that these problems existed," she said. "We learned that we would have to approach them much differently."

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All Indiana employers that employ five or more workers who are under 18 must use the new Youth Employment System (YES) to register those employees with the labor department.

YES will replace the "Intent to Employ" form, which had to go through the employee's school.

Michael Myers, director of the DOL's Bureau of Youth Employment, said the new system will be more efficient.

"Now they can interview, and they can make the decision, and they can register in less than two minutes and have that employee on the line working right then and there," he said during a press conference. "That's the crux of it. That's the beauty of it."

The new requirements take effect July 1 and do not change the state's work-hour requirement for minors. Employers must still comply with the Teens Work Hour restrictions, which stipulate how long certain workers under 18 can work per day and week.

The YES registry will go live in early June to give employers time to get familiar with the system.

Employers who don't comply with the new requirements can face penalties of up to \$400 per infraction.

The new requirements come from the 2020 legislative session, when state lawmakers amended the law.

Part of the reason schools have been involved in the work permit system is to make sure students' education was still a priority. Myers said that was accomplished.

"No need to get the schools involved anymore," he said.

Mary Lang, a spokesperson for Wayne Township schools, said the change ultimately won't be good for students.

"While not being required to issue work permits does lessen the workload for an already hard-working school system, we do not believe this is good for students in the long term," she said in a statement. "Helping students stay on track with attendance is extremely important to their academic success."

Warren Morgan, chief academic officer for In-

dianapolis Public Schools, said the district is still reviewing the change to understand how it will affect students.

"Our top priority is ensuring IPS students receive a quality education and they're focused on their work in the classroom first," he said in a statement. "We think it's important that accountability is shared by students, families and employers to maintain a work-school balance that positions teens for academic success."

Myers acknowledged one potential impact of the change is a dip in revenue for the labor department related to fines, which could lead to fewer child labor inspectors.

When state lawmakers amended labor laws in 2020, one of the effects was an expected decrease of about 50% in the Employment of Youth Fund, which is funded by fines and pays for inspectors' salaries.

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Attucks, IU Health kick off fellowship for students

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Crispus Attucks High School and Indiana University Health announced the first class of students in a health care fellowship that could lead to a job out of high school and help diversify the field. Students, all of them freshmen, were announced one by one at a ceremony in the school's parking lot May 4 and received a white lab coat from IU Health President and CEO Dennis Murphy. The 27 students chosen for the fellowship will spend the next four years on a path to getting a job at IU Health after graduating high school. They can also then get tuition assistance for a related degree. "We would like you to be doctors, nurses, researchers," Murphy said. The application process was intensive. Crispus Attucks is already Indianapolis Public Schools' health sciences pathway school, and students who wanted to be part of the fellowship wrote essays, went

through interviews and had to have letters of recommendation. Alena Bibbs said she was inspired by her grandma, a nurse in South Bend, to apply for the fellowship and commit herself to it through high school. "I just feel I have the skill and requirements to be in the health care industry, and I'm very proud of that," she said. Jamal Smith, director of government affairs and strategic partnerships for IU Health, said the next four years and the years after that in health care will come with plenty of challenges. "When the work is difficult and you question your ability, trust the process," he said. Indianapolis City-County Council President Vop Osili said it's fitting the fellowship would involve Crispus Attucks because of the legacy of the school, which opened in 1927 as the city's first public high school for African Americans. Osili rattled off statistics about how many Black doctors



Indiana University Health President and CEO Dennis Murphy placed white lab coats on Crispus Attucks High School students selected to be part of a health care fellowship. The ceremony was in the school's parking lot May 4. (Photo/Tyler Fenwick)

in training there are at medical schools — not enough — and said this is a step to reversing that. "We can't build that future without you," he told the students. About 7.5% of students enrolled in medical schools for the 2020-21 school year are Black or African American, according to data from the As-

sociation of American Medical Colleges. The association also reports the acceptance rate for Black or African American applicants was 41% for this school year, slightly below the average of 44%. Mayor Joe Hogsett told the students they will "diversify and strengthen" the health care field in Indianapolis, which could in turn improve

health outcomes. "You are pioneers," he said, "opening opportunities and blazing a trail for others who follow you." Contact staff writer Tyler Fenwick at 317-762-7853. Follow him on Twitter @Ty_Fenwick.

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only an opportunity but an obligation to create spaces that are inclusive and are historically accurate in terms of how we both recognize and memorialize the contributions of so many Americans," Twyman said. "Particularly the contributions of those from the African diaspora and others who are part of non-white groups that have been instrumental in their contributions and under-valued." Through his library endowment, Twyman will match up to \$9,000 raised to engrave the names. The names will be unveiled later this year during the fourth anniversary celebration for the Center for Black Literature and Culture. While he wants to leave it up to the public, Twyman imagines several authors, including James Baldwin, Maya Angelou and Langston Hughes,



Michael Twyman, a longtime library patron, will match up to \$9,000 in donations to raise money for an engraving project at Central Library. (Photo provided by Michael Twyman) will be among the names proposed. While engraving names of African American authors won't play a huge

role in combating racism, Twyman said it will not only make Central Library more inclusive, but help the people feel welcome in an "anchor of the community." "I grew up in a library ... and it's so important for people in the community to experience the depth of what a healthy public library system provides by ways of knowledge and information," Twyman said. "But it's more than that. It's a gathering place, a community center that everyone in the community should be able to experience and enjoy. The more people we can get in the library, I think, makes for a stronger, healthier community." Through celebrating the literary

works of authors such as Baldwin and Angelou, Twyman said diverse audiences can learn more about the human condition and the Black American experience, even if it's through fictional work. "Oftentimes art imitates life," Twyman said. "I believe people of color, because of their unique experience, particularly the American experience, find a way in their fiction writing to speak to their personal life experience. ... There isn't anything that's truly fictional because it's grounded in some reality." Contact staff writer Breanna Cooper at 317-762-7848. Follow her on Twitter @BreannaNCooper.

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are Black, and there's just a handful of women included in the group. Tariq Robinson, adult program specialist for Indianapolis Public Library, hopes to change that. Now through June 30, library patrons can nominate late African American and female authors to be memorialized in the library. The names will be unveiled later this year during the fourth anniversary of the library's Center for Black Literature and Culture. Patrons can also donate money for the engravings. Michael R. Twyman, a longtime library patron who brought the disparity to the attention of library administration, will match up to \$9,000 in donations. "[The project] is really about making it clear for all who enter the Central Library that this is a space for everyone, and to have that reflected in who we remember and who we memorialize

on our walls," Robinson said. "It's an opportunity to make sure that history is not only written by those who have traditionally had power." With the first phase of the strategic plan underway, the library is looking ahead to the future. "We still have a lot of work to do, and I think that's true for every institution in our entire country," Moore said. "This isn't aerial work, we have to be in the thick of it, and we have to be committed to it. This is the beginning of our journey, but I'm grateful to our commitment to dive in fully."

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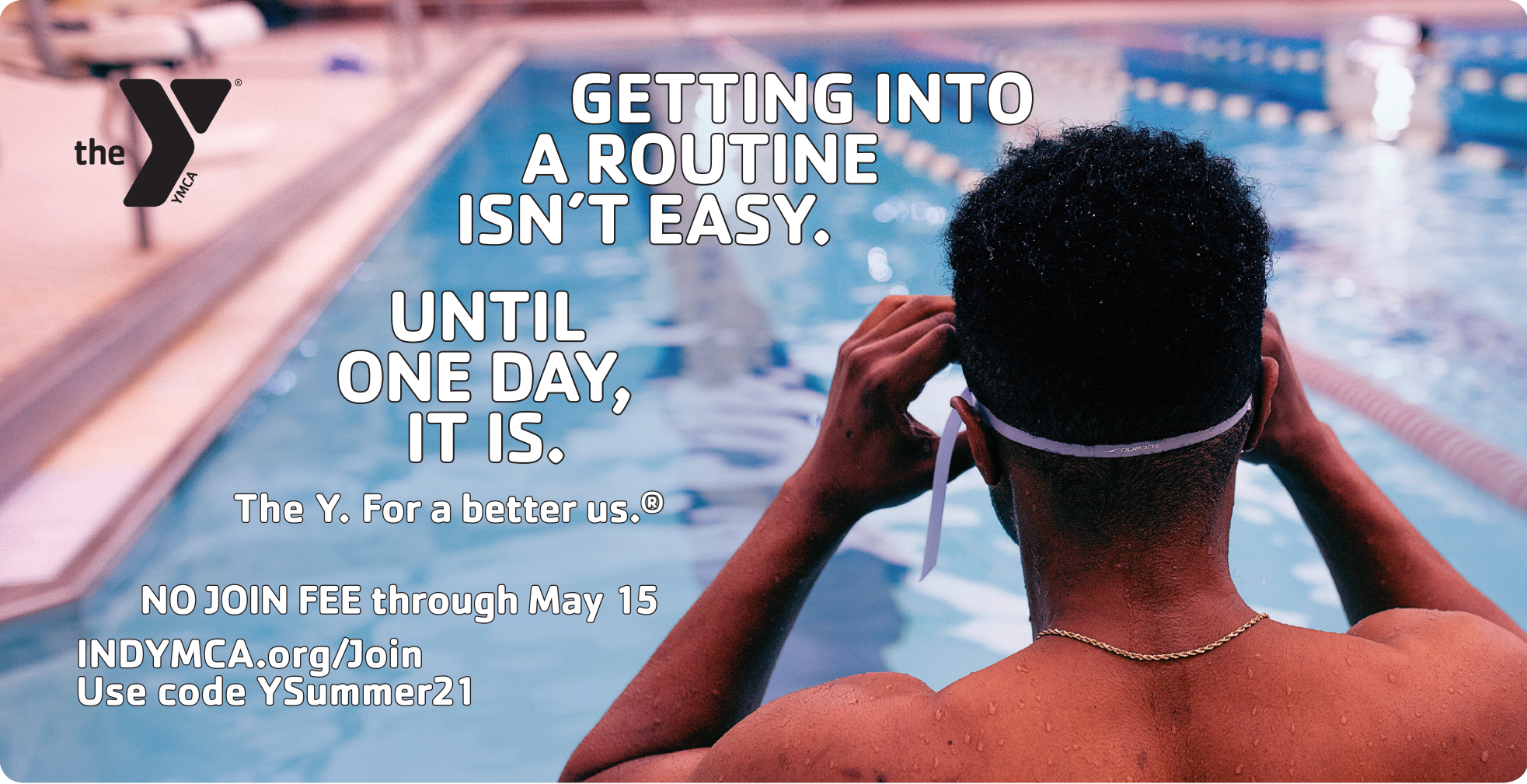
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Local teens plan city-wide prom for seniors

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For many high school seniors, the last months of the school year mean cramming for final exams and trying to find the perfect outfit for prom. Last year COVID-19 caused many teenagers to miss out on the rite of passage.

Jessica Puntillo and Isys Scott wanted the chance to celebrate after a year with little to celebrate. Working together, along with help from Indy Black Chamber and J&I Entertainment, the Ben Davis High School seniors planned the event for seniors throughout Indianapolis on May 21.

“We were talking about how it was really unfortunate that the opportunity was taken away from us because of COVID,” Puntillo said. “We came up with a plan to throw it for everybody because we felt bad. At the time, we didn’t know of any schools throwing a prom, and we figured that everyone would want the opportunity to celebrate.”

The formal event will be held at The Pavilion at Pan Am and will include music from Hot 96.3’s DJ Strick. Both Puntillo and Scott hope the prom provides students a chance to unwind after a stressful school year.

“There’s been a lot of obstacles,” Scott said of navigating her senior year. “A lot of stuff has been thrown at us, and it’s been hard trying to readjust from e-learning to now going back to school five days a week. ... I’m mostly looking forward to all my class being together and seeing all my friends I didn’t get to see this year.”

Availability is limited to 500 people, and the tables inside the pavilion are spaced six feet apart with limited



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seating. Masks are required and temperatures will be taken at the door. Students must have a school I.D.

“I’m just really excited, and I hope all the kids take advantage of this opportunity and come out and have a good time,” Scott said.

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By STAFF

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sive and anti-racist health system."

The diverse panel was made up of six health care workers — four of whom are Black — from around the country and was established to determine whether Moore, a family medicine specialist, received adequate, compassionate care during her stay at IU Health. Murphy called for an independent review into the case on Dec. 20, 2020. The panel found the "technical care" Moore received at IU Health did not lead to her death, but "cultural competence was not practiced by all providers and several caregivers lacked empathy, compassion and awareness of implicit bias in the delivery and communication of Dr. Moore's care."

In an interview with the Recorder, Murphy said those involved in Moore's care "did not take the time to listen to Dr. Moore and to ask questions to fully understand who she was."

Moore, 52, was admitted to IU Health North in

Carmel on Nov. 29, 2020, after testing positive for COVID-19. Despite complaining of difficulty breathing and severe neck pain, she was sent home by IU Health staff Dec. 7, 2020.

Within 12 hours of being discharged from IU Health, she experienced a spike in her temperature and a drop in blood pressure, and she was admitted to Ascension-St. Vincent, where she died three weeks later.

In a 7 1/2-minute video posted to her Facebook page Dec. 4, 2020, Moore described her frustrations with her care and allegations of racial bias on the part of her caregivers. Specifically, Moore said a doctor "made me feel like I was a drug addict" when she asked for pain medication.

"I put forth and maintain if I was white, I wouldn't have to go through that," Moore said in the video. "This is how Black people get killed, when you send them home and they don't know how to fight for themselves."

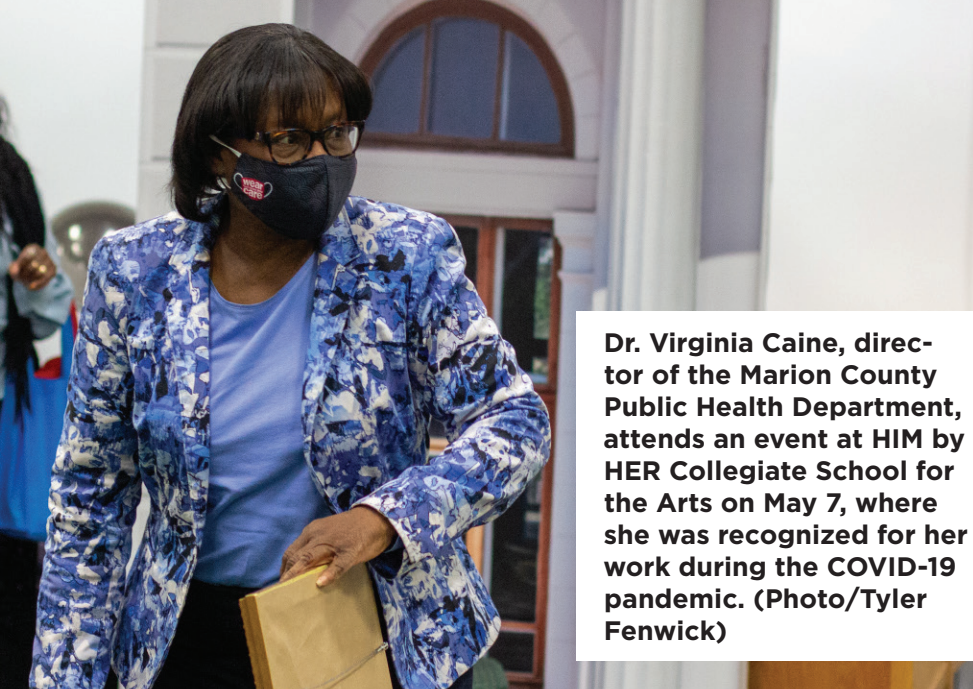
Several staff members were put on leave during the external investigation, but at the recommendation of the panel, no one involved in Moore's care was fired. The staff put on leave will be monitored upon their return to work.

Moore's death sparked national outrage. Local activist group Indy Health Care Workers for Justice issued a statement in December 2020 demanding action from IU Health.

"The racism that tormented Dr. Moore and denied her even basic relief from pain is systemic and existed long before she was subjected to egregious individual acts of health care racism from medical providers at IU North," the statement read. "... If IU Health believes that Black lives actually matter, that racism is actually a public health crisis ... then they will move beyond platitudes and take real action."

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Council affirms county health orders, bans smoking at parks



Dr. Virginia Caine, director of the Marion County Public Health Department, attends an event at HIM by HER Collegiate School for the Arts on May 7, where she was recognized for her work during the COVID-19 pandemic. (Photo/Tyler Fenwick)

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The Indianapolis City-County Council voted to approve existing county health orders at its meeting May 10, the same day state lawmakers effectively voided all local COVID-19 restrictions.

The legislation at the Statehouse, Senate Bill 5, requires local health departments to get approval from legislative bodies and mayors to put health orders in place that are more restrictive than the state's. Gov. Eric Holcomb vetoed the bill, but state lawmakers voted to override the veto.

The veto override essentially left no local public health orders in place for a short time May 5 until the council voted to approve the Marion County Public Health Department's restrictions, including the mask mandate.

"In a time of great uncertainty, our city's residents can be certain of this: the Indianapolis City-County Council will remain strictly focused on safeguarding their health and doing whatever is necessary to bring our city back stronger than ever," city-county council President Vop Osili said in a statement.

Dr. Virginia Caine, director of the county health department, said the county has tried to balance public health with the local economy during the pandemic.

"The ability to make quick decisions at a local level is critical to protecting Hoosiers during a public health crisis," she said in a statement.

Marion County, the most populous

in Indiana, has consistently had public health orders that are more stringent than the state required.

The council approved local health orders by a vote of 19-5, with Republicans opposed.

In a letter explaining his veto, Holcomb said it's been a critical part of the state's response to COVID-19 to let local health authorities do what they feel is best for their community. He said the bill could also "further undermine local responses to future public health emergencies."

Smoking ban

The council also voted 18-6 to ban smoking at public parks owned or leased by the city or county.

The author, Councilor John Barth, said there has been a visible increase in secondhand smoke at parks since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic as people went to parks for a safe activity.

"Our city's parks have been an important refuge during the pandemic for residents seeking mental and physical wellness," Barth said in a statement, "but secondhand smoke and litter are detrimental to the health of our children and families and our environment."

The ban will likely go into effect before the July 4 holiday and includes fines: \$100 for a first offense, and a court ticket and fine of \$200 to \$7,500 for subsequent violations.

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Box, Caine celebrated for pandemic response

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Indiana State Health Commissioner Dr. Kristina Box and Marion County Public Health Department Director Dr. Virginia Caine were honored with resolutions passed during the 2021 legislative session that recognized their work during the COVID-19 pandemic.

State Rep. John Bartlett presented the resolutions to two of the most visible health authorities in Indiana during an event May 7 at HIM by HER Collegiate School for the Arts.

Bartlett, a member of the Indiana Black Legislative Caucus, called Box and Caine superstars.

“I truly believe they saved a bunch of lives,” he said.

In a speech after she received the framed resolution, Box talked about the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on Black people and said anyone who gets a vaccine should share their story to encourage others to do the same.

“I just don’t want to lose any more people to this disease,” she said.

Caine joked about how often she’s talked with Box throughout the pandemic. Indiana’s statewide health guidelines left room for local governments to be more stringent, and Marion County has taken advantage of that.

“My goodness,” she said with a laugh, “I must talk to her two or three times a day.”

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Dr. Caine holds her framed resolution with state Rep. John Bartlett.



Dr. Box holds her framed resolution with Rep. Bartlett.



Dr. Virginia Caine, director of the Marion County Public Health Department, speaks at an event recognizing her and Indiana State Health Commissioner Dr. Kristina Box (seated left) for their work during the COVID-19 pandemic May 7 at HIM by HER Collegiate School for the Arts. (Photos/Tyler Fenwick)



L-R: Dr. Caine, Rep. Bartlett and Dr. Box pose for a picture.



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To The Editor:

Although the number of African American smokers continues to decline, approximately 9 out of 10 Black Hoosier adults, who smoke, use menthol products as compared to 3 out of 10 White Hoosier adults. Menthol products are also heavily used by youth, Latinos, and members of the LGBTQ+ community.

The minty flavor of menthol makes it easier to start smoking and harder to quit. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), one of the dangers of menthol is its flavor makes it easier to inhale cigarette smoke into the lungs and may even aid in the body’s absorption of the cancer-causing chemicals. For decades, Big Tobacco has targeted youth and minority communities through point-of-sale marketing, billboards, scholarships, free giveaways, and images claiming that smoking and vaping are cool.

No Menthol Sunday is a national day of observance dedicated to educating congregants and community members about tobacco, vaping, and tobacco flavors like menthol. This year’s theme, A New Day! is a reminder to each of us we are living in a time of opportunity to build healthy and just tobacco-free communities.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently announced a new ban on the manufacturing, distribution, and sale of menthol cigarettes and all flavors of cigars. While this is fantastic news, it is only the beginning of working towards overcoming the damage these products and the tobacco industry have done to our communities.

On Sunday, May 16th, we invite you to participate in No Menthol Sunday by pledging to spend the day without using tobacco products. Yesterday is in the past, and today brings a fresh start. Call the Indiana Tobacco Quitline at 1-800-QuitNow for free support and resources in starting your journey towards living a tobacco free life.

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Northeast Indy to get grocery store in 2022

By **BREANNA COOPER**
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Construction will begin at 38th Street and Sheridan Avenue in June to build a new grocery store, Indy Fresh Market. The store will be operated by two local African American men, Michael McFarland and Marckus Williams, and is estimated to create roughly 20 jobs for the community and many more during the construction process.

The project is a collaboration between Cook Medical, Goodwill of Central and Southern Indiana, The Indianapolis Foundation and Martin University, among others. The store is set to open in May 2022.

For east side residents, it couldn't come soon enough.

Mark Webster, president of Real Taste Catering in Indianapolis, has lived on the east side for years. He remembers, decades ago, when plenty of grocery stores were available to residents. All have since either shut down or moved business elsewhere. Now, he said residents rely on gas stations to get their groceries and pay "three times the price you would in a grocery store." When Indy Fresh Market is built, it will be the only grocery store for miles in any direction.

"Cook Medical stepped up to help these young brothers win the game," Webster said at a press conference May 6. "For too long, we've lost the game. It's time to win."

In Indianapolis, roughly 208,000 people — most of them Black — live in food deserts, meaning they live over a mile away from a grocery store. Many lack adequate transportation, making it more difficult to reach stores in other neighborhoods.

Beyond hunger, living in a food desert can detrimentally impact your life, starting from childhood. Hungry children are less likely to succeed in school, and food insecurity can shorten your lifespan.

And as residents of the city's east side know all too well, when grocery stores leave the neighborhood, other

entities follow.

"If a grocery store shuts down, you might not think of that as being traumatic," Pete Yonkman, president of Cook Medical, said during the press conference. "But then restaurants start boarding their windows, schools are under-resourced, and banks and businesses leave ... and you start wondering if you're living in a community at all."

Yonkman said there are plenty of studies on what defines a food desert, but very few efforts to solve the problem. Indy Fresh Market, he said, will not only help feed east side residents, but will create pathways for other community members to start businesses of their own and create generational wealth that will benefit the community for years to come.

For Martin University's part, college President Sean Huddleston plans to get the community involved. The creation of a community garden will allow middle and high school students to grow fruits and vegetables to donate to the market. The university will also provide McFarland and Williams training on how to operate a grocery store. He hopes this will be first of many markets of its kind here in the city.

"It's not enough to just beat the odds," Huddleston said. "You have to change the odds. This is the first program of its kind, but it can't be the last."

Gov. Eric Holcomb called the 14,000-square-foot grocery store a "massive undertaking," but one that will ultimately benefit Indianapolis. He thanked Cook Medical and other partners for "investing" in the success of Indianapolis residents.

"It's neighbors that make [a neighborhood] work, and the stakeholders with a vested interest in the future of our neighbors," Holcomb said. "If the last year taught us anything, it's that we're all in this together."

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EDITORIAL

Activism is the legacy of the Black Press

By OSEYE BOYD



“No longer shall others speak for us.” These are the words of the founders of the country’s first Black newspaper, Freedom’s Journal. In 1827 that declaration took a lot of courage. And it’s that same pluck Black newspapers have exhibited ever since.

Black newspapers — like most other “Black” institutions or entities — started because Black people were shut out of just about every aspect of American life. Universities, professional organizations, clubs, fraternities and sororities.

Freedom’s Journal began publication March 30, 1827, in New York City. Slavery still existed at this time, but the free Blacks in the North didn’t see themselves in the newspapers of the day. Mundane things such as births and deaths or even accomplishments of Black people weren’t covered in white newspapers. Black people didn’t exist, and if we did exist and receive coverage, it was negative. So, being the resourceful people that we are, we created our own. For us by us — that’s been the motto of Black people well before Daymond John and company created FUBU.

From its early days of publication, abolition of slavery was a cause the Freedom’s Journal championed. In the tradition of the Freedom’s Journal, Ida B. Wells took up the cause of abolition and led an anti-

lynching crusade after men she knew were lynched. Wells was born into slavery. She also experienced a brutal beating on a train because she refused to give up her first-class seat. She sued and won a settlement of \$500. However, the Tennessee Supreme Court overturned the decision. She went on to own newspapers, Memphis Free Speech and Headlight, and Free Speech.

So, activism is part of the legacy of the Black Press. We were created to fight for social justice for Black people. While we’re taught in J-school to be fair, balanced, accurate, unbiased and objective flies on the wall just observing the news, members of the Black Press know we have a duty to be more than that. We have a duty to hold America accountable for the promises made to all citizens while also accurately reporting the news and being balanced in our reporting because, let’s face it, the news has rarely ever been unbiased and objective — especially when it comes to us. If we weren’t excluded from the white press, i.e., mainstream press, there would’ve been no need to start the Black Press. Even a cursory look at newspapers throughout history shows the papers were of the times — racist and anti-Black. In January 2019, the Orlando Sentinel apologized for the racist role it played in coverage of the Groveland Four, four Black men wrongly accused of raping a white woman in 1949. In September 2020, the Los Angeles Times apologized for its racist past. I could go on, but you get the point.

It’s knowing what I know about journalism, in general, and the Black Press, specifically, that I rolled

my eyes and let out a heavy sigh as I read about a recent incident in Oklahoma where a spokeswoman for the governor refused to respond to a reporter at The Black Wall Street Times, calling the reporter an “activist pretending to be a reporter.” For those who know about Tulsa, Oklahoma, the entire community of Greenwood, known as Black Wall Street, was destroyed in what is now known as the Tulsa Race Massacre. The 100-year commemoration is forthcoming, and reporter Sarah Gray had a question for Gov. Kevin Stitt regarding his involvement with the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre Centennial Commission.

His director of communications, Carly Atchison, responded: “Hi Sarah, thanks for reaching out but our policy is to respond to journalists, not activists pretending to be reporters. Good luck!” Oh, Carly wasn’t done. She later tweeted, “I stand by what I said. If you want to be taken seriously and treated with respect, that goes both ways. Name calling, RT-ing (retweeting) bad memes, and crying out ‘White Supremacy!’ (when the Gov is Cherokee) every time there’s disagreement on policy is NOT journalism, it’s activism.”

Oh Carly, honey, you tried it.

I know you were probably super proud of yourself, but you look and sound stupid. You clearly don’t know the history or understand the role of the Black Press. We are advocates, activists and journalists. Sarah and I stand on the shoulders of greatness, using our skills as a journalist for the betterment of our people and our country.

OPINIONS

A modest proposal

By LARRY SMITH



Tim Scott — the only Black Republican senator — caused an uproar during his rebuttal to President Joe Biden’s recent address to Congress. Scott declared, “Hear me clearly: America is not a racist country.” He

even punctuated the word “not.” (Ironically, he made the statement right after sharing some of his experiences with racism.) I confess no hyperbole when I declare that I could literally hear millions of Black folks groan in response.

Tim Scott is no fool. He knew full well how most Black folks would receive his comment. Further, those who know Scott say that he would not make that statement in, well, different company. Still, a politician’s first job is to be honest with his or her constituents, right? Just kidding! A politician’s first job is to get reelected. If Scott had said, “America is a racist country,” his odds of being reelected would be as good as someone hitting a billion-dollar jackpot — without buying a ticket.

For understandable — yet unaccept-

able — reasons, Scott plays into the narrative that individual acts of bigotry (no matter how recent and numerous) do not add up to a systemic problem. (Imagine making the following argument: “We have more potholes in our streets than any other city, but our streets are great!”) In effect, that’s what Scott is saying. Yet, the vast majority of his supporters are white, and he can’t afford to alienate them.

Let’s get to the heart of the matter. Is America a racist country? The venerable Pew Research Center — and every other credible research organization — demonstrates that the overwhelming majority of Blacks believe that it is. Not surprisingly, views among white Americans are more complicated. For example, one’s political leanings play a crucial role: White Democrats are much more likely to argue that America is racist than are white Republicans.

Interestingly, President Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris each made assertions that somewhat mirrored Scott’s. Biden said, “I don’t think America is racist, but I think the overhang from all of the Jim Crow and before that, slavery, have had a cost and we have to deal with it.” Similarly, Harris said, “No, I don’t think America is a

racist country.” Harris’ answer, in particular, upset African Americans, even though she acknowledged that racism still exists in America. (Biden and Harris also fear white people’s response.)

To be clear, America is not a racist country. Why? Countries cannot be racist. However, America is a country in which a lot of racists live. And by “a lot” I mean millions of people, including business leaders, politicians, police officers, judges and others who control the levers of power in America. Collectively, they perpetuate systemic racism, which has an even greater impact than do individual acts of bigotry.

Most Black folks (including me) reject the notion that we measure “progress” by comparing where Black folks were 50 years ago versus today; the true measure is comparing where Black folks are today relative to where white folks are today. Sadly, Indianapolis — like every other city — has its share of Black apologists who deny the objective reality that systemic racism is a relic of the past.

I digress.

When one considers virtually every contemporary socioeconomic metric, it is clear that systemic racism is very much alive in America. Add to that

the sobering racial disparities in the criminal justice system, the health care system, the educational system, etc. When we control for every conceivable variable, intellectually honest people must conclude that racism still pervades our nation; there is no other plausible explanation.

Thus, instead of asking whether America is a racist nation, let’s reframe the discussion. Instead, let’s ask what each and every individual can and should do to identify and to challenge racism. There are at least two advantages to this approach. First, it helps to keep us from engaging in a back-and-forth about a question whose answer is self-evident. (Besides, even answering “yes” doesn’t lead to change.) Second, it keeps people like Biden and Harris from getting into rhetorical trouble with Black folks — whose support they must have to stay in power.

Finally, it is useless to have a proverbial “seat at the table” if the price that one must pay is the denial of reality, especially when such denials have major implications for people’s lives. We need less rhetoric and more courage.

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No HBCU players selected in 2021 NFL draft

By DEVON DAVIS



The 2021 NFL draft came and went without a single player from a historically Black college or university (HBCU) being selected. Jackson State University coach and NFL Hall of Famer Deion Sanders vented his frustrations, sending a message on Instagram saying players from HBCU programs were “NEGLECTED AND REJECTED.”

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VID-19 restrictions limiting the 2021 draft class. Around mid-April only 657 players were signed to the NFL. To put that into perspective, that’s less than half the number of players at the same time last year. HBCU programs have been partnering with the NFL since the 1940s, but out of the 259 athletes who signed none were associated with a historically Black college and university. There were opportunities for NFL teams to see players from HBCU programs. Over 40 players from HBCU programs attended a combine in March.

According to the Washington Post, 29 players from HBCU programs started during last year’s NFL season. So, was there an overlook? It’s no secret that the NFL hires the best talent, but would the league look different if more top athletes attended historically Black colleges before turning pro? Nearly 80% of the players in the NFL are Black; however, a majority of those athletes opt to attend bigger and more resource-based institutions. That hasn’t always been the case. Before schools began to integrate only 60 years ago, African American college football was just as, if not more, competitive as any conference in the nation. Strategically, players want to go to schools where they believe they will have the most success, but if more top athletes chose to attend HBCUs it would completely change the landscape of college football and the NFL.

There are 33 players, or 11%, from HBCUs currently in the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio. Between 1968 and 1976, about 50 to 70 draft picks came from HBCUs. Every year since then that number has dropped. To lure players toward the

HBCU collegiate football life, NFL legends Eddie George and Deion Sanders are taking on big jobs as head coaches for Jackson State University and Tennessee State University.

Jerry Rice, who is widely regarded as one of the greatest, if not the greatest football player in NFL history, attended Mississippi Valley State, a small school in the heart of Itta Bena, Mississippi, with a current student population of less than 3,000. Former Defensive Rookie of the Year and all-pro Darius Leonard of the Indianapolis Colts attended South Carolina State.

The reason for the small draft class pool is simple: COVID. Because so many schools either didn’t play or had haphazard schedules, the NCAA allowed all seniors who normally would’ve entered the draft to return for one more year, which dwindled the following draft class to about one-third of what it normally looks like. In addition, small programs across the country had to cancel pro days due to a decrease in travel from NFL scouts. These reasons forced the NFL to invest in only big-name universities like the University of Alabama, where 10 players were drafted in this year’s class.

While this 2021 class wasn’t the best year for HBCU athletes, there’s hope the number of recruits increases in the coming years. Next season the program will host an All-Star game to give teams the opportunity to see roughly 100 prospects.

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Dean of students gets leadership award at IU School of Medicine

BY FARAH YOUSRY

Indiana University’s medical school has given Assistant Dean of Students Antwione Haywood the Outstanding Faculty or Staff Advocate award for his leadership and advocacy for medical students.

“It’s awesome,” said Haywood, who is also an assistant professor of radiation oncology. “You know, I think things come in waves. Prior to this year, I hadn’t received any recognition for any work.

“And I think sometimes it just takes acknowledgement of your accomplishments for others to start to notice. So, these things do matter.”

The medical school has 21 award categories recognizing events, organizations and individuals making a “notable impact through community and student engagement.”

As a professor and dean, Haywood says he spends close to 12 hours every week teaching and just as much time outside the classroom talking with students and listening to what they have to say. He also teaches the Mind Body Medicine program, which helps students manage stress and prevent the burnout that many in the medical field struggle with.

“It’s easy to discount the value of one interaction. But it’s those things that truly make a difference,” he said. “We’ve seen it play out in our medical school where people have wanted to kick out students because they weren’t performing and then those [students] have gone on to be [in] amazing positions.”

Students submit comments along with their award nomination. One comment called Haywood “the definition of commitment to excellence in a more holistic understanding that I believe I have never seen from a faculty or staff member. I am massively grateful for his continued support, care and advocacy for us as students.”

For Haywood, 39, being a Black male in the medical field and coming from a humble background drive him to give back, advocating for students and giving them a voice when they most need it.

He said he continues to be inspired by other Black leaders and role models. He recalled the words of Michelle



Antwione Haywood

Obama: “What’s the point of being in a leadership role, if you’re just going to say, ‘I can’t [do] anything, my hands are tied.’ You’re just taking up a seat at the table.”

He added, “So I see myself as the voice for the voiceless, because I’ve been given this privilege. But then also recognizing that people have done that for me in the past.”

Haywood grew up in Los Angeles with six siblings; his mother had a sixth-grade education. He lost his father to gun violence when he was a child.

But his mother was keen on his education, and he was guided by Black mentors along the way. Haywood was able to earn a Ph.D. and at only 31, he became one of the youngest deans to be recruited at Indiana University’s medical school.

Haywood was earlier awarded the Trustee Teaching award for outstanding teaching in the previous year; it is based on factors such as student evaluations, colleague observations and innovations in teaching. He was also awarded the Exemplar of Professionalism award, which recognizes positive role models who uphold the school’s Honor Code in their daily interactions.

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Advertorial

by Dewand Neely

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Many people during the pandemic have been furloughed or displaced. Due to concerns over economic recovery for certain industries, people are seeking more sustainable careers with upward mobility. Sometimes making a career change is something that you can’t afford not to do.

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Currently, CARES Act funding is making it possible for those who are unemployed, or underemployed, to get nearly all of their tuition covered. Transforming to a career in tech is now more accessible than ever. The window on CARES Act dollars closes

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If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about coding, but cost has been a deterrent, now may be the best time to give this sincere consideration. Between the PISA and CARES Act funding, there are financial mechanisms in place for enabling students to gain the tech skills needed to land a stable, rewarding, and high-paying job in tech without the financial stress. No one should have to worry about covering the cost of an education that improves their life.

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Self-advocacy can improve health outcomes for Black women

BY FARAH YOUSRY

Kimberly McElroy-Jones remembers an odd pain that took hold of her left side several years ago, stretching from hip to foot. She had been in meetings for hours and for a moment thought the pain might just be from sitting too long in one position.

But she believes that there are “two brains in the body” — in the head and gut. Trusting her gut, she decided to see a doctor.

McElroy-Jones, director of community partnerships for community health at Eskenazi Hospital, recounted her experience in a recent Facebook video webinar organized by the Center of Wellness for Urban Women. Her goal: to show the importance of self-advocacy for Black women in a health care setting.

McElroy-Jones said through her pain, she was intentional in how she communicated her symptoms. The doctor sent her to the emergency room for an ultrasound on her leg.

When the results came back, McElroy-Jones never felt more validation of her gut feeling and her self-advocacy skills. The test showed a blood clot, deep vein thrombosis, in her lower leg — a condition that, if not treated promptly, could have led to potentially fatal clots in her lungs and heart.

“And so in that case, [the doctor] happened to listen to me, but sometimes providers don’t. And so you can’t ever let anyone’s voice take precedence over your voice,” she said to the hundreds of people who watched the live or recorded video.

McElroy-Jones added that as a Black woman working in health care, she recognizes the barriers to care and the systemic racism that lead to health disparities.

Still, Black women can learn how to better advocate for themselves to improve their health outcomes, she said.

Research shows Black women are the least likely to advocate for themselves in a health care setting. The



Kimberly McElroy-Jones

same study also found when Latina women advocated for themselves, they received better care.

McElroy-Jones listed some points Black women should consider:

Prioritize

yourself

Black women tend to put other people before themselves and may choose to care for family members before taking care of their own needs. She said over 80% of Black women are overweight or obese, and she struggles with extra weight her doctors want her to lose.

“We have to make healthy choices. We have to not only choose to eat right, but we need to choose to live and live a long life, not ... contribute to shortening our own life expectancy, if at all possible.”

Research your symptoms and monitor your body

Before seeing the doctor, do research about your symptoms, as well as the tests or care you may need. And recognize any differences in the way your body feels or responds.

“How many times have you heard the question, ‘How long have you

been having symptoms?’ And then you have to pause and think that it started on Monday, Tuesday? Has it been five days? Three days? I know I’ve done that.”

Knowing your medications and dosage — information that a health care provider might need for proper care — also is important.

Take notes and ask questions

If you don’t understand something a health provider says or aren’t sure about tests that might be needed, speak up and ask questions. Make sure you communicate your symptoms and needs.

Take notes during a provider visit. That makes it easier to follow up with questions, communicate with specialists and take care of yourself after the visit.

‘Don’t let the insurance companies dictate your health

outcomes.’

Sometimes providers may not order tests because insurance wouldn’t cover it. Although medical bills can be a challenge, you have to be informed and weigh your options. If you need a second opinion, seek one whenever possible.

Genetics play a role

Genetics play a role in some conditions and might require different care for Black women. Ask the question, “How would you manage and treat my condition as a woman of color versus a white woman?” You may get an interesting response, and it may help ensure that your provider is aware of your treatment.

Fill out that survey

Health care organizations review data from surveys, including those that measure patient satisfaction. Fill out surveys whenever possible. “I sit in leadership meetings, and they’re going over those scores, they’re looking at providers. If providers have low scores, they’re trying to see what’s going on.”

Take advantage of free screenings

There are free health screenings for conditions such as blood pressure, cholesterol, depression at pharmacies and community organizations.

“So, if you notice that your blood pressure is high, you probably might need to go get that checked out. And depending on how high it is, you might need to go to the ER right there.”

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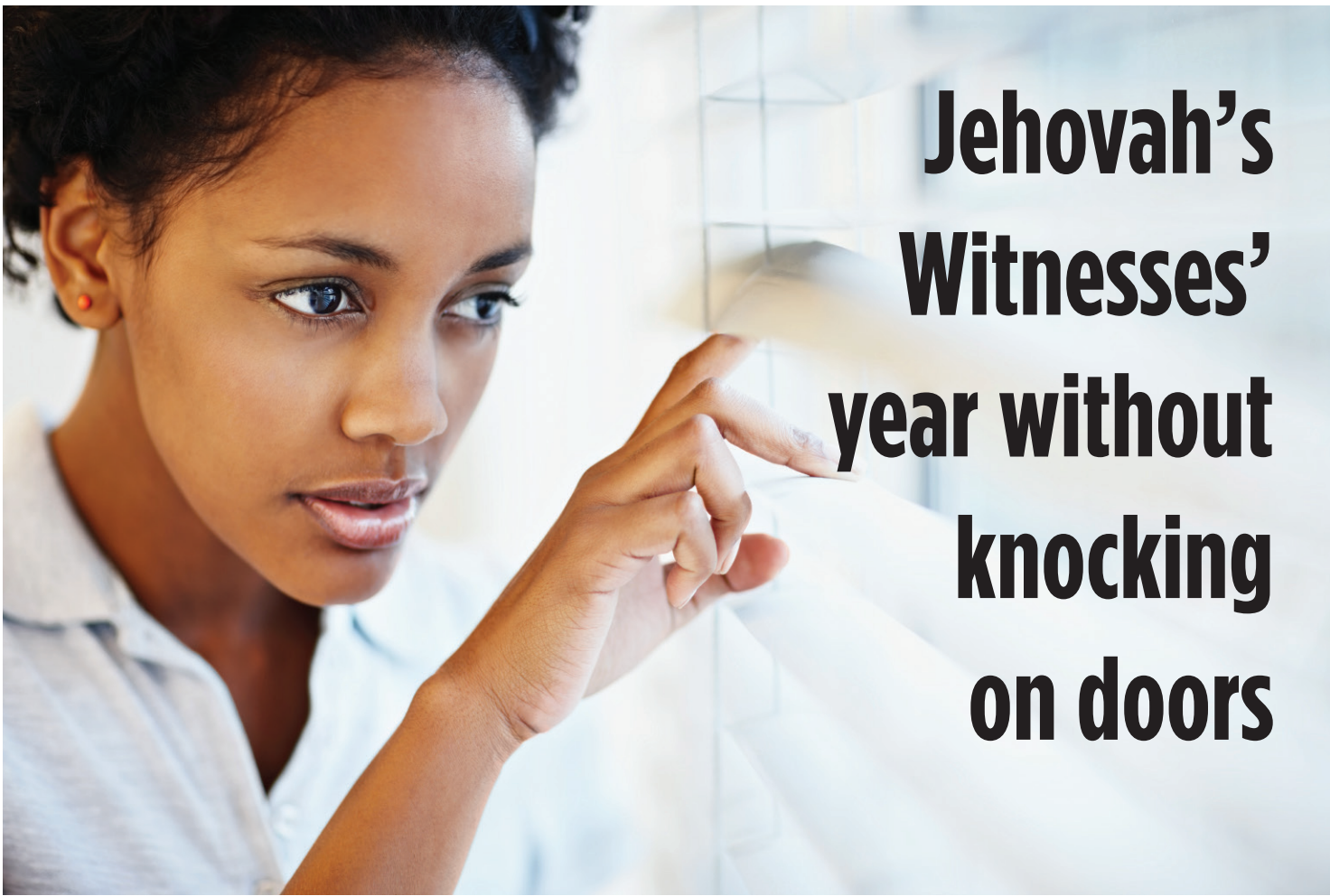
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Coping with Mental Health Challenges During COVID-19

This past year has presented many different challenges and obstacles, testing people’s strength and resiliency. The global COVID-19 pandemic forced everyone to cope with situations never imagined, and many here in Marion County have struggled with mental health as a result. The good news is that tools and resources are available to that can support the well-being of individuals and communities. Addressing the stigma surrounding mental health concerns is needed now more than ever. During Mental Health Month in May, the Marion County Public Health Department is helping to promote #Tools2Thrive - what individuals can do each day to prioritize mental health, build resiliency, and continue to cope with the obstacles of COVID-19. Throughout the pandemic, many people found themselves struggling with mental health for the first time. The focus this month is on different topics that can help process the events of the past year and the feelings that surround them, while also building up skills and supports that extend beyond COVID-19.

The pandemic forced many people to accept tough situations over which they had little to no control. Those who found that it impacted their mental health are not alone. Of the almost 500,000 individuals who took the anxiety screening at MHAscreening.org, 79% - nearly 8 in 10 people - showed symptoms of moderate to severe anxiety. Practical tools are available that can help improve mental health, focusing on managing anger and frustration, recognizing when trauma may be affecting mental health, challenging negative thinking patterns, and making time for self-care. Working on mental health and finding tools that help us to thrive takes time. Focusing on small changes allows anyone to move through the stressors of the past

year and develop long-term strategies to support mental health on an ongoing basis. A great starting point for anyone ready to start prioritizing their mental health is to take a mental health screening at MHAscreening.org. The screening is a quick, free, and confidential way for someone to measure their mental health and begin finding hope and healing. The Marion County Public Health Department wants to remind everyone that mental illnesses are real, and recovery is possible. By developing individual #Tools2Thrive, it is possible to find balance between life’s ups and downs and continue to cope with the challenges brought on by the pandemic. For more information about Mental Health Month, visit www.mhanational.org/may. The Marion County Public Health Department’s Social Work department offers help to anyone struggling with mental health and can connect residents with various community resources. To learn more, please call 317-221-2364. ABCs of Diabetes Classes Offered Online The ABCs of Diabetes is a free, four-part series of diabetes self-management classes offered monthly by the Marion County Public Health Department. Classes include instruction on medications, nutrition, exercise, monitoring, complications and available community resources. Registration is open to anyone with diabetes or pre-diabetes. Family members and friends are also welcome. Due to COVID-19, the ABCs of Diabetes is currently offered online. Registration is required one week prior to first class so that materials can be mailed in advance. To see the schedule of upcoming classes in June, and to reserve a spot, please visit MarionHealth.org/diabetes or call 317-221-2094.



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SPECIAL TO THE RECORDER

Sylvia Miles, a 74-year-old resident of Indianapolis' east side, has been known for 43 years as one of Jehovah's Witnesses who loves to teach others about the Bible. Before the pandemic, she would be found in her ministry going door to door five or six days a week. She also spent time standing by a cart that displayed Bible-based literature at a local park. Though she devoted so much time to finding people she could share good news with, it was a challenge to find people at home.

It's been one year since Jehovah's Witnesses worldwide adjusted their hallmark methods of sharing comfort and hope from the Scriptures due to the pandemic.

For many, the change from ringing doorbells and knocking on doors to making phone calls and writing letters expanded and invigorated their ministry.

"Witnesses have embraced this shift, finding the good in these trying times," said Joseph Castano, who reports a 30% increase in the Witnesses' preaching activity in his region of northern Virginia and nearby parts of West Virginia. "In fact, I hear many saying, 'I'm able to do more now.'"

In March 2020, the some 1.3 million Witnesses in the United States suspended their door-to-door and face-to-face forms of public ministry

and moved congregation meetings to videoconferencing.

"It has been a very deliberate decision based on two principles: our respect for life and love of neighbor," said Robert Hendriks, U.S. spokesman for Jehovah's Witnesses. "But we are still witnesses and, as such, we must testify about our faith. So it was inevitable that we would find a way to continue our work."

After sharing in a virtual ministry for over a year, Sylvia says, "I've been able to reach more people by doing letter writing than I did knocking at the doors." She continued, "A lot more [people] have responded than not." She feels grateful for the opportunity to help so many in her community. Even when normal activities resume, this time during the pandemic will always hold a special place in her heart.

"During this time, I have gotten to know friends better," she said. "I used to dread the thought of trying to write a letter, but now I appreciate it, because I get to be with my friends. We throw ideas off of each other, so it makes us all draw closer to one another."

In the bitterly cold winters of Arden Hills, Minnesota, Terri Whitmore normally bundles up for the door-to-door ministry in a long down coat and snow boots — sometimes with removable cleats to help navigate icy sidewalks. Now she sits at her dining room

table, sips on hot tea and calls people on her cell phone to share the same message. In December, she conducted more than twice as many Bible studies than in any prior month.

"I'm having a blast," she said. "After a nice phone call, it energizes you. You can't wait to make the next call."

Her go-to topics for conversation with her neighbors are COVID-19, civil unrest and government.

"Some people feel like they have nothing secure to hold on to," she said. "The power of God's word is amazing. You can just share a scripture and you feel like they're settling down."

Nearly 51,000 people in the United States last year made a request for a Witness to contact them, either through a local congregation or jw.org, the organization's official website, according to Hendriks. Since the outbreak, the Witnesses have followed up on these requests via letters and phone calls instead of in-person visits.

"Our love for our neighbors is stronger than ever," said Hendriks. "In fact, I think we have needed each other more than ever. We are finding that people are perplexed, stressed, and feeling isolated. Our work has helped many regain a sense of footing — even normalcy — at a very unsettled time." In the rural areas of Salina, Kansas, where the wheat and corn fields stretch for acres, the Milbradt family sometimes drives miles from one

house to the next to reach their neighbors. Now, instead of buying gasoline to fill up their vehicle for the ministry, they spend money on paper, envelopes, stamps and crayons.

"We look for ways to add variety to our ministry," said Zeb Milbradt. He and his wife, Jenny, help their boys — Colton, 8, and Benjamin, 6 — write letters to children's book authors, local police and hospital workers. Sometimes the boys even include with the letters hand-drawn pictures of the Bible's promise of a global paradise.

"We've been able to get the message to people who we wouldn't necessarily reach otherwise," said Jenny Milbradt.

A letter Benjamin sent to nurses at a regional health center included a quote from the Bible's prophecy at Isaiah 33:24 of a coming time when no one will say, "I am sick." The center's marketing secretary replied to Benjamin, informing him that she scanned and emailed his letter to 2,000 employees. It "made so many people smile," she said.

Witnesses have also made a concerted effort to check on distant friends and family — sometimes texting links to Bible-based articles on jw.org that cover timely topics such as isolation, depression and how to beat pandemic fatigue.

"Former Bible students have started studying again," said Tony Fowler, who helps organize the ministry in the northern portion of Michigan's Lower Peninsula. "Colleagues at work have now started to show interest. Some have started Bible studies with family members who showed very little interest before the pandemic."

Castano has been reaching out to Witnesses who had long ago stopped associating with fellow Witnesses.

"The pandemic has reignited their spirituality," he said, adding that many are attending virtual meetings with some sharing in telephone witnessing and letter writing even after decades of inactivity. "It's been pretty outstanding."

Fowler and Castano both report about a 20% increase in online meeting attendance. But perhaps the most significant growth is in an area that cannot be measured by numbers.

"I think we've grown as a people," Fowler said. "We've grown in appreciation for other avenues of the ministry, our love for our neighbor, and love for one another. We're a stronger people because of all of this, and that's a beautiful thing to see."

For more information on the activities of Jehovah's Witnesses, visit their website jw.org, with content available in over 1,000 languages.

SPIRITUAL OUTLOOK

Refuse to fight in the flesh

By JOHNSON A. BEAVEN III

"And David said, 'The Lord who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine.' And Saul said to David, 'Go, and the Lord be with you!' Then Saul clothed David with his armor. He put a helmet of bronze on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail, and David strapped his sword over his armor. And he tried in vain to go, for he had not tested them. Then David said to Saul, 'I cannot go with these, for I have not tested them.' So David put them off." -1 Samuel 17:37-39 ESV



determined by the outcome desired and the process to get there.

As to the outcome, what should be desired is a peaceful or a redemptive resolution. As to the process, basically, there are two ways to fight: fight fair or fight dirty.

Fair fighting is the means of trying to understand the other person's perspective and also to be un-



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derstood, respectfully discussing the matter within boundaries so to preserve the relationship. Fair fighting is not trying to get over on the other party, whereby you win, and they lose.

On the other hand, dirty fighting is characterized by yelling, arguing, hurling accusations, humiliation, name-calling and all sorts of "hitting below the belt" tactics. This method only intensifies and exasperates conflict, never resolves it.

In having resolved to fight the Philistine Goliath and having addressed Saul's skepticism of his ability and capability to fight Goliath (1 Samuel 17:32-37), David makes the critical decision whether to wear Saul's armor or not in this battle. It is at this point David decided how he would fight this fight. David's decision determined the outcome of this fight before

the fight began.

As it was with David, so is it for us, especially when in a fierce conflict or facing a spiritual battle. We have to make the decision David made — refuse to fight in the flesh. In this context, David refused to put confidence in human means when he took off Saul's armor.

Saul's faith in this fight was not founded in the Lord but rested in military might. Since Saul did not think David was physically able to withstand Goliath (1 Samuel 17:33), putting his armor on David was an attempt to put protection on David to potentially go head-to-head in combat with Goliath. But Saul's armor, as did Goliath's, symbolized the strength of the flesh (2 Chronicles 32:7-8; Jeremiah 17:5). When Saul attired David in his armor, he not only dressed David in what he knew to wear and how to fight when in a war, he also dressed David just like Goliath (1 Samuel 17:5).

Saul's armor, which was probably oversized, was so heavy that David could not even take a few steps. This immobilized David so that he would not be able to run and attack his opponent. Saul's armor would also make David an easy target to some degree just like Goliath was. That is exactly what operating in the flesh does; it weighs and slows you down. It makes you a target. Operating in the flesh also makes one useful to the devil. Hence, reasons why we must refuse to fight in the flesh.

When it comes to spiritual warfare, we do not fight in the flesh for our strength is not found in the flesh (2 Corinthians 10:3, 4). The source of our strength is in the Spirit and the armor of the Lord (Ephesians 6:10, 11). We win and are brought out victoriously by the mighty hand and outstretched arm of the Lord.

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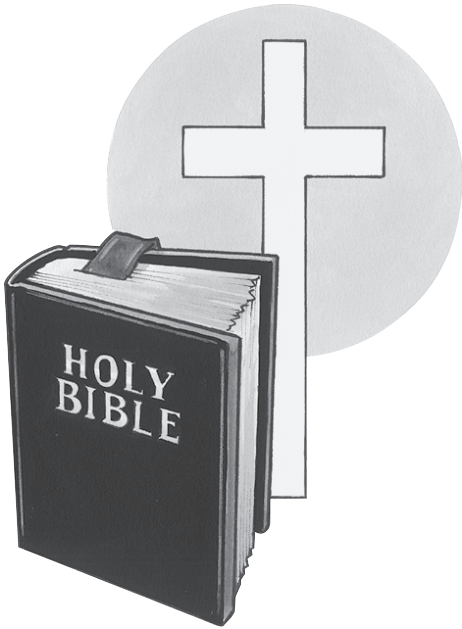
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1. Is the book of Joppa in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. What businesswoman from Thyatira opened her home to Paul and saints after her conversion? Rachel, Keturah, Lydia, Shiphrah
3. Jesus said, “For where your treasure is, there will your ____ be also”? Love, Heart, Faith, Friends
4. From 2 Samuel 18, whose hair became tangled in a terebinth tree? Samson, Herod, Absalom, Joab
5. On the outskirts of what city did Jesus meet Zacchaeus? Smyrna, Tarsus, Jericho, Antioch
6. From 2 Samuel 14, what was the name of Absalom’s daughter? Ruth, Tamar, Miriam, Sarah

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Lydia; 3) Heart (Matthew 6:21, Luke 12:34); 4) Absalom; 5) Jericho; 6) Tamar

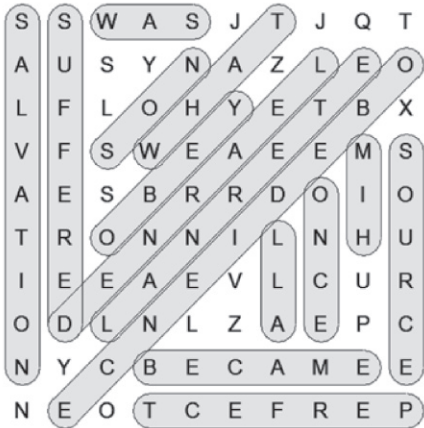
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A Scent of Sunshine offers homemade candles, literally

By BREANNA COOPER
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When Erika Kaiser-Powell's father taught her how to make candles nearly a decade ago, she thought she just found a new hobby. She had no way of knowing that, in a few short years, she'd be operating A Scent of Sunshine LLC.

During an average production day, Kaiser-Powell makes about 24 candles with over 20 different fragrances, along with air freshener and oils. While she has a large output when events come around — she makes over 100 candles for the three annual S.H.E. Events — Kaiser-Powell's business is as homegrown as they come.

Kaiser-Powell operates A Scent of Sunshine from her maternal grandfather's house. For Kaiser-Powell, the home built in 1895 is filled with childhood memories of playing with her brother throughout it. That family history makes the house a comfortable spot to grow her business.

"I can relax here," Kaiser-Powell said. "I can just slip on my house shoes and put on some jazz and just make my candles. I'm comfortable here."

Kaiser-Powell's family is incorporated in nearly every aspect of the business. Kaiser-Powell used to work in the same school as her husband, a special education teacher. Visiting his classroom, one student told her "it seems like sunshine when you come in," and the nickname "Sunshine" stuck, including when it came time to name her business.

Other nods to her family often go unnoticed. Her air freshener and oil bottles are a tribute to her late mother, Toni, who died of cancer in 2012.

"My mother's favorite color was blue, so that's why the bottles are blue," Kaiser-Powell said. "I have sentimental things with this business that people may never know, but it's important to me to incorporate them. ... I'm just really glad that my mom was alive to see this become an LLC."

And, if you see Kaiser-Powell at a S.H.E. Event — founded by local entrepreneur Katina Washington to help other local businesses grow — you'll likely see her father, Tony, by her side.

"I'm very, very proud of her," Tony said. "That's why I don't mind jumping on a plane from Texas when she calls and says she needs my help for an event. I'll be there in August to help her for the next S.H.E. Event, so if you go there, you'll see me there ready to rock 'n' roll with my daughter."

Several years ago, Kaiser-Powell became a regular vendor at Washington's event after filling in last minute for another vendor. Washington said her work ethic makes her stand out from the crowd.

"I've watched Erika's business grow tremendously," Washington said. "I really don't know how she keeps the load up because it's a lot of work. I could say a million great things about Erika. I love her."

Washington's favorite thing about Kaiser-Powell's



Erika Kaiser-Powell with some inventory for her shop, A Scent of Sunshine LLC. Her father taught her how to make candles, and many parts of her business quietly celebrate various aspects of her family. (Photo/Breanna Cooper)



candles is the positive affirmation that comes on each jar. And when customers speak to Kaiser-Powell, her positivity is palpable.

Like any small business owner, Kaiser-Powell has had her share of ups and downs, such as an ever-changing economy and a global pandemic that canceled vending opportunities and struggles with balancing her personal life with her business. Despite the struggles that come with starting a business, Kaiser-Powell has big goals, including opening a storefront. She also hopes A Scent of Sunshine is a life lesson for her sons.

"I hope that I am and have already shown them

that you can do it; no matter what it is," Kaiser-Powell said. "If you're comfortable, and if you like it, even if you struggle, you can still do it. And they see that I spend a lot of nights working, and they see me get excited, they see me get tired, but they see me keep going. So, I hope, whatever it is that they decide to do, that they keep going."


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FOR CHANGE OF NAME
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Notice is hereby given that I have filed in the Office of the Clerk of Marion County Circuit Court my Petition for change of my name from Dorothy Mae Hayes to Dorothy Mae Summers and that said Petition will be heard by the Court on the date, July 13, 2021, or as soon thereafter as may be convenient with the Court, at 9 a.m. Any person has the right to appear at this hearing and file an objection.
/s/ Dorothy Mae Hayes, Petitioner
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Marion County
Emily Browning, #14230-49 INDIANAPOLIS LEGAL AID SOCIETY, INC.
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SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
TO: Christine Stewart, AKA Christine L. Stewart, BE IT KNOWN that Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Bank Minnesota, National Association, as Trustee for Aegis Asset Backed Securities Trust Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2003-2, the above-named Plaintiff, by its attorney, J. Dustin Smith, has filed in the office of the Clerk the Marion Superior Court #6 its Complaint against Defendant Christine Stewart, AKA Christine G. Stewart, and the said Plaintiff having also filed in said Clerk's office the affidavit of a competent person showing that the residence and whereabouts of the Defendant, Christine Stewart, AKA Christine G. Stewart, upon diligent inquiry is unknown and that said cause of action is for default on the promissory note and to foreclose a mortgage on the following described real estate in Marion County, State of Indiana, to wit:
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NOW, THEREFORE, said Defendant is hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said Complaint against them and that unless they appear and answer or otherwise defend thereto within thirty (30) days after the last notice of this action is published, judgment by default may be entered against said Defendant for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Dated Clerk, Marion Superior Court #6
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Telephone: 614-220-5611
Facsimile: 614-220-5613
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DAVID CHARLES BARNES, Decedent,
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Notice is hereby given that on the April 30, 2021, date, Jennifer Stansberry was appointed personal representative of the Estate of David Charles Barnes, deceased, who died on July 22, 2019. All persons having claims against said 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 the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
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IN RE THE ESTATE OF CAROL GILBERT, DECEASED
NOTICE OF SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA
In the matter of the Estate of Carol Gilbert, deceased, Estate Docket: 49D08-2104-EU-011914
Notice is hereby given that on May 3, 2021, Stacy L. McGuyre was appointed the Personal Representative of the Estate of Carol Gilbert, deceased, who died intestate on the 7th day of January, 2021, a resident of Marion County, Indiana.
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Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this May 3, 2021.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk, Marion Superior Court
Probate Division
Stacy L. McGuyre, I.D. #31064-32
Attorney at Law
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Tel No.: (317) 965-0407
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COUNTY OF MARION)
CAUSE NO. 49D08-2104-EU-012651
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF:
DALE CONRAD SMITH, Decedent,
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that on the April 15, 2021, date, Betty J. Smith was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of DALE CONRAD SMITH who died on the 11th day of December, 2020.
All persons 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 the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this April 15, 2021.
/s/ Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk of the Superior Court of Marion County, Indiana
Probate Division
5320-920672

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT)
JSS: PROBATE DIVISION)
COUNTY OF MARION)

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NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION CAUSE NO. 49D08-2103-EU-010711 IN THE PROBATE COURT OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Michael D. Sullivan, Esq., is the personal representative of the estate of Ralph B. Dietz, deceased, who died on the 29th day of January, 2021. All persons having claims against said estate, whether or not now due, must file the same in said court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or said claim will be forever barred. Dated at Greendale, Indiana, this 9th day of April, 2021. Myla Eldridge, Clerk of the Court. In the Matter of the Estate of Ralph B. Dietz, Deceased. MALLORY LAMBERT, Petitioner. NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION Notice is hereby given that on the April 27, 2021, date, Mallory Lambert was appointed personal representative of the Estate of Beedie Lambert, deceased, who died on April 23, 2020. All persons 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 the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Marion County, Indiana this April 27, 2021, at Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk of the Court of Marion County. 5320-920315 05/07/21, 05/14/21

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT)) SS: PROBATE DIVISION)) CAUSE NO. 49D08-2104-)) ES-013794)) IN THE MATTER OF THE)) ESTATE OF)) MICHAEL D. SULLIVAN,)) Deceased.)) NOTICE OF)) ADMINISTRATION)) Notice is hereby given that)) HOLLY SULLIVAN was, on)) April 28, 2021, appointed)) Personal Representative of)) the Estate of MICHAEL D.)) SULLIVAN, deceased, who)) died July 14, 2020.)) All persons who have)) 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)) the first publication of this)) notice, or within nine (9))) months after the decedent's)) death, whichever is earlier,)) or the claims will be forever)) barred.)) Dated at Indianapolis,)) Indiana, on April 28, 2021.)) /s/ Myla A. Eldridge)) CLERK, MARION COUNTY)) SUPERIOR COURT)) Jennifer Norton)) Attorney No. 28709-49)) Norton Estate Planning &)) Elder Law Firm, LLC)) 3750 N. Meridian Street,)) Ste. 300)) Indianapolis, IN 46208)) (317) 572-8696)) 5320-920334)) 05/07/21,)) 05/14/21

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT 8)) PROBATE DIVISION)) COUNTY OF MARION)) CAUSE NO. 49D08-2104-)) EU-012460)) IN THE MATTER OF THE)) UNSUPERVISED)) ADMINISTRATION OF THE)) ESTATE OF)) AMBER M. KASHIK,)) DECEASED)) NOTICE OF)) ADMINISTRATION)) Notice is hereby given that)) Sayed Sharnakh was, on)) April 14, 2021, appointed)) Personal Representative of)) the Estate of Amber M.)) Kashik, Deceased, who)) died on March 8, 2020.)) All persons who have)) 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)) the first publication of this)) notice, or within nine (9))) months after the decedent's)) death, whichever is earlier,)) or the claims will be forever)) barred.)) Dated at Indianapolis,)) Indiana, this April 14, 2021.)) /s/ Myla A. Eldridge)) Clerk, Marion County)) Superior Court 8)) Cara M. Chittenden)) Carmel, IN 46032)) (317) 973-4555)) (317) 489-5195 fax)) cchittenden@greyflaw.com)) 5320-920295)) 05/07/21,)) 05/14/21

IN THE MARION COUNTY PROBATE COURT STATE OF INDIANA IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF CAUSE NO. 49D08-2104-EU-012790 ELIJAH OTIS REEVES SR., DECEASED NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION IN THE PROBATE COURT OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA In the matter of Elijah Otis Reeves Sr., deceased Cause Number: 49D08-2104-EU-012790 Notice is hereby given that on April 15, 2021, Felicia A. Banks was appointed personal representative of the estate of Elijah Otis Reeves Sr., deceased, who died on the 11th day of March, 2021. All persons 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 the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, April 15, 2021. /s/ Myla A. Eldridge Clerk of the Probate Court of Marion County, Indiana Gregory M. Hightower HALCOMB I SINGLER, LLP 789 W. Main St. Carmel, IN 46032 (317) 575-8222 5320-920200 05/07/21, 05/14/21

ATTORNEY: Grover B. Davis, #4408-49 McCURE McCURE & 251 E. Ohio St., Suite 915 Indianapolis, IN 46204-2133 Telephone (317) 221-0800 Facsimile (317) 221-0900 gbdavis@bdlaw.com STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT)) SS:)) COUNTY OF MARION)) CAUSE NO.: 49D08-2104-)) EU-013278)) IN THE MATTER OF THE)) UNSUPERVISED)) ADMINISTRATION OF THE)) ESTATE OF)) CHAD C. SUMMERS,)) DECEASED)) NOTICE OF)) ADMINISTRATION)) Notice is hereby given that)) on April 20, 2021, Scott)) G. Summers was appointed)) Personal Representative of)) the Estate of Chad C.)) Summers, who died on the)) 10th day of February, 2021.)) All persons who have)) 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 be forever)) barred.)) Dated this 20th day of April,)) 2021.)) /s/ Myla A. Eldridge)) Clerk of the Marion County)) Superior Court)) 5320-920148)) 05/07/21,)) 05/14/21

Superior Court, Marion County, Indiana 5320-920296 05/07/21, 05/14/21

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT)) SS: PROBATE DIVISION)) COUNTY OF MARION)) CAUSE NO. 49D08-2104-)) EU-014127)) IN THE MATTER OF THE)) ESTATE OF)) BEEDIE LAMBERT,)) Decedent.)) MALLORY LAMBERT,)) Petitioner.)) NOTICE OF)) ADMINISTRATION)) Notice is hereby given that)) on the April 27, 2021,)) date, Mallory Lambert was)) appointed personal)) representative of the)) Estate of Beedie Lambert,)) deceased, who died on)) April 23, 2020.)) All persons 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 the first)) publication of this notice,)) or within nine (9) months)) after the decedent's death,)) whichever is earlier, or the)) claims will be forever)) barred.)) Dated at Marion County,)) Indiana this April 27, 2021,)) at Myla A. Eldridge)) Clerk of the Court of Marion)) County.)) 5320-920315)) 05/07/21,)) 05/14/21

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT)) SS:)) COUNTY OF MARION)) CAUSE NO. 49D11-2104-)) MF-013794)) IN THE MATTER OF THE)) ESTATE OF)) MICHAEL D. SULLIVAN,)) Deceased.)) NOTICE OF)) ADMINISTRATION)) Notice is hereby given that)) the undersigned,)) MICHAEL D. SULLIVAN,)) Esq., is the personal)) representative of the)) Estate of MICHAEL D.)) SULLIVAN, deceased, who)) died July 14, 2020.)) All persons who have)) 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)) the first publication of this)) notice, or within nine (9))) months after the decedent's)) death, whichever is earlier,)) or the claims will be forever)) barred.)) Dated at Indianapolis,)) Indiana, on April 28, 2021.)) /s/ Myla A. Eldridge)) CLERK, MARION COUNTY)) SUPERIOR COURT)) Jennifer Norton)) Attorney No. 28709-49)) Norton Estate Planning &)) Elder Law Firm, LLC)) 3750 N. Meridian Street,)) Ste. 300)) Indianapolis, IN 46208)) (317) 572-8696)) 5320-920334)) 05/07/21,)) 05/14/21

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STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT)) SS:)) COUNTY OF MARION)) CAUSE NO. 49D08-2104-)) EU-014127)) IN THE MATTER OF THE)) ESTATE OF)) BEEDIE LAMBERT,)) Decedent.)) MALLORY LAMBERT,)) Petitioner.)) NOTICE OF)) ADMINISTRATION)) Notice is hereby given that)) on the April 27, 2021,)) date, Mallory Lambert was)) appointed personal)) representative of the)) Estate of Beedie Lambert,)) deceased, who died on)) April 23, 2020.)) All persons 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 the first)) publication of this notice,)) or within nine (9) months)) after the decedent's death,)) whichever is earlier, or the)) claims will be forever)) barred.)) Dated at Marion County,)) Indiana this April 27, 2021,)) at Myla A. Eldridge)) Clerk of the Court of Marion)) County.)) 5320-920315)) 05/07/21,)) 05/14/21

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STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT)) SS:)) COUNTY OF MARION)) CAUSE NO. 49D10-2104-)) EU-013039)) IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF:)) Blessing Y Ayedun)) Petitioner,)) v.)) Justin Lamar Turner)) Respondent.)) SUMMONS)) [For Dissolution of Marriage)) Cases Only])) The State of Indiana to)) Respondent: Justin Lamar)) Turner.)) 5624 W 44th Street)) Indianapolis, IN 46254)) (317) 658-9210)) You have been sued by)) your spouse for dissolution)) of marriage. The case is)) pending in the Court named)) above.)) If this Summons is)) accompanied by an Order)) Setting Hearing, you must)) appear in Court on the)) date and time stated on)) the Order Setting Hearing.)) IF YOU DO NOT APPEAR,)) EVIDENCE MAY BE HEARD)) AND A DECISION MAY BE)) MADE BY THE COURT. If)) a Temporary Restraining)) Order is issued, it is)) effective immediately upon)) your receipt or knowledge)) of the Order.)) If you wish to retain an)) attorney to represent you)) in the matter, it is advisable)) to do so before the date)) stated on the Notice of)) Provisional Hearing.)) If you take no action in)) this case after receipt of)) this Summons, the Court)) can grant a Dissolution)) of Marriage and/or make)) decisions on that may)) include but not limited to)) any of the following:)) paternity, child custody,)) child support, maintenance,)) parenting time, property)) (real or personal), and other)) distribution of assets and)) debts, attorney fees and)) costs.)) Dated: April 16, 2021)) /s/ Myla A. Eldridge, Clerk)) of the Court of Marion)) County)) 5320-920404)) 05/07/21,)) 05/14/21,)) 05/21/21

MDK # 21-005338 STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT #11)) SS:)) COUNTY OF MARION)) CAUSE NO. 49D11-2104-)) MF-013794)) PNC Bank, National)) Association)) Plaintiff,)) vs.)) The unknown heirs,)) devisees, legatees,)) beneficiaries of Timothy M.)) Houser and their unknown)) creditors; and, the unknown)) executor, administrator, or)) personal representative of)) the Estate of Timothy M.)) Houser, et al.)) Defendants.)) NOTICE OF SUIT)) SUMMONS BY)) Publication.)) TO: The unknown heirs,)) devisees, legatees,)) beneficiaries of Timothy M.)) Houser and their unknown)) creditors; and, the unknown)) executor, administrator, or)) personal representative of)) the Estate of Timothy M.)) Houser.)) BE IT KNOWN, that PNC)) Bank, National Association,)) a corporation duly organized)) by its attorney, J. Dustin)) Smith, has filed in the)) office of the Clerk of the)) Marion Superior Court)) #11 its Complaint against)) the above named Plaintiff,)) heirs, devisees, legatees,)) beneficiaries of Timothy M.)) Houser and their unknown)) creditors; and, the unknown)) executor, administrator, or)) personal representative of)) the Estate of Timothy M.)) Houser, and the said)) Plaintiff having also filed)) in said Clerk's office the)) affidavit of a competent)) person showing that the)) residence and whereabouts)) of the Defendant, The)) unknown heirs, devisees,)) legatees, beneficiaries of)) Timothy M. Houser and)) their unknown creditors;)) and, the unknown executor,)) administrator, or personal)) representative of the Estate)) of Timothy M. Houser, upon)) inquiry is unknown, and)) that said cause of action)) is for default on the)) promissory note and to)) foreclose a mortgage on)) the following described real)) estate in Marion County,)) State of Indiana, to wit:)) Lot Numbered 149 in)) Morningside, Section 2,)) a subdivision in Marion)) County, Indiana, as per plat)) 2000 as Instrument Number)) 2000-0079009 in the Office)) of the recorder of Marion)) County, Indiana,)) commonly known as)) 2500 Melbourne Road,)) Indianapolis, IN 46226.)) NOW, THEREFORE, said)) Defendant is hereby notified)) of the filing and pendency)) of said Complaint against)) them, and that unless they)) appear and answer or)) otherwise defend thereto)) within thirty (30) days after)) the last notice of this action)) is published, judgment by)) default may be entered)) against said Defendant for)) the relief demanded in the)) Complaint.)) Dated Clerk, Marion)) Superior Court #11)) J. Dustin Smith (29493-06)) Stephanie A. Reinhart)) (25071-06)) Nicholas M. Smith (31800-)) SC-00017)) Sarah E. Barnegrove)) (28840-64)) Chris Wiley (26936-10)) Attorneys for Plaintiff)) MANLEY DEAS)) KOCHALSKI LLC)) P.O. Box 165028)) Columbus OH 43216-5028)) Telephone: 614-220-5611)) Facsimile: 614-220-5613)) Email: sef-jdsmith@)) manleydeas.com)) 5320-920385)) 05/07/21,)) 05/14/21,)) 05/21/21

STATE OF INDIANA) PIKE TOWNSHIP SMALL CLAIMS COURT)) SS:)) COUNTY OF MARION)) CAUSE NO. 49K05-2101-)) SC-000117)) INDIA SNOW,)) Plaintiff,)) vs.)) PETER DECKER and)) SAMUEL DECKER,)) Defendants.)) SUMMONS -- SERVICE BY)) PUBLICATION -- NOTICE)) OF SUIT)) The State of Indiana to the)) defendants above named,)) and any other person who)) may be concerned.)) You are notified that you)) have been sued in the)) Court above named.)) The nature of the suit)) against you is: Divorce.)) This summons by)) publication is specifically)) directed to the following)) named defendant(s) whose)) whereabouts are unknown:)) Wilma K. Stone.)) In addition to the above)) named defendants being)) served by this summons)) there may be other)) defendants who have an)) interest in this law suit.)) If you have a claim for)) relief against the plaintiff)) arising from the same)) transaction or occurrence,)) you must assert it in your)) written answer. You must)) answer the Complaint in)) writing, by you or your)) attorney, on or before)) the 20th day of June, 2021,)) the same being within)) thirty (30) days after the)) third Notice of Suit, and)) if you fail to do so a)) judgment will be entered)) against you for what the)) plaintiff has demanded.)) /s/ Myron T. Stone)) 3800 W. Michigan St.,)) Apt. 1811)) Indianapolis, IN 46222)) (317) 353-4712)) ATTEST:)) Clerk of the Marion Court)) 5320-920148)) 05/07/21,)) 05/14/21

Wit: Schiller Law Offices, LLC, 210 East Main Street, Carmel, IN 46032. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in Plaintiff's Complaint for Damages. Date Clerk of the Pike Township Small Claims Court 5320-920247 05/07/21, 05/14/21, 05/21/21

SECTION 00.00 20 NOTICE TO BIDDERS Notice is hereby given that sealed Unified Construction Bids will be received: 1. For the proposed project: Construction Company Inc., for The Indianapolis Public Library. At: Powers & Sons Construction Company, Inc. 2502 Roosevelt Avenue Indianapolis, IN 46256 Until: Thursday May 20, 2021 at 1:00 PM. Designer: kRM Architecture+ At the date, time, and location noted above, the received sealed Bids ("Bids") will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids received after that time will be returned unopened. All Bids shall be in full accordance with the Unified Documents. A list of bid packages is as follows: Bid Package 1: Structural Steel Copies of the Drawings, Specifications, and Project Manuals ("Bidding Documents") will be available for pick-up or delivery through the online platform operated by ReproGraphix.com. Planroom registration is free. The charge for the documents will be listed on the online planroom. Bidders may obtain a bid by check, credit card, or cash. No deposits will be accepted. Make checks payable to ReproGraphix. All payments and costs of the Unified Documents are non-refundable. ReproGraphix is located at 427 North Illinois Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204 (317) 637-3377. Bidders shall ensure that they have obtained complete sets of Bidding Documents and shall assume the risk of any errors or omissions in Bids prepared by reliance on the Unified Documents. A Bid Security shall be a certified check or bid bond. All checks and bid bonds shall be made payable to Powers and Sons Construction Company. Bids must be held for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days before awarding contract. Bids shall be properly and completely executed on the Unified Documents provided in the Bidding Documents. The successful Bidder shall provide alternate pricing to furnish Performance and Labor & Material Bonds in the amount of their contract amount before execution of a contract. Bonds shall be maintained in accordance with I.C. 36-1-12-12 and I.C. 36-1-12-14. A Pre-bid Conference will be held virtually at 10:00 AM local time on May 12, 2021 via the following link or call in number. All prospective Bidders are strongly urged to attend the Pre-Bid Conference. Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: https://meetings.ringcentral.com/join/545356395?pwd=MVJueGQqc3RlZG1QMnUuL0BQZ3BUT09 Password: 6126201 For the best audio experience, please use a computer audio. Or phone one-lap: US: +1(650)242-9429, 1454336395# The bid opening will be held virtually at 1:00 PM on the date and time indicated above via the following link or call in number. Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: https://meetings.ringcentral.com/join/545356395?pwd=MVJueGQqc3RlZG1QMnUuL0BQZ3BUT09 Password: 254491 For the best audio experience, please use a computer audio. Or phone one-lap: US: +1(650)242-9429, 1454336395# Contact Chris Kerns with Powers & Sons responsible and right to reject any or all bids and the right to waive any irregularities in bidding. Powers & Sons Construction shall award the contract to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder pursuant to I.C. 5-32-5 and I.C. 36-1-12-4 (b) (8). By: M. Jacqueline Nyles, Chief Executive Officer, Indianapolis Public Library END OF SECTION 00.20 5320-920244 05/07/21, 05/14/21

Indiana Public Transportation Corporation (IPTC) Request for Proposal RFP 21-04-395 Mobility Integration Platform (MaaS) Consultant Summary: A Mobility Concierge Program provides the infrastructure needed for a resident to complete a trip using multiple mobility services. Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation (IndyGo) seeks to position itself as a manager of regional mobility through this new infrastructure, including enhanced customer service support. The purpose of hiring a Subject Matter Expert (SME) is to help IndyGo: 1) develop a mobility payment integration framework, and 2) prepare an RFP, or family of RFPs, for the procurement of a technical solution(s) using the subject matter expert's knowledge and expertise. Note: to remain eligible to submit a response for a future RFP(s) and provide the technical solution(s), a respondent must pass on the opportunity of potential work becoming IndyGo's SME. View IFB Online at: https://www.indygo.net/procurement/bid-opportunities Request for Proposal Issued by RFP: 04/30/2021 by EOD Written Questions Due: 05/10/2021 by 2:00pm EST IndyGo's Response to Written Questions Due: 05/14/2021 by EOD Bid Due Date: 05/25/2021 by 10:00am EST (electronic bids only -- no hard copies) Awarded: 06/25/2021 by email to SC-000117, in the Pike Township Small Claims Court 5320-920289 05/07/21, 05/14/21, 05/21/21

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE ELKHART JURY COURT)) SS:)) COUNTS OF ELKHART)) CAUSE NO. 20D03-2012-)) AD-00009)) IN THE MATTER OF THE)) ADOPTION OF)) ZANE)) WILLIAM)) DONALD PARSON,)) NOTICE OF FILING OF)) PETITION FOR ADOPTION)) Krysten L. Parson is notified that a petition for adoption of a child named Zane)) William)) Donald Parson, born to)) Krysten L. Parson on)) August 18, 2020, was)) filed in the office of the)) Clerk of the Elkhart)) Superior Court)) No. 3, 101 North Main)) Street, Goshen, Indiana)) 46526. The petition for)) adoption is subject to the)) consent to adoption of)) Krysten L. Parson is not)) required because she has)) failed, for over one year,)) without justifiable cause,)) to communicate)) significantly with the child)) when able to do so and)) because she has not made)) any meaningful effort to)) support or communicate with)) the child. The petition)) further alleges that she is)) otherwise unfit to be a)) parent and that the)) adoption is in the best)) interest of the child.)) If Krysten L. Parson)) seeks to contest the)) adoption of the child,)) Zane William)) Donald Parson, she must)) file a motion to contest)) the adoption within thirty)) (30) days after service)) of this notice of the above)) named Court will hear and)) determine the petition for)) adoption. The consent to)) adoption of Krysten L.)) Parson will be irrevocably)) implied and Krysten L.)) Parson will lose the right)) to contest either the)) adoption or the validity of)) Krysten L. Parson's)) implied consent to the)) adoption.)) No statement made by)) Krysten L. Parson)) relieves Krysten L.)) Parson of her current)) obligations under this)) notice.)) This notice complies with)) IC 31-19-4-5-3 but does)) not exhaustively set forth)) a person's legal obligations)) under the Indiana adoption)) statutes. A person being)) serviced with this notice)) should consult the Indiana)) adoption statutes with)) their attorney.)) Krysten L. Parson's)) obligations under this)) notice.)) This notice complies with)) IC 31-19-4-5-3 but does)) not exhaustively set forth)) a person's legal obligations)) under the Indiana adoption)) statutes. A person being)) serviced with this notice)) should consult the Indiana)) adoption statutes with)) their attorney.)) Krysten L. Parson's)) obligations under this)) notice.)) This notice complies with)) IC 31-19-4-5-3 but does)) not exhaustively set forth)) a person's legal obligations)) under the Indiana adoption)) statutes. A person being)) serviced with this notice)) should consult the Indiana)) adoption statutes with)) their attorney.)) Krysten L. Parson's)) obligations under this)) notice.)) This notice complies with)) IC 31-19-4-5-3 but does)) not exhaustively set forth)) a person's legal obligations)) under the Indiana adoption)) statutes. 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Pacers lose to Washington in OT



Pacers guard Chris LeVert defends a shot attempt from Wizards star Russell Westbrook, whose triple-double tied him with Oscar Robertson for the most in league history.



Pacers forward Domantas Sabonis goes up for two of his 30 points in Indiana's 133-122 loss to the Wizards.



Pacers guard Oshae Brissett scored 12 points. (Photos/Walt Thomas)

Team Penske looks to continue GMR Grand Prix dominance

By DANNY BRIDGES

The great organizations in sports simply find a way to win. That in itself is one of the key components of a dynasty, and Penske Racing defines all of that and then some at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

While their incredible record of 18 wins in the Indy 500 will never be surpassed, they've been equally dominant in the NTT IndyCar Series road course event at IMS since its inception, and there's really no reason to think of anyone else as a favorite this weekend as the GMR Grand Prix kicks off May racing at 16th Street and Georgetown Road.

While it was designed to be a lead-in to the legendary Indianapolis 500, the GMR Grand Prix has now become a fixture on the NTT IndyCar Series and been nothing less than a personal playground for Team Penske, which has won the event five out of six years.

While 2019 Indy 500 champion Simon Pagenaud won the inaugural event in 2014 driving for Sam Schmidt Motorsports, he has since joined the ranks of Penske Racing and along with



The start of a previous GMR Grand Prix. (Photo provided by Indianapolis Motor Speedway)

teammate and 2018 Indy 500 Champion Will Power have split the wins evenly at three each and are at the top of the prohibitive favorites list once again May 15.

They'll be joined by yet another Penske driver, Josef Newgarden, and defending NTT IndyCar Series champion

Scott Dixon as the cars to watch when the green flag drops at 2:45 p.m.

Notes: You can also watch the Force Indy USF 2000 team in action at IMS as team principal Rod Reid and driver Myles Rowe look to find victory lane for the first time this season. The team has registered some good qualifying

efforts in addition to a couple of top-10 finishes as they continue to impress in their maiden campaign. You can follow them on Facebook at Force Indy 99. Keep an eye on this duo as they are ready for a breakout win soon.

Tickets are still available for the GMR Grand Prix and start at \$35. Go to ims.com for more information. If you can't attend in person, you can watch it on NBC affiliate WTHR with the pre-race show beginning at 2 p.m.

Finally, I'd like to wish longtime Indianapolis Recorder production manager Jeffrey Sellers well with his recent retirement. He's as talented as they come and has made my work look so much better than it really is for so many years.

He never complained about me missing deadlines and always had a kind word for yours truly. Thanks, Jeff, for tolerating me all this time. You're the best.

Danny Bridges, who will be shocked if a Penske driver doesn't pull in to Victory Lane at the GMR Grand Prix, can be reached at 317-370-8447 or at bridgeshd@aol.com.

Indy Eleven drop home opener to FC Tulsa



Indy Eleven midfielder Aboubacar Sissoko (85) heads the ball.



Indy Eleven midfielder Neveal Hackshaw (15) heads the ball off of a corner kick during the club's 2-0 loss to FC Tulsa on May 8 at IUPUI's Michael A. Carroll Stadium. (Photos/Jeff Brown)



Midfielder Gershon Koffie (28) sends the ball upfield.



Midfielder Nicky Law (27) jumps over FC Tulsa goalkeeper Sean Lewis (1).