

**TODAY'S VERSE**

1 Corinthians 4:5 Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.



**FACES OF HAMILTON COUNTY**

People who call our community their own.

What makes Tom Smith smile? "Being on stage," said the 72-year-old Westfield resident, who is on the board of directors of Main Street Productions, which operates Westfield Playhouse. He portrayed Satch Brunswick in Epilogue Players' production of "The Christmas Express," on stage at Epilogue Players Theatre in Indianapolis. The Marion, Ind., native and Ball State University graduate caught the acting bug just a few short years ago after retiring from the FBI. He has played a drunken choir director in "Our Town" at The Belfry and, before that, a drunken custodian in "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" at The Belfry and a drunken dime-store owner in "Picnic" at Westfield Playhouse. He played a drunken cabman in "The Matchmaker" at Buck Creek Players, a drunken handyman in "Hide and Seek" at Carmel Community Players, a drunken priest in the Fringe Short Play Festival, and a drunken newspaperman in "More Light" at the Nickel Plate Arts. He also portrayed the narrator, an adult John Boy Walton, in Westfield Playhouse's production of "The Homecoming: Waltons' Christmas Story" and the narrator in Westfield Playhouse's "The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance." His first lead acting role was as Grandpa Jack in Buck Creek Players' "The Unexpected Gift." He also played Judge Taylor in Booth Tarkington Civic Theatre's "To Kill A Mockingbird." More recently, in summer 2021, he portrayed a shy Irish butcher who has a chance meeting at a London train station with a wacky 40-something American, in "Heisenberg: The Uncertainty Principle," at Westfield Playhouse. In 2020, he was cast as Sir Claud Amory, a reclusive and rich scientist, in Center Stage Community Theatre's production of Agatha Christie's "Black Coffee" play in Lebanon. He loves acting with kids and attending their shows. "That's what makes me smile. I religiously follow the careers of the kids that I work with to see what happens to them," said Smith, a mentor for Westfield Playhouse Youth Advisory Council and was show producer for the Council's virtual January production of "Alice in Wonderland." He helped with set construction for Westfield Playhouse's "Squabbles," a comedy in March. He has produced several shows, including "The Monologue Show" youth production in summer 2020 at the playhouse and the Westfield Playhouse musical, "White Christmas," with director Andrea Odle.

**And Another Thing...**

It's a new year and Walmart is resolving to bring the convenience of InHome delivery to even more customers in 2022. Now, the retailer is announcing plans to scale the service, going from InHome being available to 6 million households to making it accessible to 30 million U.S. households by the end of the year. To support the expansion, Walmart plans to hire more than 3,000 associate delivery drivers this year as well as build out a fleet of 100% all-electric delivery vans.

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## BTN

By The Numbers, a look at what's in the news . . . by the numbers. These are just numbers, not suggestions that they mean more or less than what they are. We do not suggest that one number is connected to another. These are simply facts with no extraneous details, bias or slanted reporting. To borrow (and perhaps mangle a bit) a quote from legendary fictional detective Joe Friday, it's just the numbers, ma'am!



**230** Cicero Fire Department was dispatched to 230 East Buckeye St. at 1:36 pm. this afternoon on a garage fire. The property involved in the fire is owned by Greg Scott who was home at the

time of the fire. First arriving fire crews found the garage fully engulfed by flames. Due to an aggressive attack, fire crews kept the fire from spreading to Mr. Scott's house and two other homes that were near the garage. There are no injuries to report as a result of this fire.



**12/18** Dec. 18, National Twins Day, is a big deal in the Heirbrandt household. In addition to Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt being an identical twin, he has twins of his own, and his twin brother has triplets.

"It's so fun to get all of us together! People are always so surprised to hear that our family has two sets of twins, and a set of triplets. . . all that happened naturally," said Commissioner Heirbrandt.



**40** The Great Dine Out restaurant promotion returns Jan. 3 - 31 in partnership with Hamilton County Tourism and locally owned restaurants.

Starting Jan. 3, more than 40 participating Hamilton County restaurants will offer deals and discounts for both dine-in and carryout meals. These specials range from free appetizers to \$5 off your meal.

The winter community campaign encourages residents to support local restaurants during the slower winter months.



Tipton/Hamilton County U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) announced that the two winner's Jordan Stafford of Kempton and Aaron Sheller of Noblesville were elected to represent their local administrative areas (LAA) during the recent county committee election.

**1,299,480**

According to the Indiana State Department of Health on Friday, that's how many Hoosiers have been diagnosed with the virus.

**61,252** Number of COVID-19 cases found so far in Hamilton County, according to the State Health Department

**57,190,371** According to the CDC, that's how many Americans have been diagnosed with the virus.

**18,644** How many Hoosiers have died because of this pandemic.

**517** How many people in Hamilton County who have lost their lives to the pandemic.

**827,879** How many Americans have lost their lives to the pandemic.

## Megan Wiles elected Noblesville Common Council President

Megan Wiles was elected the new president of the Noblesville Common Council following a vote during a reorganization meeting held Tuesday evening. Aaron Smith was elected as vice president.

"I am excited for Megan and look forward to working collaboratively with her, and the entire common council in 2022," said Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen. "Our strong working relationship will prove helpful as we prepare for a year of construction, improved connectivity and prosperity in our city."

Wiles is in her second term and served as the council's vice president



Megan Wiles

last year and was previously president in 2017. A graduate of Noblesville High School, Wiles earned a Bachelor of Science from Ball State University. She works as executive director of the Riverview Health Foundation and

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## Steve Schwartz elected County Council president

Steve Schwartz has been elected president of the Hamilton County Council. He replaces Amy Massillamany in the role. Ken Alexander will serve as Vice President. Election of officers is an annual practice at the first meeting of each year.

Schwartz was elected to the Hamilton County Councilors in 2002. He represents District 3 which includes Noblesville, Jackson, and White River Townships.

Schwartz's interest in politics began in 1999, shortly after the West Fork of the White River experienced a massive fish kill. Schwartz and friends worked with the Department of Natural Resources to



Steve Schwartz

rehabilitate and restock the White River. He ran for County Council three years later.

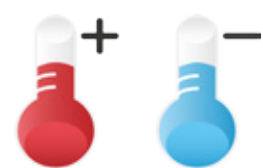
Since then, Schwartz has been instrumental in creating more than \$50 million in surplus and rainy-day funds for the County while maintaining one of the state's lowest county tax rates. He is also

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## The Daily Almanac



**Sunrise/Sunset**  
RISE: 8:10 a.m.  
SET: 5:39 p.m.



**High/Low Temperatures**  
High: 20 °F  
Low: 7 °F



**Wacky Holiday Today**

- National Bobblehead Day
- National Pass Gas Day
- Harlem Globetrotter's Day



**What Happened On This Day**

- 1927 The first transatlantic telephone service is established
- 1610 Galileo Galilei discovers the Galilean Moons
  - 1785 Hot air balloon crosses the English Channel
  - 1989 Akihito is sworn in as Emperor of Japan



**Births On This Day**

- 1964 Nicolas Cage American actor
- 1985 Lewis Hamilton English race car driver

**Deaths On This Day**

- 1943 Nikola Tesla Serbian/American physicist
- 1995 Murray Rothbard American economist

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**OBITUARIES**

**Matthew Jacob Percy**  
**Robin Terry Buchenberger**  
**Rosemary McIntyre**



**HONEST HOOSIER**

Super Bowl LVI in a little more than a month. Wonder how we started with Roman numbers? Wonder more why we stuck with them? Heck, we can't even stick with cursive writing.



**TODAY'S HEALTH TIP**

Keep electronics (TVs, computers, video games, cell phones) out of kids' rooms to promote good sleep behaviors. Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Times and online at www.thetimes24-7.com.



The Times appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank JOHN GREEN of Noblesville for subscribing!

**TODAY'S QUOTE**

"Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year."  
Ralph Waldo Emerson

**TODAY'S JOKE**

What did the little Champagne bottle call his father?  
Pop!

**7 DAY FORECAST**

THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED
19 COLD LIGHT SNOW FOR SOME	7/20 COLDEST WEATHER SEARCH	14/39 THE RAIN CHANGES TO SNOW	38/38 STAYING EVEN	11/23 WINDY AND COLD	12/30 SUNNY AND BRISK	22/43 WARMER



## ⇒ OBITUARIES

### Matthew Jacob Pearcy June 21, 1999 - Jan. 3, 2022

Matthew Jacob Pearcy, 22, of Indianapolis, passed away on Monday, Jan. 3, 2022.

He was born on June 21, 1999 to Stephen and Lisa (Shepherd) Pearcy in Indianapolis, Ind.

Mr. Pearcy grew up in Northeast Indianapolis and loved his family, the outdoors, and animals. A loyal friend, he strived to make sure everyone was included. He loved the power of words and was an avid reader and creative writer. Mr. Pearcy was a faithful man devoted to his Bible study and serving others through mission and service projects. He was clever, witty and loved to play games like Dungeons and Dragons, dominos, and video games. Mr. Pearcy attended Indiana University, and in addition to his studies he enjoyed a wide variety of activities including being President of the Log Rolling Club. In May of 2021, he received a Bachelor of Science in Biology with minors in Comparative Literature and Chemistry. Mr. Pearcy was dedicated to his dream of becoming a physician and had been accepted to medical school to begin in the fall and was working as an EMT in the interim.

Survivors include his parents, Stephen and Lisa Pearcy; siblings, Jordan and Daniel Pearcy; his grandparents, June Pearcy, and Jim and Jean Shepherd; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Bob Pearcy and Margie Shepherd; and future brother-in-law, Dallas Stubblefield.

Visitation will be from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 7, 2022 at Geist Christian Church - Mud Creek, 8550 Mud Creek Road, in Indianapolis. An additional visitation will be held from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., with services at 12 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 8, 2022 at the church, with Pastors Ryan Hazen and Kyle Brown officiating. Burial will follow services and be at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Indianapolis.

In recognition of Mr. Pearcy's passions, memorial contributions may be made to Geist Christian Church Youth and Mission Fund, 8550 Mud Creek Road, Indianapolis, IN 46256; or to the donor's choice of a local library, reading program, or animal shelter/rescue. An expanded life story will be posted in the coming days. Condolences online at: [www.randallroberts.com](http://www.randallroberts.com)

### Robin Terry Buchenberger

Sept. 15, 1950 - Jan. 4, 2022

Robin Terry Buchenberger, 71, of Noblesville, passed away on Jan. 4, 2022.

She was born Sept. 15, 1950 in Anderson, Ind. to Robert Leatherman and Betty (Dobson) Leatherman Kane.

A graduate of Madison Heights in Anderson, Mrs. Buchenberger was employed by the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Noblesville Schools, and served as Noblesville City Court Clerk before her retirement. She was married to her husband of 48 years, James Buchenberger.

Mrs. Buchenberger enjoyed sewing, quilting, tending to her flowers and garden, spending time with dear friends and family and her cherished dog, Ellie.

Survivors include her husband, James Buchenberger of Noblesville; son, Jameson Buchenberger of Portland, Ore.; daughter, Stephanie Buchenberger of Noblesville; sister, Shiela Sokol (Phil) of Fla.; brother, Tim Kane of Marion; brother-in-law, Greg Hoffman of Anderson; sisters-in-law, Rosalee (Bob) Kelley of Evansville and Maralee (Tom) Wilmotte of Texas; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; father-in-law, Leroy Buchenberger; mother-in-law, Rosalena Buchenberger; sister, Dana Hoffman; sister-in-law, Gina Kane; and niece, Teri Simmons.

Per Mrs. Buchenberger's wishes, no services will be held.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation, 230 East Ohio Street, Suite 500, Chicago, IL 60611.

Condolences online at: [www.randallroberts.com](http://www.randallroberts.com)

### Rosemary McIntyre

Jan. 6, 1943 - Jan. 5, 2022

Rosemary McIntyre, 78, of McCordsville, Ind., passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2022 at IU Health Saxony in Fishers after an extended battle with cancer.

She was born on Jan. 6, 1943 to Ernest and Margaret (Cordle) Walters in Ashland, Ky.

Mrs. McIntyre was a member of Mead Station Church of God in Ashland. She had a strong faith and loved reading her Bible. Rosemary enjoyed working crossword puzzles, gardening and reading. Most of all, she loved spending time with her family and being with her grandchildren.

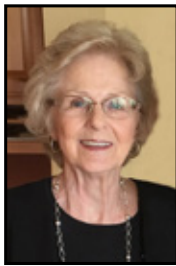
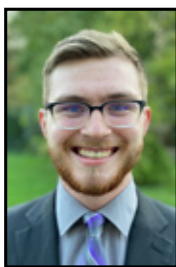
Survivors include her husband of 60 years, John McIntyre; daughters, Stephanie (Chad) Covey and Tammy (Dan) Wyse; grandchildren, Chase (Tessla) Covey, Colin Covey, Cameron Wyse, Sam Wyse, Lance Wyse and Evan Wyse; great-grandchildren, Kaylee Covey, Emilia Covey and Connor Covey; brother, Gary (Pat) Walters; sister-in-law, Tammi Walters; as well as several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Ernie Walters.

Private family services will be held.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9959; or American Lung Association of Indiana, 115 West Washington Street, Suite 1180-South, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

Condolences may be made online at: [www.randallroberts.com](http://www.randallroberts.com)



## Candidate Filings for 2022 Primary

The 2022 Primary will be on Tuesday, May 3, 2022. The following website provides the candidate filings to date. These are updated daily at 4:30 p.m. at [www.hamiltoncounty.in.gov/222/Current-Election-Information](http://www.hamiltoncounty.in.gov/222/Current-Election-Information).

List of Candidate Filings for 2022 Primary:

Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Kathy Kream Williams - R  
Hamilton County Sheriff  
Dennis Quakenbush - R  
Hamilton County Coroner

Jeff Jellison - R  
Hamilton County Council District 3  
Steve Schwartz - R  
Clay Township Trustee  
Paul D Hensel - R  
Clay Township Board  
Matthew J. Snyder - R  
Delaware Township Trustee  
Debbie R. Driskell - R  
Delaware Township Board  
Rick Fain - R  
Noblesville Township Trustee  
Theresa Caldwell - R  
Noblesville Township Board  
Peggy R Pfister - R

Sheridan Town Council  
Steve C. Fisher - R  
Republican State Convention Delegate Clay District 4  
Sue Lile  
Dwight Lile  
Republican State Convention Delegate Delaware District 2  
Barbara Layton  
Republican State Convention Delegate Noblesville District 1  
Jason Spartz  
Republican State Convention Delegate Noblesville District 3  
Beth Sheller  
Candidate filing began

Wednesday, Jan. 5 at 8 a.m. for major political parties (Democrat and Republican). The deadline to file is Friday, Feb. 4, at Noon. The website [www.hamiltoncounty.in.gov/222/Current-Election-Information](http://www.hamiltoncounty.in.gov/222/Current-Election-Information) contains information on offices that will file for candidacy at the Hamilton County Election Office and the offices that will file for candidacy with the State. Forms to run for these offices can be located at: <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/candidate-information/>.

## Demolition of McMillan's



Times photo by Betsy Reason

An excavator demolishes the McMillan's Auto Care & Towing building in downtown Noblesville on Thursday. McMillan's closed in November after more than 35 years in business. A \$47.9 million mixed-use development with parking garage, retail and four-story apartments will be built in its place along the east side of White River in the area of McMillan's and the Hamilton County Employee Parking Lot. Read more in the Betsy Reason column in the Jan. 5 edition of The Times.

## Former Senator Jim Merritt joins Jaworowski campaign

Former State Senator Jim Merritt has been named Campaign Chair for Suzie Jaworowski and her team as she runs for State Representative in District 32. The newly drawn district includes southern Carmel, western and downtown Fishers, and a small portion of northern Indianapolis.

In his role, Merritt will lead the team in strategic planning, campaign implementation and fundraising. Merritt brings more than 30 years of political and consulting experience to the Jaworowski campaign. He served as an Indiana State Senator from 1990 to 2020 and held the position of caucus chairman for 16 years.

"Suzie is a bold leader with a true servant's heart," said Merritt. "She shares the conservative values and beliefs that have strengthened Indi-

ana. She will listen to her constituents and ask the questions that are important to people. She will fight for parental involvement in education, fully funding police, low taxes, gun ownership rights, and pro-life policies. I am honored to work with Suzie Jaworowski and committed to supporting her as she works for the people of District 32."

Jaworowski welcomed Merritt to her team saying, "I'm blessed to have Senator Merritt leading our team. His experience, his knowledge and his proven record of forward-thinking public service will provide us with insight and guidance that is invaluable."

Suzie Jaworowski is a pro-life, pro-Second Amendment conservative who is running for Indiana State Representative in 2022 in District 32. She



Photo courtesy of Jaworowski campaign

**Jim Merritt and Suzie Jaworowski pose for a photo.**

previously served as the State Director for Donald Trump's 2016 Presidential Campaign and served in the Trump Administration as Chief of Staff in the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Nuclear Energy. Recently, she

served as an Advisor to the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna, Austria. Suzie and her husband Steve have been married for over 30 years and have four children. They reside in Fishers.

## Consumer alert: products recalled in December of 2021

Attorney General Todd Rokita is encouraging all Hoosiers who purchased consumer products that were recalled in December to take advantage of the remedies available to them.

"With ongoing supply chain issues, Hoosiers should not have to tolerate products that don't work," Attorney General Todd Rokita said. "If you purchased an item in December that has been recalled, then you should immediately stop using the product and see what forms of reimbursement the company that sold or manufactured the product is offering."

The Attorney General's Consumer Protection

Division (CPD) serves to safeguard Hoosiers from predatory business practices and will take legal action in response to violations of the Deceptive Consumer Sales Act, and other consumer-related statutes.

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the following consumer products were recalled in December:

- American Angler Electric Fillet Knives from American Angler
- Polaris RZR and GENERAL Recreational Off-Road Vehicles from Polaris
- Royal Sovereign/Royal Centurian Portable Air Conditioners from Royal

Sovereign

- DEWALT® Jobsite Pro Wireless Earphones from DEWALT
- Bed Assist Handles and Bed Assist Rail from Drive DeVilbiss Healthcare
- Children's robes from Mark of Fifth Avenue
- Schwinn Tone Electric Scooters (e-scooters) from Pacific Cycle
- Hisun 250cc Utility Vehicles from Hisun Motors
- Harbor Breeze Belleisle Bay and Honeywell Rio Ceiling Fans from Hong Kong China Electric Appliance Manufacture Company
- Infant Bath Seats from Karmas Far
- Endurance® Hand Bed Rails from Essential Medi-

cal Supply

- Angel Line Bunk Beds with angled ladders from Angel Line
- If you believe you recently purchased a recalled product, stop using it, and check its recall notice (linked above for all aforementioned products). Then follow the notice's instructions, including where to return the product, how to get the product fixed, how to dispose of the product, how to receive a refund for the product, or what steps must be taken to receive a replacement product.
- To view recalls issued prior to December, visit the Consumer Protection Safety Commission website.



# Wolfsie talks of surfing the internet 'til you drop

I did something this year for the first time in the history of my 40-year marriage. I guess I was going through a kind of (late) mid-life crisis and I needed a little novelty in my life.



**DICK WOLFSIE**  
Life in a Nutshell

I had heard that unless I was careful, I could end up with a bad virus. That was not something I wanted to bring into our home.

Nevertheless, this year, I did all my shopping online. All of it.

I have felt very guilty about this. Part of the value of any gift is the time and trouble you invested in buying it. That paisley scarf I got Mary Ellen two years ago would have seemed like a rather uninspired gesture had it not been accompanied by a dashing tale of mammoth traffic jams, throngs of hostile shoppers at the mall and an untold string of rude salespeople. Of all the gifts I got Mary Ellen last year, she says the

scarf was her favorite story.

The other problem with online shopping is that I usually buy clothes for my wife, but I can never remember her size. In previous years I could at least ogle the saleswoman at the department store and compare her body to my wife's body. (I'm able to explain this in print, but if I had used that same terminology at the store, they'd have slapped the cuffs on me.)

When you buy online, there is no salesperson to eyeball. Instead, you have something called a "virtual dressing room." I select a blouse and then the computer digitally applies it to the image of a woman who is supposed to be about my wife's size. Well, if my wife were two and a half inches tall this would have been very darn helpful.

Last month I rummaged through Mary Ellen's closet and peeked at the labels to see her size. Incredibly, my wife is a small in several things, a medium in others and even a large once in a while. This kind of freaked me out and reminded me of an X-Files episode when some guy discovers that his wife is really an alien and can change into three different women. I sometimes feel that way about Mary Ellen after she's had two glasses of Merlot.

Regardless of whether I shop in person or online, I never get it quite right and this year was no different. Over the summer my wife casually mentioned that it would be nice at bedtime to get into her pajamas and slip under the covers with an iPad. I thought I was very good at hints, but she just hated the pajamas I got her. Go figure.

Many years ago, prior to our 25th wedding anniversary, she kept walking

around the house humming the tune "I Love Paris in the Springtime." It was obvious to me what she was hinting for. And yet when I surprised her with the sheet music with the lyrics, she seemed disappointed.

The bottom line is that all the gifts I got Mary Ellen this year were either too big or too small or the wrong color. Everything has already been sent back and money was credited to our account. Mary Ellen will take her time looking for the perfect replacements. "What did Dick give you for Christmas?" a friend might ask her. "Oh, I have no idea," she'll say, "and I doubt I'll know 'til early spring."

*Dick Wolfsie spent his career sharing his humor, stories and video essays on television, radio and in newspapers. His columns appear weekly in The Paper of Montgomery County. E-mail Dick at Wolfsie@aol.com.*

## Meeting Notes

### City of Carmel Common Council

Meeting Agenda  
Monday, Jan. 10, 2022  
- 5 p.m.

Council Chambers/City Hall/One Civic Square

1. Call to Order
2. Agenda Approval
3. Invocation
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Recognition of city employees and outstanding citizens

6. Recognition of persons who wish to address the Council

7. Council and Mayoral comments/observations

8. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes  
1. Dec. 20, 2021

Regular Meeting  
2. Dec. 30, 2021

Special Meeting  
b. Claims

1. General Claims

2. Retirement  
\$98,269.58

3. Wire Transfers  
\$32,041,527.51

9. ACTION ON MAYORAL VETOES

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Finance, Utilities and Rules Committee

b. Land Use and Special Studies Committee

c. All reports designated by the Chair to qualify for placement under this category.

11. OTHER REPORTS - (at the first meeting of the month specified below):

a. Carmel Redevelopment Commission (Monthly)

b. Carmel Historic Preservation Commission (Quarterly - January, April, July, October)

c. Audit Committee (Bi-annual - May, October)

d. Redevelopment Authority (Bi-annual - April, October)

e. Carmel Cable and Telecommunications Commission (Bi-annual - April, October)

f. Economic Development Commission (Bi-annual - February, August)

g. Library Board (Annual - February)

h. Ethics Board (Annual - February)

i. Public Art Committee (Annual - August)

j. Parks Department (Quarterly - February, May, August, November)

k. All reports designated by the Chair to qualify for placement under this category.

12. OLD BUSINESS

a. Third Reading of Ordinance Z-670-21; An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, Amending the WestClay Village Planned Unit Development District Ordinance; Sponsor: Councilor Rider. Remains in the Land Use and Special Studies Committee.

Synopsis: Ordinance amends the WestClay Village Planned Unit Development District, as amended, to

apply the five hundred (500) foot setback from residentially used property for gas station pumps, pump islands and vent pipes set forth in Ordinance Z-669-21 to the WestClay PUD district.

13. PUBLIC HEARINGS

14. NEW BUSINESS

a. Resolution CC-01-10-22-01: A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, Authorizing the Investment of Public Funds Pursuant to IC 5-13-9-5; Sponsor(s): Councilor(s) Rider, Aasen, Campbell, Finkam and Worrell.

Synopsis: This resolution authorizes the solicitation of quotes for, and investment in, certificates of deposit.

b. Resolution CC-01-10-22-02: A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, Approving a Transfer of Funds Between the Grant Fund (CFD)(#900) and the General Fund (#101); Sponsor(s): Councilor(s) Rider, Aasen, Campbell and Worrell.

Synopsis: Transfers \$75,033.90 from the Grant Fund (CFD)(#900) to the General Fund (#101) so that reimbursements received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency can be used to pay overtime worked by CFD firefighters.

15. AGENDA ADD-ON ITEMS

16. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Approval of CRC Purchase of 611 3rd Ave SW - Remains in the Finance, Utilities and Rules Committee.

b. City Council Appointments

1. Carmel City Center Community Development Corporation (4CDC) (Term Expires 12/31/22, one year term); One appointment.

2. Carmel Redevelopment Commission (Terms Expire 12/31/22, one year terms); Two appointments.

3. Carmel Ethics Board (Democrat) (Term Expires 1/1/24, two year term); One appointment.

4. Carmel Audit Committee (Term Expires 1/1/24, two year term); One appointment.

5. Carmel Public Art Advisory Committee (Terms Expire 1/1/24, two year terms); Nine appointments.

6. Carmel Plan Commission (term expires 12/31/2023, two year term); One Appointment.

7. Carmel Advisory Committee on Disability (terms expire 12/31/2023, two year terms); Four Appointments.

c. 2021 Encumbrances in 2022 - \$15,853,374.68 (Acknowledgement Only)

17. ANNOUNCEMENTS

18. ADJOURNMENT

## Local students gain recognition from their respective colleges

Harding University

The following students are among more than 1,200 Harding University students included on the dean's list for grades achieved during the fall 2021 semester.

Delaney Garner, a sophomore studying exercise science, of Fishers (46037)

Cason Rody, a senior studying psychology, of Noblesville (46060)

Emily Palmer, a freshman studying mechanical engineering, of Carmel (46033)

Nate Paul, a senior studying psychology, of Indianapolis (46250)

Harding University is a private Christian, liberal arts university located in Searcy, Arkansas. Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, it is the largest private university in the state. Harding's student body represents students from across the U.S. and more than 50 nations and territories. The University offers more than 100 undergraduate majors; more than 15 pre-professional programs;

more than 40 graduate and professional programs; as well as numerous study abroad opportunities including locations in Australasia, Peru, England, Greece, Italy and Zambia. For more information, visit harding.edu.

Bob Jones University

The following students are among approximately 660 Bob Jones University students named to the President's List for high academic achievement during the Fall 2021 semester.

To qualify for the President's List, students must earn a 3.75 or higher grade point average for the semester.

Andrew Platt, a Senior Mathematics major from Carmel, was named to the President's List.

Steven Platt, a Senior Engineering major from Carmel, was named to the President's List.

Located in Greenville, South Carolina, Bob Jones University provides an outstanding regionally accredited Christian liberal arts education purposely designed to

inspire a lifelong pursuit of learning, loving and leading.

BJU offers over 100 undergraduate and graduate programs in religion, education, fine arts and communication, arts and science, health professions, and business.

BJU has over 3,000 students from nearly every state and more than 40 countries. We are committed to the truth of Scripture and to pursuing excellence in all we do.

Georgia Southwestern State University

Allison Gibbons, Fishers, graduated from Georgia Southwestern State University during the Georgia Fall 2021 Commencement Ceremonies held on Friday, Dec. 17 in the Convocation Hall of the Student Success Center. Gibbons earned a master's degree in business administration (MBA).

Students in the College of Arts and Sciences, College of Business and Computing, and College of Nursing and Health Sciences walked in the 11:00 a.m. ceremony, while students in the

College of Education walked in the 3:00 p.m. ceremony. Nearly 500 students graduated across both ceremonies.

Jaha Dukureh, women's rights activist and GSW alumna, served as the commencement speaker for both ceremonies.

Each ceremony was streamed live and recorded on GSW's YouTube channel. Photos from the day can be found via links at gsw.edu/graduation.

Georgia Southwestern State University, located in Americus, Ga., is a public, four-year unit of the University System of Georgia with more than 3,000 students. Georgia Southwestern offers outstanding professional programs of study as well as degrees in the arts, humanities, sciences and graduate programs in business, computer science, education, English, and nursing. Founded in 1906, Georgia Southwestern is recognized as one of the best value small colleges in the nation. Visit www.gsw.edu for more information.

## BMV hosting virtual job fair to highlight openings across state

The Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV), in partnership with the Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD), is hosting a virtual job fair to promote multiple positions the agency has available throughout the state.



The virtual job fair is scheduled to run from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. EST on Wednesday, Jan. 19.

Opportunities include Customer Service Representative (intermittent, part-time, full-time), Team Lead, Manager in Training, Assistant Branch Manager and Branch Manager. BMV leaders will discuss job opportunities in detail, along with benefits and how to apply. BMV team members also will be on

hand to share why they chose to work at the BMV and how they've advanced their careers.

"The Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles offers rewarding careers for those wanting to make an impact on the lives of Hoosiers every day," said BMV Commissioner Peter Lacy. "We have numerous positions available with a variety of great benefits and are excited to partner with the DWD on this

virtual job fair."

DWD Commissioner Fred Payne said, "The Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles assists thousands of Hoosiers every day and enjoys great success in serving them thanks to its dedicated team members. We are pleased to partner with the BMV to announce these important opportunities to potential jobseekers."

Those interested in the job fair but unable to attend are encouraged to still register, as a recording will be sent via email the following day.

To register, visit: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/291863582017890316>. After registering, a confirmation email will be sent

containing information about joining the virtual job fair.

About the Indiana Department of Workforce Development

DWD serves the worker and the employer to ensure workplace success. DWD is committed to innovating and invigorating Indiana's economic future by providing WorkOne Career Centers, Unemployment Insurance, Labor Market Information, Regional Workforce Strategies and Professional Training. Through these services, DWD is able to develop a premier workforce that enables Indiana employers to flourish and entices businesses from outside our state to relocate to Indiana.

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# The nine Boilermaker transfers impact on team's victories

If there was any doubt how important the transfer portal will be to college football, look no further than Michigan State.

The Spartans finished with 11 victories, nine more than the COVID-shortened 2020 season, and the foundation for that record-setting turnaround was 20 transfers. Kenneth Walker III led that transfer class and powered the Michigan State offense with a nation's best 1,636 yards and 18 touchdowns.

Purdue had a similar turnaround in 2021, and look no further than the 48-45 overtime victory over Tennessee in the Music City Bowl to see the impact transfers had for the Boilermakers.

Bowl MVP Broc Thompson transferred in from Marshall. Mitchell Fineran, whose fourth field goal of the game was the difference, arrived in West Lafayette from Samford. Chris Jefferson, who filled in for veteran defensive back Dedrick Mackey, recorded 15 tackles against the Vols. He transferred in from NCAA Division II Findlay.

In all, nine transfers played a role in the Boilermakers reaching nine victories for the first time since 2003. Let's rank them in order of impact.

1. Tyler Witt, guard: The graduate transfer from Western Kentucky started all 13 games and earned honorable mention All-Big Ten honors. Witt and center Gus Hartwig were the only constants on an offensive line that was affected at various times



**KENNY THOMPSON**  
Columnist

by injuries.

2. Mitchell Fineran, kicker: His 24 field goals were just one shy of the school record set by Ben Jones in 2003. He's expected to return for the 2022 season.

3. Jamari Brown, cornerback: The transfer from Kentucky almost seamlessly stepped in when No. 1 cornerback Corey Trice was lost to a torn ACL. He has two seasons of eligibility remaining.

4. Broc Thompson, wide receiver: Stepped up against Tennessee when Purdue was without All-American David Bell (NFL Draft) and Milton Wright (academics). His seven catches for a bowl record 217 yards and two touchdowns against the Vols were not only career highs but amazing considering he will have surgery on both knees in the offseason.

5. Chris Jefferson, safety: Jefferson spent most of the season as the fifth defensive back in passing situations. His 15 tackles against Tennessee more than doubled his previous career high. Jefferson has one season of eligibility



Photo courtesy of Purdue Athletic Communications

## Aidan O'Connell

remaining.

6. Damarjhe Lewis, defensive tackle: The freshman transfer from Indiana saw extensive action in the bowl game with Branson Deen sidelined for "health and safety" reasons.

7. O.C. Brothers, linebacker: The transfer from Auburn missed the bowl game for "health and safety" reasons but was a reliable backup all season. Brothers has two seasons of eligibility remaining.

8. Joe Anderson, defensive end: The transfer from South Carolina saw extensive action against Tennessee as part of a rotation filling in for George Karlaftis (NFL Draft). Anderson has two seasons of eligibility left.

9. PrinceJames Boyd, defensive tackle: The transfer from Independence Community College made five tackles against Tennessee, his first significant playing time of the season. Boyd has three seasons of eligibility remaining.

Sampson James, the former four-star running

back from Avon, transferred from Indiana to Purdue in the fall but was not eligible for the 2021 season.

A third transfer from Indiana, 2017 Indiana Mr. Football Reese Taylor, is among the seven known transfers who are expected to begin classes at Purdue on Monday. Taylor is expected to shore up a cornerback position that is thin behind Brown and Trice.

Also coming in are Murray State defensive end Scotty Humpich, who earned All-Ohio Valley honors in 2020; cornerbacks Tre Denson of Kansas State and Bryce Hampton of Adams State, offensive lineman Sione Finau of Florida International and receivers Tyrone Tracy from Iowa and Elijah Canion of Auburn. Tracy starred at Decatur Central and caught 15 passes for 105 yards and a touchdown in 2021.

Bowl wrapup  
Notes and thoughts from a 6-4 bowl season for the Big Ten Confer-

ence, two more wins than I predicted:

Expectations will be high for Purdue in 2022, maybe even the school's second 10-win season ever. Fueling those expectations are the return of second-team All-Big Ten quarterback Aidan O'Connell.

O'Connell wasn't at his finest against Tennessee but still threw for a Music City Bowl record 534 yards and a record-tying five touchdowns. The only other Purdue quarterback with multiple 500-yard passing games is Drew Brees. While not comparing O'Connell to a future Pro Football Hall of Fame quarterback, it could be argued that O'Connell is just as valuable to his team's fortunes.

O'Connell ranks 10th with 5,728 career passing yards and if he can duplicate his 2021 total of 3,711, the former walk-on will only trail Brees (11,792), Curtis Painter (11,163), Mark Herrmann (9,946) and David Blough (9,734) in Purdue history. ...

Five of Purdue's nine victories were away from Ross-Ade Stadium, matching a feat last accomplished by the 1943 team that went 9-0. ...

Michigan State completed the biggest turnaround in school history by outscoring Pittsburgh 21-0 in the fourth quarter to win the Peach Bowl.

The Spartans (11-2) assured themselves of a Top 10 poll finish without Kenneth Walker III, who opted out of the game to prepare for the NFL Draft. Michigan State's

nine-game improvement surpassed the school record of seven games in 2017. ...

Taking a page from Purdue's bowl strategy, Ohio State also recorded a 48-45 victory against Utah in the Rose Bowl.

All-Big Ten quarterback C.J. Stroud threw for a school-record 573 yards and six touchdowns to lead the comeback from a 35-21 halftime deficit. Even with star wide receivers Chris Olave and Garrett Wilson opting to skip the Rose Bowl, the Buckeyes merely turned to Jaxon Smith-Njigba and Marvin Harrison Jr.

Njigba, a sophomore, set a school record with 347 receiving yards and three touchdowns. Harrison, a freshman and son of the former Indianapolis Colts star, also caught three TD passes. ...

Wisconsin may have found its next Jonathan Taylor in 17-year-old Braelton Allen. The freshman rushed for 159 yards and helped Wisconsin run off the final 9:57 in an 18-play drive that sealed the Badgers' 20-13 victory against Arizona State in the Las Vegas Bowl.

Allen's eighth 100-yard game of the season capped Wisconsin's turnaround from a 1-3 start. The Badgers (9-4) will take a streak of 20 consecutive bowl berths into the 2022 season.

*Kenny Thompson is the former sports editor for the Lafayette Journal & Courier and an award-winning journalist. He has covered Purdue athletics for many years.*

## Attorney General Todd Rokita: 'Indiana took the fight to robocallers in 2021'

Following a year of successful actions against robocallers, Attorney General Todd Rokita said today he will continue his aggressive leadership in protecting Hoosiers from such annoying and illegal interruptions.

"We in Indiana took the fight to robocallers in 2021," Attorney General Rokita said. "Hoosiers are sick and tired of being harassed, and that includes Kathy and me. Beyond being a nuisance, robocalls are often aimed at scamming would-be victims out of their hard-earned money. We will stay on the offensive to protect Indiana consumers and bring wrongdoers to justice."

In October, Attorney General Rokita filed a first-of-its-kind lawsuit against an Indiana company that allegedly acted as a gateway into the United States for robocallers in India, the

Philippines and Singapore. The robocallers allegedly made more than 5 million phone calls to Hoosiers and hundreds of millions of calls to other states.

In August, Attorney General Rokita, as part of a coordinated multistate action, called on the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to shorten the deadline for small telephone companies to use required anti-robocall ID authentication technology. In November, the FCC followed the recommendation and shortened the deadline.

In March, Attorney General Rokita, in another coordinated multistate action, stopped a massive telefunding operation that bombarded Hoosiers with more than 12 million deceptive charitable fundraising calls. Associated Community Services (ACS) and related defendants agreed to settle charges that



Todd Rokita

they duped generous Americans into donating to charities that failed to provide services they promised.

In February, Attorney General Rokita's office coauthored a winning brief in the case *Lindenbaum v. Realgy*, in which a federal appeals court ensured Hoosiers were protected by federal telephone privacy laws that a district court had ruled unenforceable from 2015 to 2020.

Further, Attorney General Rokita revolutionized his office's investigations by working with the telecommunications industry and implementing new technologies.

These include YouMail robocall-tracking software and a ZipDx program for filtering, sorting and drilling down into data collected through the FCC's Robocall Mitigation Database.

"An investigation that would have taken years now takes weeks," Attorney General Rokita said. "The members of our Data Privacy and Identity Theft team have been excellent stewards of taxpayer dollars by efficiently and effectively handling cases. Hoosiers get a tremendous value from a relatively small staff."

Partnerships with other states and federal agencies for joint investigations

and enforcement actions have proven steadily productive, Attorney General Rokita added. Now, consumer complaints can lead to the prosecution of millions of violations.

Throughout 2021, Attorney General Rokita has continued Indiana's role as a leader in telephone privacy. This includes coordinating a monthly call on privacy issues with all 50 states, different federal agencies and several international agencies.

Working with industry partners, Attorney General Rokita is also actively pursuing ways to stop robotexts before they become a bigger problem.

Attorney General Rokita offers the following tips to avoid scams and unwanted calls:

Be wary of callers who specifically ask you to pay by gift card, wire transfer, or cryptocurrency. For

example, the Internal Revenue Service does not accept iTunes gift cards.

Look out for prerecorded calls from imposters posing as government agencies. Typically, neither the Internal Revenue Service nor the Social Security Administration make phone calls to individuals.

If you suspect fraudulent activity, immediately terminate the communication, and do not provide any personal information.

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# Local soil and water districts awarded nearly \$800,000 for water quality initiatives

The Indiana State Department of Agriculture and the State Soil Conservation Board awarded \$789,825 in matching grant funds to 13 soil and water conservation districts and soil health organizations through the Clean Water Indiana program. Including the district's matching contributions, a total of \$1.6 million will be implemented to improve soil conservation and water quality initiatives. "Water quality enhancements and soil conservation practices are so incredibly important for our world," said Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, Secretary of Agriculture. "Without the local county soil and water conservation districts and our farmers we couldn't produce the amount of agriculture products that we do and care therefore environment at the same time. These grants are sure to increase soil organic matter and improve waterways for a lasting impact for years to come."

The Clean Water Indiana program is administered by the state's soil conservation board. The program, led by the Indiana State Department of Agriculture, provides financial assistance to landowners and conservation groups that are working to reduce runoff from non-point sources of water pollution, whether it's on agricultural land, urban areas or eroding streambanks. Once received, districts can use the funds to partner with other counties or address specific needs within their jurisdiction. Some examples include participating in a cost share program, hiring staff, providing technical assistance, implementing cover crop incentive programs or increasing watershed capacity.

"These grants are an excellent way for soil and water conservation districts to get more soil conservation practices on the ground. But this work couldn't be done without Hoosier farmers being so willing to implement new soil and water quality protection initiatives on their farms," said Bruce Kettler, director of the Indiana State Department of Agriculture. "These funding opportunities are a great way for districts to fund the help or resources they need, while still keeping farmers and soil conservation top of mind."

Amy Burris is chair of the State Soil Conservation Board and is looking forward to seeing the work done on the grassroots level by the soil and water districts.

"Soil conservation and water quality improvements are not made by a single individual, they are executed by many different individuals and partnerships, including our local Soil and Water Districts and farmers," Burris said. "These partners rely on Clean Water Indiana funds to make improvements at the local level which, in turn, helps our state achieve its conservation goals. I look forward to seeing each awarded project come to life and I encourage districts with a conservation need to apply, next grant cycle."

Clean Water Indiana is managed by ISDA's Division of Soil Conservation and funded by a portion of the state's cigarette tax.

Below is the list of awardees.

Adams County SWCD - \$35,100.00  
The grant will provide financial assistance for the implementation of conservation practices to benefit wildlife habitat and soil and water quality with

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previously served as president of Legacy Fund, the Community Foundation for Hamilton County.

"This year we will see a lot of projects begin to come to fruition and I am excited to be in my new role as they happen," said Wiles. "We have a lot of major developments happening this year throughout the City and we have a lot to be proud of. I can't wait to continue to work for the people of Noblesville and make this the best community to live, work and play in."

Wiles is the representative from District 6, which includes a large portion of the east side of Noblesville - Stony Ridge, Sagamore, Chapel Woods, Stony Creek Highlands, Deer Path and the business areas of Stony Creek Marketplace and Hamilton Town Center.

Also discussed at the reorganization meeting were the 2022 Noblesville Common Council committee assignments, which include:

Building/Land Acquisition - Darren Peterson (Chair), Brian Ayer, Mike Davis and Pete Schwartz.

Downtown District - Aaron Smith (Chair), Darren Peterson, Megan Wiles and Brian Ayer.

Economic Development - Greg O'Connor (Chair), Megan Wiles, Aaron Smith and Mark Boice.

Finance - Mike Davis (Chair), Greg O'Connor, Darren Peterson and Aaron Smith.

Parks - Pete Schwartz (Chair), Aaron Smith, Dan Spartz and Megan Wiles.

Public Safety - Mark Boice (Chair), Brian Ayer, Mike Davis and Pete Schwartz.

Roads/Traffic/Engineering - Brian Ayer (Chair), Mark Boice, Greg O'Connor and Dan Spartz.

Wastewater - Dan Spartz (Chair), Greg O'Connor, Mike Davis and Mark Boice.

Nominating - Megan Wiles (Chair), Aaron Smith and Darren Peterson

Special appointments of the council include:

Architectural Review Board - Brian Ayer and Darren Peterson

Cultural Arts District Liaison - Megan Wiles

The Council holds its regular meetings on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. The Council's next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 11th at 7:00 pm at City Hall.

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proud of the many road and bridge projects the Council has helped finance.

Schwartz and his wife Lori have been married for 39 years. They own Schwartz's Bait & Tackle in Noblesville. The couple shares two grown sons and a six-year-old granddaughter.



pollinator habitats. The funds will also expand upon the current pollinator plot, located at a local school, to include soil health practices and more educational opportunities.

Brown County SWCD - \$30,975.00

The funds will be used for creation or restoration of a pollinator habitats and prairie plantings in and around Brown County.

Jackson County SWCD - \$80,000.00

The project funds will be used for cost share to producers for cover crops and pasture/hay planting projects in and around Jackson County.

Knox County SWCD - \$75,000.00

The funds will be used to hire a full-time Soil Health Specialist who will build relationships with Knox County farmers and landowners and assist them in their efforts to adopt conservation practices that promote soil health.

Lawrence County SWCD - \$72,500.00

The project will allow the Soil and Water Conservation District to provide cost-share for the following practices: invasive species control, pasture/hay planting, cover crops, watering facilities, heavy use area protections (HUAPs), pipeline, access road and erosion site.

Marion County SWCD - \$22,500.00

The grant funds will be utilized for district staff to develop a Rainscaping Education Program.

Monroe County SWCD - \$125,000.00

The funds will be used for a full-time Conservation Resource Technician (CRT) for Monroe County for a three-year time frame, January 2022 through December 2024.

Tippecanoe County SWCD - \$98,500.00

The program will fund a technical staff person, cost share for invasive species and education materials for the cost share program and invasive species.

Vigo County SWCD - \$50,000.00

The program will offer conservation practices geared toward improving water quality, sediment and nutrient reduction, increasing carbon sequestration, controlling soil erosion, improving pasture productivity, improving soil quality and providing wildlife habitat. The cost share funds requested will be to implement conservation practices on pastureland for livestock producers. These practices will include a number of livestock best management practices such as: forage/pasture planting, fence exclusion, livestock access control, heavy use area protection, livestock stream crossing and waterline/watering facility. The remaining of funds will be used to assist producers in

adopting vegetative practices which will address water, soil, air, plant and animal resource concern categories while improving farm productivity. These conservation practices include: Field Borders, Filter Strip, Riparian Forest/Herbaceous Buffer, Conservation Cover, Cover Crops, Tree/Shrub Establishment and Wildlife Habitat Planting.

Washington County SWCD - \$71,250.00

The funds will assist producers in Washington, Harrison, Crawford and Perry counties by providing cost-share funds to implement livestock practices: pasture & hay planting, watering facilities, livestock pipeline, heavy use area protection (HUAPs), access roads and trails & walkways. When alternative livestock water is installed, exclusionary fencing of current water source(s) such as ponds, streams, etc. shall also be installed. Cost share funds will also be available for cover crops, conservation cover and wildlife habitat.

Wayne County SWCD - \$29,000.00

The funds will be used to establish a demo garden on a one acre lot at the Wayne County Fairgrounds with garden beds, pervious pavement, and pollinator habitat. Cost-share will be provided to support urban ag practices to promote cover crop for garden areas, pollinator seed, soil testing and native plantings. Also, the funds will be used for grant writing technical assistance.

Wells County SWCD - \$40,000.00

A cost share to producers in all of the Upper Wabash and all of the Salamonie River watersheds in Wells and Huntington counties for cover crops and equipment modifications.

Southern Indiana Cooperative Invasive Species Management - \$60,000.00

The CWI grant funds will hire four full-time and one part-time staff who will work with Soil and Water Conservation Districts and other natural resource organizations to develop Cooperative Invasive Species Management Areas (CISMAs). Assistance will be available to help these new CISMAs develop their organizational infrastructure and find the human and financial resources needed to begin effectively combating invasive plants in their communities.

### ABOUT ISDA

The Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) was established as a separate state agency by the Legislature in 2005. Administratively, ISDA reports to Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch, who also serves as Indiana's Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. Major responsibilities include advocacy for Indiana agriculture at the local, state and federal level, managing soil conservation programs, promoting economic development and agricultural innovation, serving as a regulatory ombudsman for agricultural businesses, and licensing grain firms throughout the state.

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