

➔ TODAY'S VERSE

Isaiah 55:11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.



➔ FACES OF HAMILTON COUNTY

People who call our community their own.

What makes Katie Waitt smile? "The joyful and kindness community that the 4-H brings me and the opportunities and the leadership teaching and everything. I could just smile everyday being around my friends here," said the 17-year-old Cicero resident, who is a homeschool student. The daughter of Kenneth and Michelle Waitt, she is a 10-year Hamilton County 4-H'er who has shown sheep all 10 years. "The (4-H) Sheep project has taught me so much about the community and my friends and how to treat animals, especially sheep, because sheep are among my favorite animals." She was found Wednesday making a presentation about sheep to second-graders during the Hamilton County Ag Day activities, which were Tuesday through Thursday at the Fairgrounds in Noblesville. "I've also been a part of the (4-H) Rabbit project for 10 years." She has participated in 4-H Showmanship each year. She has taken 10 of her 12 4-H projects for all 10 years. "My sister was also in 4-H, so I've been around the 4-H community for about 15 years now." Favorite fair food? "Elephant ears." After high school, she plans to study business at Ivy Tech. "I've also been part of a dog-grooming shop in Cicero, and I've been doing that for about two years now. So after I finish my business associate (degree) at Ivy Tech, I will continue in Dog Grooming to get my master's (degree) in Dog Grooming." She's a member of a competitive clogging team that does competitive clogging in Kokomo. "We have gone everywhere in the country. We've won nationals." She's even danced at Silver Dollar City in Branson, Mo. She invites everyone to stop by at the Sheep Barn during the county 4-H Fair, which runs July 14-18.

And Another Thing...

Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch is traveling to Israel this week at the invitation of State Government Leadership Foundation. The lieutenant governor will be in the country starting Friday for a weeklong trade mission. "This trade mission presents a terrific opportunity to further develop relationships with industry leaders in tech, agriculture and manufacturing in the Middle East," Crouch said. "Indiana and our nation have strong ties to Israel, and I am excited to meet with Israeli leaders and further grow our relationship." Lt. Gov. Crouch will be part of a delegation that includes five other lieutenant governors from across the nation.

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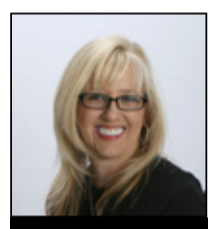
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Photo courtesy of Kiln Creations

Kiln Creations in downtown Noblesville has eight new pottery wheels and lots of opportunities for folks to create their own art during hour-long class times today through Sunday. Plus there is an Intro to Wheels class, "Hairy Potter and the Gobbled up Noms," at 1:30 and 3 p.m. Saturday and many more programs on the schedule.

Pottery Classes, Ivy Tech Play, Book Signing, Bird Walks, More



BETSY REASON
The Times Editor

These are among the 20 things to do this weekend and beyond in today's list of things to do in The Times:

1. Kiln Creations in downtown Noblesville has eight

new pottery wheels and lots of opportunities for folks to create their own art during hour-long class times today through Sunday, and every Thursday-Sunday in the near future. Plus there is an Intro to Wheels class, "Hairy Potter and the Gobbled up Noms," at 1:30 and 3 p.m. Saturday, a "Bunny Footprints" class using your baby feets from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, a

"Build a Bunny" from wet clay with parental help suggested for participants ages 8-13 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, and many more programs on the schedule. 2. The Belfry Theatre presents "The Lilies of the Field," by F. Andrew Leslie from the novel

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As Spring Blooms, So Do Our Students



DR. DEREK ARROWOOD

When spring arrives, and everything starts to bloom outside, inside I marvel at how our students at every level bloom. Like the flowers

and trees, each bloom at their own pace – some early, some late – but all grow and flower in their own vibrant way. Everywhere I look, I see opportunities to nurture, support, grow, and celebrate our students' learning, achievement, and success. May sound sentimental or idealistic, I know, but if you read the paragraphs below about our students' accomplishments, I think you will agree. The newly formed Heights Indoor Percussion (HIP) group came out of the gate strong placing among the Top 5 in its

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Photo courtesy of Leah Leach

Leach Leach, Executive Director of Gal's Guide, pictured with the soon-to-be-released anthology.

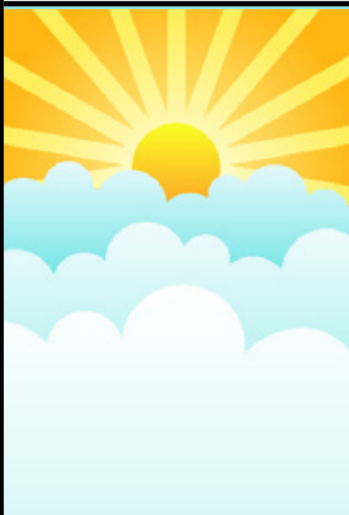
Gal's Guide Library Publishes First Annual Anthology Mar. 19

Gal's Guide Library, home to the first women's history lending library in the United States, is celebrating the publishing of its first anthology at a special release party on March 19, 2022

from 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. at Nickel Plate Arts, 107 S. 8th St, in Noblesville. Juried stories, prose, and

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The Daily Almanac



Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 7:50 a.m.
SET: 7:54 p.m.



High/Low Temperatures
High: 63 °F
Low: 50 °F



Wacky Holiday Today

- World Sleep Day
- National Sloppy Joe Day
- Forgive Mom and Dad Day



What Happened On This Day

- 1892 Lord Stanley of Preston pledges to donate a challenge cup for the best ice hockey team in Canada
- 1962 The Evian Accords are signed, ending the Algerian War



Births On This Day

- 1837 Grover Cleveland American lawyer, politician, 22nd President of the United States
- 1932 John Updike American author, poet, critic

Deaths On This Day

- 978 Edward the Martyr English king
- 1913 George I of Greece

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➔ OBITUARIES

Stephanie Jane French
Josie V. Maxwell

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



➔ HONEST HOOSIER

Happy birthday to my favorite reader – you know who you are!



➔ TODAY'S QUOTE

"You don't love someone for their looks, or their clothes or their fancy car, but because they sing a song only you can hear."

- Oscar Wilde

➔ TODAY'S JOKE

What do you call a chicken crossing the road? Poultry in motion!

➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Change your contact lenses per the manufacturer's recommendation. 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.



13 WTHR 7 DAY FORECAST

74 HEAD RECORD WIND	50/63 SHOWERS AND STORMS	42/48 SLUSHY SHOWERS	37/61 MOSTLY SUNNY	41/67 WARMER	49/58 RAIN RETURNS	48/64 WET AT TIMES
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⇒ OBITUARIES

Stephanie Jane French

April 4, 1970 - March 12, 2022

Stephanie Jane French, 51, of Noblesville, passed away unexpectedly on Sat., March 12, 2022.

She was born on April 4, 1970 in Noblesville, Ind.

Mrs. French was an animal lover and worked for Bev's Doggy Day Care. She enjoyed fishing, shopping, target shooting, and going to parks. Most of all, she loved spending time with her daughter, Alyssa.

Survivors include her husband, John French; daughter, Alyssa French; sister, Jean Ann Thompson; nieces & nephews Brittany, Deanna, Mandy, Amanda, Shelby, Jimmy, Chris and Erik; mother-in-law, Sandy French; brothers-in-law Don French and Mike (Lisa) French; many cousins, aunts & uncles; and her beloved dog, Miss Layla.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Judith Fuller; son, Matthew Lee French; sister, Candy Cline; great-grandmother, Gladys McNalley; grandmother, Betty Morris; uncle & aunt Gene & Jane Pryor; uncle Jim Morris; and father-in-law James French.

Private family services are scheduled to be held. Stephanie's family has entrusted Randall & Roberts Funeral Home with her care.

Condolences can be made online at www.randallroberts.com.

Josie V. Maxwell

Dec. 20, 1935 - March 16, 2022

Josie V. Maxwell, 86, passed away Wed., March 16, 2022, at Community Northview in Anderson following an extended illness.

She was born Dec. 20, 1935, in Baptist Ridge, Tennessee to James Hull and Ruby (Boles) Hull.

Mrs. Maxwell retired as a self-employed accountant.

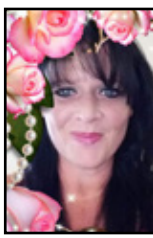
Survivors include her husband Larry Montgomery of Lapel; a grandson, Chance Green of Lapel; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and her daughter, Pam Green.

A funeral service is scheduled to be held at 1 p.m. on Mon., March 21, 2022, at Hersberger-Bozell Funeral Home, 1010 North Main Street, Lapel, Ind., with the Rev. Gary Klinger officiating. Burial will follow in Brookside Cemetery.

Visitation is scheduled to be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Mon., March 21 at the funeral home.

Online condolences can be made at www.hersbergerbozell.com.



DICK WOLFSIE
Funny Bone

Do you get junk in the mail? Of course you do: we all do. And I am getting a little tired of it. I can screen my phone calls for telemarketers and I have a pretty nifty spam filter on my computer, but somebody needs to do something about the clutter in my mailbox.

I've talked to Tom, my mailman. I've even given him full authority to stuff any questionable or unsolicited correspondence down the sewer. Tom's afraid he may accidentally throw out a utility bill. I told him not to worry about that. These things happen.

I know I'm not the first

person to write about junk mail. I wasn't the first humorist to complain about junk food. I've written stories about all the junk in my basement. I admitted last year in a column that I once invested in junk bonds.

No one has written about more junk than I have.

Which brings me back to my mailbox, a mailbox that just yesterday contained the seductive MoneyMailer. These hefty little packets are filled with tantalizing coupons—discounts that are the answer to your every prayer, assuming at least one of your prayers is to find nine different companies that will shampoo six rooms of carpet for \$34.95.

There are also coupons I usually forget to use or I can't find when I order pizza, or I call the wrong pizza place, or by the time I try to use them they are expired, or I really don't want cinnamon rolls with my pizza.

I noticed a coupon for a

one-night stay in a lavish suite that included a luxurious bath and peticure for only \$23.00. I inquired, but when I discovered it was a kennel, I knew my wife wouldn't enjoy it. Oh wait, I get it: PETicure.

Cleaning seems to be an obsession with the companies that advertise in these mailers. There are always services that clean your air ducts—something I have never done in 30 years of home ownership, which might explain my murky complexion. Now that I've mentioned this, salespeople will be calling me in the morning, and because I'm an easy mark, strange men will be crawling up my vents by noon tomorrow.

A great many dentists use coupons to market their services to potential new patients. Maybe the novocaine makes them insensitive.

YOUR TEETH REALLY—AND WE MEAN REALLY—NEED TO BE CLEANED

Here's my favorite from the pack, a "personal

letter" from a colorectal physician:

YOU NEED A COLO-NOSCOPY!

Because the YOU was BOLDED, in all CAPS and in italics, I became extremely uncomfortable, which I think is their goal. They made it seem like everyone else in Central Indiana had made their appointment already but I was just sitting on my... well, I was delaying the whole process—let's just put it that way.

Taking care of our health should be a priority. This is a good time to think about required diagnostic procedures, even those advocated in promotional ads. If presidents can form exploratory committees, it's probably a good idea for all of us.

- 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.

Spring in Fishers Features Fun for All Ages

Spring is right around the corner, and the City of Fishers and Fishers Parks are gearing up for a season of outdoor adventures, sustainability initiatives, and favorite community traditions. The spring event and programming lineup includes:

1. Fishers AgriPark Farm Share Program
• Registration closes Fri., March 25

• The Fishers AgriPark Farm Share is a 15-week subscription program featuring fresh fruits and vegetables grown at the Fishers AgriPark (11171 Florida Road). Participants will receive a box of fresh produce weekly, June through September. Farm Shares are limited to one per household, and 50 recipients will be selected through a lottery process in late March. Register for the lottery at playfishers.com/FarmShare.

2. National Vietnam War Veterans Day
• Tue., March 29 / 10 - 11 a.m. / Nickel Plate District Amphitheater

• The City of Fishers, a proud Commemorative Partner of the Vietnam War Commemoration, and the Fishers Armed Services Commission will celebrate National Vietnam War Veterans Day with a free, public ceremony at the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater (6 Municipal Drive). The program will honor veterans and their families who served during the Vietnam War period and will include a Vietnam Veterans lapel pin presentation. In the event of severe weather, the event will be moved indoors to the Fishers YMCA (9012 E. 126th Street). The event will also be live streamed on the Fishers Magazine

Facebook page. Learn more at thisfishers.com/FishersHonors.

3. Keep Fishers Beautiful

• Throughout April / Locations vary

• Keep Fishers Beautiful brings together residents, homeowner's associations, local businesses, and organizations to support the vibrancy of the Fishers community. Residents are invited to help to Keep Fishers Beautiful during April Sustainability Month through volunteer opportunities throughout Fishers, including tree planting at the Fishers AgriPark during Arbor Day, removing invasive plants at Ritchey Woods Nature Preserve, and more. The community can also join the celebration online with blog posts featuring community volunteers and sustainability tips. Learn more at thisfishers.com/KFB.

4. Spring Formal

• Saturday, April 23, 6 - 8 p.m. / Maker Playground at Hub & Spoke

• Adults and children ages 7 to 12 are invited to enjoy a night of fun with dancing, a themed photo booth, light refreshments, and more activities at this semi-formal event. Registration is \$25 per person. A parent or guardian must attend with the child(ren). Register at playfishers.com/SpringFormal.

5. Fishers AgriPark Opening

• Opens for the season Tuesday, May 3 / Fishers AgriPark

• A 33-acre urban farm and one of the city's most unique assets, the Fishers AgriPark (11171 Florida Road) is one of the nation's largest urban

farms and pays homage to Fishers' agricultural roots. Every year, May through October, residents are invited to the AgriPark for u-pick opportunities in the public fields and gardens, animal encounters, and special programming. Learn more at playfishers.com/AgriPark.

6. Fishers Farmers' Markets

• Market at NPD AMP: Saturdays, May 7 - Sep. 24 | 8 a.m. - noon | Nickel Plate District Amphitheater

• Market at Saxony: Wednesdays, June 1 - Sep. 28 | 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. | 13578 E. 131st Street

• Rated one of the top farmers' markets in the region, the Fishers Farmers' Market showcases vendors from Central Indiana that offer fresh produce, baked goods, honey, specialty food items, meats, coffee, plants, and more. Learn more at playfishers.com/FarmersMarket.

7. Touch-a-Truck

• Tue., May 17 | 4:30 - 7 p.m. | Nickel Plate District Amphitheater

• In honor of National Public Works Week, the community is invited to check out the City of Fishers' fleet of big rigs, including a firetruck, snowplow, police car, and more! Learn more at thisfishers.com/TouchaTruck.

8. Nickel Plate Trail Opening

• May / Details coming soon

• The City will unveil the downtown portion of the Nickel Plate Trail, including the pedestrian tunnel beneath 116th Street, with a special opening celebration in May. Stay tuned to playfishers.com.

NickelPlateTrail.com for details.

9. Memorial Day Ceremony

• Mon., May 30 | 10 a.m. | Central Green

• The City of Fishers and the Fishers Armed Services Commission invites the community to honor the service men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. Learn more at thisfishers.com/FishersHonors.

The City of Fishers is a suburb of Indianapolis, Indiana, located in Hamilton County and was named "#1 Place to Live in the US" by Money Magazine in 2017. Under the leadership of Mayor Scott Fadness, Fishers is known as a smart, vibrant, and entrepreneurial city through its neighborhood development, dedication to supporting high-growth companies, and innovative city processes. With a population of 91,832 (2017), Fishers is one of the fastest growing communities in Indiana and has received national accolades for entrepreneurship, livability, and safety.

Fishers Parks create a community of exploration and discovery for all ages. Whether you are looking for the perfect summer camp, a makerspace to tinker, a night to let loose, or the perfect spot to unplug, our parks and activities are made for making memories. With 24 park properties totaling over 591 acres, 131 miles of nature and multi-use trails, and vibrant events throughout the year, find your next adventure with Fishers Parks. Learn more at playfishers.com and find updates on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

Center for Arts to Host U.S. Naturalization Ceremony

Approximately 80 Indiana residents from nations around the world will receive their U.S. citizenship Wednesday, March 23, when the Center for the Performing Arts hosts its third naturalization ceremony at the Palladium.

For this stately but joyous and inspiring event, the concert hall will become a temporary venue of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana, encompassing the southern two-thirds of the state. The presiding judge will administer the Oath of Allegiance to foreign-born individuals who have met all application criteria for citizenship, as identified by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

The 1 p.m. ceremony will include remarks from the judge and from Center President/CEO Jeffrey C. McDermott, as well as music from the Indiana Wind Symphony, one of the Center's Resident Companies.

Although attendance is limited to family and friends, the Center will provide a free livestream on its Center's Facebook, YouTube and Vimeo pages.

Becoming a U.S. citizen takes time and effort. In order to enjoy the rights and privileges of citizenship, among other criteria, applicants must:

• Be lawful permanent residents (green card holders) at least 18 years of age;

• Have resided in the United States as a lawful permanent resident for at least five years;

• Be of good moral character;

• Be able to speak, read, write and understand the English language;

• Have knowledge of U.S. government and history and demonstrate attachment to the principles of the Constitution.

The mission of the nonprofit Center for the Performing Arts is to engage and inspire the Central Indiana community through enriching arts experiences. Its campus in Carmel, Indiana, includes the 1,600-seat Palladium concert hall, the 500-seat Tarkington proscenium theater and the black-box Studio Theater. The Center presents and hosts hundreds of events each year, including the Center Presents performance series, featuring the best in classical, jazz, pop, rock, country, comedy and other genres. Educational and experiential programming for all ages includes children's concerts and camps, book clubs, lectures, and classes in music and dance. The Center is home to the affiliated Great American Songbook Foundation and provides space and support services for six resident arts companies. More information is available at TheCenterPresents.org.

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IDDC Now Accepting Public Art Applications



Indiana Destination Development Corporation (IDDC) is now accepting applications for funding of public art projects across Indiana.

"Public art is not only aesthetically beautiful, but it can also add to the cultural identity of an area," Lt. Gov. Suzanne Couch said. "These projects can tell a community's story that engages with first-time visitors and builds a sense of pride and belonging for long-time residents."

Cities, towns, destination marketing organizations, chambers of commerce, private businesses and others are encouraged to apply for a non-matching grant of up to \$5,000 to fund a public art project in their community. IDDC will provide at least \$150,000 in grants through this initiative.

"We have many talented artists in every corner of our state. This grant is a great opportunity for communities large and small to collaborate with local artists to showcase what they love about Indiana," Elaine Bedel, IDDC's Secretary and CEO said. "There is so much about Indiana to

take inspiration from, and we're excited to see that diversity reflected in these projects."

Applicants must provide a location, local or regional artist and estimated costs including supplies and artist fees. Potential public art locations include but are not limited to exterior walls, water towers, alleyways, bridges, barns and more.

Projects will be selected based on location and visibility to Indiana residents and visitors, with preference given to locations in high view areas and locations that create potential photo opportunities.

Once sites are determined, artists will submit their own original work within specific guidelines set by IDDC. All designs must receive final approval by IDDC. Applications for the IDDC Public Art Activation Grant must be submitted by April 21, 2022. Award recipients will be announced May 9, 2022. To learn more about the grant or apply, go to <https://www.in.gov/idcc/tourism/industry-partners/awards-and-grants/>.

Rokita Invites Hoosiers to Visit IndianaUnclaimed.Gov to See What Treasure Awaits Them on St. Patrick's Day

Are you feeling lucky on this St. Patrick's Day? Why not take a chance and search for unclaimed property? Attorney General Todd Rokita invites Hoosiers to visit IndianaUnclaimed.gov to see if they have any money waiting.

"Returning unclaimed property to rightful owners is an important part of our mission," Attorney General Rokita said. "This green holiday is a perfect time for Hoosiers to try the luck of the Irish and start

searching." While all states administer unclaimed property programs, Indiana is the only one where the attorney general oversees this function.

Last year, Attorney General Rokita's Unclaimed Property Division returned \$48 million to Hoosiers, and you could be next!

Some property owners in the Unclaimed Property Division's database include such holiday-appropriate first or last names of Lucky,

Patrick, Gold, Blarney and Rainbow. Even if your name lacks holiday flair, however, you could wind up a happy leprechaun.

Here are a few things you might find in your pot of gold:

- Closed bank accounts
 - Court deposits
 - Insurance checks
 - Utility refunds
 - Old paychecks
 - Closed estates
- Once unclaimed property is in its custody, the Unclaimed Property Division

conducts an aggressive outreach effort to locate the rightful owners or heirs.

Individuals and/or businesses have 25 years in which to claim money once it is reported to the Unclaimed Property Division.

So be sure to check IndianaUnclaimed.gov or text CLAIM to 46220 to search your name, family or business.

You can also contact the Unclaimed Property Division at 1-866-462-5246 or upmail@atg.in.gov.

PUBLIC NOTICES

BEFORE THE HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD IN THE MATTER OF THE Clara Knotts Drain, Park Broadway Avenue Drain Phase 2
NOTICE
To Whom It May Concern and: CAMNA, LLC
Notice is hereby given of the hearing of the Hamilton County Drainage Board concerning the reconstruction of the Clara Knotts Drain, Park Broadway Avenue Drain Phase 2 on March 28, 2022 at 9:00 A.M. in Commissioners Court at the Historic Courthouse, 2nd Floor Historic Courtroom at 33 North 9th Street, Noblesville, Indiana. Construction and maintenance reports of the Surveyor and the Schedule of Assessments proposed by the Drainage Board have been filed and are available for public inspection in the office of the Hamilton County Surveyor.
HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD
Attest: Lynette Mosbaugh
Executive Secretary
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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR NOTICE OF INTENT
In accordance with the Construction Stormwater General Permit from the NPDES General Permit Program, this is to notify the public that CrossRoad Engineers, PC (115 N. 17th Avenue, Beech Grove, IN 46107) is submitting a Notice of Intent to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management to discharge storm water from construction activities associated with the following:
The project site, to be known as Irving Materials Inc. Stoney Creek Plant, is located at the northwest corner of Pendleton Ave and Middletown Ave in Hamilton County, IN. The project involves relocating the truck scales and construction of a new ticket office. The ultimate receiving water for the project is Stoney Creek. Construction is anticipated to begin in Summer 2022.
Questions or comments regarding this project shall be directed to Willie Hall of CrossRoad Engineers, PC. At 317-780-1555 or whall@crossroadengineers.com.
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BEFORE THE HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD IN THE MATTER OF THE Elwood Wilson Drain, EM Hare Arm Reconstruction
NOTICE
Notice is hereby given of the hearing of the Hamilton County Drainage Board concerning the reconstruction of the Elwood Wilson Drain, EM Hare Arm Reconstruction on March 28, 2022 at 9:00 A.M. in Commissioners Court, at the Historic Courthouse, 2nd Floor Historic Courtroom at 33 North 9th Street, Noblesville, Indiana. Construction and maintenance reports of the Surveyor and the Schedule of Assessments proposed by the Drainage Board have been filed and are available for public inspection in the office of the Hamilton County Surveyor.
HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD
Attest: Lynette Mosbaugh
Executive Secretary
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION
Notice is hereby given that the City of Noblesville Common Council will hold a public hearing during its regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on March 29, 2022, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 16 South 10th Street, Noblesville, Indiana.
The purpose of the public hearing is to consider additional appropriation authority in the American Rescue Plan Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund to cover a portion of the land acquisition cost necessary for the new alignment of Pleasant Street.
The foregoing appropriations are in addition to all appropriations provided for in the existing budget and tax levy.
Taxpayers of the City of Noblesville appearing at the hearing shall have a right to be heard in respect to this additional appropriation.
Dated this 16th day of March, 2022.
CITY OF NOBLESVILLE
/s/ Evelyn Lees
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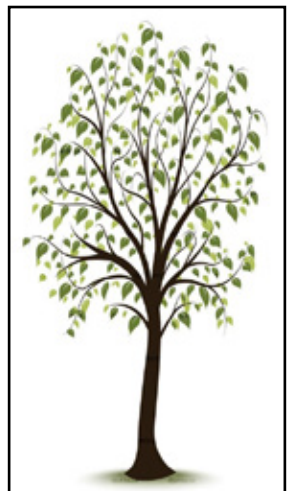
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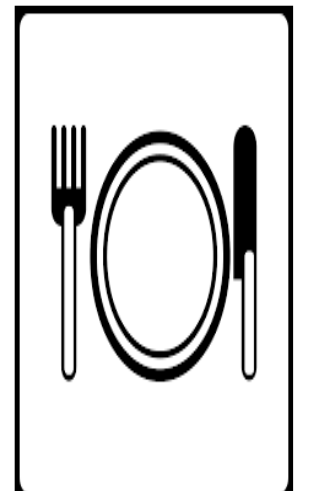
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Partial Prohibition? 1 in 5 Hoosiers Support Stricter Alcohol Sale Laws, Study Finds

In the past, drinking was an activity typically associated with establishments like bars, restaurants, nightclubs, the local liquor store, and, during Prohibition times, hidden speakeasies that were meant to be difficult to detect. Nowadays, however, alcohol is available to consume in places where one might least expect it... like the supermarket: in Washington, there's a Whole Foods store that has a bar and even a self-serve wine machine for shoppers to use during their trip. And, although it's definitely not recommended to mix alcohol and pills according to medical guidelines, some drugstores like CVS, Walgreens and Rite Aid sell liquor. Theme parks and zoos also typically have bars on site, including beers, cocktails, wine and sometimes even stronger spirits on the menu.

Despite the uniform drinking age across the US, alcohol sale laws aren't the same across the entire country. In some states, like most of those in the Southwest, you'll find beer, wine and other liquor at the grocery store, but in other regions, like the South, you might only be able to find beer at the supermarket, so you'll need to make a separate trip to the liquor store for harder drinks. While this may be an inconvenience for some shoppers, it does limit others in terms of impulsive or excessive alcohol purchases that

they might not necessarily need during the week.

Desert Hope Treatment Center conducted a survey of 6,143 people across the US to determine their views on implementing stricter alcohol sale laws. In 1919, the ratification of the 18th Amendment banned alcohol sales, transportation, importation and production entirely across the country. It wasn't until 1933, that the 21st Amendment was ratified and Prohibition was repealed. Today, given the ease of accessibility and affordability of alcohol, if such a concept were to be hypothetically introduced, how many people would support the implementation of stricter alcohol sale laws? The survey uncovered that overall, almost 1 in 5 (16%) Hoosiers said they would support stricter laws on the sale of alcohol, such as limiting sales to certain days of the week or times of the day (compared to a national average of 22%).

When these figures were analyzed across states, the highest number of supporters of stricter alcohol sale laws were in New Mexico - nearly one-half (48%) of respondents here said they would support more stringent liquor laws. Comparatively, this figure was lowest in Montana where 10% of people said they'd be in support of tougher state liquor sales laws.

These national results were further broken down by age group

among the respondents and it was found that those aged 65 and older were most in favor of stricter alcohol sale laws with 32% who said this was the case. This was followed by 31% of those aged 55 - 64 in support and 25% of 18 - 24-year-olds.

The research found that more than one-third (39%) of consumers also believed alcohol is too freely available in public spaces, including airplanes, where stories and videos of drunken passengers inciting drama regularly go viral. Moreover, nearly one-half (41%) of respondents think alcohol should be prohibited entirely in venues where children are present in order to prevent incidents of drunk and disorderly behavior.

This survey also found that more than one-quarter (29%) of people said they feel alcohol companies market their products too aggressively and perhaps, consequently, 16% admit to buying alcohol at the store purely because there was a special offer - even if they had no intention of buying it beforehand. This kind of marketing and sales strategy also adds to the accessible and affordable nature of alcohol. For those who may have a problematic relationship with alcohol, these kinds of sales tactics can have negative effects as cheaper costs mean the products might appear more attractive to purchase unnecessarily.

Gov. Holcomb Announces Ed Littlejohn to Step Down from Department of Toxicology



Dr. Christina Beymer



Ed Littlejohn

Ed Littlejohn has notified Gov. Eric J. Holcomb that he will retire as the first director of the Indiana State Department of Toxicology after serving for 10 years. Gov. Holcomb also announced Dr. Christina Beymer as the next director of the agency.

"Ed Littlejohn established the Department of Toxicology as a trusted lab providing great government service to law enforcement across the state, and managed tremendous growth," Gov. Holcomb said. "He stepped up when we needed him, and I thank him profusely for his service."

Littlejohn was named the department's first director in 2012 after it became a state government agency and has served ever since. The Department of Toxicology provides the alcohol breath test program for the state,

conducts toxicology analyses of blood samples for alcohol and certain drugs, and provides expert testimony and education on the science of forensic toxicology.

Under Littlejohn's leadership, the Department of Toxicology has: Deployed new evidentiary breath test instruments and trained 5,000 police officers in their use across the state in 2014. Built a reputation as a trusted laboratory for forensic science, with caseloads increasing 144 percent over nine years to 14,520 in 2021.

Become accredited through the American National Standards Institute National Accreditation Board

"It has been an honor to establish the Department of Toxicology and work to ensure its reputation and credibility as all members of the agency here conduct crucial

work for law enforcement," Littlejohn said. "The people of Indiana have faith in our work and I depart proud of the department's standing." His last day is April 8. Before his appointment at the Department of Toxicology, Littlejohn had a 38-year career with the Indiana State Police, including as commander of the lab division.

Dr. Christina Beymer has been with the department since 2014, working first as a forensic scientist then the analytical laboratory supervisor. She has been the assistant director since 2018.

"Dr. Beymer will continue to improve processes, increase efficiency, and work strategically as the workload of the department is expected to continue to grow in the coming years," Gov. Holcomb said.

Beymer earned her Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry at Wright State University, and her Ph.D. in analytical chemistry at Purdue University. She begins her new role April 11.

"I look forward to continuing to work with state agencies, courts, police and attorneys across the state as the department becomes a prominent lab in the forensic toxicology community and provides the best service possible to the residents of Indiana," Beymer said.

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Indiana Dept. of Education Commends Passage of Bills Promoting Early Childhood Education

Following the close of the 2022 legislative session, the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) commends the passage of legislation elevating work supporting early learning in Indiana. The legislation – a key part of Governor Eric J. Holcomb's 2022 Next Level Agenda – restructures and expands the state's Early Learning Advisory Committee (ELAC) to complement the administration's soon-to-be established Office of Kindergarten Readiness within the department.

"Building the best Indiana starts with supporting our youngest learners and creating the right education infra-

structure to make sure children are best prepared to enter kindergarten," Gov. Holcomb said. "We are bringing the right stakeholders together to constantly evaluate our progress and tackle the work that remains."

ELAC, which was statutorily created in 2013, works to ensure that all children have access to affordable, high-quality early childhood education programs prior to kindergarten. With Gov. Holcomb signing House Enrolled Act 1093 into law, Indiana is elevating early childhood education by directing the committee to assume additional duties, including:

- Create child devel-

opmental and educational goals for the state's early learning system;

- Design and maintain progress metrics that include objective measures of academic quality;

- Assess whether state licensure requirements create an equitable standard for health and safety across all early education program types and support the sustainability of Indiana's early learning system; and

- Tackle the labor shortages facing early education providers through the design of workforce and professional development strategies.

House Enrolled Act 1093 also restructures the membership of ELAC to

include additional early childhood education stakeholders, including school corporations, to heighten the focus on the transition from early learning to kindergarten.

"The window of opportunity for a child's learning begins long before a student steps into a kindergarten classroom, making access to quality early learning a game changer for our students and families," said Dr. Katie Jenner, Indiana Secretary of Education. "The elevation of ELAC leverages a group of early learning thought leaders to set the vision, strategies and a method to monitor progress of the most important outcomes

for our state's youngest Hoosiers. With Governor Holcomb's support of ELAC and creating an Office of Kindergarten Readiness, we will continue our work across state agencies in partnership with stakeholders to ensure that every student has access to high-quality early learning."

ELAC will continue to be staffed in partnership with the Family and Social Services Administration's (FSSA) Office of Early Childhood and Out-of-School Learning (OECOSL) and IDOE. OECOSL oversees Indiana's licensure and regulation of childcare providers, the statewide quality rating and im-

provement system for early childcare providers (Paths to Quality) and On My Way Pre-K, a statewide grant program for four-year-olds from low-income families.

Investing in high-quality early learning opportunities provides a significant benefit for students and the state. According to longitudinal research from Purdue University, students who participated in On My Way Pre-K were more prepared for kindergarten than their low-income peers who did not participate in the program. These students then maintained greater language and literacy skills into elementary school.

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by William E. Barrett, opening tonight and continuing weekends through March 27, at The Ivy Tech Auditorium in Noblesville, with Linnéa Leatherman of Westfield guest directing and tickets available online and at the door.

3. Gal's Guide Library, home to the first women's history lending library in the United States, is celebrating the publishing of its first anthology at a special release party from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at Nickel Plate Arts in downtown Noblesville. (Read more in today's edition of The Times.)

4. 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.

5. Grab your binoculars and join Hamilton County Parks for Beginner Bird Walks at 8:30 a.m. Sundays and Wednesdays at Cool Creek Park in Westfield and 8:30 a.m. the first Wednesday, April-June, at Strawtown Koteewi Park in Noblesville.

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

7. Enjoy the live music of Celtic Rain from 7

p.m. to 10 p.m. today and Special Beer Tapping of Chompinator Doppelbock on Saturday at Primeval Brewing in downtown Noblesville, where folks bring their favorite vinyl to play on a provided turntable at 5:30 p.m. on Turntable Thursdays.

8. Noblesville Parks' Adult Pickleball Leagues for ages 18 and older are forming and will play March 28-May 19 on Mondays at Finch Creek Park and Thursdays at Forest Park, with registration required.

9. Conner Prairie opens for the 2022 outdoor season on March 29 with sprucing up of the Treetop Outpost, spring cleaning in Prairietown and Civil War Journey, plus the 1836 Balloon will

be open, weather dependent.

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

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

12. 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 of Noblesville.

13. Blatchley Nature Study Club invites the public to the 2022 Spring Wildflower Walk and Centennial Celebration is 1 to 5 p.m. April 16

and 30 at 125 Boulder Drive in Noblesville near Potter's Bridge.

14. Visit the annual Fairyville at Nickel Plate Arts and Hamilton County Artists' Association Birdie Gallery and in downtown Noblesville on April 19-23 with most events free

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

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

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

18. EnPointe Indiana

Ballet will present "Don Quixote, featuring artistic directors Pollyana Ribeiro and Robert Moore of Noblesville, 7 p.m. April 29 and 2 p.m. April 30 at Noblesville High School with tickets available.

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. Save the date: The 23rd annual Hamilton County Master Gardener Plant Sale is 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on May 21 at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds in Noblesville.

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

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first competition last month! The group recently placed 6th at the Indiana Percussion Association (IPA) State Preliminaries for Class B and advances to the next round of competition. Expect to see and hear a lot more from this group of talented musicians!

Speaking of musical accomplishments, all four middle school bands and two middle school choirs received GOLD at the ISSMA Organizational Contest. Our Middle School Band qualified to receive the 21-22 ISSMA All-Music Award.

Our young musicians and singers are shining thanks to the great work of their educators and mentors which include Band Director, Mark Snelson, Assistant Band Director, Billy Cox, and Choir Director, Jennifer Kitzmiller.

On the mat and the court, student athletes at the middle school have been top dogs. The Huskies wrestling team, placed 4th out of 11 teams who competed at the Hamilton County Tournament last Saturday. Finn Bowman, Kendall Moe, and Simon Kuhn brought

home first place finishes in their weight class. The 8th grade Girls Basketball team netted this year's MIC championship, and the 7th grade Girls Basketball team closed out the season undefeated! This is a strong testament to the teamwork and leadership by Head Wrestling Coach Rodney Case and Assistant Coaches Aaron Sheller and Chris Morrison; 8th Grade Girls Basketball Head Coach Meg Hite and Assistant Coach Tonisha Green; and 7th Grade Girls Basketball Head Coach Ashley Reiger and Assistant Coach

Jon Custer.

HHHS wrestling continues to make history with lady wrestlers Samera Henson and Jayla Logan being selected to represent Indiana in the Indiana vs. Illinois senior All Star dual meet in Mooresville this Sunday. A first in this event's 40-year history!

Five HHMS and two HHHS robotics teams have qualified to compete in the VEX Robotics World Championship in Dallas, Texas in May. Heights will face off against teams from around the world in timed robotics competi-

tion matches with their custom-built robots. This will be the fifth time HHMS robotics teams have qualified to compete at the world level and a first for our high school teams. Heights' robotics programs continue to grow in achievement and recognition at the local and state levels as well on the world stage thanks in part to our inspiring and engaging Robotics Educator/Coach Lacy Bowyer and Assistant Robotics Coach Chad Jung at the middle school and Robotics Club Coaches for the high school, Doug

and Christi Ozolins and PJ Steffen.

As a reminder, our Food Pantry will be open on Monday, March 21 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the high school. Enter through Door A.

We continue to grow and blossom as a learning community thanks in part to the continued support and partnership put forward by our communities, families, staff, and students. #WeAreHuskies

- Dr. Derek Arrowood is the Superintendent of the Hamilton Heights School Corporation.

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poems written by women about women are included.

Fourteen local and national authors have contributed to this volume. Notable contributing authors include novelist Trudy Krisher, scriptwriter Angie Klink

as well as authors from Ireland and the United Kingdom. Books may be pre-ordered at <https://lovenoblesville.shop-whereilive.com/product/gals-guide-anthology/or-purchased-at-the-library>.

Leah Leach, Executive Director of Gal's Guide

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who is in this anthology for sharing stories about the women in their life."

Published in partnership with Gal's Guide Library and Four-Eyed Media, this anthology is the first in a yearly series. "We are privileged to be able to share stories by

and about amazing women. Part of our mission is to support and empower women and this anthology does just that!" said Katie Harris, Board President for Gal's Guide Library.

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Indiana Chamber To Host 58th Annual Human Resources Conference In May

The Indiana Chamber of Commerce's 58th Annual Indiana HR Conference and Expo in May offers nearly 30 in-depth workshops and sessions on critical HR challenges in 2022. Top industry services and products also will be showcased at the full market expo.

"This conference just keeps evolving and improving from year to year," says Indiana Chamber President and CEO Kevin Brinegar. "What's really helpful for attendees is they can build their own agendas to ensure they're learning topics most relevant to their particular role."

The three-day program, sponsored by Frost Brown Todd, will take place May 4-6 at the Indiana Convention Center in downtown Indianapolis.

Also on the agenda: digital networking, mentoring resources, plus continuing education credits and access to industry leading and expert

speakers.

The keynote on May 5 will feature JoDee Curtis and Jeremy York of Purple Ink LLC discussing how to transform your organization to a people-centric and joy-powered culture. The keynote speaker on the morning of May 6 is Ira S. Wolfe of Success Performance Solutions, whose presentation is titled, "Reimagine Your Tomorrow."

The 2022 Ogletree Deakins Human Resources Professional of the Year Award will also be presented during a luncheon awards presentation on May 6. All full-time HR practitioners in Indiana who have made significant contributions to their organizations through the past year were eligible for nomination. During the luncheon, Thresette Briggs of Performance 3 will discuss "Becoming a Belonging Leader."

Additional conference sponsors include Platinum sponsors ARGI and UnitedHealthcare;

Gold sponsors Northwest Radiology Network and Peak Mind; and Silver sponsors Indiana University Health Plans, Lauth Investigations International and Marathon Health.

The conference is presented in partnership with ClearPath Mutual and the Indiana Department of Workforce Development.

Cost for the full three-day conference is \$449 for Indiana Chamber members; \$549 for non-members if purchased before April 1. Full price breakdowns and attendance options can be found at www.indianahrconf.com.

An all-day pre-event session on May 3 focuses on Mental Health First Aid and is available for up to 30 participants. Mental Health First Aid teaches how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders. Contact info@wellnessindiana.org for more information.

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For more information and to apply before the April 1 deadline, go to <https://www.iedc.in.gov/program/century-and-half-century-awards/overview>

Rep. Tim Brown, Crawfordsville, is a Republican who represents Montgomery County and portions of Boone and Tippecanoe as part of District 41.

CareSource Indiana Again Awarded Contract To Serve Members On Healthy Indiana Plan And Hoosier Healthwise

CareSource, a nationally recognized health plan, was again awarded the Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP) and Hoosier Healthwise (HHW) contract by the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA).

CareSource has served Hoosiers since 2016 with CareSource Marketplace and Medicare Advantage health plans and in 2017, CareSource was selected to serve HIP and HHW members. Since then, the health plan has launched a number of innovative programs including the CareSource Reentry Program™ to ensure the successful transition of justice-involved individuals back into communities, as well as initiatives to remove barriers to health care, housing, employment, and maternal and infant health and to improve health equity.

"We are honored to have the opportunity to continue to serve

HHW and HIP members and look forward to continuing to work with FSSA on ways to improve the overall health and well-being of all underserved Hoosiers," said Steve Smitherman, president of CareSource Indiana.

CareSource's programs and community partners have included housing supports with Indianapolis Neighborhood Housing Partnership, Nurse-Family Partnership, mobile vaccine clinics, driver license reinstatement assistance, CareSource JobConnect™, CareSource Reentry Program™ and the COVID-19 vaccine scheduling and transportation assistance.

About CareSource

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DWD Leading Project In Indiana To Upskill Essential Workers

The Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD), in partnership with the Indiana Restaurant & Lodging Association, is seeking input from essential workers and employers about worker skillsets and training opportunities.

As part of its ongoing efforts to support the skill advancement of Hoosiers, DWD is launching a Technical Assistance opportunity led by the National Skills Coalition in Washington, D.C.

The year-long project is focused on helping states think creatively about what types of administrative or other policy changes can help support the upskilling and equitable service to more essential workers, particularly those working in frontline jobs for small businesses.

Here's a brief list of the areas to be reviewed, in collaboration with Hoosier businesses, to advance our efforts in Indiana:

- Definition of an essential worker. What does this mean to Indiana?

- Technical Assistance, leading to the development of a business-friendly Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Incumbent Worker Training Policy

- Technical Assistance, leading to the development of a business friendly WIOA Layoff Aversion Policy

- Review of current workforce policies to ensure we haven't unintentionally prohibited support for these targeted workers

- How do we assess the overall impact of addressing the upskilling needs of Essential Workers early to prevent high rates of unemployment and supportive services later?

DWD will facilitate two virtual focus groups lasting one hour each through Zoom, one

with employers and another with employees. Focus group participants will receive a \$50 gift card as a thank you. Answers will not be discussed with employers or employees, participant names will not be used in any reports, and we will not ask for any sensitive information. Focus groups will be conducted at 7 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on March 9th and 10th.

Participants must be at least 24 years old and must be able to use an internet-capable device to access a Zoom meeting. Sign up at this link: <http://s.alchemer.com/s3/Indiana-Form>

About the Indiana Department of Workforce Development

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

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Preparing Your Student For College Entrance Exams

(StatePoint) Love them or hate them, college entrance exams are unavoidable for most college-bound students. While every university has their own specific formula for evaluating prospective students, most schools do require that applicants submit either SAT or ACT scores, and some even require or recommend additional exam scores, such as SAT Subject Tests. To get your student prepared for test day, consider the following tips:

- Practice: College entrance exams are no exception to the adage, that "practice makes perfect." Many of these exams employ very specific types of questions that are not always encountered elsewhere. For this reason, it's important that your student prepares by taking timed practice tests at home and by learning more about how each test they're enrolled in is administered. This way, there are no surprises when it matters most!

- Gear Up: Before test day, gather at least two well-sharpened No. 2 pencils, your student's photo identification, and

an approved calculator. Calculators used on test day should be intuitively designed to save your test-taker valuable minutes. The user-friendly Casio's fx-9750GIII PRIZM Graphing Calculator, for example, offers an improved keypad for fractions, standard-to-decimal conversion and scientific notation. Expanded menu options for programs and capabilities include Exam Mode, Spreadsheet, Python, Probability Simulator, Geometry and Physium, which enables users to easily reference the periodic table. In addition, its natural display feature allows for two-dimensional templates, fractions, roots and other functions to appear on the screen as they are written in the textbook. Whatever calculator your student uses, be sure they are very familiarized with its interface by test day.

- Consider additional help: If your student has taken the exam or a practice exam and would like to raise their scores, a prep course or one-on-one tutoring can make a notable difference. However, these courses can be pricey.

Mobile apps can offer test prep questions and flash cards at a more accessible price point, and some of the traditional test prep centers, such as Kaplan, offer less expensive software options as an alternative to in-person classes.

- Rest, Don't Cram: Preparing for college entrance exams is sort of similar to training to run a marathon. What one does in the weeks leading up to the big day will have a much bigger impact on performance than any last-minute preparations. In fact, back-loading preparations can backfire. Just like you wouldn't want to run 26.2 miles on tired legs, you don't want to take the test when you are mentally fatigued. Have your student avoid cramming the night before. Instead, they should practice steadily in the weeks beforehand, but take a break on the eve of the test so they can arrive fresh, well-rested and ready to crush it.

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Silent Partner

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 Crawfordsville, 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, Yack-



DICK WOLFSIE
Life in a Nutshell

erman 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 predecessor to your favorite Montgomery County daily 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 Goodbottoms, 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.

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The Museum Of Natural Laziness

Here's one for you. How do they tackle Spring Cleaning in a museum?

I heard most of you answer, "very carefully". Nice.

Indeed, that's true if we are searching for applause at the improv club. However, this is a serious question that I ask myself every year, when I start my own Spring Cleaning.

In a museum, it's their job to save stuff. They store and exhibit artifacts that have cultural, historic, scientific, or artistic significance. I save stuff, too, but somehow the meaning is lost on guests who try to hang their coats up when they visit.

There's no question that I need the space. But how do I decide what goes?

The fact that an item no lon-



JOHN MARLOWE
With the Grain

ger works isn't a criterion. I've got a 20-gauge shotgun that would backfire against the shooter, if anyone ever loaded a shell and fired it. My brother stuffed the right barrel with the skull of a Horde Trooper action

figure from the He-Man™ cartoon series, and no one's been brave enough to pull the trigger since.

The firearm has no useful value, but the shotgun belonged to my Dad's Uncle Dave, and is nearly 200 years old. I can't throw that out, can I?

I still own the right shoe that I wore onto the field in the first college football game I ever played. It's a really nice foot

covering, and the red strings are still fettered in double shoestrings knots, so they won't untie while playing. The left shoe is long gone. I loaned it to Mo, our starting Center, during a game when his football cleats suffered a blowout in rugged play.

I can't bring myself to throw away that right shoe. Maybe, I secretly believe that someday the left one will find its way home. Unlike lost socks, shoes do that once in awhile.

At the very least, the shoe is a reminder of great times with great teammates, and the memory of that long, cold season standing on the icy wet sidelines wearing only one shoe. To this day, I can still remember how proud I was when the left shoe received its varsity letter, later that year at the awards banquet.

The moths got into the box of gorgeous homemade Christ-

mas placemats. They were stored under the stairway. I can still remember my Mother working hours on the cut-work embroidery, fashioning a relief of Christmas trees onto a dark muslin background. You can see the tabletop through the holes in the fabric, now, but I just can't throw those out. Luckily, my dining room table has a gorgeous top.

There's a six string guitar in the back of my bedroom closet that I'm going to learn to play "some day". It is missing the A- and G-strings, but it is just as valuable to me as one at the Elvis Presley Museum in Memphis. All I have to do is look at that guitar standing in the corner, and I can still hear my Dad playing chords to the old standard "Tea for Two" to a sold-out audience of his sons.

I find dust difficult at my house, too. How do they keep museums so dust-free? I have a

hard enough time yanking my curtains down and running the lace shears under the faucet. What does it take to get 10,000 years of dust off the mastodon? It can't be easy running the Hoover™ over the proboscidean pachyderm.

Yes, museums do usually have a staff of housecleaners to take care of the dust and clutter. Nevertheless, I believe the issue is the psychological approach to Spring Cleaning. It's important to be committed to cleanliness. Approach the tasks with zeal and ardor for the job ahead.

I can do that! This finally is the year!

On the other hand, when you're visiting my house, I ask you to just keep behind the velvet ropes.

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Ask Rusty – Please Help Us With Social Security Planning

Dear Rusty: Would you please advise on my wife and my Social Security planning? I'm 69 & 2 months, my wife is 66 & 2 months, so we both hit full retirement age. We both plan on starting to take SS next month. My benefit would be about \$3,300 per month, and my wife's benefit would be about \$1,900 per month. Spousal benefits confuse me. Should I start Social Security now so my wife can get a spousal benefit from me? Is that even possible? Or is it better for each of us to get our own? Signed: Uncertain

Dear Uncertain: From what you've shared, it doesn't appear that your wife will be entitled to a spousal benefit because her own benefit at her full retirement age (FRA) is more than half of your FRA benefit amount. If your age 69 benefit is about \$3300 then your FRA (age 66) benefit amount was about \$2660. Half of your FRA amount (\$1330) is less than your wife's FRA amount (\$1900), so no spousal

benefit will be available to your wife.

In your specific circumstance, both you and your wife should consider your individual objectives in deciding when to claim Social Security. If you plan to claim next month at age 69, you will get a benefit which has increased by about 26% due to the Delayed Retirement Credits (DRCs) you've earned since you reached your FRA of 66. Claiming at her FRA, your wife will get the full SS retirement benefit she has earned from a lifetime of working.

Although your current strategy is a good one, because you were born before 1954 and haven't yet filed you have another option. If your wife claims her SS first, you will be eligible to file a "Restricted Application for Spousal Benefits Only." You could use the restricted application to collect a spouse benefit from your wife (half of her FRA benefit amount) while allowing your personal benefit to grow



ASK RUSTY
Social Security Advisor

for another 9 months to maximum at age 70.

If financially feasible and your longevity suggests, both you and your wife might consider waiting even longer to get a higher benefit, but that is a personal choice which you each need to make. Claiming now at age 69 will reduce your payment by about 6% from your age 70 maximum. Since your wife isn't eligible for a spouse benefit but has reached her FRA, she might also consider delaying a bit longer if her financial needs and her estimated longevity suggest that is wise. Like you, she can delay claiming until

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she is 70 when her benefit would reach its maximum (about 30% more than it is now).

If you'd like to get a personal estimate of your life expectancy, I suggest using this link: <https://socialsecurityreport.org/tools/life-expectancy-calculator/>. The reason life expectancy is important is this: if you live at least to "average" life expectancy, you'll collect more in cumulative lifetime benefits by waiting longer and maximizing your SS benefit. According to Social Security, "average" life expectancy is about 84 for a man and 87 for a woman in good health

in their 60s. But using the tool above to estimate your personal longevity should further assist with making your claiming decision.

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Is Vladimir Putin The Devil?

By Glenn Mollette

There is nothing good to be said about the Devil. If you don't believe me, check out Bible. Or, just turn on the television for a reporting of the evil he spreads throughout the world. You will likely see his picture, Vladimir Putin, the President of Russia.

Some people say they don't believe in the existence of the Devil. I do, his name is Vladimir Putin.

Look at the face of Putin. You will see the Devil. Look at his dark eerie eyes and his pointed ears. When he attempts



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to smile, you'll notice his tongue rolls out like a serpent's. His smile is never genuine but is always forced as he has no heart to produce any kind of a human gesture. The head of Putin is shaped

like a Devil's head. The one thing you'll never see is his rear end because his long tail gives his identity away.

The appearance of Putin unfortunately is not what gives his identity away. The lifelong actions of Putin give him away. He is the chief producer of the slaughter of hundreds of thousands of Ukrainians and possibly millions before this invasion is over, if it's ever over. Anyone who can take the lives of innocent people simply because he wants to control a particular part of the world is again, evil.

Putin wants the Ukrainian people to live like Russia's people and to control their lives, their government, what they do and where they go. He is our modern-day Adolph Hitler. There is nothing good to say about him.

The Devil wants to control our lives. He wants to bring us down to where we are under his dominion. He wants our lives to be filled with darkness, hopelessness and bound to his wishes. We see this in everyday life. People are in slavery to addiction, greed, perversions, hatred, jealousy, depression and more.

We war within ourselves but our inward war often turns outward and impacts people around us. People kill people. People hurt people. People maim others with words and attitudes and actions that often destroy themselves and others. This is the work of the Devil. He is about devouring and destroying. He often comes across as an angel of light. He pretends he wants us to be fulfilled by not being denied anything. This is how the serpent approached Eve in the Bible. The Devil still uses this trick all the time and it still works

much of the time.

Is Putin the real literal Devil? You judge for yourself or ask someone from Ukraine.

Enjoy the book titled, *Grandpa's Store*, a reflection of my childhood by Glenn Mollette. Available from Amazon.com or wherever books are sold. The book is told from the perspective of a child and young teen from an era of simpler American small community life of the late fifties and early seventies.

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Economic Ramifications Of Russia's Invasion Of Ukraine

By Dr. Mark W. Hendrickson

As the world recoils in dismay and disgust at Russian aggression and grieves for the horrific suffering of the Ukrainian people, many Americans are just beginning to grasp the economic ramifications of this violence.

After the devastation of two world wars in the first half of the 20th century, most of humanity has embraced peace. We have learned the priceless lesson that human welfare is advanced far more by the positive-sum practice of engaging with foreign populations in peaceful and mutually beneficial commerce rather than by the primitive zero-sum practice of war, which destroys valuable assets—property, yes, but especially human lives. Perhaps the poster child for peace should be the French and Germans. In two world wars and in multiple skirmishes in the 19th century, generations of French and Germans fought each other. Today, having seen the light of reason, they share open borders, a common cur-

rency, and together are enjoying the blessings of peace and prosperity.

Unfortunately for the Ukrainians and the rest of the world, Vladimir Putin and his henchmen haven't learned that lesson. I include "the rest of the world" because people around the globe are going to feel economic pain from the Russian invasion.

Today's world is more interconnected than at any previous stage of history. A global division of labor has evolved over the past seven-plus decades that has resulted in specializations and efficiencies that have generated unprecedented wealth and raised standards of living for billions of human beings. The downside of such comprehensive economic interconnectedness is that war that appears to be between just two countries can cause disruptions in global networks of commerce and trade that cause chain reactions of economic disruption in many other countries.

Here is just a sampling of the global economic

fallout to expect from the Russian assault on Ukraine:

Ukraine produces close to half of the world's neon. (I have read 40%, 50%, and 70%. Whatever figure is closest to the truth, it's a lot.) Today, neon isn't used much in electric light signs as in the 1950s; rather, it is a crucial element used in the manufacturing of semiconductor chips. In 2021, we saw some shortages of automobiles due to not having access to enough computer chips. If the world suddenly loses half its neon supply, we'll see supply chain breakdowns for cars and other modern devices that will dwarf what we have seen so far.

Food prices will rise, perhaps a lot. Between them, Russia and Ukraine account for approximately 30 percent of global wheat exports—12 percent of it coming from Ukraine, historically known as "the breadbasket of Europe." With the whole country under siege, how much wheat will be planted in Ukraine

this spring? Much less than normal, for sure. And who knows how the Russian wheat crop will be affected, especially as a result of sanctions. Prices of wheat (which have been trading "limit up" in the American futures markets on an almost daily basis) are soaring. Prices of other foodstuffs, too, will rise as demand that used to be satisfied by buying wheat will be diverted to demand for other grains. Pity the poor people of the world who will have a harder time affording the food they need.

Energy prices already have risen sharply and may continue to do so. Russia exports account for eight percent of the global supply. If sanctions and import bans prevent that oil from reaching global markets, who knows how high the price of oil will go? Russia is also a major producer of natural gas, so gas prices look set to rise much higher. And because natural gas is used in the manufacture of fertilizers, already-ris-

ing fertilizer prices could go much higher, which will put additional upward pressure on food prices.

The biggest economic threat coming out of the Russian invasion of Ukraine could be in the financial markets. Again, remember how interconnected the global economy has become. A few days ago, the price of nickel exploded 82 percent higher in just one day on the London Metal Exchange due to uncertainties about nickel supplies, since Russia is a major supplier of nickel. As a result, a unit of China Construction Bank Corp., one of the four largest Chinese banks, which had shorted nickel futures, received a margin call in the hundreds of millions of dollars from the LME. They were unable to pay it. Such a default could ripple through numerous counterparties (remember the tangled web of derivatives that started to unravel in the 2007-2008 financial crisis), and so LME granted them an extension. As this is being

written, there is no way of knowing how it will play out, but we need to recognize that the world's financial system—over-extended, as always, by using too much leverage—could start to implode as a result of defaults. Would the Federal Reserve and other central banks be able to stop such a panic? Could they do that without throwing additional fuel on the fires of inflation? Suffice it to say that the global financial system is in a precarious position.

We can only hope and pray that a peaceful resolution in Ukraine is found quickly, not just for the paramount humanitarian reason of sparing thousands if not millions of lives, but also to prevent immense collateral economic damage, including possibly a global economic crackup.

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Living In The Right Path

Knowing one's best direction in life can be an ever-changing debate within your own head.

As someone who has spent their life in entertainment, I often look at my situation to weigh my perception of what I do with the reality of the logistics of life.

I find myself fretting over some aspect of where my road has taken me and wonder whether I veered from the appointed path set out for me.

Was I meant to do something different in life? Did I choose what God intended?

Those are questions that I am sure many people debate in his or her head especially as the children are screaming at each other in the back seat of



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the car; the bills on the table appear to be much higher than any hope of payment; or the honey do list becomes a small paperback.

I learned many years ago from actor Carroll O'Connor in a deep conversation about the human condition and differences in people that

in life we often spend our time listening to the problems of others as he or she seeks empathy. He told me in that shared experience there is a sense of uplifting that the sharer can gain if received and responded to properly while the listener can overtake a draining of spirit while sharing comfort.

"Everyone has the same problems," he told me. "Different folks just have a different number of zeros attached to them."

So in some way that list of things people endure mentioned above along with a long list of others is not unique to us. We all have moments of doubt when we wonder if we are on the right path. Shouldn't be easier if we were? Not necessarily.

We can be within the path set forth by God before we were a twinkle in our father's eye in His purpose for us to fulfill His mission, and life could be very difficult.

If we have accepted Christ into our life then we are in His light. We may choose to put on a blindfold at times as we make a choice outside our appropriate path but He is always with us shining His light waiting for us to reflect what He is sharing.

When I begin to sink into the questions of my choices, my circumstances, my feelings, I then remember that ultimately, I am striving in His will and if He wishes me to be in a different situation, He will open the doors, and

reveal the path.

I just need to remain ready, prepared and always be working to improve the opportunities within my life, career, and my relationships with family and friends.

Carroll's "Archie" character might have told me to "Stifle" as I began whining about my life and after a few lines proceeded with "You Meathead, You...."

Sometimes we need to say that to ourselves, "You Meathead, You!" Life is a blessing, even in the worst situation you can experience; there are others who have greater need in the world. So as "Archie" could have shared: "Be like that real American John Wayne, and pick yourselves up

by your boot straps there, and just get on with it. Do what is right and God will's look after you."

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