

TODAY'S VERSE

Matthew 7:2 For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.



FACES OF HAMILTON COUNTY

People who call our community their own.

What makes Joanne White smile? "My grandson and great-grandchildren," said the 91-year-old Noblesville woman. She has one son, the late Joe Wilson, and daughter-in-law, Vicki; two grandchildren, Craig Wilson and Angie McCauley; and five great-grandchildren. Andrew, Erin and Lindsay Wilson and Mason and Alexis McCauley. She has worked for The Noblesville Ledger and The Times. "Before that, I was the telephone operator before they went dial," she said. "We were at the corner of Maple and Ninth Street, and there was a long board where we'd plug the cords in for people to ask us for a number. Somebody was there 24-7 ... When Noblesville closed, we went to 40th and Central in Indianapolis, then from there, down to New York (Street) where the nature office was.... That didn't last very long, because in '64, I married Eddy White who had White Oldsmobile (on Logan Street in Noblesville)." She said, "It doesn't seem like it's been that long ago, but time really flies." She and her twin brother, Joe Cook, graduated in 1948 from Noblesville High School. "I'm still on the Noblesville Alumni Board for the scholarship committee." The former Joanne Cook, she's related to Steve and Matt Cook and every August enjoys the Cook Reunion at Forest Park. She was an election poll worker for more than 12 years at the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center and some of the precincts, but in 2020 was the first year she didn't work due to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus Disease) pandemic. Most of the time since mid-March 2020, she has been staying home and getting her shopping delivered by family. Today's feature is a look back at one of The Times' previous Faces of Hamilton County. She was found in the summer having lunch on the patio at Culver's Restaurant in Noblesville. She has volunteered 35 years at Riverview Hospital (as a receptionist) and also volunteers at St. Vincent dePaul Food Pantry but hasn't been called in recently. "At this time, my health is more important than volunteering."

And Another Thing...

Be a Pie-oneer! Blaze the Hoosier Pie Trail™ from 'Pie Day-to-Pi Day' with the Indiana Culinary Trails Passport. Starting on National Jan. 23 (National Pie Day) and running through the month of February (National Pie Month) to Mar. 14 (Pi Day).

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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!



U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary

\$10 million

Tom Vilsack announced that the Department is making up to \$10 million available to help people living in rural towns develop community renewable energy projects that will help them cut their energy costs and contribute to the nationwide effort to reduce pollution that contributes to climate change. These funds will be targeted to help people who live in communities that have been historically underinvested and disinvested.



164 Hamilton County is celebrating 164 employees for their service to the community. Each year the Board of Commissioners and Human Resource Department recognizes and honors employees for long and meritorious service by presenting service awards at the end of each five years of employment.

State Farm



100th State Farm® is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2022 by building State Farm Neighborhood Assist® bigger. That means more submissions, more grants and spreading good to more communities.

This year, the program will award 100 \$25,000 grants (vs. 40 grants in previous years) to nonprofit organizations to help fund neighborhood improvement projects. Additionally, we're doubling the number of cause submissions to 4,000.

This week, the first-ever Noblesville-based toboggan team, named the Hoosier Hotshots, announced their participation in the 31st Annual US National Toboggan Championships in Maine.

"After months of planning, we're elated to see this initiative come to life," said Geoff Davis, captain of the team. "It's encouraging to see the grassroots support popping up throughout Hamilton County!"

31st

1,490,496

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

72,207

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

67,903,759

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

19,761

How many Hoosiers have died because of this pandemic.

547

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

853,230

How many Americans have lost their lives to the pandemic.

30 things for your calendars

For our readers who like to open their new calendars at the beginning of each year and fill up the blank squares with things to do, I will share some dates for your calendar:

Jan. 21-30 -- The Hamilton County Theatre Guild's Bel-fry Theatre will present "The Dining Room" comedy/drama, a play by A.R. Gurney, opening tonight and continuing through Jan. 30 at The Switch Theatre in Ji-Eun Lee Music Academy in Fishers.

Jan. 21-31 -- The Great Dine Out with specials at local participating restaurants in Hamilton County.

Jan 21-Feb. 22 -- Koteewi

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Jonathan Mirgeaux is City of Noblesville new utility director

Jonathan Mirgeaux joined the city of Noblesville as director of Noblesville Utilities. Mirgeaux replaces Ray Thompson, who retired Jan. 7 after 42 years with the city and 11 as utilities director.

"Jonathan brings a new perspective to the position from his experience working as an engineering consultant," Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen said. "He has an understanding of state-of-the-art practices that will help the utility be more proactive."

Mirgeaux has 18 years of experience as a wastewater and storm water engineer. Prior to joining the city, Mirgeaux worked as a consultant at R.W. Armstrong, CHA Consulting and HWC Engineering.

"The puzzle pieces fit together nicely," Mirgeaux said. "While I'm learning more each day about the core processes at the treatment plant and throughout the wastewater and stormwater conveyance

system, we are fortunate to have a knowledgeable and hardworking team of dedicated employees. This lets me focus on the big picture, growth, incorporation of best practices and becoming the utility of the future."

As an entry-level engineer, Mirgeaux was part of the team who developed the city's Long Term Control Plan when Noblesville was negotiating with Indiana Department of Environmental Management in 2006. The 15-year unfunded mandate was completed last year and consisted of nine individual projects conducted in five different phases.

Raised in Cape Girardeau, Mo., Mirgeaux graduated high school in Louisville. He earned his undergraduate and graduate diplomas in Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering at the University of Kentucky. Mirgeaux and his wife, Kelli, have two children and enjoy bicycling as a family.

In recognition of National Mentoring Month

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is a weekly column from Hamilton Heights Superintendent Dr. Derek Arrowood. All Hamilton County school superintendents are invited to send The Times similar routine messages. To do so, please contact our publisher at timmons@thetimes24-7.com

In recognition of National Mentoring Month, I want to take this opportunity to thank the many community mentors for the positive impact they have on our students' lives every day.

Through supportive, one-on-one relationships, these volunteers enhance the educational experience and help students reach their potential in inspiring and life-changing ways. Thank you!

Just in! HHSC has earned the College Board's AP® Computer Science Female Diversity



DEREK ARROWOOD
Hamilton Heights



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HONEST HOOSIER

This came in from a reader: The biggest governments in the world can't stop a virus. But they all claim they can fix global warming if you just pay more in taxes! Kinda makes sense, huh?



TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Teach your kids to eat healthier by having them help pack their school lunch. Not packing a lunch? Many schools keep track of what kids are picking out in the lunch line - ask to review it.

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

"Traveling is not just seeing the new; it is also leaving behind. Not just opening doors; also closing them behind you, never to return. But the place you have left forever is always there for you to see whenever you shut your eyes."
Jan Myrdal

TODAY'S JOKE

How do you make the number seven even?
Take away the S.

7 DAY FORECAST

THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED
15/25 SOME LATE AFTERNOON RAIN	10/27 MAINLY SUNNY	14/32 MAINLY CLOUDY	18/28 CHANCE OF SNOW	18/32 CHANCE OF SNOW	18/25 CHILLY	21/27 BREEZY AND COLD

OBITUARIES

John Joseph Rushinsky Sept. 28, 1940 - Jan. 17, 2022

John Joseph Rushinsky, 81, Fort Wayne, passed peacefully on Monday, Jan. 17, 2022, surrounded by loved ones at Coventry Meadows in Fort Wayne.

He was born on Sept. 28, 1940 to the late Nicholas and Mary (Swinkunas) Rushinsky in Lorain, Ohio.

On Oct. 25, 1964 in El Puerto de Santa María, Spain, he married the love of his life, María del Carmen Galán Villar, who preceded him in death on Feb. 21, 2012.

Mr. Rushinsky was a brilliant and humble man. He retired as a government contracts quality control employee from ITT Aerospace, and he prided himself on his meticulous work to ensure civilian safety. He was also a Navy veteran and achieved the rank of Chief Petty Officer (E7). He was a recipient of The Vietnam Service Medal, The National Defense Service Medal, The Navy Expeditionary Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal (twice). The position with the greatest impact on him was that of Electronics Technician in the Cryptology Department in Rota, Spain for it was there that he would meet his beloved wife and the trajectory of his life would forever change.

He and Maria went on to live in many places and were blessed to grow their family to include five children whom they dearly loved. He worked tirelessly to ensure that their needs were met. He enjoyed playing cards, playing chess, repairing anything mechanical for himself and others, research, challenging his grandchildren with math problems to solve, enjoying a good meal in the company of people he loved, sneaking sweet treats and spending time with family. Mr. Rushinsky also was a gifted accordion player and enjoyed entertaining his own family and his children with his polka music.

In his later years, after the passing of his wife, Maria, he fiercely made sure all his children were taken care of. He enjoyed his grandchildren, and in particular loved witnessing his youngest grandson, Antonio, grow into a sweet child and was often heard bragging about what a good boy he was. Unbeknownst to his children, he kept a box next to his recliner with pictures of his children and grandchildren as well as cards he had received from them.

Survivors include his son, John Joseph (Katy) Rushinsky Jr.; son, Michael (Laura) Rushinsky; daughter, Tanya Marie (Vincent) Aviles; son, Mark Anthony (Laura) Rushinsky; daughter, Celeste Nicole Rushinsky; sister, Veronica Loper; and eleven grandchildren: Joseph Thomas Aviles, Austin Rushinsky, John Edward "Jack" Rushinsky, Anabella Rose Klepper, Meghan Rose Rushinsky, Alex Rushinsky, Bridget Marie Rushinsky, Noah Anthony Aviles, Gabriel Manolo Rushinsky, Andrew Vincent Aviles and Antonio Michael Klepper.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by his brother, Michael John Rushinsky; brother, Robert Paul Rushinsky; and twin granddaughters: Allie Marie and Marie Allie Rushinsky.

Visitation is scheduled on Monday, Jan. 24, 2022 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2022 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Funeral Service will follow visitation on Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2022 also at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center. Military burial will be at Hamilton Memorial Park Cemetery in Noblesville. In addition, a Memorial Mass in celebration of life will be held at a later date, at Saint Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 4916 Trier Road, in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Those wishing to do something in his memory, should spend time with family and tell them how very much you love them.

Condolences: www.randallroberts.com

James Eston "Sonny" Pedigo

Aug. 14, 1960

James Eston "Sonny" Pedigo, 61, Pendleton, passed away at his home.

He was born on Aug. 14, 1960 to the late James and Eva Mae (Watson) Pedigo in Noblesville, Ind.

Mr. Pedigo was a graduate of Westfield High School and retired after 31 years with the Indiana State Highway Department. He was a member of Hinkle Creek Masonic Lodge and active in the Tipton Gun Show. He enjoyed Arizona, the West, and was a fan of John Wayne.

Survivors include his sister, Anna (Ted) Maynard; nephews, Clinton (Jodi) Wooten, Seth (Stephanie) Wooten and Cody (Rachel) Wooten; great-nephew, Conner Wooten; great-nieces, Trinity Wooten, Esme Wooten and Tessa Raven Wooten.

Visitation is scheduled from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., with a Masonic Service at 3 p.m., on Saturday, Jan. 22, 2022 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan Street, in Noblesville.

Condolences: www.randallroberts.com



Nickel Plate Arts features Carmel artist, Jerry Mannell

Creativity has been the unifying backbone of Jerry Mannell's professional career. A Fine Arts and English Literature major in college, Jerry combined his love of visual and written stories into a career as a graphic designer, working for an ad agency for a few years. When the agency closed, he, like so many creative professionals, forged out on his own and became a free-lancer, which gave him more time to dedicate to his personal creative pursuits by painting regularly in his studio.

From there emerged a career-long exploration of the relationships between the concrete and the abstract, the mechanical and the organic. Jerry creates colorful compositions, full of well-defined shapes with hard edges. His vibrant color palette creates an almost tropical feel to his pieces. He admits that his style has been greatly influenced by time he spent in Santa Fe, an area of the country where vibrant, warm colors dominate every view.

Meaning and story abound in both his abstract and figural work. Themes and relationships emerge in the abstract pieces,



Jerry Mannell

while witty social commentary is evident in his more literal work. However, Jerry encourages his viewers to find their own meaning in his art: he encourages you to not be too influenced by his title for his abstract pieces, but to instead supply your own. He mentioned times throughout his career where viewers and customers saw something completely different in his work from his original conception. Once at an art fair, two different customers walked up and described a piece as 'sushi,' when that comparison had never before occurred to Jerry. Another time, a friend was eager to buy a piece, but wanted Jerry to change a black shape in the bottom of the canvas to be blue. The change shifted the original meaning

Jerry had intended for the work, but the result was still aesthetically very satisfying. Jerry was happy to accommodate his friend and customer to help his work find a new home. Through interactions like these, he realized that when viewers are encouraged to put their own spin on a piece, by changing the title or customizing colors, they are far more likely to feel ownership and subsequently want to own the piece.

Jerry is well aware of the challenges facing Indiana artists: he laments the fact that friends and neighbors seem far more comfortable buying Colts tickets than paintings, even though the paintings will last far longer. He, like all of us at Nickel Plate, is searching for ways to encourage investment in original art. He thinks the key is to delight people with skillfully made colorful forms. He says that "art is about eye candy, just like music is ear candy." He feels strongly that abstract pieces need to be beautiful, engaging and well-executed, so that even those of us without a background in art or who

aren't as comfortable deciphering visual language can be drawn in and find whimsy, inspiration and fun in the work. Then, we can find a deeper meaning that will prove that the piece is "more than meets the eye."

Come explore Jerry's "eye candy" during his showcase exhibit "More Than Meets the Eye" in the Stephenson House from January 7-29, 2022. Jerry's reception will be held January 21, from 6-9 pm - it will be a great opportunity to escape Indiana's dreary January weather and step into a tropical world all your own!

Nickel Plate Arts is an umbrella nonprofit organization that creates and coordinates arts and cultural experiences across communities in eastern Hamilton County and the surrounding areas to improve the quality of life for residents, strengthen local economies and enrich experiences for visitors. Nickel Plate Arts is a project of Hamilton County Tourism, Inc. Visit us at 107 S. 8th Street in Noblesville, online at nickelplatearts.org or call 317.452.3690

Thank You from Beta Epsilon Chapter of Tri Kappa

The Beta Epsilon Chapter of Tri Kappa in Noblesville would like to say a big THANK YOU to the community of Noblesville and beyond for the generous donations to the Red Stocking Fund during the 2021 Christmas season. Last year was another stressful year yet we were again surprised with the amount of donations. We surpassed our goal of \$10,000.00 and raised \$13,560.00 for the Annual Tri Kappa Red Stocking Fund. We were truly blessed and 100% of the money donated will be distributed to the school children of Noblesville through the Noblesville



MARY JANE POLSGROVE
Guest Column

Township Trustee's Office and Noblesville Schools along with Options Charter School of Noblesville. Since 2006, the Community of Noblesville has raised over \$205,000.00 through this fundraiser. These funds are used to provide, shoes, clothing, school

supplies, medicines, utilities/shelter for many families with school aged children, as well as any other needs recognized by the Trustee's office and the respective schools.

Tri Kappa of Noblesville would also like to say a big "THANK YOU" to the The TIMES newspaper for partnering with Beta Epsilon to raise this money for the children of Noblesville through the Red Stocking Fund. Much of the success of this project is owed to The TIMES for publishing the listing of donors with wishes and providing the coupon. We are so grateful to have

a local newspaper that supports our local organizations and promotes their projects, which in turn supports this community. Tri Kappa was proud to partner with The TIMES, as well as the Noblesville Township Trustees Office in this project.

Tri Kappa is a philanthropic organization existing only within Indiana. Membership totals nearly 9,000 in 146 active and 110 associate chapters. Tri Kappa members donate over \$1.5 million every year to the endeavors of charity, culture and education within their own communities and through state projects.

Hoosier writers to speak around the state and offer writing workshops as part of Indiana Authors Awards Programs

More than 30 organizations will host Indiana authors during 2022 as part of a statewide speakers program and writing workshop program offered through the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana Authors Awards. Category winners and shortlisted authors from the 2020 awards will visit communities virtually and in-person for the speaker program events to provide readings and discussions. Five communities will host Indiana authors for interactive workshops.

Indiana Humanities, the engine behind the Indiana Authors Awards, selected the hosts and provides support for award-winning Indiana authors to travel the state to speak to public audiences. The programs, open to public libraries, schools, churches, museums, community centers and other nonprofit organizations, are funded through the support of Glick Philanthropies.

"We are thrilled to provide people all across the state with more access to Indiana's most talented authors," said Keira Amstutz, president and CEO of Indiana Humanities. "The generous support from Glick Philanthropies continues to provide more opportunities for Hoosiers

to engage with literature written about and inspired by our state and to have thoughtful conversations about those works."

Organizations hosting author talks are:

- Attica Public Library, Attica (Author: John David Anderson)
- Bartholomew County Public Library, Columbus (Author: Nancy Kriplem)
- Brown County Public Library, Nashville (Author: Michael Homoya)
- Calumet College of St. Joseph, Whiting (Author: Chantel Massey)
- Cardinal Ritter High School, Indianapolis (Author: Annie Sullivan)
- Carmel Clay Public Library, Carmel (Author: Eugene Gloria)
- Culver-Union Township Public Library, Culver (Author: Larry Sweazy)
- Fall Creek Intermediate School, Fishers (Author: Gabrielle Balkan)
- Franklin County High School, Brookville (Author: Sandra Mitchell)
- Friends of Potato Creek State Park, North Liberty (Author: Helen Frost)
- Fulton County Public Library, Rochester (Author: Kevin McKelvey)
- Greensburg-Decatur County Contractual Public Library, Greensburg (Au-

- Greentown Public Library, Greentown (Author: John David Anderson)
- Hanover College, Hanover (Author: Debra Kang Dean)
- Harrison County Public Library, Corydon (Author: Gabrielle Balkan)
- Henry Henley Public Library, Carthage (Author: Bryan Furness)
- Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Public Library, Zionsville (Author: Michael Homoya)
- Indianapolis Public Schools, Impact Academy, Indianapolis (Author: Maurice Broaddus)
- Lake County Public Library, Merrillville (Author: Sharon Biggs Waller)
- Middlebury Public Library, Middlebury (Author: Chris White)
- Morrisson-Reeves Library, Richmond (Author: Maurice Broaddus)
- Orange County Service Council, Paoli (Author: Robert Blaemire)
- Pike County Public Library, Petersburg (Author: Katie Hesterman)
- Rousseau McClellan School 91, Indianapolis (Author: Chantel Massey)
- Southport High School, Southport (Authors: Maurice Broaddus, Sharon Biggs Waller)
- Sycamore School, Indianapolis (Author: Katie

- Hesterman)
- The Exchange at the Indianapolis Urban League, Indianapolis (Author: Robin Lee Lovelace)
- Thorpe Creek Elementary, Fishers (Author: Helen Frost)
- Vincennes University, Vincennes (Author: Axton Betz-Hamilton)
- Walton Public Library, Walton (Author: John David Anderson)
- Writers Guild at Bloomington (Author: Brian Leung)

Groups hosting writing workshops are:

- Carmel Clay Public Library, Carmel (Author: Lydia Johnson)
- Heartland Society of Women Writers, Indianapolis (Author: Ashley Mack-Jackson)
- Heritage Christian School, Indianapolis (Author: Shari Wagner)
- Indiana State Library / Indiana Center for the Book, Indianapolis (Author: Sandra Mitchell)
- Jeffersonville Township Public Library, Jeffersonville (Author: Larry Sweazy)
- Middlebury Public Library, Middlebury (Author: Alicia Rasley)
- North Manchester Public Library, North Manchester (Author: John F. Allen)

Dreaming of a new home?
find it here!
the times

Number, please...

I'd like to share a few numbers with you:
 4927262920202826
 5736282018082727
 9284748495483838

These are some of the tracking numbers for the Christmas gifts I bought online over the past few months. I copied and pasted the figures into the UPS or FedEx websites to be sure they were on the way. By the way, those are not the exact numbers. I substituted bogus numerals above because I don't want anyone tracking my purchases. One time when I pretended to put my real phone number in my column, readers called it and then emailed me saying they got some poor lady in Metamora, who I later heard had a breakdown because her phone kept ringing in the middle of the night. And whose fault is that?

I did a Google search to learn the term for a large string of integers, and I've discovered a whole new lexicon. We have quadrillion, quintillion, sextillion, decillion, tredecillion, novemdecillion and vigintillion. I'm going to play it safe and just call them all gazillions. Whatever you call them, it just doesn't make sense that tracking a package should require so many digits.

Here's another code: 783930404X9056.

That's the confirmation number for my online pharmacy cholesterol medicine. I knew there were a lot of people out there with lipid problems, but my mistake was just counting people on this planet. I also don't know what that X means, but it scares the heck out of me.

There is a similar conundrum (not a word I use lightly) in other areas. My house number is 9623. No matter how many times I count the homes in my cul de sac, I usually get six. Even after three cans of Heineken Light, the most I see is eight.



DICK WOLFSIE
 Life in a Nutshell

My friend Jerry works at a small company here in Indianapolis. When I call his office, I get a prompt that says: For Tom, press 3056, for Jerry press 3157, for Adrian press 3021. I've been to his place of business. Where are the 3,000-plus phones? Imagine if we all got this pretentious!

"Mary Ellen, it's your brother calling from Oregon."

"Which line, Dick?"

"Extension 5696."

"Huh? We only have two phone lines in this house."

"I know. I know. I just hope your brother heard me say that. How cool does that sound?"

Then there's my computer. The model number is 367892JY. I called the company and asked how many different models they have. "About 30 or 40 over the past 24 years," they told me, so I posed the obvious question. "Do you have a model number 6 or 12 or 27?"

"No, Sir. I think those missing numbers represent defective prototypes that didn't pass all the necessary tests." This makes me really happy I never flew to New York on a 742.

The original Social Security card, printed back in 1936 with the number 001-01-0001, was issued to a man named Morris Ackerman. When he retired, his first Social Security check was for 17 cents. He was just beside himself with how generous the government was. They sure had his number.

The Indiana Donor Network transplants more organs in 2021 than ever before

Despite the pandemic's challenges in 2021, Indiana Donor Network pushed boundaries and demonstrated it is a catalyst for innovation as it transplanted more organs and saved more lives than any time in its 34-year history.

As the federally designated organ recovery organization for 85 of Indiana's 92 counties, Indiana Donor Network has increased the number of organ transplants by 43% since 2019. Transplants in 2021 were 10% higher than in 2020, which was also a record-setting year.

In 2021, the organization ensured that 949 lifesaving organs were transplanted into patients on the national transplant waiting list. Indiana Donor Network contributed to the nation's record-breaking year for organ transplants. Nationally in 2021, the U.S. reached more than 40,000 lifesaving organ transplants, according to the United Network for Organ Sharing.

A look back at Indiana Donor Network's dedication to saving lives in 2021:

- Facilitated donation for 276 organ donors, a record-breaking amount.
- Transplanted a record 949 organs, saving the lives of more than 800 people.
- Cared for 1,357 tissue and cornea donors.

- Supported 2,345 family members of organ and tissue donors through its aftercare program.
- Conducted 109 organ recovery surgeries at Indiana Donor Network's onsite Organ and Tissue Recovery Center, which opened in 2020.
- Added more than 120,000 new Hoosiers to the national donor registry.
- Flew a record 677 organ transport flights through TxJet, our nonprofit subsidiary aviation service.

"Looking back on 2021, I can't help but reflect on where Indiana Donor Network has been, where it is now and where we are going," said Indiana Donor Network President and CEO Kellie Tremain. "When I started with the organization 22 years ago, I could have never imagined the massive growth and incredible achievements we have experienced. Our organization remains dedicated every day to growing, improving and challenging each other to think big, serve well and be remarkable."

Other highlights from 2021:

- Hoosier advocates for organ and tissue donation volunteered 12,857 hours on behalf of Indiana Donor Network.
- Indiana Donor Network led 851 school and community

educational presentations and activations throughout Indiana, engaging more than 145,000 Hoosiers.

Despite the record-setting year in Indiana and nationally, today, there are nearly 107,000 Americans on the national transplant waiting list, including more than 1,000 Hoosiers. Every nine minutes, another person is added to the national transplant waiting list.

Despite age or medical history, anyone can sign up to be a donor online at Donate Life Indiana. Learn more about Indiana Donor Network online.

Indiana Donor Network's mission is to save and enhance the quality of life through organ, tissue and eye donation and transplantation. Its vision is to be a leader in organ and tissue recovery. Founded in 1987, the organization coordinates donation in 85 of the state's 92 counties and serves Indiana's hospitals and transplant centers nationwide. With headquarters in Indianapolis, the organization also has offices in Fort Wayne, South Bend and Evansville and staff throughout the state.

ABOUT INDIANA DONOR NETWORK

The decision to become an organ, tissue and eye donor is a decision to give the gift of life. Indiana Donor Network serves

as the vital link between donors and patients waiting for lifesaving organ transplants, healing tissue and corneas to restore sight. The organization is a federally designated organ recovery organization and accredited tissue bank serving 85 of Indiana's 92 counties. Its team of more than 250 dedicated professionals is committed to saving and healing lives through donation and transplantation, championing the cause through education and outreach and supporting donor families in their time of need. For more or to sign up as a donor, visit Indiana Donor Network online.

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ABOUT DONATE LIFE INDIANA

Since 1998, Donate Life Indiana has been the state-authorized nonprofit organization responsible for managing the Indiana donor registry. Its mission is to save lives by creating opportunities for all Indiana citizens to sign up on the organization's official state registry while striving to raise awareness for organ, eye and tissue donation and transplantation through public education. For more, visit Donate Life Indiana online.

K-12 school enrollment grows for 2021-2022

The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) today released data on school enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year. Enrollment in Indiana's public and accredited non-public schools has grown to 1.12 million students, a modest increase from the previous school year.

"With growing enrollment across all school types, today Indiana's educators are

focused on helping our students recover learning impacted by COVID-19 disruptions and building the foundational knowledge and skills to prepare them for a lifetime of future success," said Dr. Katie Jenner, Indiana Secretary of Education.

Enrollment growth in Indiana's schools is significantly driven this year by a 5.25% increase in kindergarten enrollment

compared with the 2020-2021 school year. This strong growth comes as some families are enrolling their children in a K-12 school for the first time due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Indiana's schools serve 1.12 million students, of which 1.03 million are enrolled in public schools. More than 83,000 students currently attend Indiana's accredited non-public

schools, which comprises 7.4% of Indiana's students. Indiana saw enrollment increases from the previous school year across all school types, including an increase of 2,999 students (.2%) in public schools and 4,672 students (5.9%) in non-public schools.

Enrollment calculations are based on a statewide count of students in attendance in an Indiana school on Oct. 1.

Baird introduces bill to prevent catalytic converter thefts

Rep. Jim Baird (IN-04) introduced the Preventing Auto Recycling Thefts (PART) Act, which aims to reduce catalytic converter thefts by marking identifying information on catalytic converters, addressing how the parts are purchased, and strengthening enforceability of catalytic converter theft for local law enforcement officers.

"In West Central Indiana and across the country, catalytic converter theft has had a dramatic impact on vehicle and business owners, leading them to await costly repairs with few tools to prevent similar crimes in the future," said Rep. Baird. "By closing long-exploited loopholes and strengthening law enforcement's ability to locate stolen parts and enforce the law, we can create a safer environment for vehicle owners and put a stop to these crimes once and for all."

"We are pleased to see Congress taking an active role in addressing this growing crime that impacts the lives and livelihoods of thousands of Americans across the country," said David Glawe, President and CEO of the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB), the nation's leading not-for-profit organization exclusively dedicated to

combating and preventing insurance crime. "Car thefts and other auto crimes like catalytic converter thefts have risen dramatically over the past two years and are at record highs. Vehicle owners pay a high price when a thief targets their catalytic converter, often incurring lost income from missing work, needing to find and pay for alternate transportation and then paying anywhere from \$1,000 to \$3,000 to get the vehicle fixed. This bill is a critical step in helping bring relief to the people most directly impacted by these crimes."

"The MCCA thanks Rep. Baird for introducing the PART Act," said Major Cities Chiefs Associations Executive Director Laura Cooper. "Over the past few years, major cities across the country have reported an increase in catalytic converter thefts. By updating federal law to account for this growing trend, the PART Act will create a powerful deterrent and help ensure those who buy and sell stolen catalytic converters are held accountable. In addition, the provisions related to marking catalytic converters with unique identification numbers will support law enforcement's efforts to solve these crimes as efficiently as possible when

they do occur."

"We applaud Representative Baird and his staff on introducing this bill," said Brett Scott, Vice President of Government Affairs for the National Independent Automobile Dealers Association. "Catalytic converter crime is at an all-time high and this legislation is a great step toward addressing this issue. At the end of the day, these thefts only hurt consumers and their wallets."

Background:

Catalytic converters are car parts used to reduce the potency of toxic emissions from an internal combustion engine and is a component required in compliance with the Clean Air Act. These parts are constructed using precious metals such as rhodium, platinum, and palladium, and, depending on the price point for these metals, can be sold to scrap dealers for hundreds of dollars. Replacement of these parts can be very costly for vehicle owners, with many replacements ranging from \$500 to \$2,300. In some cases, the cost of a catalytic converter theft may even be enough for a total loss to a vehicle.

The theft of catalytic converters has become increasingly prevalent in the past two years, plaguing vehicle owners, scrap

yards, and law enforcement officials in communities across the United States. According to the National Insurance Crime Bureau, the number of reported catalytic converter thefts rose from 3,389 in 2019 to 14,433 in 2020 – an increase of over 325%. Faced with this sharp increase, law enforcement officers have limited tools to curb thefts as current policy leaves many advantageous loopholes for criminals to exploit. A lack of criminal code in regard to the trafficking of these stolen parts means that law enforcement must catch a criminal in the act of removing the part in order to prosecute a case.

The PART Act seeks to reduce catalytic converter thefts by allowing law enforcement officers to link stolen parts to the vehicle from which they originate by requiring new vehicles to have a VIN number stamped onto the converter, creating a grant program through which entities can stamp VIN numbers onto catalytic converters of existing vehicles, improving record keeping standards for purchasers of used catalytic converters, and establishing enforceability of laws around catalytic converter theft by codifying these crimes as a criminal offense.



Eva Education Day

There will be a candle lighting ceremony by members of Terre Haute South's S.T.A.N.D. club. This club is a student led movement to end mass atrocities such as genocide. The sponsor is teacher Mrs. Peggy Grabowski. Alex Kor, 2nd Generation Survivor, will speak of his mother's impact on Holocaust Education in Indiana and her legacy.

"On International Holocaust Remembrance Day and Eva Education Day for the state of Indiana, we remember and honor the memory of the six million Jews who were murdered by the Nazis and their collaborators. As we witness a rise in global antisemitism and intolerance, it is more important than

Want TO GO?
WHEN: Thursday, January 27, 2022
10 AM (EST)
WHERE: CANDLES Holocaust Museum & Education Center (in-person event)
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**Program will also be broadcast Facebook Live*
WHAT: Eva Education Day (As proclaimed by Gov. Eric Holcomb – not in attendance)

ever to listen to or read the stories of Holocaust survivors, like our museums founder, Eva Kor, and reflect on their experiences, and retell their stories," said Troy Fears, executive director of the museum.

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Community First Bank of Indiana announces recent promotions

Robb Blume, President & CEO of Community First Bank of Indiana, is pleased to announce the following promotions for the team serving in Hamilton County:

- Carlonda Davis has been promoted to Vice President, Human Resources Director/DE&I Officer. She has 4 years of experience in the financial services industry and over 15 years in the Human Resources field. She serves as a Bridges Outreach Board Member, Ivy Tech Hamilton County Business Advisory Board Member, and HR Advisory Board Member for Hamilton County Economic Development. Davis earned a Human Resources Management degree from Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis.
- Janelle Campbell has been promoted to Vice President, Residential

Mortgage Sales Manager. She joined the Community First Bank Mortgage Department in 2015 and has 5 years of experience as a REALTOR. She is a 2017 Graduate of the Hamilton County Leadership Academy. She also has served as the Chairwoman for the Westfield Chamber of Commerce, Vice President and Founding Board Member for Women of Westfield, President of Westfield Youth Assistance Program, and Events Chair for the Westfield Mayor's Yellow Tie Gala. Campbell earned her Business Management degree from Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis.

- Gavin Fisher has been



Carlonda Davis



Janelle Campbell



Gavin Fisher

promoted to Vice President, Commercial Lender 3. He has a dynamic career path including over 17 years in the banking industry. Fisher is a 2011 graduate of the Hamilton County Leadership Academy. He has served as the President of the Indiana Banker's Association Leadership Development Program, an Executive Board Member for the Geist Half Marathon, and a Butler University Athletic Public Access Announcer for 20 seasons. Fisher earned a Sports Ad-

ministration degree from Ball State University.

- Pete Needler has been promoted to Vice President, Commercial Lender 2. He has 15 years of experience in the banking industry, serving in roles in credit, retail, and commercial lending departments. Needler earned a Marketing degree from Anderson University, where he was a part of the Anderson University Football Team.
- Zack Gabriel, Commercial Loan Portfolio

Manager, has been promoted to Assistant Vice President. He has worked in the banking industry since 2015. Gabriel graduated from Butler University with a Finance and Marketing degree.

- Bart Irwin, Investment Advisor, has been promoted to Vice President. He has over 17 years of experience in the financial services industry. He is a past Board Member of Bridges Outreach and currently serves at Bridges Outreach, Westfield Youth Assistance Program and Kokomo CEO as a mentor.
- Mikki Richter has moved to the role of Bank

Officer, Treasury Management Assistant. She has been in the banking industry since 2013, serving in roles in retail and treasury management. Richter earned an Associate Degree in Architectural Technology degree from Ferris State University. For a full list of all recent CFB promotions, please visit www.CFBIndiana.com/press-release/JanuaryPromotions. Community First Bank of Indiana (CFB) was chartered in 2003 in Kokomo, Indiana where it currently has three branches in Kokomo, two branches in Westfield, and a branch and loan production office in Noblesville. CFB is also opening its newest branch at 93rd and Meridian in Indianapolis in February 2022. Additional information can be found at www.CFBIndiana.com. MEMBER FDIC, Equal

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Staying in your home: make a plan now to manage missed mortgage payments

With the Omicron variant of COVID-19 surging, housing relief is essential for struggling homeowners. Roughly 7.7 million distressed households received a forbearance during the COVID-19 pandemic, enabling them to pause or reduce mortgage payments to stay in their homes. The majority have already resumed their regular mortgage payments, and the nation has averted a repeat of the housing crisis it endured during the Great Recession.

It's now time for the roughly 1 million households still in forbearance to contact their mortgage servicers and work out plans to resume mortgage payments. "Millions of homeowners have been negatively impacted by the pandemic, but there are steps you can take to seek assistance," said CFPB Director Rohit Chopra. "If you are having a hard time making mortgage payments or facing foreclosure, you may have relief options depending on the type of mortgage you

have. There is still time to act if help is needed, but you must act soon." To help, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) issued the following tips: Homeowners who entered into mortgage forbearance because of financial hardship related to COVID-19 may have options for repaying their missed payments. A payment deferral or partial claim allows you to wait to make up unpaid balances until the end of your loan or when you sell or refinance your

home. A loan modification allows you to change loan terms that might lower your monthly payments or extend the length of your loan. A lump sum repayment means you pay the total amount of skipped payments to your mortgage servicer. Repayment plans add the amount you missed to your regular mortgage payments. Not all options are available to everyone, and will vary based on your loan, servicer, and financial situation. Generally, you won't have to repay missed mortgage

payments in a lump sum. In most cases, if your mortgage is federally backed, which includes Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, FHA, VA or USDA loans, your mortgage servicer cannot require you to pay back your missed payments as a lump sum repayment. Many other mortgages do not require a lump sum repayment. If you only hear about a lump sum repayment, ask about other options. Make a plan today. For help talking with your mortgage servicer, under-

standing your options, or if you are worried about your options, contact a HUD-approved counseling agency in your area. If you've had trouble making mortgage payments because of a COVID-19 related hardship, the CFPB has information to help. Whether you're entering forbearance, need more time, or are ready to exit, we have information on what to do next. Go to <https://www.consumerfinance.gov/coronavirus/mortgage-and-housing-assistance/> to learn more.

BETSY From Page A1

Run Seasonal Slopes is open daily for snow tubing at Hamilton County Parks' Strawtown Koteewi Park in Noblesville.

Jan. 21-March 13 -- Hearthside Suppers will be offered Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays at Conner Prairie in Fishers.

Jan. 22 -- Comic Book in a Day will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Ignite Art Studio in Fishers Library, sponsored by Nickel Plate Arts, where there is First Friday every month from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Feb. 10 -- Celebrate Little Valentine with some Valentine's Day fun from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Forest Park Lodge in Noblesville.

Feb. 10-20 -- Main Street Productions presents the play, "Of Mice & Men" by John Steinbeck, at Westfield Playhouse in Westfield, with James H. Williams directing.

Feb. 11 -- The Spring Home and Outdoor Living Show is 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Grand Park Sports



Photo courtesy of The Belfry Theatre

Hamilton County Theatre Guild's Belfry Theatre production of "The Dining Room" opens tonight and continues through Jan. 30 at The Switch Theatre at Ji-Eun Lee Music Academy in Fishers. Tom Riddle, Jeff Maess, Tim Long, Debbie Underwood and Mia Gordon rehearse on stage this week.

Valentine's Excursions, departing out of Forest Park near downtown Noblesville.

Feb. 12 -- A Parents' Night Out and Slightly Over the Top celebration is being offered 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Hamilton County Sports Complex in Noblesville

Ball will be 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Mill Top Conference & Banquet Center in Noblesville, with registration required.

Feb. 25-March 6 -- Carmel Community Players presents "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime," with Larry Adams directing.



Photo courtesy of Hamilton County Parks

Koteewi Run Seasonal Slopes is open daily through Feb. 22 for snow tubing at Hamilton County Parks' Strawtown Koteewi Park in Noblesville.

April 7 -- TopGolf Tournament at TopGolf Fishers to benefit the Boys & Girls Club.

April 22-May 8 -- Carmel Community Players presents "The Fantasticks" musical, directed by Rich Phipps.

May 14 -- Boys & Girls Club Auxiliary Auction at Harbour Trees.

June 2-12 -- Main Street Productions presents

eat pancakes 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. June 4.

June 7 -- Deb Castino Memorial Golf Outing at Harbour Trees to benefit Boys & Girls Club.

June 10-19 -- Carmel Community Players presents "Medley of Murders," directed by Tanya Haas.

June 24-July 3 -- The Belfry Theatre presents "Drinking Habits" at Ivy

Tech Hamilton County in Noblesville, with Nancy Lafferty directing, and auditions at 7 p.m. April 24-25 at The Belfry.

July 28-Aug. 7 -- Main Street Productions presents "30 Reasons Not To Be in a Play," by Alan Haehnel," at Westfield Playhouse, directed by Tanya Haas, with auditions June 5-6.

July 28-31 -- The Belfry Theatre presents Disney's "Frozen Jr.," at Ivy Tech Hamilton County Campus in Noblesville, directed by James H. Williams.

Aug. 5 -- Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville Cornhole Tournament at Forest Park.

Aug. 12-21 -- Carmel Community Players presents "Shipwrecked! An Entertainment," directed by Lori Raffel.

Oct. 1 -- Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville Trick or Trivia with Noblesville Lions Club.

-Contact Betsy Reason at betsy@thetimes24-7.com.

ARWOOD From Page A1

Award for expanding young women's access to AP Computer Science Principles (CSP). This award acknowledges 1,020 schools for their work toward equal gender representation during the 2020-21 school year and Heights was among only 760 schools to be recognized for achieving this important result in AP CSP!

The Honor Society is partnering with Versiti, looking to help save lives and make a positive impact through its second of three community blood drives next Wednesday, January 26 from 3 - 7 p.m. at the high school. Click here to register to donate desperately needed blood products.

Registration for this year's in-person Kindergarten Roundup is set for Wednesday, February 23 from 3 - 6 p.m. at HHES. Pre-registration opens on Friday, February 18. Our Kindergarten educators are phenomenal in providing an exceptional blend of engaging, inspiring, and fun learning experiences that are the building blocks of

early literacy, numeracy, socialization, communication skills, independence, and success in school for our littlest Huskies. Click here for more information on what you need to do to begin your child's educational journey at Heights.

Congratulations to Abigail Burk, Samantha Burk, Brayden Jewell, and Joshua Steffen who have been named as Hamilton Heights High School's recipients of the Rising Stars of Indiana, Class of 2023. They are among 1,000 juniors from 256 schools nominated by their principals for their outstanding academic achievement and leadership through a special recognition program of the Indiana Association of School Principals. Well done, Rising Stars!

Speaking of well done, the Hamilton Heights Wrestling team has had a tremendous year with record breaking individual and team achievements including bringing home the Hoosier Conference Runner Up Championship title. In addition, the team placed among the Top 10

teams in the state at the prestigious invite-only Indiana High School Team Duals Championship earlier in the month in Martinsville. Also, the Boys Swimming & Diving team finished 3rd and the Girls Swimming & Diving team finished 4th at the Hoosier Conference Swimming & Diving Invitational at Purdue University on Saturday. Teegan Madara set the Hoosier Conference record in the 500 Freestyle with a time of 5:06.99 and broke her own school record in the 100 Breaststroke, with a time of 1:08.03, shaving off a little more than 2 seconds from her previous record. Nathan Cox also broke his own school diving record with a score of 512.70 on 11 dives.

The Hickory Classic basketball event vs. the Tipton Blue Devils is next Wednesday, January 26 at the Hoosier Gym in Knightstown. The 8th grade boys and girls will compete in a fun evening of Hoosier Hysteria. The Husky Sports Network will stream a live video feed here.

This Friday, our Lady Huskies face off with the Benton Central Bisons for the Hoosier Conference championship title on our home court. View it live here.

Next week kicks off a spirit-filled week of Winter Homecoming activities culminating with exciting basketball action on Friday, January 28 when the Huskies take on the Tipton Blue Devils. As part of this year's activities, we will be honoring HHHS alumni from the classes of 1971, 1972, 1981, 1982, 1991, 1992, 2001, 2002, 2011, and 2012 during the half-time festivities. For alumni who want to participate, click here.

Thank you for your continued input, involvement, and passion for your students' best interests. They are at the very heart of everything we do. #WeAreHuskies

Dr. Derek Arrowood is the Superintendent for Hamilton Heights School Corporation. His column appears bi-weekly in The Times.

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SHERIDAN, INDIANA CONCERNING THE REPEAL OF THE DECEMBER 2021 UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE

The Town Council of the Town of Sheridan, Hamilton County, Indiana (the "Council") will conduct a public hearing on February 1, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. (Local Time) at the Sheridan Community Center, located at 300 E 6th St, Sheridan, IN 46069, to consider an ordinance to repeal the unified development ordinance adopted in December 2021 and re-enact the prior unified development ordinance in its entirety. A copy of the ordinance is available and can be inspected at the offices of the Sheridan Clerk-Treasurer, located at 506 South Main Street, Sheridan, IN 46069, during regular business hours. At the public hearing, the Town Council will receive and hear comments, remonstrance, and objections from interested persons concerning the proposed ordinance.

Dated: January 19, 2022

Elizabeth Walden
Clerk-Treasurer of the Town of Sheridan
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NOTICE OF FARM LEASE AUCTION HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN SCHOOLS

Hamilton Southeastern Schools will conduct an auction to select a tenant for the cash lease of tillable farm acreage on February 2, 2022, at 9 a.m. at the offices of Church, Church, Hittle & Antrim, 10765 Lantern Road, Suite 201, Fishers, Indiana.

Bidders may make prior arrangements to participate in the auction by telephone conference call by contacting David Day at 317-773-2190 by 4:30 p.m. on February 1, 2022.

The lease will be for the 2022 and 2023 crop year. The parcels will be bid and leased separately and consist of the following:

- (1) About 16.5 tillable acres located on the south side of 136th Street between Cynthianne Road and Prairie Baptist Road in Fall Creek Township, Hamilton County, Indiana; and
- (2) 157 tillable acres located north of State Road 38 between Durbin Road and Prairie Baptist Road in Wayne Township, Hamilton County, Indiana.

The successful bidder(s) must sign the lease and tender one-half of the rent within seven days after the award or an alternate bidder will be awarded the lease. It is anticipated that the Hamilton Southeastern School Board will award the bid at its meeting held on February 9, 2022.

The lease will provide that the land is being leased as is with no obligation for the landlord to make any improvements or repairs including, but not limited to, drainage repairs or improvements. The lease will also grant the landlord the right to terminate the lease for the 2023 crop year by notice given no later than January 15, 2023 if the landlord determines it needs the property for school purposes or it decides to sell the property.

Any questions concerning this auction, or the terms or form of the lease, should be directed to HSE's counsel, David Day, at 317-773-2190 or day@cchalaw.com.

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