Indiana Rural Summit
Partnering for Economic Health & Community Success

Advancing Healthy, Wealthy and Wise Communities

Agenda
Wednesday, November 14

8:00am - 9:00am	**Registration**
9:00am - 10:30am	**Welcome** (Meridian Ballroom East and Center) David Terrell, Deputy Chief of Staff Office of Lt. Governor Becky Skillman **Opening Session** (Plenary) (Meridian Ballroom East and Center) **"Rural Innovation"** Elaine Matthews, Senior Vice President North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center
10:30am - 10:45am	**Networking Break**
10:45am - 12:00pm	**Session 1 Tracks** Attendees may choose from the following **Healthy: Local Food Systems: Building a Stronger Regional Farmer to Consumer Connection** (Circle East Suite) *This session will focus on the local food movement with discussions on several different collaborative models including food hubs, food co-ops and small farmers involved with farmers markets and Consumer Supported Agriculture.* Presenters: Neil Mosley, Co-Owner Pleasant Acres Farms Roy Ballard, Purdue Extension Educator Agriculture and Natural Resources, Hancock County Ellen Michel, Marketing Manager Bloomingfoods

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Session 1 Tracks (continued)
Attendees may choose from the following

Wealthy: Place Based Investment
(Circle Center Suite)

Moderator:
Anicia Richardson, Marketing Communications Manager
Indiana Office of Tourism
Presenters:
J. P. Hall, Director
Indiana Landmarks' Eastern Office
Cambridge City
Mayor Mary Snyder
Cannelton, Indiana
Karen Niverson, Executive Director
Marion/Grant County CVB
Kyle Brown, Employee Relations and Community Director
Bedford City, Indiana

Wise: Creative Workforce
(Circle West Suite)
Workforce innovation—Rural Communities are especially challenged by a workforce in transition. As the industry landscape changes, local leaders and workforce investment boards must find creative solutions. This session will touch on the subject and discussion will be focused on live examples of what and where innovative tactics are working

Presenters:
Craig Lamb, Executive Director-Corporate College
Ivy Tech--Lafayette
Roy Vanderford, Director of Workforce Strategies
The Center of Workforce Innovations

12:15pm - 1:30pm

Lunch
(Meridian Ballroom East and Center)

Lt. Governor Becky Skillman
Keynote Speaker

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1:45pm-2:00pm **Networking Break**

2:00pm-3:15pm **Session 2 Tracks**
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Wealthy: Local Foundations and Community Development
(Circle Center Suite)

Moderated by Dick Heupel, Director Economic and Community Development for Building Better Communities at Ball State
Panel:
Katy Silliman, Division 2020 Director
Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership
Andy Fraizer, Executive Director
Indiana Association for Community Economic Development
Phil Lehmkuhler, Indiana State Director
USDA Rural Development
Mayor Bob Hall,
City of Charlestown, Indiana

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Session 2 Tracks (continued)
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Wise: Rural Youth Innovation
Pike Central High School
(Circle West Suite)
This track will show real life student examples of how communities support entrepreneurial investment in youth and talent retention in rural Indiana. See the youth present their projects and learn how those projects are supported through unique partnerships in Economic Development, Education, and local leadership.

Presenters:
Mayor Jon Craig
City of Petersburg, Indiana
Paul Lake, Executive Director
Pike County Economic Development
Suzanne Blake, Superintendent
Pike Central Schools

3:15pm-3:30pm

Networking Break

3:30pm-4:45pm

Session 3 Tracks
Attendees may choose from the following

Healthy: Rural Hospitals: An Economic Driving Force
(Circle East Suite)
This session will focus on the importance of quality rural health care as a critical component to attract business and industry and enhance economic development in the face of the upcoming changes in health care.

Presenter:
Tim Putnam, President
Margaret Mary Community Hospital
Batesville, Indiana

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Session 3 Tracks (continued)
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Wealthy: Indiana's Local and Regional Food Logistics Assets & Networks
(Circle Center Suite)
This session will present two interactive GIS-based online tools- first shows the movement of processed foods flows and the second shows the spatial distribution of farmers markets across USA. The session will also cover research and some emerging trends in food logistics.

Presenters:
Indraneel Kumar, AICP
Regional Planner: GIS and Spatial Analyst
Purdue Center for Regional Development
Purdue University
Andrey Zhalnin, Spatial Analyst
Purdue Center for Regional Development
Purdue University

Wise: Rural Youth Innovation
Rochester High School
(Circle West Suite)
This track will show real life examples of how communities support and participate in the process of certifying their community as a technology school through 21st century curriculum innovations. Zebra New Tech uses project-based instructional units in which students use technology as an instructional tool.
Presenters:
Dan Ronk, Superintendent
Rochester School Corporation
Jason Snyder, Principal
Rochester High School
Terry Lee, Executive Director
Fulton Economic Development Corporation

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5:00pm-6:30pm

Reception & Networking
(Meridian Ballroom West)
Meet & Greet with wine tasting: Sponsored by Indiana Wine and Grape Council

Please join us to honor Don Koverman

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8:00am-9:00am

Continental Breakfast
(Meridian Ballroom East and Center)

9:00am-9:30am

Plenary Session
(Room: Meridian Ballroom East and Center)
New Lt. Governor Speaks

9:30am-9:45am

Networking Break

9:45am-11:00am

Session 4 Tracks
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Healthy: Rails to Trails
(Circle East Suite)
Communities and rural areas across Indiana are discovering the value that multi-use trails bring to area residents and visitors. This session will highlight the state wide efforts to create more access to these important facilities. Presenters will also explain how rural communities can leverage economic, social and health benefits from bicycle and pedestrian networks.

Presenters:
Peter Fritz, Healthy Communities Planner
Indiana State Department of Health
Bob Bronson, Section Chief of Grants and Planning
Department of Natural Resources

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Session 4 Tracks (continued)
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Wealthy: Transfer of Wealth
(Circle Center Suite)
How can community foundations better answer the question: 'Why should I give?' to reach wealth holders.

Presenter:
Pamela Jones Davidson, J.D.

Wise: Stellar Communities
(Circle West Suite)
In tracking the continual process of this innovative program, all four Mayors of the pilot communities of Delphi, Greencastle, North Vernon and Princeton have been invited to discuss how the Stellar Communities program have begun to transform their communities. Discussion will focus on best practices and lessons learned. We will also chat about the successes and challenges.

Moderator: Michael Thissen, Director of Community Affairs
Office of Community and Rural Affairs
Presenters:
Mayor Randy Strasser
City of Delphi, Indiana
Mayor Sue Murray
City of Greencastle, Indiana
Mayor Harold "Soup" Campbell
City of North Vernon, Indiana
Mayor Robert Hurst
City of Princeton, Indiana

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11:00am-12:15pm	**USDA** (Meridian Ballroom East and Center) Presenters: TBA TBA
12:15pm	**Closing Comments** (Meridian Ballroom East and Center) Philip G. Lehmkuhler, Indiana State Director USDA Rural Development
12:30pm-4pm	**Special Post Event Session** (Meridian Ballroom East and Center) *The state of Retail Ag Opportunities in Indiana entering 2013 - A comprehensive review of programs and activities focused on retail agriculture, value-added and entrepreneurial opportunities in Indiana. The goal of this session is help us establish a shared vision of where our state's strengths and weaknesses are in this area as we end 2012 and begin 2013.*

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