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The Ivy Tech Auditorium in Noblesville



**TODAY'S VERSE**  
Isaiah 53:5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.



**FACES OF HAMILTON COUNTY**  
People who call our community their own.

What makes Chandler Bryant smile? "Birds, really cool warblers," said the then 30-year-old Noblesville resident, who in 2020 was named Hamilton County Parks and Recreation Department's regional parks operations manager. "I keep binoculars in my car everywhere I go so I can do birding anytime I'm out," he said. "I do hunt and fish and things like that, so that's another thing that makes me smile. Being just out in the woods by myself, hunting or fishing or whatever it may be." Today's feature is a look back at one of The Times' previous Faces of Hamilton County. He was found in September 2020 at the opening ceremony of the new Koteewi Lake recreational amenity at Strawtown Koteewi Park in Noblesville. He is from Greentown, Ind., and a graduate of Eastern High School in Howard County. He graduated in 2012 from Purdue University, where he studied urban forestry. When he and his wife, Danielle, got married, they bought a house in Fortville. They moved to Noblesville in March 2020 and have two German Shepherds. Right after college, he went to work for the U.S. Forest Service on the Wayne and Hoosier National Forests and did a lot of regional forest-sensitive species surveys. "I did a lot of prescribed burning, did a lot of surveys for emerald ash borer. Then he went to Newfields, where he started as a natural resource technician in 2014 and ended up the director of natural resources and managing the 100-acre park and some of the other natural areas in Indianapolis and Columbus, Ind. "The reason I decided to move on from Newfields is because I was looking forward to having an impact on more acreage and more people. So that's what excites me (about Hamilton County Parks), the ability to get on more acreage and create better wildlife habitat but also to tell stories to people about the work that we're all doing to make the environment better." Koteewi Lake, located just east of Taylor Center for Natural History, is open to the public. Bring your own kayaks and canoes and use the free launch. Upcoming, anyone age 6 and older can join a parks naturalist for a few hours of fishing, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. June 4 at Koteewi Lake. All equipment and bait provided. Fishing license is not required because the program falls on the state's Free Fishing Days. An earlier fishing program is 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. May 1 at Morse Park and Beach in Noblesville. Pre-registration is not required. So, just show up and learn to fish! Beginning bird hikes are offered at 8:30 a.m. Wednesdays and some Sundays beginning at Cool Creek Nature Center north parking lot.



Photo courtesy of Nickel Plate Express  
**Climb aboard the Nickel Plate Shamrock Express train excursions on Saturday at Forest Park for family and adult-only 65-minute trips 1950s vintage coach and dining cars. Irish music will fill the historic cars with special fortunes and a visit from a leprechaun who will give chocolate coins from his pot of gold.**

## Kids Pop-Up Sale, Women's History Art Reception, Comic Celebrates St. Patty's



**BETSY REASON**  
The Times Editor

Shop kids consignment items, celebrate Women's History Month, laugh at stand-up comedian Dave Dugan and climb aboard the Nickel Plate Shamrock Express this Saturday. These are among the 20 things to do this weekend and beyond in today's list of things to do in The Times:

1. Shop kids consignment items at the Spring 2022 Indy Kids Mega Pop-Up Sale, open free to the public 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at Finch Creek Fieldhouse in Noblesville.
2. Join the artists reception meet and greet from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. today for "Boosting the

Signal: Women's History in Art at Gal's Guide Library on the second level of the Nickel Plate Arts Campus in downtown Noblesville.

3. Join the Saint Patrick's Weekend Comedy Extravaganza at 7:30 p.m. today and Saturday at The Cat in Carmel, featuring Dave Dugan, Irish dancers, music and more, with tickets at eventbrite.com.
4. Enjoy Jai Baker 3 at 1205 Distillery St. Paddy's Day gathering from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. today at the Distillery.
5. Climb aboard the Nickel

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## Duke Energy Awards \$300,000+ in Grants to K-12 Education Initiatives in Ham. Co., Across Indiana

The Duke Energy Foundation today announced it is awarding more than \$300,000 in grants to 24 innovative K-12 education programs serving communities across Indiana.

"Our educators and students are facing tremendous challenges teaching and learning as we emerge from the pandemic," said Stan Pinegar, president of Duke Energy Indiana. "It's more important now than ever before that we support and invest in opportunities for our children in the communities we serve to thrive and reach their full potential."

The grants support a wide range of educational programming for K-12 students, including summer reading programs; science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education;

programs that support under-represented, low-income or diverse populations; and efforts to reverse academic declines due to disruption caused by COVID-19.

In Hamilton County, two organizations received grants totaling \$37,230. The first grant, for \$10,000, will go to the Carmel Education Foundation to help buy robotics kits for the three Carmel-Clay middle schools, as well as supporting energy curriculums in fourth grade classrooms. The second grant, for \$27,230, will go to the Maker Youth Foundation. It will support programs for Hamilton County high schoolers to learn about renewable energy. More details, as well as a full breakdown of the grant money recipients, can be found below.

"Through fun, hands-on activities, we try to inspire kids to adopt a 'maker mindset,' or the belief they can learn to do anything," said Kim Brand, founder of Maker Youth Foundation. "It's our mission to help them develop timeless skills like curiosity, collaboration and problem-solving that will set them on a path to success. We're grateful for Duke Energy's investment, which will enable us to expand our programming and reach more students than ever before."

Over the past three years, the Duke Energy Foundation has awarded 76 strategic charitable grants totaling more than \$1.1 million to nonprofit organizations working to bolster education in Indiana communities.

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**And Another Thing...**  
The Humane Society for Hamilton County is hosting a fundraiser, "Wine, Wags, and Whiskers" on Thursday, May 5 at the Embassy Suites Noblesville. The event will feature "dozens of wine tastings, a bourbon and spirits pull, silent auction, raffle, delicious hors d'oeuvres, delectable sweets, and tempting animals who will steal your heart."  
Tickets start at \$85.00 a head, and are available online at <https://one.bidpal.net/2022winewagswhiskers/ticketing/details:ticketing-summary>.

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The Times appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank **Patricia K. Williams** of Noblesville for subscribing!

**HONEST HOOSIER**  
On this date in 1861, Abraham Lincoln made train stops in Lafayette, Thorntown, Lebanon, Zionsville and Indianapolis - where he stays the night. Lincoln was on his way to his Inauguration. He begins telling a joke in Thorntown but mistimes it and the train takes off before he gets to the punchline. Several people followed the train to Lebanon and Lincoln was able to finish the joke there.



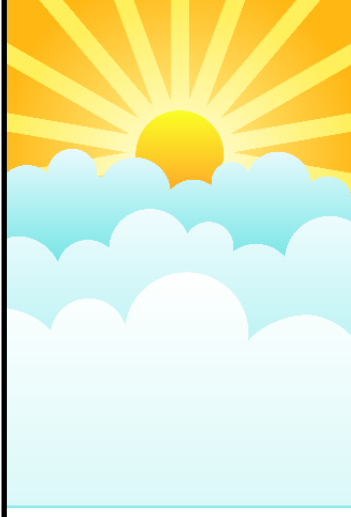
**TODAY'S HEALTH TIP**  
Alcohol has almost twice the calories per unit weight than carbohydrates and almost as much as fat. Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Times and online at [www.thetimes24-7.com](http://www.thetimes24-7.com).



**TODAY'S QUOTE**  
"Be yourself; everyone else is already taken."  
- Oscar Wilde

**TODAY'S JOKE**  
In honor of St. Paddy, we'll share some jokes for a bit that'll have you Dublin over with laughter! Some potatoes are from Ireland and some are not. How can you tell the difference? Look and see if one is a French fry!

## The Daily Almanac



**Sunrise/Sunset**  
RISE: 7:01 a.m.  
SET: 6:46 p.m.

**High/Low Temperatures**  
High: 36 °F  
Low: 30 °F

**Wacky Holiday Today**

- Dream Day
- National Preschooler's Day
- World Plumbing Day

**What Happened On This Day**

- 2011 The Fukushima Daiichi nuclear disaster strikes Japan
- 2004 191 people die as several bombs explode on Madrid commuter trains

**Births On This Day**

- 1952 Douglas Adams English/American author, playwright
- 1916 Harold Wilson English politician, Prime Minister of the UK

**Deaths On This Day**

- 1898 William Rosecrans American general, diplomat
- 1874 Charles Sumner American politician

**13 WTHR 7 DAY FORECAST**

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| 48<br>PARTLY SUNNY<br>THU | 30/36<br>RAIN TO SNOW, 12°<br>FRI | 15/25<br>WINTER, L.M. SNOW SHOWERS<br>SAT | 19/50<br>BREEZY, WARMER<br>SUN | 34/57<br>BREEZY, WARMER<br>MON | 40/57<br>MILD<br>TUE | 40/65<br>WARNING TREND CONTINUES<br>WED |
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## OBITUARIES

### Shannon Rena Craft

March 11, 1970 - March 9, 2022

Shannon Rena Craft, 51, of Noblesville, passed away on Wed., March 9, 2022.

She was born on March 11, 1970 in Noblesville, Ind.

Mrs. Craft was an office manager for many years. She loved her dog, Scoobie.

Survivors include her husband, Randy Craft; mother, Judy (Stidham) Hazelwood; sons Brandon (Rory) Craft, Jordan (Abbey) Craft and Austin (Paige) Craft; sister, Tina (Rick) Foster; brother, Frank (Aimee) Hazelwood; and several nieces & nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Frankie Hazelwood; and son, Tyler Craft.

Services are scheduled to be held at 11:30 a.m. on Tue., March 15, 2022 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road in Noblesville. Visitation is scheduled to be held from 10 a.m. to the time of the service at the funeral home. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

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

### Mary Jane Maxson

March 3, 1948 - March 8, 2022

Mary Jane Maxson, 74, of Noblesville, passed away on Tue., March 8, 2022 at Riverwalk Village in Noblesville.

She was born on March 3, 1948 in Elwood, Ind. She was raised in Tipton by Bob & Eunie Stafford.

Mrs. Maxson was a loving and devoted mother, wife, and sister, grandmother and friend. She served people in all of her roles including at banks and hospitals. She was loved by everyone she came in contact with and we were all blessed to have her in our lives.

Survivors include her daughter, Karie Oliver Johnson; son, Ty Oliver; step-daughter, Missy (Matt) Bohannon; step-son, Justin (Jessica) Maxson; brother, George (Sharon) Hartwick; brother-in-law, Ron Cox; and grandchildren Shelby & Jayden Johnson, Rosalie & George Bohannon and Chase & Reid Maxson.

She was preceded in death by her husband Brad Maxson; and sister, Millie Cox.

Visitation is scheduled to be from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., with services scheduled at 3 p.m., on Sun., March 13, 2022 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, in Noblesville. Pastor Shad Hill will officiate. Burial will be at Lakeview Cemetery in Kendallville, Indiana.

Memorial contributions may be made to Joy's House Broad Ripple, 2028 Broad Ripple Ave, Indianapolis, Ind., 46220.

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

### Margarete A. Melvin

March 20, 1929 - March 9, 2022

Margarete A. Melvin, 92, of Noblesville, passed away on Wed., March 9, 2022 at Prairie Lakes Health Campus in Noblesville.

She was born on March 20, 1929 to the late Johann and Cracentia (Wolk) Sippel in Augsburg, Germany.

Mrs. Melvin worked as a bank proof operator. She and her husband lived in the Clearwater, Florida area for 48 years.

She is survived by her husband, Robert F. Melvin.

Private family services will be held. Mrs. Melvins care has been entrusted to Randall & Roberts Funeral Homes in Noblesville.

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

### Dionisio I. Yason

April 8, 1934 - March 6, 2022

Dionisio I. Yason, 87, a retired mechanical engineer from Tagig, Philippines, joined our creator on Sun., March 6, 2022.

He was born to Buenaventura and Lourdes (Ignacio) Yason on April 8, 1934.

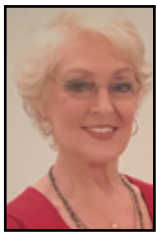
Mr. Yason was a mechanical engineer for 30 years. He enjoyed playing chess, bowling, and fishing. He loved spending as much time as he could with his family and friends.

Survivors include his children Ludette, Carol, Jason, Patricia, Eric, David, Michael, Paul and Mark.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Maria and son, Christopher.

Visitation is scheduled to be from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Fri., March 18, 2022 at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, in Fishers. Services are scheduled to be held at 12 p.m. on Sat., March 19, 2022 with and additional visitation scheduled from 11 a.m. to the time of service at the funeral home, with Father Tony Rowland officiating. Burial will be at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Indianapolis.

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



### Jon F. Moore

May 11, 1944 - Jan. 31, 2022

Jon F. Moore, 77, of Seffner, Florida, formerly of Hamilton County, Ind., passed away on Jan. 31, 2022 at his home.

He was born on May 11, 1944 to Hershhal and Mary Alice (Jones) Moore in Noblesville, Ind.

Mr. Moore proudly served his county in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He graduated from Hamilton Heights High School and worked as a truck driver for most of his life. He was a big fisherman, especially in Florida. He also enjoyed riding horses.

Survivors include his son, Robert (Janet) Moore; brothers Matt Henderson and Tom Henderson; sisters Julie Grimes and Sandy Tolley; and grandsons Eric Moore and Burke Moore.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Vickie Moore; brothers Joe Henderson and Terry Moore; and sister, Edna Henderson.

Services are scheduled to be held at 3 p.m. on Sat., April 23, 2022 at Atlanta Christian Church, 200 East Main Street in Atlanta, Ind.

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



## Silent Partner



**DICK WOLFSIE**  
Funny Bone

As a wordsmith, I love reading the history behind common phrases. Here's one that has a Hoosier origin. You might think I made this up (and you'd be correct).

Despite the popular belief that the saying "It takes two to tango" is of Argentinian origin, it actually originated in Noblesville, Indiana at the turn of the century—1900, that is. Red-blooded Hoosier Ralph Yackerman loved to dance, but ever since his fifth wife ran away with a feed salesman, he hated women...and men, for that matter. And so, dancing was virtually eliminated from his social calendar. Although many would have considered it a substantial drawback, Yackerman practiced dancing in his home day and night, partnerless to be sure, but with no less fervor than would be expected of a Hoosier farmer, raised to bring passion and dedication to every endeavor.

Then one day to Yackerman's great delight, he read in The Times that the local dance hall was having a tango contest. Here was a dance that Yackerman had always adored, convinced that the addition of a partner was an unnecessary affectation by love-smitten Latinos.

The night of the contest was hot and muggy, and while some of the dancers seemed a bit sluggish, Yackerman was in rare form, whirling himself around the dance floor, snapping his head, twisting his body, contorting his back, all without a partner. All eyes were on Yackerman.

When the contest concluded, Yackerman was convinced he had prevailed, only to discover that he placed fifth out of a possible six, beating only the Good-

bottoms, an overweight couple who had made the three-day journey from Oolitic. The Goodbottoms had never tangoed before and were shocked to learn that the dance was not only very erotic, but was twice as aerobic as they could handle.

What had been planned as a prelude to lovemaking resulted in a trip to the nearest ER where the Goodbottoms distinguished themselves as the only documented case of a dual cardiac arrest by a married couple.

Yackerman, who had already worked himself into quite a lather just dancing alone, was especially put off by Norman Crabshank, the judge, who scribbled a note to Yackerman that said: "Sorry, Ralph, but it takes two to tango." This so infuriated the solo hooper that he showed the note to the local newspaper editor, Sal Muleman, and tried to convince him that he was the victim of some kind of discrimination.

Muleman printed the note in the paper and before long the phrase, "It takes two to tango" caught on. Other dance studios tried to adapt the phrase to their needs, but "It takes two to fox trot" just didn't have the same ring. "It takes four to fox trot," had a nice sound, but it was inaccurate and thus had little chance for success.

Within months, everyone was trying to work the phrase into conversation. At Farley's Diner you'd hear people say things like: "You know, I think I better have bacon with those eggs. After all, it takes two to tango." Or at the feed store, you'd hear old timers like Zack Newhouse saying, "I better get manure and peat moss...takes two to tango, ya know."

So there you have it. Next time you use the phrase "It takes two to tango," think of Ralph Yackerman. Next time you do the tango, think of the Goodbottoms.

*- 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](mailto:Wolfsie@aol.com)*

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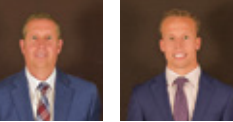
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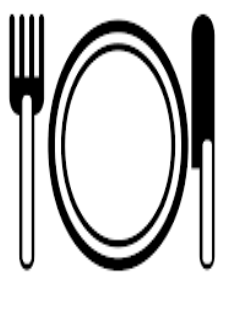


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## Indy Airport Love, Dedication Earns Best Airport for a Decade

The people have spoken, and for the tenth year in a row, the Indianapolis International Airport (IND) has been awarded the Airports Council International's Airport Service Quality Award for Best Airport in North America – making it the only airport in the United States to win the honor for a straight decade.

"It's the love and relentless dedication that our staff has put into this place that has made us the top airport in North America again and again – more times than any other airport in the country," said Indianapolis Airport Authority Executive Director Mario Rodriguez. "This is a tremendous honor, and we are incredibly proud of all the people who make this airport an example that all others can aspire to."

The ASQ Awards are determined based on passenger feedback independently collected by the ACI program on the day that passengers travel giving the most complete picture of the passenger experience. Each airport is rated based on 34 key performance indicators,

such as access, check-in, security, food and beverage and cleanliness of overall facilities. The ASQ awards recognize the achievements of airports of different sizes and different regions of the world.

The Indy airport represents the airport category that accommodates 5 million to 15 million passengers annually.

"I congratulate the Indianapolis International Airport on their success in the Airport Service Quality Awards which represent the highest possible recognition for airport operators around the world and recognize excellence in customer experience," said ACI World Director General Luis Felipe de Oliveira. "Customers have spoken and recognized the successful efforts of the Indy airport team in providing a superior customer experience under very trying circumstances during the pandemic."

ACI Voice of the Customer Honor:

Even while the pandemic continued to have a significant impact on the travel industry in 2021, requiring adjustments and pivots repeatedly to weather the

uncertainty, the Indy airport continued to collect traveler feedback.

"That input was crucial to helping us provide the best customer experience possible under the frequently changing circumstances," said Rodriguez. "I'm so proud of the entire airport staff who pulled together to deliver a top experience to the more than 7.1 million people who put their confidence in us to travel through IND last year."

For its diligence and consistency in listening to passengers and collecting their feedback, Indy airport was also awarded the 2022 ACI Voice of the Customer Honor.

The Voice of the Customer recognition celebrates the commitment of airports that continually listen to passengers and adapt processes and procedures to meet changing expectations of customer experience, particularly in response to COVID-19 over the past two years.

For more information about the ACI ASQ awards, visit <https://aci.aero/programs-and-services/asq/asq-awards-and-recognition/>

## Convicted Murderer Sentenced to 25 Years for Armed Robbery of a Local Carmel Bank



Gary Tinsley, 47, of Indianapolis, was sentenced to 25 years in federal prison after being found guilty following a jury trial for armed bank robbery, brandishing a firearm in furtherance of a crime of violence, possession with intent to distribute marijuana, possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine, carrying a firearm during and in relation to a drug trafficking crime, and unlawful possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

According to court documents and evidence presented a trial, on May 13, 2019, Tinsley and his accomplice entered the Stock Yards Bank & Trust in Carmel armed with a firearm. They provided a demand note to the teller announcing a robbery, zip tied the tellers, and stole approximately \$67,000 in U.S. currency. Further investigation and evidence collected at the bank later

identified Tinsley as one of the robbery suspects and the owner of a vehicle matching the description of the getaway car during the bank robbery.

On September 17, 2019, Tinsley exited his residence and left in his vehicle. Tinsley was stopped by police a short time later and was in possession of three loaded handguns, and five additional fully loaded magazines. Tinsley was also in possession of marijuana and methamphetamine at the time of the stop. Tinsley is prohibited from possessing a firearm due to a prior felony conviction for murder in Marion County, Indiana in January 1993.

A search warrant was executed at Tinsley's residence and five additional firearms were seized, along with zip ties and clothing used in the robbery, and an additional amount of marijuana.

Zachary A. Myers, U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana and FBI Indianapolis Special Agent in Charge Herbert J. Stapleton made the announcement.

The Federal Bureau of Investigations Indiana Violent Crime Task Force investigated the case. The Carmel Police Depart-

ment and the Indiana State Police also provided valuable assistance. The sentence was imposed by U.S. District Judge James P. Hanlon. As part of the sentence, Judge Hanlon ordered that the defendant be supervised by the U.S. Probation Office for 5 years following his release from federal prison. Tinsley was also ordered to pay \$67,455.15 in restitution.

U.S. Attorney Myers thanked Assistant U.S. Attorneys Lawrence D. Hilton and Lindsay E. Karwoski who prosecuted this case.

This case is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN), a program bringing together all levels of law enforcement and the communities they serve to reduce violent crime and make our neighborhoods safer for everyone. The Department of Justice reinvigorated PSN in 2017 as part of the Department's renewed focus on targeting violent criminals, directing all U.S. Attorney's Offices to work in partnership with federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement, and the local community to develop effective, locally based strategies to reduce violent crime.

## Center for Performing Arts Announces April Concerts, Events

The Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel has released their schedule of concerts and public events for April. Featuring performances from a wide range of artists with as many different styles, as well as events for adults, kids, and the whole family, April is sure to be an exciting month to visit the Center. This year's edition of the Center Presents Season is sponsored by Allied Solutions. Discounts are available upon request for military personnel and first responders. Health and safety protocols are posted online at [TheCenterPresents.org/Health](http://TheCenterPresents.org/Health). A full list of events can be found below:

1. Vanessa Williams

• 8 p.m. Friday, April 1

• The Palladium  
• Tickets from \$45  
• Hoosier Village Songbook Series

Singer-actress Vanessa Williams has sold millions of records worldwide and posted Billboard Top 10 singles in genres including pop, dance, R&B, adult contemporary and jazz. Her hits have included "Dreamin'," "Save the Best for Last" and "Colors of the Wind" from Disney's Pocahontas. She found similar success on Broadway (The Trip to Bountiful, After Midnight) and in film (Soul Food) and television (Ugly Betty, Desperate Housewives). Williams' career honors have included 11 Grammy nominations, four Emmy nominations, a Tony nomination and a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

2. Las Cafeteras

• 8 p.m. Friday, April 8

• The Palladium  
• Tickets from \$25  
• Telamon Passport Series

Born and raised in East Los Angeles, Las Cafeteras are remixing roots music and telling modern-day stories of Latino and immigrant lives. Using traditional Son Jarocho ("Veracruz Sound") instruments like the jarana, requinto, quijada (donkey jawbone) and tarima (a wooden platform), they sing in English, Spanish and Spanglish, melding styles from rock to hip-hop to rancheras. Las Cafeteras use music as a vehicle to build bridges among different cultures and communities, creating "a world where many worlds fit."

3. An Evening with Itzhak Perlman

• 8 p.m. Saturday, April 9

• The Palladium  
• Tickets from \$45  
• Printing Partners Classical Series

Violin virtuoso Itzhak Perlman has been making waves since his 1958 appearance on The Ed Sullivan Show at age 13, and he remains one of the great ambassadors of classical music. Born in 1945 Tel Aviv to Polish émigré parents, he achieved international acclaim despite being disabled by a childhood bout with polio. Perlman has won 16 Grammy Awards, as well as the Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award, and his PBS specials have earned four Emmy

Awards. In 2015, he was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom. He will be accompanied by pianist Rohan De Silva.

4. Kenny Wayne Shepherd Band

• 8 p.m. Saturday, April 16

• The Palladium  
• Tickets from \$35  
• Katz, Sapper & Miller Pop/Rock Series

Guitar phenom Kenny Wayne Shepherd signed his first recording contract at 16 and quickly became one of the most successful blues-rock artists of his generation. The Louisiana native's releases have routinely topped Billboard's Blues Albums chart, and he has collaborated or toured with such names as B.B. King and the Rolling Stones. The Kenny Wayne Shepherd Band's current tour celebrates the upcoming 25th anniversary of his sophomore album, Trouble Is ..., which sent three singles to the Top 10 of the Mainstream Rock chart: "Blue on Black," "Everything Is Broken" and "Somehow, Somewhere, Someway."

5. Steve Hackett: Genesis Revisited

• 7:30 p.m. Wednesday April 27

• The Palladium  
• Tickets from \$35  
• Faegre Drinker Encore Series

Steve Hackett was lead guitarist for the classic 1970s lineup of pioneering progressive rock group Genesis, originally led by Peter Gabriel and known for such landmark albums as Selling England by the Pound and

The Lamb Lies Down on Broadway. In the 1980s, he and Yes/Asia guitarist Steve Howe formed the band GTR, which scored a Top 20 single with "When the Heart Rules the Mind." Hackett's current tour features solo material as well as a re-creation of Genesis' acclaimed 1977 live double-album, Seconds Out, which included many of the band's signature songs.

6. Matthew Whitaker

• 8 p.m. Saturday, April 30

• The Palladium  
• Tickets from \$25;

\$15 student tickets available

• Drewry Simmons Vornehm Jazz Series

• Blind since birth, 20-year-old Matthew

Whitaker is a rising star of jazz piano whose unique

musical abilities have been featured on Today, Ellen

and 60 Minutes. He has recorded three albums and performed at such venues as Carnegie Hall, the Kennedy Center, Lincoln Center and the Apollo Theater

with artists including Christian McBride, Regina Carter, Jason Moran, Jon

Batiste and the New York Pops Orchestra.

Other Events:

1. Child & Adult Music Class: It's Fantastic

• Fridays, April 8-May 13; 9:30 or 10:30 a.m.

session available

• The Palladium

• Cost: \$60 for six sessions

• Local musician Michelle Marti of ShooBee-Loo Music and Movement leads toddlers and their caregivers through inter-

active songs, stories and activities with toys and percussion instruments.

Recommended for ages 10 months to 5 years.

2. World Voice Day

• 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 14

• The Palladium

• Free

• Grab your sheet music, family and friends and come sing onstage during the Center's annual World

Voice Day celebration, as we transform the Palladium into a cabaret for one special evening. Singers

of all ages and skill levels are encouraged to join our piano accompanist and MC

for an open-mic night that is informal, free and open to the public. The performers and audience will sit nightclub-style at tables on the stage, with refreshments available.

3. Faegre Drinker Peanut Butter & Jam: Imagination Station with Phoenix Rising Dance Company

• 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 16

• The Studio Theater

• Tickets: \$10 per child, includes up to two free adult admissions

• Imagination Station is an interactive presentation ideal for sharing the art of dance with children and their parents and grandparents. Designed for children ages 1-7, Faegre Drinker Peanut Butter & Jam sessions encourage young children to become engaged in the arts.

4. Performing Arts Connect: The Art of Performance

• 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 20

• Online via Zoom

• Tickets: \$12

• Presenter Arielle Levine of the Cleveland Museum of Art explores the influence of music and performance on visual artists of the 19th and 20th centuries. Many artists captured the growing audiences for musical and theatrical performances in Europe and the United States around the turn of the century, providing an inside look at entertainment across various class distinctions and backgrounds. In art movements such as Impressionism, Post-Impressionism, the Harlem Renaissance and the Ash Can School, we find artists depicting operas, jazz performances, and even burlesque shows.

5. Live at the Center: The Brothers Footman

• 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 28

• Online and at the Palladium

• Free livestream; \$5 on site

• Brothers Dikembe, Gerald, Micah and Joshua Footman have been surrounded by music all their lives. In their current band, the Brothers Footman combine soul, rock, country, gospel, R&B and other influences into a distinctive sound they call "Summa Music" – "summa this, summa that" – capped with smooth vocal harmonies. Their debut single "Country Sky" has earned local and international radio airplay. Live at the Center is a series of livestreamed concerts featuring local and regional artists in a range of genres.

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# Perennial Performers For Painter's Purdue

Sophomore guard Jaden Ivey became the ninth player during Matt Painter's 17 seasons at Purdue to earn first-team All-Big Ten honors when his unanimous selection was announced by league officials on Tuesday.

It was the second honor of the week for Ivey, who was selected a second-team All-American by The Sporting News. Ivey averaged 17.5 points, 4.2 rebounds and 2.9 assists in Big Ten play.

But where does Ivey rank among the best to play for Painter? Let's rate the 17 best Boilermakers in the Painter era.

17. Lewis Jackson: Just think what this year's Purdue team would be like with a true point guard like Jackson was from 2008-12. It's no coincidence that the Boilermakers looked to be on their way to an NCAA Final Four berth in 2010 when he returned to the lineup after missing 19 games following foot surgery. Jackson finished his career ranked second in Purdue history in assist-to-turnover ratio (2.15) and seventh in assists (456).

16. Chris Kramer: To put it simply, the Huntington native did what it took to win. Kramer was also Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year in 2008 and 2010 and made the league's All-Defensive Team in each of his four seasons (2007-10).

15. David Teague: One of the very few times in Purdue history when a torn ACL turned out to be a positive. Teague had to miss what would have been his senior season in 2005-06 after suffering



**KENNY THOMPSON**  
Columnist

the injury in practice. With him, and fellow ACL victim Carl Landry in the lineup for 2006-07, Purdue ended up making its first NCAA tournament in the Painter era.

14. Rapaheal Davis: There's a reason why Matt Painter gave Davis a Big Ten Conference championship ring one season AFTER his graduation in 2016. Davis was arguably the catalyst for reversing the course of Purdue basketball after a last-place finish. He was the Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year in 2015 and a member of the All-Defensive Team in 2016.

13. Dakota Mathias: Owner of Purdue's career 3-pointers made record (250), Mathias averaged 12 points a game for the first 30-win team in school history in 2017. He also was a member of the Big Ten All-Defensive Team.

12. Isaac Haas: The 7-2 center averaged 14.5 points and nearly six rebounds a game as a senior and earned third-team All-Big Ten honors. His broken elbow suffered in the 2018 NCAA tournament opener against Cal State Ful-

lerton derailed Purdue's shot at an Elite Eight or Final Four berth.

11. Vincent Edwards: One of the best all-around Boilermakers in the 21st century, the 6-8 forward averaged 14.6 points, 7.4 rebounds and 2.9 assists as a senior in 2018 to earn second-team All-Big Ten honors. He finished his Purdue career with 1,638 points, 779 rebounds and 403 assists.

10. Zach Edey: The 7-4 sophomore center's rapid development was recognized with a second-team All-Big Ten berth this season. He leads the nation in field goal percentage (.667) and is averaging 14.1 points and 7.7 rebounds in just 20 minutes per game.

9. A.J. Hammons: The 7-foot center earned first-team All-Big Ten honors as well as winning the Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year thanks to averaging 15 points, 8.2 rebounds and 2.6 blocked shots per game in 2016. The only other Big Ten player to surpass 1,500 career points, 900 rebounds and 340 blocked shots? Purdue All-American center Joe Barry Carroll.

8. Trevion Williams: Went up one spot in my pecking order for his selfless decision this season to accept demotion after an All-American junior season to make way for Edey in the starting lineup. Williams was rewarded this week by being Purdue's second recipient of the Big Ten's Sixth Man of the Year award (the first being DJ Byrd in 2012). Only three others besides Wil-

liams in Purdue history (Walter Jordan, Robbie Hummel, Brad Miller) have had 1,300 points, 850 rebounds and 200 assists.

7. Carl Landry: The first in league history to earn three consecutive Big Ten Player of the Week honors, Landry averaged 18.9 points per game as a fifth-year senior in 2006-07. The 6-9 forward averaged 18.4 points and 7.1 rebounds for his career.

6. Robbie Hummel: The first Boilermaker since Rick Mount (1968-70) to be selected first-team All-Big Ten three times. Hummel also won the Lowe's Senior Class Award in 2012. When he graduated, Hummel ranked in Purdue's top 10 for points (1,772) and rebounds (862).

5. Carsen Edwards: Purdue's first winner of the Jerry West Award as the nation's top shooting guard in 2018, Edwards will be remembered for his performance in the 2019 NCAA Tournament. During the run to the Elite Eight, Edwards put up a career-high 42 points against Villanova and 29 in the Sweet 16 against Tennessee. Edwards then was 10 of 19 from 3-point range to finish with 42 points in the heartbreaking loss to Virginia in overtime. He broke the NCAA tournament record for 3-pointers with 28.

4. Jaden Ivey: Terry Dischinger. Dave Schellhase. Rick Mount. Glenn Robinson. JaJuan Johnson. Caleb Swanigan. Carsen Edwards. Like them, Ivey was selected first-team All-Big Ten as either a freshman or

sophomore (Dischinger, Schellhase and Mount played when freshmen were ineligible). He is likely to become the highest drafted Purdue player by an NBA team since Robinson was taken No. 1 overall by the Milwaukee Bucks in 1994.

The only first-round draft picks since then to have come from Purdue are JaJuan Johnson (27th) and Caleb Swanigan (26th). This ranking also could improve with a strong NCAA Tournament performance.

3. Caleb Swanigan: The 6-8 forward lived up to his billing as Indiana Mr. Basketball and a McDonald's All-American coming into Purdue. His sophomore year was one of the greatest in Boilermaker history: Big Ten Player of the Year, unanimous first-team All-American and finalist for the Karl Malone Award. Swanigan broke Joe Barry Carroll's single-season rebound record while also setting the Purdue standard with 19 double-doubles.

2. E'Twaun Moore: Only Mount and Carroll scored more points at Purdue than Moore's 2,136. The 6-4 guard was a first-team All-Big Ten selection as a junior and a senior. He led Purdue in scoring each of his first three seasons. Upon his graduation in 2011, Moore held Purdue records for minutes played (4,517), 3-pointers made (243), games won (107), games played (140) and starts (137).

1. JaJuan Johnson: Purdue's first consensus All-American (2011) since Glenn Robinson in 1994. The 6-11 John-

son also was Purdue's first winner of the Pete Newell National Big Man Award as well as Big Ten Player of the Year and Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year for averaging a Big Ten-leading 20.5 points, 8.6 rebounds and 2.3 blocked shots per game.

On the bubble If Indiana's name is not mentioned on Selection Sunday for the NCAA Tournament, here's eight reasons why.

Eastern Michigan. Northern Illinois. Louisiana. Jackson State. Marshall. Merrimack. Northern Kentucky. UNC Asheville.

The only non-conference games away from Assembly Hall were a 112-110 double overtime loss at a very mediocre Syracuse and a victory over Notre Dame in the Crossroads Classic at Indianapolis.

Need more reasons? Indiana's lone Big Ten victories away from Bloomington were to the 10th, (Maryland), 13th (Minnesota) and 14th (Nebraska) place teams. Only two victories against certain NCAA tournament teams (Ohio State, Purdue).

Playing non-conference cupcakes can be a sound bowl-eligible strategy for Indiana football most seasons but can be the difference between being among the last teams in and the first four out of the NCAA tournament.

- 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.

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## BETSY

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Plate Shamrock Express train excursions on Saturday at Forest Park for family and adult-only 65-minute trips 1950s vintage coach and dining cars. Irish music will fill the historic cars with special fortunes and a visit from a leprechaun who will give chocolate coins from his pot of gold. Family rides depart at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Adult rides depart at 11 a.m., 1, 3 and 5:30 p.m. Two special Irish cocktails will be available for purchase in addition to other drinks.

6. Visit Noblesville Schools' budding artists celebration featuring artwork by the area's elementary schools on exhibit through March at the Nickel Plate Arts Campus in downtown Noblesville. Also, view "Terms of Endearment" exhibit in Judge Stone House and showcase of

art by Belinda Short.

7. Hearthside Suppers will be offered through Sunday at Conner Prairie in Fishers.

8. Join the Turntable Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. Thursdays at Primeval Brewing in downtown Noblesville, where folks bring their favorite vinyl to play on the provided turntable. Special Beer Tappings, My Pretty Irish Girl on March 17, Chompinator Doppelbock on March 19.

9. Enjoy the sounds of Noblesville Schools' many choirs -- from middle school to NHS Singers -- during a District Show Choir Concert at 7 p.m. March 17 at Noblesville School, with tickets available.

10. The Belfry Theatre presents "The Lies of the Field," by F. Andrew Leslie from the novel by William E. Barrett, March 18-27, at Ivy



Photo courtesy of Indy Kids Sale

Shop wall-to-wall kids consignment items at the Spring 2022 Indy Kids Mega Pop-Up Sale, open free to the public 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at Finch Creek Fieldhouse in Noblesville.

Tech Hamilton County in Noblesville, with Linnéa Leatherman directing.

11. Gal's Guide Library celebrates the publishing of its first

anthology at a special release party from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. March 19 on the second level of Nickel Plate Arts in downtown Noblesville.

Juried stories, prose and poems written by women about women, with contributions by 14 authors, are included in the book, which sells for \$15.

12. Shop at Whale of a Sale Upscale Children's Consignment Event March 24-27 at Grand Park Sports Campus in Westfield.

13. Main Street Productions presents "Flaming Idiots" by Tom Rooney, at Basile Westfield Playhouse, March 31-April 10, directed by Brian Nichols.

14. TopGolf Tournament is April 7 at Top-Golf Fishers to benefit the Boys & Girls Club.

15. Auditions for Main Street Productions' "Rumors" by Neil Simon, will be April 11-12 with performances June 2-12 at Basile Westfield Playhouse, directed by Jen Otterman.

16. Westfield kicks

off Movies in the Plaza series on April 22, featuring Dr. Seuss' "The Lorax," at Grand Junction Plaza.

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

18. Auditions for The Belfry Theatre's "Drinking Habits" comedy are at 7 p.m. April 24-25 at the Noblesville theater.

19. Handmade Vintage Market Spring is from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 30 at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds in Noblesville, with tickets available at handmadevintagemarket.com

20. The Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville Auxiliary Auction fundraiser will be May 14 at Harbour Trees Golf Club in Noblesville.

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## DUKE

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This year, grants were awarded to the following organizations:

- Avon Education Foundation (Hendricks County) - \$10,000. Funds will support the purchase of build-it-yourself, program-it-yourself smart speakers that teach kids how to code, while also learning about artificial intelligence.

- Brownsburg Education Foundation (Hendricks County) - \$10,000. Funds will be used to purchase classroom supplies and materials for students enrolled in Brownsburg High School's Project Lead the Way classes, which provide hands-on learning opportunities in engineering, computer science and biomedical science.

- Camp Navigate (Vigo County) - \$5,000. Camp Navigate is an after-school care and summer camp program for children pre-K through eighth grade. The organization focuses on developing employability/soft skills, promoting healthy lifestyles and creating servant leaders. Funds will be used to support Camp Navigate's Character Store. When students display leadership, teamwork and other positive traits, they will be rewarded with Camp Navigate "dollars," which will allow them to purchase objects or privileges from the store.

- Carmel Education Foundation (Hamilton County) - \$10,000. Funds will be used to purchase robotics kits for each of Carmel Clay's three middle schools. Funds will also support Project Lead the Way curriculum focused on energy collisions and conversion, which will be utilized in fourth grade classrooms at each of

Carmel Clay's elementary schools.

- Clark-Pleasant Education Foundation (Johnson County) - \$7,600. Funds will be used to purchase equipment for Whiteland Community High School's engineering classes, including a desktop wind tunnel and 3D printers that enable students to learn hands-on engineering skills.

- Foundation of Monroe County Community Schools (Monroe County) - \$15,700. Funds will be used to support specialized training for elementary and middle school teachers to address math learning gaps due to disruption caused by COVID-19, while keeping students advancing on grade level.

- Girl Scouts of Northern Indiana-Michiana (Huntington County) - \$5,000. Funds will be used to support the Girl Scout Leadership Experience (GSLE), which aims to nurture and champion girls' ambitions by providing the environment, knowledge and skills they need to fulfill their potential. Through GSLE, girls build skills in STEM and entrepreneurship.

- Girls Inc. of Shelbyville & Shelby County (Shelby County) - \$10,000. Funds will be used to provide scholarships for girls from underserved communities to attend Girls Inc. of Shelbyville and Shelby County's summer literacy program.

- Hanover College (Jefferson County) - \$15,000. Funds will be used to support Hanover College's Summer STEM Enrichment Program, which aims to increase the number of underserved high school students who attend college and introduce them to fields and careers in

STEM. Students enrolled in the program will attend a weeklong residential academy on campus. Duke Energy funds will also be used to offer professional development and materials to area high school STEM teachers.

- Indiana State University (Statewide) - \$40,000. Funds will be used to support Indiana State University's Power of Reading and Power of Math summits, which provide teachers with the opportunity to hear from nationally renowned speakers who offer new techniques and research to help improve instruction and outcomes for K-12 students.

- Ivy Tech Foundation (Vigo County) - \$10,000. Funds will be used to support Cob and Cog, an annual competition held at Ivy Tech Community College's Terre Haute campus in which area high school students compete in STEM-related challenges that require problem-solving, teamwork, effective communication and ingenuity. Through Cob and Cog, students are exposed to a fun and energetic environment that sparks interest in career opportunities in STEM fields.

- Kokomo School Corporation (Howard County) - \$20,000. Funds will support Kokomo School Corporation's Summer READ UP with STEM! Discovery Program for students entering grades K-3. This four-week program is intended to bridge the summer reading gap for students and set a foundation for future interest in STEM disciplines.

- Maker13 (Clark County) - \$10,000. Funds will be used to expand the nonprofit's experiential learning

programming in underserved communities and connect area youth with employers in STEM-related industries.

- Maker Youth Foundation (Hamilton County) - \$27,230. Funds will support the Maker Youth Foundation's "Saturn Program: A Renewable Energy Mobile Field Experience and Design Challenge." Through this unique program, Hamilton County high school students will compete in a multiday design challenge and learn about renewable energy technologies.

- Milan Community Schools (Ripley County) - \$10,270. Funds will enable Milan Community Schools to offer a summer learning camp for at-risk students filled with STEM, literacy, and social and emotional learning.

- Minority Engineering Program of Indianapolis (Marion County) - \$10,000. Funds will be used to purchase supplies and materials for minority students pursuing engineering and information technology education.

- Mitchell Community Schools (Lawrence County) - \$14,274. Funds will be used to purchase state-of-the-art supplies for digital fabrication and STEM programming at Shoals Middle School, Burriss Elementary School and Orleans Elementary School. Supplies include a sublimation printer and heat press; a laser engraving and cutting machine; and microelectronics kits.

- Metropolitan School District of Martinsville (Morgan County) - \$13,715. Funds will support a remedial reading program for students in need of extra support. Participating first, second

and third grade students will meet for three hours per week after school at Brooklyn STEM Academy and South Elementary School of Communications.

- New Castle Community School Corporation (Henry County) - \$9,419. Funds will support Wilbur Wright Elementary's remedial reading program for first and second grade students. This immersive program will focus on comprehension, fluency, phonemic awareness, phonics and vocabulary.

- Purdue University (Tippecanoe County) - \$20,000. Funds will support Purdue University's "Trailblazers" program, which provides specialized mentoring and faculty training for historically underrepresented populations. Funds will also support the university's "Minorities in Engineering" program, which promotes diversity in engineering.

- Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology (Vigo County) - \$12,960. Funds will support a summer professional development opportunity for sixth through 12th grade Indiana STEM teachers. The program emphasizes the integration of computer-mediated learning, adaptive pedagogy and advanced digital resources to augment online learning.

- TechPoint Foundation for Youth (Hendricks County) - \$10,000. Funds will support the State Robotics Initiative (SRI), which aims to engage traditionally underrepresented youth in STEM to build the next generation of leaders in the field. Each year, SRI provides 20,000 Indiana students with hands-on, experiential robotics training to

develop their awareness, interest and growth in STEM skills and careers. Students learn hard skills for designing, prototyping and troubleshooting robots while building soft skills like communication, collaboration and creativity.

- Vincennes Community School Corporation (Knox County) - \$10,000. Funds will enable the Vincennes Community School Corporation to offer Project Lead the Way programming. Pre-K through fifth grade students will have the opportunity to participate in hands-on activities in computer science, engineering and biomedical science.

- Washington Carnegie Public Library (Davies County) - \$10,000. Funds will support "STEMspiration: Change the Equation," an out-of-school STEM program that aims to prepare students to step in and fill future STEM jobs in the community.

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## How to Improve Your Financial Health

FAMILY FEATURES

Your financial health is just as important as your physical and mental health. Money affects almost every aspect of your life and can be the determining factor in many of your day-to-day decisions.

Being financially healthy isn't just about how much money you have in the bank. It also encompasses your financial capability and how you feel about money or how money makes you feel.

Start by doing a self-check to determine your financial health. Look at where your accounts currently stand, including the statuses and balances. The balances in your accounts can be used to calculate your net worth, which is a numerical indicator of your overall financial health from an accounting standpoint.

Also consider your feelings and relationship with money, including the emotions you experience when someone brings up topics involving money. Then determine if you are a saver or spender. Understanding how you feel about your finances and why you have these feelings can help you improve your overall financial health along with these tips from the financial experts at Kinly, a financial services company helping Black America build generational wealth.

### Set Financial Goals

To improve your financial health, start by setting short-term, mid-term and long-term S.M.A.R.T. (specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, time bound) goals. S.M.A.R.T. goal setting can help you be more specific, provide a way to measure your progress, allow you to create a plan to make things more achievable, ensure your goals are in line with other objectives and provide deadlines, so your financial goals don't get lost in the shuffle of day-to-day life.



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### Create a Money Plan

A money plan is a guide that details how you want to use your income monthly. This plan should consider the money you want to save and the money you want to spend. As you add your list of expenses, use this opportunity to review where your money is going and if your spending is in line with the financial goals you've set. This is also an opportunity to look for ways to reduce or eliminate spending so your money can be used for things that are important to you, like saving for a down payment on a car or home, or purchasing an item from your wish list.

### Expand Your Financial Knowledge

Explore ways to become more comfortable with money and take control of your financial future. Your relationship with money and how you feel about it make up your money story. Money stories involve emotions, beliefs and experiences with money from childhood to adulthood. Start by spending 10-20 minutes each day exploring topics around money or personal finances to help build your knowledge base. You can do this by

listening to podcasts, reading books, browsing reputable personal finance websites or exploring financial education resources provided by your financial institution.

If you need a more personalized approach to developing a better relationship with your finances, explore working with a financial coach. Your financial coach can work with you on a range of fundamental money management skills. For example, a financial coach can help you overcome financial anxiety or come up with a debt repayment strategy. The coach can help guide, teach, empower and challenge you to grow into a savvy money user.

When determining your financial health, remember personal finance is personal. The financial decisions you make today impact your overall financial health. Determine what financial success looks like for you and incorporate mindfulness, resources and other financially beneficial strategies to help improve your relationship with your finances. Find additional advice and resources to help you manage your money at bekinly.com.

## Maintaining A Talented Workforce

Like many other states in the country, Indiana has seen a worker shortage in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. To help combat this, I am supporting legislation that would give our local communities more ways to attract and retain skilled workers.

Senate Bill 4 would allow local government units to create a Workforce Retention and Recruitment program. These programs could then allocate funds, in the form of loans or grants, to incentivize recent Indiana college graduates to stay in our state. They could also be used to attract valued workers from other states.

This bill comes on the heels of the creation of the Regional



Sen. Phil Boots

Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (READI). This program aims to make communities across the

state places where people are excited to live and work.

Through these pieces of legislation, it is my hope that we can continue to grow our local economies, keep generations of talented workers in our state and improve the quality of life and business across Indiana.

SB 4 passed the Senate unanimously and will now be considered by the House of Representatives.

Sen. Phil Boots represents Montgomery, Fountain, Parke, Vermillion and Warren counties and a portion of Boone County. He is one of the shareholders of The Paper of Montgomery County.

## What Every Small Business Owner Should Know Today

(StatePoint) Given how much has changed about the way people do business over the last few years, experts say it may be time for entrepreneurs to rethink how they store and protect company data, and collaborate with their teams.

According to Brian Mallari, a marketing director in Western Digital's hard drive business unit, a shared storage or network attached storage (NAS) solution can help, and here's why:

- **Cost:** As every owner of a small- or mid-sized business (SMB) knows, cutting costs without cutting corners is key to protecting the bottom line. While cloud storage fees can incur ongoing costs, adopting a NAS solution is a great way to pay once while keeping sensitive data local to the office or home.

- **Capacity:** Before selecting a storage solution, consider your needs. From wedding photographers to graphic designers, many businesses need a storage solution that can grow over time. Popular NAS storage drives for small and medium businesses, such as the WD Red family of products from Western Digital, range in capacity from 1 terabyte (TB) to 18TBs, making them a good solution for those who work with large amounts of data.

- **A shifting workplace:** With hybrid and remote workplaces becoming the norm for businesses of all sizes, this has added new challenges for business owners and their staff wishing to easily collaborate, edit files and work

with shared files and databases. With a NAS storage system, all users' PCs and laptops can be assigned permission to access the storage solution, giving them the ability to load files and data wirelessly or via connected ports. What's more, such a system can help protect your team's work and data against loss from a network outage or potential cyberattacks, as remote/home data can be backed up to the storage device itself at the office. Because NAS solutions use several hard drives, they can provide protection of data via redundancy, also referred to as RAID. In other words, should one drive fail, the data lives on.

- **Getting set up:** Getting set up with a SMB NAS storage system is easy. The solutions are available at consumer electronics stores and online, and you can choose from a NAS system that includes from two to 24 slots or "bays" for hard drives to make sure all your data is covered. Most NAS solutions, especially two- and four-bay solutions, can simply plug into an internet router via Ethernet.

To learn more about NAS-ready data storage options, visit [westerndigital.com](http://westerndigital.com).

"In today's world, small- and mid-sized businesses need both reliable, affordable data storage solutions, as well as tools that allow for collaboration among workers near and far," says Mallari. "Rethinking how data is stored can help entrepreneurs achieve both these goals."



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## Under That False Flag

With tens of thousands of soldiers poised to cross over the border into a fledgling independent nation -- a nation only a few years pulled from beneath the thumb of an imperial superpower -- the world anxiously awaited the outcome of military conflict that ultimately will change borders, and skew the balance of global power.

The ensuing war will pit a politically divided and militarily disorganized nation against an expansionist-minded administration, headed by a megalomaniacal president, who believes his nation has a right -- a "manifest destiny," if you will -- to spread its borders across the continent.

In a distant capitol, the hawkish executive repeatedly squashes political enmity to what many of his critics are calling an "unjust war". He does so successfully, because the opposition party is weak, and his sycophants have custody of policy-making power and the

public message.

He rejects responsibility for the anticipated incursion. Troops will roll through the countryside under a "false flag" of peace-keeping. The leader asserts legitimacy for his invasion by blaming others, claiming that settlers from his homeland, who colonized the disputed lands, are now being persecuted and threatened with physical harm from the host government.

The false flag is that of restoring order, while his opponents believe the real aim is annexation.

The fledgling defender is no match for the military and techno-



**JOHN MARLOWE**  
With the Grain

logical superiority of its northern neighbor, itself a relatively new republic. The giant superpower overwhelms its former vassal in a matter of months, after thousands of incursion forces crossed into the disputed territories known as ... Texas.

That's right. The scenario we see playing out in the world, today, is replicate of the Texas Revolution of 1835.

Colonists from the United States, many of them slave owners, settled into the Texas Territory in the early 1800's, and quickly became resistant to the centralist government of Mexico, who had declared Mexico slave-free in 1830.

An armed uprising opposing the regime of President Antonio López de Santa Anna (Remember the Alamo?), resulted in the formation of the independent Republic of Texas. That rebellion led directly to a wider conflict -- The Mexican-American War -- a

decade later.

In 1835, the United States was the bully. President James K. Polk trusted in Manifest Destiny. He believed his nation had the heaven-sent right to expand to the Pacific Ocean. In 1845 the U.S. annexed the Republic of Texas, and war ensued.

When the dust settled, Mexico had lost about one-third of its territory, including nearly all of pre-present-day California, Utah, Nevada, Arizona, and New Mexico.

I'm not going as far to say that today's Russia-Ukraine War is some benign conflict on the world history timeline. Anytime a broad conflict with nuclear weapons is threatened, we must give it our utmost consternation.

I think I'm sharing this, because I want to help us all understand that history repeats itself, and that deciding who the righteous are may solely depend on which side of the border you live on.

That the Hollywood version of right and wrong is not as simple as seeing who is wearing the white hats. That outcomes we celebrate today do not nullify the undesirable acts of persecution of yesterday.

Understanding that roles now occupied by Vladimir Putin, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, Valery Gerasimov, and Valerii Zaluzhnyi, are recurring roles, once played by the likes of Polk, Santa Anna, Zachary Taylor, Steven F. Austin, Ulysses S. Grant, Winfield Scott, and Robert E. Lee.

And that, when we scratch our heads wondering what the Sam Houston is wrong with the world, we find the willingness to recognize that seeking dominion over another is more innate in our human existence than we all wish to admit.

*John O. Marlowe is an award-winning columnist for Sagamore News Media.*

## A Column About Column A

I do a lot of dumb things. But I have no regrets, because these missteps often end up as an inspiration for one of my columns. I do not do dumb things on purpose. That would be, well, ... dumb.

One of the dumbest things I ever did was about four years ago when Mary Ellen and I were planning a trip to Washington, DC to visit some of my old classmates from George Washington University. My wife usually makes the reservations, but I took on the responsibility. BIG mistake.

I checked online and compared different rates. I found a surprisingly inexpensive hotel right in Washington and booked



**DICK WOLFSIE**  
Life in a Nutshell

it. I couldn't determine from their map how far the hotel was from the White House, which was the part of town we needed to be in...so I called.

"Hello. This is Richard Wolfsie and a few days ago I booked a room with you guys for September 4 through September 10. Can you give me some

idea how far you are from the White House and how long it would take to walk that distance?"

There was a pause on the other end.

"Well, Sir, it's about 3,000 miles as the crow flies. If you are walking with the crows, you're looking at about three months."

What I had done was--yes, book a hotel in Washington. Just not DC. It was in the middle of Seattle.

Over the years, Mary Ellen has never let me forget this dumb mistake, but now she has topped me. This is especially gratifying because she never does dumb things, with maybe one exception 42 years ago.

Here's the story: The other night we decided to pick up Chinese food. Our favorite place had gone out of business so we were seeking a new option. Someone recommended Happy Dragon. Mary Ellen made the call and placed the order. The first odd thing was our ticket number: 8649735260, which I think is also the population of China.

After we ordered, I asked Mary Ellen for the address. Brett, my son, put it in his GPS to see how long it would take to get there.

"Do we need to leave now?" I asked.

"I think we better, Dad. It's gonna take us about three and a half hours."

"Wow, that much traffic?"

With that, Mary Ellen let out a yelp. I had never heard my wife yelp. Not in 42 years.

"Oh, no! I ordered our food from a Happy Dragon in Ohio by mistake."

"I hope it was Canton, Ohio. I love Cantonese food."

"Very funny. No, it was Happy Dragon in Columbus, Ohio. Call them back and cancel."

I called and told him my name, and then I read him our order number.

"OK, you are Mr. fried rice, two eggrolls, wonton soup and main course is..."

"Yes, yes, that's me. Look we live in Indianapolis and..."

"Oh, that's a long

drive; better leave now. Getting cold."

"I'm sorry, we made a mistake and will have to cancel. We didn't mean to order from Ohio."

"You don't like Cantonese food?"

"Too late, I already did that joke."

We reordered at the local Happy Dragon and enjoyed the dinner. That night we were a happy family, which was also our main course.

*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.*

## Ask Rusty - I'm Confused About Taking Medicare And Social Security

Dear Rusty: I just turned 64 and now get stuff about Medicare and Medigap and so on. I really don't know how to retire when it's time. What should I do? What am I looking for? Am I eligible for anything as of now? I'm so confused about all this that I don't even know if I can retire when it's time. Maybe I should just continue working so I don't have to try to figure this out.

**Signed: Confused**

**Dear Confused:** Deciding when to retire from work is usually a difficult decision for everyone, so don't feel alone as you struggle with deciding what's best for you personally. I'll try to provide some insight into what you should be looking at now, at age 64:

The reason you're now getting all that unsolicited information about Medicare and "Medigap" is because you're approaching the magic age of 65, when you first become eligible for those senior healthcare services. But



**ASK RUSTY**  
Social Security Advisor

if you are still working and now have "creditable" healthcare coverage from your employer, you don't need to enroll in any Medicare plan until your employer coverage ends (If your employer healthcare coverage is a group plan with at least 20 participants, that coverage is "creditable"). So, if you plan to continue working and have creditable healthcare coverage, you can simply ignore all those healthcare solicitations. You don't need to worry about enrolling in Medicare until your creditable employer coverage ends, at which

### Social Security Matters by AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor Russell Gloor

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point you will be able to enroll in a Medicare program without incurring a late enrollment penalty.

You also do not need to apply for Social Security now (or at age 65) - you can wait until you retire from working full time to apply for Social Security. In fact, you probably should wait until you fully retire from working to claim Social Security, because at age 64 (or 65) you will be subject to Social Security's "earnings test" if you claim SS benefits. The earnings test limits how much you can earn before Social Security takes away some of

your benefits and, if your earnings are high enough, it could even disqualify you from getting SS benefits while you are still working. Social Security's earnings test applies until you reach your full retirement age, which is 66 years and 6 months. If you claim Social Security before that and exceed the annual earnings limit (\$19,560 for 2022), SS will take away benefits equal to \$1 for every \$2 you are over the limit. So, if you're working full time and plan to continue that, waiting to apply for Social Security would be prudent. Delaying Social

Security would also mean a higher benefit when you later claim because your benefit will grow for as long as you delay (up to age 70). And although you will become eligible for Medicare when you turn 65, if you're still working and have creditable healthcare coverage from your employer at that time, you can defer enrolling in Medicare until your employer coverage ends.

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