

**➔ TODAY'S VERSE**

John 16:33 I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.



**➔ 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.

**And Another Thing...**

A new family experience will allow kids of all ages to enjoy a springtime adventure on the Nickel Plate Easter Express April 9, 10 and 16. Passengers will ride historic railroad cars and be part of the adventure as they help the farmer find his missing eggs. This interactive on-board story with a farmer and an Easter Bunny is sure to entertain all ages. In addition to the fun on-board experience, passengers will get a holiday cookie, a special drink, and an opportunity to meet the Easter Bunny. This family fun ride is available two weekends in April. Excursions will depart from Forest Park each day at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Tickets are \$32 for adults and \$28 for children ages 3 and older. Tickets can be purchased online at [NickelPlateExpress.com/tickets](http://NickelPlateExpress.com/tickets)

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The Times photo by Betsy Reason

Conner Prairie opens for the 2022 outdoor season on Tuesday in Fishers.

## Kids Sale, Conner Prairie to Open, Pickleball Leagues Forming, More



BETSY REASON  
The Times Editor

From theatrical productions to kids' consignment sales and the opening of Conner Prairie for the season, here are 25 things to do this weekend and beyond in today's list of things to do in The Times:

1. The Belfry Theatre presents

"The Lilies of the Field," by F. Andrew Leslie from the novel by William E. Barrett, at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, at The Ivy Tech Auditorium in Noblesville, with Linnéa Leatherman of Westfield guest directing and tickets available online and at the door.

2. 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, visit the Noblesville High School Literary Magazine exhibit at the Nickel Plate.

3. Shop at Whale of a Sale Upscale Children's Consignment Event today through Sunday at Grand Park Sports Campus in Westfield.

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## Local Gaylor Electric Electrical Apprentices Named as 2022 National Craft Champions

Gaylor Electric is excited to announce that their Statelevel Craft Champions competed in San Antonio, Texas for National titles. The Gaylor team brought home 2 gold medals, 2 silver medals, and 2 safety awards. Gaylor Electric would like to congratulate Alan Rich - Silver Medalist, Electrical Commercial/Industrial, Raymond Dean - Gold Medalist, Power Line & Safety Award recipient, Aaron Swisher - Gold Medalist, Electrical Residential/Commercial,

and Eric Waterman - Silver Medalist, Team Commercial & Safety Award recipient. Congratulations to each individual who has won the prestigious title of, "2022 National Craft Champion".

These employees represented Gaylor Electric at the highest level in this prestigious Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) competition and competed against the best craft

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## Camp Invention's Summer Program Comes to Noblesville

Noblesville, IN - March 24, 2022 - Camp Invention, a nationally recognized, nonprofit summer enrichment program, is coming to the following locations:

St. Louis de Montfort School the week of July 11 - July - 15, 2022. Regional program sponsors include General Motors and H.B. Fuller Company Foundation.

Western Intermediate School the week of June 6 - June - 10, 2022. Region-

➔ See INVENTION Page A6

## Wrapping Up Readers' Choice 2022

Readers' Choice is wrapped up for another year, and once again, The Paper's annual promotion to recognize your favorites in a multitude of categories was a huge success.

Back when our company was founded, the staff at The Paper brought Montgomery County this fun and good-natured promotion that features local businesses, people, products and more and gives you, our readers, the opportunity to vote for your favorites. We often joke that this is like Chicago politics and encourage you to vote early and vote often.

You see, this has never been about the rigidity of the process. Instead, it is designed to be an absolutely fun and very positive way for our readers to cast a good light on their favorites. And oh, how

you have responded! We annually see ballots that number in the hundreds of thousands - so many in fact that we had to find a way to automate the counting process.

This year, rather than unveil all the winners at one time like we have in the past, we are revealing several categories a day. Today's categories can be found inside and a quick list is also provided here. When the final winners,

**Want MORE?**

Please turn to page A5 for the winners, runner ups, and honorable mentions in the **FOOD** category and page A6 for the **MEDICAL** category. Stay tuned for these categories: **SERVICE** and **ENTERTAINMENT** next week!

runner-ups and honorable mentions are revealed, we will compile all of them into one keepsake edition that will stay posted on our website for the entire year.

Lastly, we encourage you to pay attention to the many businesses who are saying thank you with their ads. Without those supporters, local news and specifically your daily edition, wouldn't be here.

**➔ HONEST HOOSIER**

Ooh boy! Less than a month to go until tax day! Try to hold down the excitement, huh?



**➔ TODAY'S QUOTE**

"There is no greater agony than bearing an untold story inside you."

- Maya Angelou

**➔ TODAY'S JOKE**

What do Alexander the Great and Winnie the Pooh have in common? They have the same middle name.

**➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP**

Chronic sinus and nose problems can often be solved by using a salt water nasal irrigator like a neti pot or Sinus Rinse.

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).



**➔ INSIDE TODAY**

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**➔ OBITUARIES**

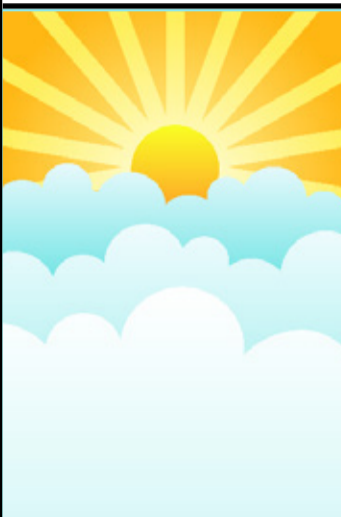
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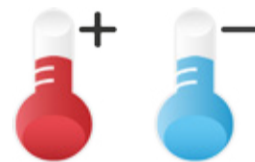
Today, we'd like to personally thank **Fred Sturdevant** of Noblesville for subscribing!



## The Daily Almanac



Sunrise/Sunset  
RISE: 7:43 a.m.  
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**High/Low Temperatures**  
High: 48 °F  
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**Wacky Holiday Today**

- National Medal of Honor Day
- No Homework Day
- International Waffle Day



**What Happened On This Day**

- 1995 WikiWikiWeb, the world's first wiki, is launched
- 1975 King Faisal of Saudi Arabia is assassinated by his nephew



**Births On This Day**

- 1947 Elton John English singer-songwriter, pianist, producer, actor
- 1942 Aretha Franklin American singer-songwriter, pianist

**Deaths On This Day**

- 1931 Ida B. Wells American civil rights activist
- 1980 Milton H. Erickson American psychiatrist

**13 WTHR 7 DAY FORECAST**

THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED
48 AFTERNOON SHOWERS	39/48 PM RAIN	32/43 LIGHT SNOW MIX SLEET	28/43 CHILLY FOR MARCH	27/42 LIGHT MIX POSSIBLE	35/56 SHOWERS AND LIGHT ARCADE	46/60 CHANCE OF SHOWERS

# Focus On Carl



**DICK WOLFSIE**  
Funny Bone

I lost a friend and colleague this week. I visited Carl Finchum the day before he passed. The bond between a photographer and a reporter is like a marriage, with some ups and downs as well as zooms and pans. Our working relationship lasted a decade, from 1994 until about 2004. Much of the success I had during those years was due to Carl's expertise at his job, his flexibility with my method of reporting and patience with my erratic style. He was a true professional.

At his funeral, most of the eulogies included remembrances about Carl's faith, his passion for cars and his love of Laurel and Hardy. I had no idea about that last part. I wanted to share some favorite memories, but time ran out and the service ended. Here's one of my recollections:

In about 1997, we were doing a remote shoot right down Meridian Street from WISH-TV at the old advertising agency Caldwell Van Riper (CVR). They were promoting some sporting events and wanted to highlight upcoming Pacers games. CVR was right next door to WRTV (Channel 6), a fierce competitor with my station (Channel 8). If you remember, I had a Beagle companion named Barney who accompanied me on every shoot. Barney was always escaping and running away while I did my segments.

That morning we were taping on the front lawn of CVR, so I tied Barney's leash to a flagpole. As

always, he managed to get loose. Carl was in his usual position, pointing the camera at me, ready to go live. He never knew what I was going to do. And neither did I.

Out of the corner of my eye, I saw that Barney had wandered over to the Channel 6 front lawn, and was sniffing their signage. Carl saw Barney, as well, and realized that the sign was just too easy a target for a Beagle. I motioned to Carl to pan his camera over to Barney, who I knew was about to leave his mark on the WRTV logo. Carl thought this was an unwise thing to do, number one because it would showcase a competitor; and number two... well, let's just leave it at number one for now, although I was pretty sure Barney would leave number two, as well. Carl just kept shaking his head "no," fearing that both of us would get in serious trouble if the boss saw this.

Finally, live on camera, I said, "I'm asking Carl to show what Barney is doing and I want our general manager to know I take total blame for this." Carl shrugged his shoulders, flashed a huge grin and panned over just in time to catch Barney in the act. No, both of the acts.

On the way back to the studio, I thought about what we had done. "Carl," I said, "I think we are in deep doo-doo." Carl burst out laughing: "Yeah," he said, just like the Channel 6 sign."

Later, there was a note in my mail slot from the boss. "Funniest thing I have ever seen," he said. "You guys are a great team." Yes, we were. Like Laurel and Hardy.

*- 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.*



Photo courtesy of Hamilton Heights School Corporation

Members of the Cicero Kiwanis love the work and impact of FeedingTeam.org!



Photo courtesy of Hamilton Heights School Corporation

Students from Hamilton Heights High School at work building new food pantries for FeedingTeam.org.

## FeedingTeam Nourishes Stomachs and Souls

FeedingTeam.org founders Mark and Lisa Hall shared the inception, mission, and impact of the many yellow food pantries that dot the landscape of Hamilton County and a few other places at last Saturday's meeting of the Cicero Kiwanis Club. These 24/7, 365-day food pantries offer nonperishable goods to anyone who is running short of food, operating on the concept, "Take What You Need, Give What You Can." The pantries are especially meant to serve gap families—those who are one problem away from food

insecurity, such as major car repair, hospital bill, or unexpected expense. The Hall's focused on this group because they've been a gap family.

Early in their marriage, they often found themselves out of money and food on the Thursday before their paychecks came out the next day. They worked; they planned, but things happened. There were many times that the only supper in their pantry was a potato and a can of Dinty Moore stew. Their lean times were never forgotten as their circumstances changed, and

eventually they formed FeedingTeam.org to help others as they'd been helped. Obtaining permission in the 1990's to place the wooden pantries was not easy. "We heard about 100 'no's' before ever getting a 'yes'," recalled Mark. "The Noblesville FOP was the first to say 'yes!'"

These bright, yellow pantries are funded by 1-1.25% of the Halls' businesses and donations. Seventy regular volunteers tend to the pantries, with occasional help from area residents. Feeding Team has no paid employees.

Currently, HHHS educator Eric "Fish" Fisher and 60 students are building 11 new feeding team pantries and hope to build more.

This project gives students an opportunity to do a real hands-on project while serving their community. As a recent volunteer described work with the Feeding Team this way, "Feeding others feeds our souls."

Anyone interested in volunteering, donating, or simply learning more about the organization may email Lisa Hall: Lisa@feedingteam.org.



Tim Griffin

## MIBOR RPAC Endorses Tim Griffin in Hamilton County Council Race

The MIBOR REALTORS Political Action Committee (RPAC) has endorsed Tim Griffin for Hamilton County Council, District 1.

"Tim Griffin's commitment to the citizens of the Hamilton County community is evident and if elected we believe he will continue to bring about positive change," said Evan Elliott, Chair of MIBOR REALTORS® Political Action Committee. "We believe Tim's public safety background and years of community involvement will benefit him for years to come on the county council."

Tim Griffin has dedicated his career to serving

the residents of Carmel through public service. For 19 years, Tim has served as a firefighter for the Carmel Fire Department.

Over six years ago, his commitment and passion for communicating with residents led to the additional role of Public Information Officer.

Established in 1969, RPAC advocates on behalf of REALTORS and real estate issues that benefit agents across the state. RPAC is member driven and non-partisan in its selection of candidates to endorse.

To learn more about Tim Griffin, visit tgforch.com.



Photo courtesy of S. Craig

Lion Kim Luckey, Vp and Kevin Cavanaugh (right)

## Noblesville Lions – "Corn and Other Stuff"

On Wednesday evening, March 23rd, the Noblesville Lions hosted a very special speaker, Kevin Cavanaugh, Ph.D. Kevin enlightened the club on "Corn and Other Stuff."

Mr. Cavanaugh had spent 27 years with Beck's Hybrids as Director of Research; and does he love corn! He started with summer jobs at an Ohio company,

then college at Iowa State University, finishing up at Purdue University; and now is an owner in a Genetic Licensing Business.

He kept the club's interest with technical information about CORN, and its genetic research! Mr. Cavanaugh also gives community time as a high school board of education member. Who could imagine so much technology in corn and farming!

## Charter School Coming to Hamilton County

Hillsdale College has agreed to partner with Valor Classical Academy to establish a tuition-free public charter school in Hamilton County.

In accordance with Indiana state law intended to make unused school buildings available to charter schools, Valor Classical Academy is in communication with Carmel Clay Schools to obtain the former Orchard Park Elementary School, which was closed in May of 2021.

Valor was selected by Hillsdale from a large group of nation-wide applicants who exhibited the ability to found and operate a charter school. Hillsdale offers curricular resources, support for the recruitment of a school leader, and ongoing support and training for board members and staff.

Valor Classical Academy will join 21 other Hillsdale Member Charter Schools that currently serve more than 14,500 K-12 students across the country and have a combined waitlist of over 8,000 students.

Valor Classical Academy will provide a classical, civic-centered education rooted in American heritage and focused on character and virtue. Students are taught to learn well and to develop good habits and character through the study of content-rich materials and enduring methods.

In preparation to welcome K-6 students for the Fall of 2023, Valor is seeking volunteers and enrollment interest. Sign up at valorclassicalacademy.org and follow Valor on facebook @ "k12edu".

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## Youth Sports Leagues Partner with City, Schools to Launch Noblesville Youth Sports Alliance

Fifteen youth sports organizations have joined forces to form the Noblesville Youth Sports Alliance ([www.noblesvillesports.com](http://www.noblesvillesports.com)), a collaborative partnership designed to enhance youth sports programming and engagement for current and future residents. The City of Noblesville and Noblesville Schools Corporation are strategic partners in the effort and are providing seed money and in-kind administrative support.

The Alliance has hired David Leyda to serve as its Executive Director. Leyda has resided in Noblesville for 24 years and has been extensively involved with youth sports and community service organizations. In his capacity as executive director, Leyda will lead the day-to-day efforts of the Alliance, consistent with the direction and priorities of the organization's governing board.

"We are excited to support the creation and mission of the Noblesville Youth Sports Alliance," said Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen. "Noblesville is fortunate to have many successful youth sports groups. Through conversations with many residents and stakeholders, it became apparent that a unified coordinating and marketing structure would help sustain gains made to date and enhance our overall position going forward."

The following organizations have joined the Alliance: Noblesville Girls Basketball,

Noblesville Babe Ruth Baseball, Noblesville Youth Lacrosse, Noblesville Wrestling Club, Body in Training – Track, Body in Training – Cross Country, Miller Basketball Academy, Noblesville Girls Softball Association, Noblesville Elementary Football League, Noblesville United Soccer Club, White River Sports, Noblesville Swim Club, Noblesville Boys Volleyball Club, Miller Backers, and Noblesville Youth Baseball.

"Noblesville Schools is thrilled to stand alongside and assist the Noblesville Youth Sports Alliance," said Dr. David Mundy, Associate Superintendent for the school corporation. "The city and schools work with these organizations on a regular basis, and they are instrumental to the success of our students at the high school level. Taking the next step to launch a strategic partnership framework will positively impact the community on several levels."

Leyda has served as coach, volunteer, and board member for youth sports in Noblesville for many years. He is past president of Noblesville Youth Baseball and has served on the NYB Board since 2014. Leyda also has volunteered and coached teams for Boys and Girls Club basketball, Babe Ruth baseball, and NEFL football. Since 2000, Leyda has worked for Microsoft Corporation as its Director of Customer Success for the Midwest Region.

"I am excited to get started and to leverage my experience for the betterment of our community and our kids," said Leyda. "It is critical that we work together to strengthen our youth sports programming and ensure that existing and new residents know about all the opportunities for learning, competition, and growth that our youth sports organizations can provide."

The Board of the newly established Alliance will determine priority areas of focus for the coming months, including development of a "one-stop shop" website that provides overall information about youth sports offerings in Noblesville and registration links for all member organizations. Other initial efforts could involve marketing and outreach as well as planning for future field and court needs. Dr. Heather Hendrich will serve as the Noblesville School Corporation's liaison to the Alliance. Hendrich is a lifelong Noblesville resident and is Noblesville Schools Assistant Superintendent for HR and Safety. Longtime Noblesville resident and Millers sports enthusiast Perry Williams will serve as the city's liaison to the Alliance, lending his insights and relationships to the cause. Youth sports organizations interested in joining the Alliance can email [info@noblesvillesports.com](mailto:info@noblesvillesports.com) to learn more about getting involved.

## City of Fishers, Fishers Arts & Culture Commission Announce 2022 Grant Programs Recipients

The City of Fishers announced today the winners of the 2022 Fishers Arts & Culture Commission Grant Program and the 2022 Neighborhood Vibrancy Grant Program. The full list of winners for each of the respective programs are listed below.

Fishers Arts & Culture Commission Grant Program

In 2021 the Fishers Arts & Culture Commission (FACC) inaugurated its grant program to nurture creative partnerships within the Fishers arts community. This year, the Commission raised the grant cap from \$2,500 to \$5,000 and awarded \$47,000 in funds to 10 different organizations serving Fishers. Funding for the grant program is allocated from the City of Fishers' annual budget.

Recipients of the 2022 Fishers Arts & Culture Commission Grant Program include:

- En Pointe Indiana Ballet (\$5,000) to assist with funding for their 2022-2023 program, including up to six performances in Fishers, and the licensing of Diversion of Angels through the Martha Graham Company in New York City.
- Fishers Arts Council (\$5,000) to host performances at their monthly receptions, Art on the Prairie event at Conner Prairie, and more.
- Fishers Music Works (\$4,000) to host two professional concerts over the summer and holiday seasons.
- Hamilton County Community Foundation (\$3,000) to create a public art space for the community within the Hamilton County Community Foundation's Collaboration Hub.
- High Frequency Arts (\$5,000) to host public art receptions at Hub & Spoke in June, September, and December 2022.
- Ignite Studio at Hamilton East Public Library (\$5,000) to purchase a community loom to coincide with their Fall 2022 Maker-in-Residence program and remain as a permanent installation to support textile arts after the residency.
- Shaunt'e Lewis Art LLC (\$5,000) to host a creative expression event that will include up to 15 high school students creating custom Vans® Sneakers as part of a Juneteenth celebration.

- Janus Development Services, Inc. (\$4,900) to provide inclusivity of people with disabilities within the Fishers community through meaningful opportunities at the Fishers Maker Playground, Ignite Studio, Conner Prairie, and Bongo Boy Music at SouthPointe Village.
- JPPARSSI, Inc. (\$5,000) to create a community-based mural art project as part of Fishers' Sesquicentennial celebration in partnership with Conner Prairie.
- Tuning Forks (\$5,000) to curate a recipe book and accompanying musical soundscapes in collaboration with Fishers Parks and the Fishers Farmers' Market.

Neighborhood Vibrancy Grant

The Neighborhood Vibrancy Grant is a matching grant program that provides funding for creative and innovative ideas that make Fishers a more beautiful place to live. The 2022 grant cycle featured a record-high number of applicants for the program and \$94,400 in funds were awarded. New this year, all funded projects featuring landscaping will utilize native species.

Recipients of the 2022 Neighborhood Vibrancy Grant Program include:

- Anderson Hall (\$4,000) to update the landscaping along Roy Anderson Boulevard and plant trees along Howe Road.
- Britton Falls (\$4,000) to replace partially dead 15-year-old plants with native shrubs, grasses, and perennials.
- Bluestone (\$4,180) to plant additional trees along Easy Street to increase urban tree coverage.
- Covington Estates (\$5,000) to place a new irrigation system to keep grass, plants, and trees vibrant.
- Gray Eagle (\$2,288) to build an entrance sign.
- Hawks Landing (\$2,898.80) to complete new landscaping at subdivision entrance to enhance visual appeal.
- Muir Woods (\$3,845.26) to add landscaping around a new entrance sign.
- New Britton (\$5,000) to replace the fence along 131st Street.
- Northfield Estates (\$5,000) to install three streetlights.
- Ravinia (\$2,090) to repair a cracked walking path and add benches and landscaping around the pond to create a

peaceful environment.

- Rolling Knolls (\$5,000) to replace invasive Bradford Pear trees with Indiana native Maples.
- Royal Wood (\$5,000) to replace invasive Bradford Pear trees with Indiana native Maples.
- Schoolhouse 7 Café (\$5,000) to purchase a message board describing the area's history, additional tables, a trash receptacle, dog waste station, and flagpole that will be installed at the corner of the new roundabout at Southeastern Parkway and Cyntheanne Road.
- Seven Oaks (\$2,878.09) for new landscaping at the neighborhood entrance.
- Sweet Briar (\$5,000) to repave the Sweet Briar Park walking path and sensory path addition.
- Sweet Briar North (\$5,000) to replace unsafe playground equipment to encourage active play.
- Sunblest Countryview (\$4,250) to remove harmful invasive species from the existing landscaping and replace with native species.
- Timberstone (\$2,026.55) to remove overgrown and diseased shrubs and save large evergreens along 104th Street.
- Tamenend (\$3,405) to update the entrance off Fall Creek Road and plant additional landscaping.
- The Bristols (\$1,902.46) to install additional landscaping to beautify Fishers and the surrounding community.
- The Haven (\$4,400) to convert a 14-acre pasture to a native prairie with grasses and wildflowers to support pollinators and wildlife in our community.
- The Parks at White River (1,559.34) to replace dead landscaping and increase tree coverage.
- The Pines (\$2,000) to install three new benches.
- Weaver Woods (\$2,539.50) to place lights at subdivision entrance sign.
- Westminster at Fishers (\$5,000) to repair cracked and deteriorating walking paths to increase walkability and community.
- Wildwood Estates (\$487) to update mulch and drainage equipment at the community playground to maintain a safe play environment.
- Wintercove (\$650) to place a bench at the entrance for peaceful reflection.

## Channel Catfish Stocked in Urban Fishing Lakes



The Indiana Department of Natural Resources Division of Fish & Wildlife recently stocked Meadowland Park Pond in Carmel with some 100 channel catfish. This came as part of their efforts to stock selected urban fishing locations with more than 2,000 channel catfish ranging from 10 to 14 inches. A full list of the ponds and lakes where fish were stocked is listed below, with county listed in parentheses.

- Diamond Valley Park Pond (Evansville,

Vanderburgh) – 225 fish

- Dobbs Park Pond (Terre Haute, Vigo) – 200 fish
- Dubarry Park Ponds (Indianapolis, Marion) – 200 fish
- Garvin Park Lake (Evansville, Vanderburgh) – 200 fish
- Krannert Lake (Indianapolis, Marion) – 225 fish
- Meadowlark Park Pond (Carmel, Hamilton) – 100 fish
- Munger Park Pond (Lafayette, Tippecanoe) – 150 fish
- Northeast Lakeside

Pond (Fort Wayne, Allen) – 300 fish

- Robinson Park Lake (Hobart, Lake) – 300 fish
- Washington Township Park Pond # 2 (Avon, Hendricks) – 100 fish

These lakes receive three stockings total each spring, typically between late March and the first week of June.

The catfish daily bag limit is 10 per angler with no size restriction. DNR's urban fishing program offers an exciting and safe way for families and anglers to experience the fun of fishing. Find out more about urban fishing opportunities and future stockings at [wildlife.IN.gov/fishing/urban-fishing](http://wildlife.IN.gov/fishing/urban-fishing).

Anglers 18 and older must have a valid Indiana fishing license to fish at these locations, but those 17 and younger do not. Licenses can be purchased at [on.IN.gov/INhuntfish](http://on.IN.gov/INhuntfish).

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# Hoosiers Spend More Than Average on Vehicle Costs

Amid recent concerns about inflation in the economy, the market for new and used vehicles is one of the sectors that has drawn the most attention. With the global economy still facing ongoing supply chain challenges—particularly a shortage of semiconductor chips needed for computer systems in modern vehicles—fewer new cars are hitting the market, which has raised demand for pre-owned vehicles. Additionally, rapidly rising gas prices in recent weeks has boosted demand for more fuel-efficient vehicles.

The result has been higher prices for both new and used cars. According to recent data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the prices for new vehicles rose 12.4% from February 2021 to February 2022, while used cars and trucks saw

price increases of 41.2% last year—one of the largest increases of any category in the Consumer Price Index.

The recent spike in vehicle prices stands out in part because the price for cars has otherwise shown a slow rate of growth in recent years. From 1997 to 2020, per capita annual spending on vehicle purchases rose from \$930 to \$1,399, which averages out to a 1.8% annualized increase—a figure in line with normal levels of inflation.

But rising vehicle prices recently are worrying for vehicle owners because other costs associated with owning a car have grown more rapidly over time. Costs to operate a vehicle, like gas, maintenance, and parts, grew 84.1%—about 2.8% per year—from \$1,166 in 1997 to \$2,147 in 2019, before falling in

2020 with the onset of the pandemic.

In fact, the cost of operating vehicles accounts for more than half of consumer spending on motor vehicles in the U.S. Total spending on new and used vehicles amounts to nearly \$461 billion per year, according to data from the Bureau of Economic Analysis. The combined cost of fuels, lubricants, and fluids; maintenance and repair; other services; and parts and accessories totals more than \$591 billion annually—56.2% of all dollars spent in the category.

However, spending on vehicle purchases and operations can vary significantly by state. Most of the states spending highly on both purchases and operations are found in the Plains and Mountain West regions. These leading states are less

densely populated, which makes car travel vital, and also have harsher winters than other parts of the country, which reduces fuel economy and may increase the need for additional parts or maintenance. At \$2,028, Nebraska leads the nation in annual per capita spending on vehicle purchases—the only state to top \$2,000—while neighboring Colorado leads in per capita spending on operation at \$2,330. But the most expensive state for car owners overall is found in the Northeast. The residents of New Hampshire spend \$4,195 per capita on vehicle purchases and operation each year, just edging out Nebraska, where the annual spending totals \$4,193.

The data used in this analysis is from the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis 2020 Personal

Consumption Expenditures. To identify the states spending the most on cars, researchers at CoPilot calculated total motor vehicle spending per capita in 2020, which includes both new and used vehicle purchases as well as vehicle operation expenses. Vehicle operation includes spending on fuels, lubricants, and fluids; maintenance and repairs; parts and accessories; and other motor vehicle services.

The analysis found that residents of Indiana spend a per-capita total of \$3,349 on vehicle purchases and vehicle operation expenses each year. Here is a summary of the data for Indiana:

- Total motor vehicle spending per capita: \$3,349
- New & used motor vehicle purchases: \$1,492
- Motor vehicle fuels, lubricants, & fluids: \$843

- Motor vehicle maintenance & repair: \$574
- Motor vehicle parts & accessories: \$237
- Other motor vehicle services: \$204

For reference, here are the statistics for the entire United States:

- Total motor vehicle spending per capita: \$3,194
- New & used motor vehicle purchases: \$1,399
- Motor vehicle fuels, lubricants, & fluids: \$694
- Motor vehicle maintenance & repair: \$556
- Motor vehicle parts & accessories: \$244
- Other motor vehicle services: \$301

For more information, a detailed methodology, and complete results, you can find the original report on CoPilot's website: <https://www.copilotsearch.com/posts/us-states-where-people-spend-the-most-on-cars/>

## Low Tuition Rate Increases, Generous Financial Aid Positively Impact Students

Most Hoosier students do not pay the full price to go to college due to efforts from Indiana's public institutions to maintain some of the lowest tuition rate increases in the nation and from state lawmakers to provide generous financial aid resources, according to the Indiana Commission for Higher Education's latest College Costs and Financial Aid Report.

The Commission's first-of-its-kind report provides an analysis of the total cost of attendance at all Indiana public institutions, which includes tuition, mandatory fees, books, room and board, transportation and other needs. The report also analyzes the average debt load for college graduates and the impact state and federal financial aid has on reducing the cost for Hoosier students and families.

"Cost is one of the most important factors for anyone considering education and training beyond high school and the findings in this report will help students and families make informed decisions regarding their higher education pathways and bring awareness to the financial aid opportunities available in Indiana," said Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Teresa Lubbers.

Each year, the State of Indiana makes \$385 million in grants and scholarships available to

students. When combined with federal financial aid, on average, Hoosier financial aid recipients receive more than \$8,000 in grant and scholarship aid per year. Additionally, tuition rate increases for both two- and four-year institutions in Indiana are lower than the national average (7.5 percent for four-year institutions, compared to a national rate of 11 percent).

While Indiana has been committed to increasing its financial aid expenditures, higher education appropriations as a percentage of the state budget have decreased over a decade and lag the national average by nearly \$2,000. Higher education appropriations fund programs such as Indiana's public institutions' operations and state financial aid support.

"Insight into the true costs of college has never been more important as the college-going rate in Indiana and nationally has continued to decline over the past several years," said Lubbers. "We need to provide assurances to Hoosiers that higher education can be an affordable option."

State aid keeps the cost of higher education within reach for Hoosiers with financial need:

Indiana ranks first in the Midwest and fifth in the nation in providing need-based aid, and these resources help bring

college within reach for many low-income Hoosier students and families. After grants and scholarships, students from families with a household income of less than \$30,000 pay just over a quarter (30 percent) of the average college costs per year.

One example of Indiana's need-based aid is the 21st Century Scholarship. The program, which requires students to apply while they are in seventh or eighth grade, offers income-eligible Hoosiers up to four years of paid tuition at a participating Indiana college or university.

"The 21st Century Scholars program eliminates the largest cost of college – tuition – for low-income Hoosier students," said Lubbers. "By decreasing financial barriers, we are seeing Scholars go to college at higher rates than their peers, including students from high-income households."

Indiana's outcomes-based funding formula pays for what the state values:

For nearly two decades, state policymakers have embraced an outcomes-based funding formula for public institutions that rewards completion and places a large premium on on-time completion. The formula includes an on-time graduation rate metric which recognizes

the value of 2- and 4-year institutions increasing students' likelihood of success by graduating on time while reducing the overall cost per degree. Extended-time completion leads to unnecessary costs for students. Two additional years in college can cost \$50,000 or more in lost wages, tuition and related costs.

"The most cost-effective degree is an on-time degree," said Lubbers.

"Indiana's outcomes-based funding formula drives dollars to colleges based on student success outcomes that ensure personal prosperity and economic mobility. The Commission has reviewed and updated the formula over time to respond to and reflect changes taking place for learners and for the state's needs."

Recommendations: The Commission releases recommendations with each of its reports, offering strategies aligned to its strategic plan, Reaching Higher in a State of Change, which calls for a decrease in the cost of college and a reduction in the reliance on student debt to increase completion and promote lifelong success. Recommendations include:

- Increasing college readiness with high school students by encouraging greater access to dual credit opportunities and requiring all high school seniors to file the FAFSA (with opt-out provisions

embedded)

- Continuing to make college more affordable by urging Indiana public institutions to adhere to the Commission's non-binding tuition and fee recommendations, continuing to incentivize students and institutions for on-time completion through an outcomes-based funding formula and encouraging institutions to use Open Educational Resources to reduce costs

- Supporting low-income and first-generation students by advocating for all institutions to provide transparent information about financial aid opportunities available to first-generation students and explore options to offer financial support for socioeconomic barriers such as food, transportation, housing and childcare

- Increasing financial literacy with students and families through partnerships with community organizations such as INvestEd which work directly with K-12 students so they make informed, responsible borrowing decisions to limit excessive debt after college

Read the full College Cost and Financial Aid Report at [che.in.gov](http://che.in.gov). Data come from the Indiana Commission for Higher Education, Indiana State Budget Agency, U.S. Department of Education and The Institute for

College Access & Success.

Explore resources available to help students plan, prepare and pay for college at [www.LearnMoreIndiana.org](http://www.LearnMoreIndiana.org).

Indiana's College Costs and Financial Aid Report is part of a series of reports provided by the Indiana Commission for Higher Education to clearly define Indiana's progress in preparing Hoosiers for college and the workforce. The report provides an analysis of the total cost of college at all Indiana public institutions and analyzes the average debt load for college graduates and the impact state and federal financial aid has on reducing the cost for Hoosier students and families. Read the full report at [che.in.gov](http://che.in.gov) and all the Commission's reports at [che.in.gov/reports](http://che.in.gov/reports).

Created in 1971, the Indiana Commission for Higher Education plans, coordinates and defines Indiana's postsecondary education system to align higher learning with the needs of students and the state. The Commission also administers Indiana's financial aid programs, including the 21st Century Scholars early college promise scholarship, which celebrated 30 years in 2020. Learn more about the Commission's Reaching Higher in a State of Change strategic plan at [www.in.gov/che](http://www.in.gov/che).

## Braun Calls for Millions of Misspent COVID-19 Relief Funds to Be Repaid



Senator Mike Braun

Yesterday, an AP report found that funds from the "American Rescue Plan" that President Biden and Senate Democrats passed by a party line vote last year are being spent on non-COVID-related,

wasteful pet projects.

The AP story, by Brian Slodysko, identified millions of "COVID aid" dollars being spent on projects such as \$140 million for a "high-end hotel that will have views of the

Atlantic Ocean and an 11,000-square-foot spa," "\$6.6 million to replace irrigation systems at two golf courses," "tens of millions of dollars for tourism marketing campaigns" and many other examples.

Senator Braun is calling for these taxpayer funds to be repaid, and blasted President Biden and Democrats who passed the \$1.9 trillion "COVID relief" bill which was full of waste and liberal pet projects rather than COVID aid.

"Last year I said Biden & Democrats' 'COVID relief' bill was less than 10% related to COVID and jammed with wasteful spending and liberal pet projects. Now as you pay for record inflation at the grocery store and the gas pump, we see what your money is really being wasted on: Luxury hotels, ballparks, and ski slopes," Senator Braun said. "I'm calling on these state and local governments spending COVID aid money on these projects to repay those taxpayer funds to the federal government so we can put it toward paying down our \$30 trillion national debt."

### PUBLIC NOTICES

#### HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING NOTICE

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners and the Hamilton County Council will meet on Monday, April 11 at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room 1A in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square Noblesville, Indiana 46060 to discuss county business. To access this meeting dial 1-219-225-8177 Conference ID 96940073#

/s/ Robin M. Mills  
Hamilton County Auditor

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IN FISHERS, INDIANA

Proposals may be forwarded individually, registered mail, or delivered in person, addressed to the Director of Engineering, City of Fishers, One Municipal Drive, Fishers, Indiana 46038, prior to 10:00 a.m., local time, April 7, 2022. Bids received after the 10:00 a.m. deadline will not be considered but will be returned to the Bidder unopened. Commencing immediately after 10:00 a.m. on the same date, such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Fishers City Hall Auditorium located on the 1st floor of Fishers City Hall.

The work to be performed and the proposals to be submitted shall include a bid for all general construction, labor, material, tools, equipment, applicable taxes, permits, licenses, insurance, service costs, etc., incidental to and required for this project.

All materials furnished and labor performed incidental to and required by the proper and satisfactory execution of the Contract to be made shall be furnished and performed in accordance with requirements from the Drawings and Specifications included with these Contract Documents. Bid Documents and Plans can be obtained digitally for a fee of \$50 via this link: <https://fishersin.viewpointcloud.com/categories/1079/record-types/1006533>.

Bid Documents and Plans can also be obtained at the City of Fishers City Hall Service Desk, One Municipal Drive, Fishers, Indiana 46038 for the fee of \$50. Partial sets will not be sold. Copies of bid documents and plans are also available for examination in the Engineering office.

Each proposal must be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the title of the project, bid opening date and the name of the bidder firmly attached.

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# Readers' Choice 2022 Results - Food Category

- **Bar and Grill**  
**Winner – 10 West**  
Runner Up – Woody's  
Honorable Mentions – Syd's, Wolfie's, Eddy's Sports Pub, Barley Island Brewing Company  
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- **Caterer**  
**Winner – Big Hof-fa's Smokehouse**  
Runner Up – Ritz Charles  
Honorable Mentions – Sahn's, Famous Dave's, A Cut Above, Nameless Catering, Zeck's BBQ & More, MCL  
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- **Dine-In Restaurant**  
**Winner – 10 West**  
Runner Up – Ale Emporium  
Honorable Mentions – Ginger's Cafe, Wolfie's, Matteo's, Erika's Place  
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- **Fast Food Restaurant**  
**Winner – Chick-Fil-A**  
Runner Up – Culver's  
Honorable Mentions – Hardee's, Burger King, Arby's, Moe's Southwest Grill  
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- **Restaurant**  
**Winner – 10 West**
- Runner Up – Big Hoffas  
Honorable Mentions – Ginger's Cafe, Logan's, Cracker Barrel, Culver's  
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- **Chinese Restaurant**  
**Winner – Peking Garden**  
Runner Up – Asian Grill  
Honorable Mentions – Happy Dragon, Mark Pis, Panda Express, Great Taste  
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- **Coffee Shop**  
**Winner – Noble Coffee**  
Runner Up – Starbucks  
Honorable Mentions – Rosies, Cicero Coffee, Einsteins, Panera Bread  
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- **Ice Cream Place**  
**Winner – Alexander's**  
Runner Up – Handel's  
Honorable Mentions – Graeter's, Bubs, Culver's, Dairy Queen (10th St.), Dairy Queen (West Noblesville), Cold Stone Creamery (116th St.)  
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- **Italian Restaurant**
- Winner – Matteo's**  
Runner Up – Michaelangelo's  
Honorable Mentions – Maggiano's, Puccini's, Mamma Carolas, Olive Garden (Exit 10)  
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- **Mexican Restaurant**  
**Winner – Maria's Mexican Grill**  
Runner Up – Rio Grande  
Honorable Mentions – El Camino Real, Red Habenero, Maya Riviera, Chuy's  
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- **Pizza Place**  
**Winner – Pizza King Noblesville**  
Runner Up – Puccini's  
Honorable Mentions – Bazbeaux, Firehouse, Pizza by the Harbour, Marco's  
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- **Best Bagel**  
**Winner – Big Apple Bagel**  
Runner Up – Einstein  
Honorable Mentions – Noble Coffee, Corner Bakery  
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- **Best BBQ**  
**Winner – Big Hof-fas**  
Runner Up – Big
- Dog's Smokehouse  
Honorable Mention – Famous Dave's BBQ, City BBQ, Zeck's BBQ, Buffalo Wild Wings  
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- **Best Burger**  
**Winner – Culver's**  
Runner Up – Red Robin  
Honorable Mentions – Steak'n'Shake, Burger King, Britton Tavern, Jim Dandy  
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- **Best Chili**  
**Winner – Wendy's**  
Runner Up – Syds  
Honorable Mentions – Jim Dandy  
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- **Best Cookie Cake**  
**Winner – Pat-a-Cake**  
Runner Up – Star-buck's  
Honorable Mentions – Panera  
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- **Best Cupcakes**  
**Winner – Gigi Cup-cakes**  
Runner Up – Heavenly Sweets  
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- **Best Cup of Coffee**  
**Winner – Noble Coffee**  
Runner Up – Star-
- bucks  
Honorable Mentions – Erika's Place, Dunkin' Donuts, Brunchie's, Ginger's  
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- **Best Donut**  
**Winner – Jack's Donuts (Fishers)**  
Runner Up – Dunkin' Donuts  
Honorable Mentions – Big Apple Bagels, Krenolies, Titus, Rebellion Donuts  
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- **Best French Fries**  
**Winner – McDon-ald's**  
Runner Up – Chick-Fil-A  
Honorable Mentions – Culver's, Steak'n'Shake, Red Robin, Applebee's  
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- **Best Milke Shake**  
**Winner – Steak'n'Shake**  
Runner Up – Dairy Queen  
Honorable Mentions – Hardee's, Jim Dandy  
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- **Best Onion Rings**  
**Winner – Red Robin**
- Runner Up – Apple-bee's  
Honorable Mentions – Carey Tavern, Perkins, Burger King, White Castle  
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- **Best Omelet**  
**Winner – Erika's Place**  
Runner Up – Ginger's Cafe  
Honorable Mentions – Rosie's Cafe, Uptown Cafe, Perkins, Best Bet, Cracker Barrel  
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- **Best Sandwich**  
**Winner – Chick-Fil-A**  
Runner Up – Big Hoffas  
Honorable Mentions – Burger King, Reb Robin, Wolfie's, Culver's  
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- **Best Tenderloin (breaded/ubreaded)**  
**Winner – Syd's**  
Runner Up – Jim Dandy  
Honorable Mentions – The Nickel Plate  
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- **Best**  
Runner Up – Jim Dandy  
Honorable Mentions – The Nickel Plate

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# Readers' Choice 2022 Results - Medical Category

• **Assisted Living/Nursing Home**  
**Winner – Harbour Manor & The Lodge**  
 Runner Up – Magnolia Springs  
 Honorable Mentions – Sanders Glen, Prarie Lakes Health Campus, Bickford of Carmel, Hamilton Trace \*\*\*\*

• **Audiologist**  
**Winner – Beltone Hearing Care Center**  
 Runner Up – Total Hearing Solutions  
 Honorable Mentions –

Indiana Hearing Aid, Dr. Charlotte Dugan, Northeast Otolaryngology, Whisper Hearing Center \*\*\*\*

• **Chiropractor**  
**Winner – Creekside**  
 Runner Up – Mark Woloshin  
 Honorable Mentions – The Joint, Abe Beaber/Ham Co Chiropractic \*\*\*\*

• **Counseling Service**  
**Winner – Pathways to Healing/Kristen Boice**

Runner Up – Prevail  
 Honorable Mentions – Aspire, Family Tree \*\*\*\*

• **Dentist**  
**Winner – Chad Bailey**  
 Runner Up – Family Dental  
 Honorable Mentions – Robert Holloway, Burns Family, Joe Forgy, Mike Bettner \*\*\*\*

• **Hospital**  
**Winner – St. Vincent Carmel**  
 Runner Up – River-view Health

Honorable Mentions – Community, Methodist, IU Health Saxony, Franciscan \*\*\*\*

• **Optometrist**  
**Winner – Midwest Eye Consultant**  
 Runner Up – Dana Meyers  
 Honorable Mentions – Dr. Prather, Miller Eye Center, Dr. Ciana Revolutinary Eyes \*\*\*\*

• **Orthodontist**  
**Winner – Resmer & Ryan Orthodontics**

Runner Up – Robert Page  
 Honorable Mentions – Jason Bunch, Noblesville Pediatric Dentist, Pagem Condict, Sadler \*\*\*\*

• **Pharmacy**  
**Winner – Sheridan Elliot**  
 Runner Up – CVS  
 Honorable Mentions – Kroger, Walgreens, CVS in Cicero, Wal Mart, Meijer, CVS (SR 37 & 146th) \*\*\*\*

• **Physician**  
**Winner – Scott**

• **Boschee,**  
 Runner Up – Bill Kirsch  
 Honorable Mentions – Noblesville Family Practice, Thomas Miller, Amy Banter \*\*\*\*

• **Veterinarian**  
**Winner – Janssens**  
 Runner Up – Hamilton Hills Animal Hospital  
 Honorable Mentions – VIP Animal Clinic, Hermann Vet Clinic, Hamilton Crossing, Noblesville Vet Clinic \*\*\*\*

# All Time Best Boilermakers Plus Thoughts from Kenny

If Purdue fans think that 7-4 Zach Edey and 6-10 Trevion Williams are difficult matchups for opponents, consider this fantasy challenge: a front line that features Hall of Famers Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Bill Walton.



Ken Thompson

That's the scenario composed as part of a project by ESPN.com writer Myron Medcalf, who was tasked with picking the all-time starting fives for this year's NCAA Tournament Sweet 16 field.

Not surprisingly, Abdul-Jabbar and Walton were two – pardon the pun – big reasons while UCLA's all-time starting five ranked No. 1 on Medcalf's list. Indiana Pacers great Reggie Miller, 1977 Wooden Award winner Marques Johnson and a pretty fair guard named Gail Goodrich rounded out the Bruins' lineup coached by Purdue legend John Wooden.

Medcalf ranked Purdue's lineup ninth but there was, to me, an obvious omission. Three picks were gimmes: Rick Mount at one guard slot, Glenn Robinson at forward and center Joe Barry Carroll. Three All-Americans and pretty fair scorers who would give opponents headaches trying to choose which to concentrate on defensively.

Mount averaged 32.3 points a game during his career at Purdue, an era (1967-70) when there was no 3-point line. The 1966 Indiana Mr. Basketball led the Boilermakers to the 1969 NCAA

championship game against UCLA and Abdul-Jabbar, whose name then was Lew Alcindor.

Robinson, the national player of the year in 1994, was the nation's top scorer that season at 30.3 points a game to go with 11.2 rebounds. His back injury following a Sweet 16 victory against Kansas probably cost Purdue a Final Four berth.

The 7-foot Carroll earned first-team All-America honors in 1980, Purdue's most recent Final Four season. Carroll averaged 22.3 points a game as a senior. The debate really begins with Medcalf's other two selections. It's possible that recency bias led to his choices of Carsen Edwards and Jaden Ivey.

Edwards will be forever remembered for averaging nearly 35 points a game during the 2019 NCAA tournament. Had fate not been cruel against Virginia in that tournament, perhaps a stronger argument could be made that Edwards is an all-time great.

As for Ivey, it's difficult to assess a career still in progress. I won't argue with

Medcalf that the sophomore guard is one of the most talented players in Purdue history. But just because Ivey is a projected top five NBA Draft pick this summer is not automatic entry into the Boilermakers' greatest starting lineup. Recognizing Ivey's status in the NBA Draft also violates Medcalf's self-imposed rule of only considering collegiate achievements.

To me, any all-time Purdue starting five has to include 6-7 forward-center Terry Dischinger.

The Terre Haute native was so talented that at age 19 he was the youngest member of the 1960 Olympic team, the first to be labeled a "Dream Team." Dischinger was a starter and the fourth-leading scorer for the U.S., which fielded a lineup of Oscar Robertson and Jerry West in the backcourt, and big men Jerry Lucas and Walt Bellamy.

Dischinger was coming off a sophomore season when he averaged a Big Ten-best 26.3 points and 14.3 rebounds. A first-team All-American as a junior, Dischinger was again the Big Ten scoring champion at 28.2 points to go with a 13.4 rebounding average. At 30.3 points a game, Dischinger wrapped up a third Big Ten scoring title and again averaged 13.4 rebounds. When he left Purdue, he owned nearly every school scoring record and remains sixth on the career scoring list with 1,979 points in just 70 games. His career averages of 28.3

points and 13.7 rebounds are mind-boggling but so are his career percentages of 55.3 field goal shooting and 81.9 percent at the free throw line.

Dischinger and his Olympic teammates were voted into the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame in 2010. Ask me two weeks from now and I may have a different fifth starter on my list. But, since we're going on collegiate accomplishments only I'll take John Wooden as my point guard. The first man to be elected to the Naismith Hall of Fame as a player (1960) and then later as a coach (1973), Wooden had a big role in Purdue's only recognized national championship in 1932. That was seven years before the first NCAA tournament.

Wooden was the first player to be a consensus first-team All-American three times. As a 5-10 guard, he earned the nickname "The Indiana Rubber Man" for his frequent dives on the court pursuing loose basketballs. Gene Keady, a seven-time Big Ten coach of the year, was Medcalf's choice to coach the all-time Boilermakers. It's the right decision today as Purdue's winningest coach but a decade from now the answer could be Matt Painter.

At age 51, Painter already has 17 seasons and 384 victories entering Friday night's Sweet 16 matchup with Saint Peter's in Philadelphia. Barring a repeat of 2012-13 and 2013-14 seasons or leaving for

another job, Painter could pass Keady's 512 victories in the 2027-2028 season by averaging just over 21 wins. That's a total Painter has achieved 12 times at Purdue.

Thoughts and notes Are you as tired as I am of seeing the backs of referees during all too frequent replays?

Replay has become a crutch for mediocre officials, which the Big Ten and this NCAA tournament has far too many. During an interview with The Athletic, the NCAA's national coordinator of men's basketball officiating actually suggested that the average replay lasted 52 seconds. Anyone who has watched Purdue play this season has yet to see a replay under two minutes in length. One review during the Texas game seemed like it lasted longer than the halftime show.

"The reason we go to the monitor is it gives us a chance to be closer to perfect in those last two minutes," J.D. Collins told The Athletic. "The goal is to get it right."

I'm all for replay to see if a shot came before the buzzer but scrutinizing a play like the Zapruder film that captured the assassination of John F. Kennedy is a major turn-off. At the pace officials are going to the monitor, three hour college basketball games are in the future.

Here's a suggestion: Sixty seconds maximum for review to be viewed only by the crew chief. At the end

of one minute, the screen goes black and the original call stands. Another suggestion: Replay may only be used for last-second shots and out of bounds calls under two minutes. ...

It's been 20 years since Purdue shot as many free throws as it did against Texas on Sunday in the NCAA tournament second round. The Boilermakers were 35 of 46 against Illinois on Jan. 9, 2002. ... Purdue's offensive magic number continues to be 70. The Boilermakers are 26-0 when reaching 70 points and own a 40-game winning streak when Purdue puts up 80 or more points. ...

Ivey joined an exclusive club following his 18 points against Texas. Since the 1992-93 season, the only Big Ten players with 600 points, 150 rebounds, 100 assist, 30 steals and 20 blocked shots in a season are Frank Kaminsky of Wisconsin, Draymond Green of Michigan State, Evan Turner of Ohio State and Ivey. ...

Milestone watch: Trevion Williams is six points and three rebounds from 1,400 career points and 900 career rebounds. Sasha Stefanovic is 31 points from becoming the 55th Boilermaker to score 1,000 points.

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4. 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.

5. Conner Prairie opens for the 2022 outdoor season on Tuesday with sprucing up of the Treetop Outpost, spring cleaning in Prairietown and Civil War Journey, plus the 1836 Balloon will be open, weather dependent.

6. 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.

7. Bring your favorite vinyl to play on a provid-

ed turntable at 5:30 p.m. on Turndown Thursdays at Primeval Brewing in downtown Noblesville.

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

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

10. Clean out your paperwork and head to Shred Day 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. April 9 at Hamilton County Household Hazardous Waste Center in Noblesville.

11. Head out early for Noblesville Kiwanis Sunrisers' annual pancake breakfast 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. April 9 in conjunction with the Noblesville Parks' annual Easter Egg Hunt at Shelter No. 5 at Forest Park. Cost is \$5

for breakfast with proceeds to a local charity.

12. Grab your Easter egg basket and head for Forest Park for Noblesville Parks' annual Easter egg hunt, featuring the Easter bunny, at 11 a.m. April 9 with festivities -- bounce houses, deejay and Noblesville Police and Fire vehicles on tour -- beginning at 10 a.m. (Sunrisers Pancake breakfast 8-10:30 a.m. at Forest Park Inn, see above.)

13. Come out for the Wayne-Fall Lions Club's annual Palm Sunday All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 10, for a goodwill donation, at the Wayne-Fall Lions Club on East 191st Street in Noblesville.

14. 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 in Noblesville.

15. Ready, set, run to find candy inside of eggs during the Hamilton County Junior Leader Easter Egg Hunt at 6 p.m. April 13 at the 4-H Fairgrounds in Noblesville.

16. All ages can enjoy the children's comedy, "The House at Pooh Corner" by Improbable Fiction Co., April 15-24 at The Ivy Tech Auditorium in Noblesville.

17. 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.

18. 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

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

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

21. Celebrate spring with the annual Teter Wildflower Walk with free guided tours at 1, 2 and 3 p.m. or wander on your own between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. April 24 at Teter Organic Farm in Noblesville.

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

23. 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.

24. Handmade Vintage Spring Market 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.

25. Come out and watch or participate in the VFW Indiana Loyalty Day Celebration in the City of Noblesville with lineup at 11 a.m. and parade at noon on April 30, with food, entertainment and awards at the VFW Post 6246 on South Ninth Street. Parade starts at Ivy Tech Hamilton County in Noblesville. To be a sponsor or a participant, contact the VFW Post.

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al program sponsors include General Motors and H.B. Fuller Company Foundation.

A program of the National Inventors Hall of Fame (NIHF) in partnership with the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Camp Invention challenges children in grades K-6 to tap into their natural curiosity and use their creativity to solve problems. Through hands-on activities, Camp Invention promotes STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) learning; builds confidence, leadership, perseverance and resourcefulness; and

encourages entrepreneurship — all in a fun and engaging environment. In the unprecedented times we're all experiencing, with "unfinished learning" and other challenges due to COVID-19, these lessons and opportunities for fun ways to learn are even more valuable.

Each year, the program features a new curriculum inspired by some of our nation's most world-changing inventors — the NIHF Hall of Famers. This year's Explore program encourages children to be confident in their ideas and explore their innovativeness though hands-on

activities including:

• **Robotic Aquatics:** Children will dive into cutting-edge ocean research as they adopt their own aquatic animals, design and patent aquatic plants, and take their new friend home in a mini tank.

• **NIHF's The Attic:** Campers will combine science and art to build their own robotic artist, engage in design thinking, make spin art and learn how inventions can change the way people create.

• **Spacecation:** Children will discover real space exploration technology when they create Spacepacks and Astro-Arm devices, mine

an asteroid and observe erupting ice volcanoes.

• **Marble Arcade:** Campers will experiment with the fun of physics, engineering and gaming as they design, build and test their own mega marble arcades.

The new Camp Invention program for 2022 has been developed with safety in mind. Programs will follow state and local guidelines to help provide a healthy, safe and fun environment.

"The core learning experience that my girls received and the inspiration to look at items innovatively, pushing

the boundaries of their imagination, and bringing it to life was awe-inspiring," said the parent of 2021 campers. "They have benefited tremendously, learning they can make a difference in creating for the world they live in."

All local Camp Invention programs are facilitated and taught by certified educators who reside and teach in the community. Camp Invention serves 130,000 students every year and partners with more than 1,800 schools and districts across the nation. For more information or to register, visit invent.org/camp.

Camp Invention is the only nationally recognized summer program focused on creativity, innovation, real-world problem solving and the spirit of invention. Through hands-on programming, Camp Invention encourages children entering kindergarten through sixth grade to explore science, technology, engineering and mathematics curricula inspired by some of the world's greatest inventors. Since 1990, our education programs have served more than 1.9 million children, and 210,000 teachers and Leadership Interns.

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professionals in the country in the electrical categories. Gaylor Electric has been a proud ABC Member since 1985. Throughout this time, ABC has been crucial to their success through providing world-class craft education to our employees, interns, and apprentices.

"As our craft apprentices develop and grow throughout their careers

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ionship is an excellent opportunity for Gaylor Employees to demonstrate their chosen trade and skillset to not only the industry at large, but also to other ABC member companies from across the country. It is this commitment to excellence that shows we truly are the Highest Performing National Contractor of Excellence.

Events like this show-

case why a future as a Gaylor Apprentice - and later a journeyman, is a great career choice for the youth of today. Each apprentice gets a world class education that leads them to a lifelong career.

"The ABC Craft Championships are an excellent opportunity for our apprentices to compete and show why they are the best of the next generation," said Rob

Griffith, Chief Operating Officer of Performance Excellence of Gaylor Electric. "For Gaylor, participation in this event is an honor. And seeing the development and focus of the next generation motivates us to continue to not only build great work, but also continue to attract employees with a true passion for construction careers."

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## How One Company Will Change The Way Things Are Delivered, Reducing Delivery Theft

The New York Times reports that 1.7 million packages go missing or are stolen each day. This has been increasing over the years, with it becoming common for people to place online orders, only for "porch pirates" to intervene and steal the delivery from the porch. One company, DRONEDEK, is changing the way things are delivered. Using ground robotics and traditional methods, they give people the receptacle that provides a whole new way of protecting their packages.

"Just about everyone has had a package stolen from the porch or knows someone who has," says Dan O'Toole, the founder and chief executive officer of DRONEDEK. "We have created a safer way to eliminate such problems. It's going to change the way people receive their deliveries, as well as send out pack-

ages, using a heated and cooled cargo bay."

DRONEDEK is a receptacle where people can receive package deliveries and place their outgoing packages. Only it's more than a homemade box on the porch where items are to be placed. The receptacle is a patented, smart receptacle that works with a drone to ensure that packages are received and are allowed to be taken only by those who own the case.

Focusing on the last mile of the delivery process, DRONEDEK allows people to automate everything fully. They can use an app on their phone to see where their package is and when it's been placed into the receptacle. If they are sending packages out, they can use the app to see when they were picked up. The DRONEDEK receptacle is especially helpful for those ordering

medicine, items of high value, confidential deliveries, and more.

Some of the features that help to make the technology so revolutionary include:

- The receptacle is weatherproof, including withstanding freezing temperatures and those up to 115 degrees Fahrenheit.
- An external heater will melt the snow in front of it. The internal temperature of the unit is also temperature controlled.
- The system uses cloud computing and is app-enabled, offering a secure system with simple ways to track everything. It has remote access and is Bluetooth enabled.
- Encryption is used for opening the receptacle keeping deliveries safe from thieves, animals, and the elements. It uses a state-of-the-art locking device and also has emer-

gency features enabled.

• The device also features a slot for conventional mail to be deposited in.

• Receptacles can be secured to the porch, roof, window, house, building a mounted box, or existing edifice or mailbox.

"Those who regularly order things of value that they don't want to be stolen should consider the DRONEDEK," added O'Toole. "This unmanned route to safe and secure delivery will ensure you get the items you ordered. It's a delivery system that outsmarts the thieves who are out stealing packages. The future of safe package delivery is here!"

DRONEDEK was founded by Dan O'Toole, who worked on the idea for years before seeking a patent and funding to expand the company. The company has since

raised \$7.1 million, and the distribution of the receptacles takes place this year. The delivery system helps to reduce theft expenses and increases delivery efficiency. It's been dubbed the "mailbox of the future," allowing people to send and receive items securely.

The company recently announced it has partnered with Helium to allow for greater wireless network expansion. To date, Helium is the most extensive public Internet of Things (IoT) network globally, suitable for millions of affordable long-range, low-power LoRaWAN devices. DRONEDEK will be using the Helium network for select sensors within smart mailboxes, such as GPS and temperature. Helium hotspots will be put into DRONEDEKs in areas with limited coverage to help build out the

network.

To see videos of DRONEDEK in action, visit DRONEDEK: The Next Generation Mailbox, and New DRONEDEK Smart Receptacle. To learn more about DRONEDEK, visit the site: <https://www.dronedek.com>.

About DRONEDEK DRONEDEK is a company offering a new way of sending and receiving packages of up to five pounds each. The device provides a safe, secure method of delivery that keeps the items in a patented receptacle. The receptacle offers complete protection from the weather and would-be thieves. The company was founded by Dan O'Toole, a patent holder, and serial entrepreneur. The company is based in Indianapolis, Indiana. To learn more, visit the site: <https://www.dronedek.com>.

## Indiana American Water Wants To Help Educate Homeowners

Indiana American Water is leveraging the nationwide awareness campaign taking place during the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Fix a Leak Week to advance local water conservation goals as well as provide a savings to homeowners, property owners and businesses in the communities it serves. The annual Fix a Leak Week (March 14-22, 2022) is a national campaign led by the EPA each year that helps raise awareness about leaks and other water issues that contribute to water waste within homes.

"As part of American Water's commitment to help better serve customers, we utilize Fix a Leak Week to help

people understand where and how to spot common problematic leaks to improve home safety and support water efficiency and conservation," said Indiana American Water President Matt Prine.

According to the EPA, the average U.S. residence loses 10,000 gallons of water per year thanks to seemingly minor leaks. With more than 110 million households in the U.S., this equates to more than one trillion gallons of water lost every year due to leaks in the home. Moreover, it is estimated that the average homeowner can reduce his or her water bills by 10 percent simply by addressing leaks.

"Many people may not realize that even the

smallest leaks can waste thousands of gallons per year," said Prine. "A leak of just one drip per second from a faucet can waste more than 3,000 gallons of water each year. Fortunately, most common leaks are easily detectable and correctable."

Indiana American Water is committed to fixing leaks by replacing or upgrading water infrastructure to provide safe, clean, reliable, and affordable drinking water to customers, investing more than \$250 million in infrastructure improvements across the state over the past two years.

Indiana American Water also offers these starter tips for detecting leaks:

- Watch the water meter and your water bill. If you notice a spike, it might be because of a leak
- Test your meter. If you suspect you may have a leak, turn all water appliances off, then go check your meter. If it's still changing, you might have a leak
- Test your toilet. Leaks can occur in your toilet. Test for one by putting a drop of food coloring into the toilet tank. After 10 minutes, if any color shows up in the bowl, you have a leak
- Listen. One of the simplest ways to watch out for leaks is to listen for dripping from your faucets or showerheads and running water from your toilet

To further assist customers with at-home leak repairs and prevention, Indiana American Water has also produced a helpful infographic including tips on finding and fixing common, and some not-so-common, indoor and outdoor water leaks. A downloadable leak detection kit is also available through Indiana American Water's website, [www.indianaamwater.com](http://www.indianaamwater.com).

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## Here Are Five Interviewing Tips To Help You Land A New Job

(Family Features) With so many job openings these days, you may think you'll have an easy time sliding into a new role. Not so fast. Because of the huge number of options available and plenty of workers contemplating changes, you're likely to encounter some competition to land the job you want. A solid interview can help you close the deal.

Consider these five tips to help you make a great impression and land the job of your dreams:

1. Prepare, prepare, prepare. Avoid think-

ing of the interview as your first step toward a new job. Once you set the appointment, it's time to take a deeper dive to learn as much as you can about the company and position. Ideally, you did some of this legwork when you created a custom resume and cover letter, but for the interview, you need to know more. After arming yourself with all the information you can, practice answers to questions you expect the interviewer to ask.

2. Decide what the interviewer should know

about you. Using the job description as a guide, create a list of points you want to communicate to show how your experience and knowledge fit the role. During the interview, pay attention to opportunities for sharing these details about your skillset. Most interviewers will give you the opportunity to add information you haven't covered; use this time to deliver a succinct summary of how you can succeed in the position.

3. Create your own list of questions. An interview isn't just about

determining whether you're a fit for a job; you also need to decide whether the job is a fit for you. Think about what you need to know in order to feel confident accepting an offer. You might organize your thoughts by considering what is essential in a new job and what aspects are "nice to have."

4. Present yourself as a winning candidate. Impressions are everything when it comes to interviews. Dress to impress with well-fitted clothing appropriate for the job and practice

good grooming habits, including details like trimming your nails and minimizing distractions like pet hair. Arrive early enough that you're not rushed or flustered when you check in for your appointment. Use good posture, a firm handshake and a clear, confident voice. Speak authoritatively but respectfully and try to make the interview a comfortable, conversational exchange.

5. Leave a lasting impression. Before you end the interview, ask for clear insight on the

next steps in the process. Within 24 hours, send follow-up messages to each person you met with. Thank them for their time and include references specific to your conversation, such as elaborating on a question or reiterating a key point. This shouldn't be a copy-paste message, but rather a tailored one to each individual. Close by reiterating your interest and how your skills are a fit.

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## Hammer Pays A Visit To The Missus . . .

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** *Tim Timmons will be returning soon. He underwent quadruple bypass surgery and is on the mend. In his stead this week, his wife Linda reports on an unexpected visit from a very familiar face.*

As a publisher's wife I've encountered many people with opinions about the news and newspapers, most of them very pleasant. But I wasn't expecting someone beating so hard on our front door recently.

As you all know, Tim has been away from the job recovering nicely from heart surgery. He's showed me the many cards, e-mails and messages from you kind folks. And, as Tim says, truth to tell, I didn't expect to see Mr. John Hammer at our door to check up on Tim and to talk a bit. But there he was — and I knew who he was before he told me. Tim has described him to a T and yes, he does take up an entire doorway. As soon as he started to talk, I had to tell him to shoo his booming voice a bit because Tim was asleep.

"How can I help you, Mr. Hammer?" I asked.



**TIM TIMMONS**  
Two Cents

He said, "Call me John, Mr. Hammer was my dad."

"OK then, what can I do for you, John?"

"Well, I wanted to see how Timmons is doing, and talk to him about this Ukrainian war."

"John, let's let Tim sleep a little longer, but while you wait, could I offer you a cup of coffee?"

We sat there and talked a bit. He asked about the bypass operation and how the recovery was going. Then we got to Tim's last column about Whoopi.

"Well Mrs. Timmons, what did you think about that one?" he asked.

"John, at first, all Tim

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told me was he had written a column defending Whoopi Goldberg . . . and, well, I just about went off on him. But he was facing heart surgery, so I kept my thoughts to myself. I mostly disagree with everything Whoopi Goldberg says and does. But after it was published and I read it, I saw that it was really about defending freedom of speech — just one of the basic freedoms our servicemen and women work and fight for."

"OK, Mrs. Timmons, what's your take on the Russian invasion."

"I'm thinking China is waiting on the outcome to see if they can overtake Taiwan without global interference." I told him. "Also, what if President Biden was as crazy as Putin? Would VP Harris and others stand up and have him imprisoned? Do Putin's gen-

erals not see how crazy this is? How much more will this escalate? Chemical weapons? Nukes? And Alaska isn't that far from Russia. If worst came to worst, could I stand up to a tank like the Ukrainian people are? Could you, John?"

Before he could answer Tim came into the kitchen.

"I thought I was dreaming, but that really is your voice I heard," Tim said.

"Just checking up on you, Timmons," the man called the Hammer said. "When are you going to be back?"

"Well John, the boss here (Tim said, pointing at me) and the docs want me to work from home for a bit. But I'm feeling better every day and



Linda Timmons

hope to get back soon."

"Mrs. Timmons makes a great cup of coffee and we've been talking about the war and some of your columns. Let me ask you, Timmons, does she always agree with you?"

Tim laughed. "No John, she certainly doesn't. But on the big stuff, stuff about the constant squabbling between Republicans and Democrats and some of their childish behaviors, she's like a lot of us and doesn't understand. She tries to live by God's golden rule and wishes everyone else would do the same."

"Glad to see you're in good hands, Timmons. You be good to her because I surely know she's good to you. God bless you both."

And with that he was out the door. I can see why Tim likes him so much.

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## It's In The Double-Bag

So, I am at Walmart scanning and bagging almost \$200 worth of groceries, when the employee that "monitors" the self-service checkout lanes leaves her station, and walks over to me.

"Why are you double-bagging all of your groceries," she asks without saying hello.

"Excuse me?"

"You don't need two plastic bags every time," she instructs. "You're wasting our bags!"

Busted! I openly acknowledge that I nearly always use two bags to secure my groceries, even when the weight of the contents doesn't require double-bagging. I also acknowledge that on occasions in the past, I've worn a belt with suspenders.

It's true. I do feel entitled to two bags when probably I shouldn't.

I nearly always bring one or two shopping carts in from the

parking lot, just to help out, and to ensure that I have one for myself inside.

I'm also one of the rare shoppers, who takes out one of the eleven remaining good eggs in a carton — rejected by shoppers because it has a single

broken egg in it — and adds it to another discarded carton to complete the dozen.

I've even been known to wipe up a spill or two on the floor, so no one slips and sues the company for millions.

From my standpoint, I'm entitled to walk out of the store with a free brisket every week!

"You're wasting our bags," she repeats.

It's late at night, and I'm tired. Admittedly, I found her



**JOHN MARLOWE**  
With the Grain

pleas more nettlesome than I might have otherwise.

"If you don't like the way I'm bagging the groceries, please feel free to come around here and bag them for me — you know, like employees used to before you were born," I chirped.

"That's not my

job."

"Okay, then I will bag my groceries my own way, if that's alright with you."

"I just don't understand why you are wasting bags. Why do you always use two?" she asks.

"Because the bags are weak, and I don't want the handles to break or the bottoms to split open."

"Well, that's because you are putting too much stuff in each bag," she explains. "If

you took half of that stuff out, and put it in a different bag, then you wouldn't need to double-bag."

[Ten seconds of me just staring at her.]

"You want me to split these items in half, and put half in a different bag?" I ask. "So, that way I don't have to double-bag?"

"Exactly."

"Wouldn't I be using the same number of bags to hold the same number of items?"

"No, because you are not double-bagging."

[I'm pressing two fingers into my left eye, trying to make it stop twitching.]

"Okay, so here I have a jug of milk and a bottle of juice, double-bagged," I say. "If I take the milk out, and remove the double-bagging, and just put the milk in this single bag, and the juice in that single bag, I'm still using two bags for two

items."

"No, because you are not double-bagging them, so it's not the same number of bags."

"Is this like that Common Core math stuff I keep hearing about?" I ask.

"Never mind," she sighs. "You just don't get it."

Intimidated by the growing number of onlookers, who were gathering I believe for the comic relief, my bag monitor returns to her station, and resumes staring into her phone.

I thought about calling the manager over, but there were times in our conversation where I thought she might actually be the manager.

"Excuse me," I beckon. "Will you show me how to ring up eleven eggs instead of a dozen?"

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## Stamping Down On Junk Mail

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 hu-



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morist 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 petiure 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: PETi-cure.

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 COLONOSCOPY!**

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.

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## Voice of our PEOPLE

## Ask Rusty – My Husband Still Works; Must He Enroll In Medicare At Age 65?

Dear Rusty: There is confusion between my husband and me on when he should file for Medicare. My husband will be 64 in July. While he does plan on continuing to work to age 67 and continuing with his employer's insurance plan, I believe there's a requirement that he file for a certain part of the Medicare retirement plan at age 65, otherwise there's some penalty at some point in the future after retirement. There's lots of confusion with this, and I'm hoping you can explain exactly what the process is in filing for Medicare at age 65 and after reaching full retirement age. Also, please comment on whether continuing with employers' insurance is an option or if you should file for Medicare at age 65.

### Signed: Confused About Medicare

**Dear Confused:** There are two main parts of Medicare to be aware of for this discussion - Part A which is coverage for inpatient hospitalization services, and Part B which is coverage for outpatient services (doctors, medical tests, etc.).

Medicare Part A: Assuming your husband



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Social Security Advisor

is eligible to collect Social Security when he turns 65 (he'd needn't be collecting it, only eligible to), there will be no premium associated with Medicare Part A (thus no penalty if he delays claiming it). If his employer coverage is "creditable" (which is a group plan with at least 20 participants), then he can defer enrolling in Part A until 1) his employer hospitalization coverage ends, or 2) he starts collecting his Social Security benefits (enrolling in Part A is mandatory for those who are collecting Social Security after age 65). He may also wish to check with his employer's HR department to see if his employer plan requires him to enroll in Part A when he turns 65. However, if your husband enrolls in Part A and has

### Social Security Matters

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a Health Savings Account (HSA) through his employer, any contributions made to his HSA account after the month before he is 65 will be subject to an IRS penalty and become taxable income.

Medicare Part B: There is a monthly premium associated with Part B, but if your husband has "creditable" healthcare coverage from his employer when he turns 65, he can simply defer enrolling in Part B until his employer coverage ends and there will be no Late Enrollment Penalty for waiting. When his employer coverage ends, he will enter an 8 month Medicare Special Enrollment Period (SEP) during which he can enroll in Part B without penalty. But if he doesn't enroll

during (or before) his SEP and enrolls in Part B later, he'll be subject to a Late Enrollment Penalty which would increase his Part B premium by 10% for each full year he goes without "creditable" coverage after age 65. FYI, your husband can also enroll in Part B shortly before his employer coverage ends and specify that he wishes his Medicare coverage to start on the 1st of the month following the end of his employer coverage (to avoid any gap in coverage). When your husband enrolls in Part B, he must also enroll in Part A (at no additional cost). FYI, Part B premiums can increase yearly - the standard 2022 Part B premium is \$170.10/month.

There is another Medi-

care element called "Part D" which is coverage for prescription drugs. Prescription drug costs are not covered by Medicare Parts A/B and such coverage must be acquired separately if desired. When your husband's prescription drug coverage from his employer plan ends, he'll need to separately acquire (through a private insurer) drug coverage during his SEP, or there will be a separate Part D late enrollment penalty for acquiring drug coverage thereafter.

The bottom line is this: If your husband's healthcare coverage from his employer is "creditable" he can simply defer enrolling in Medicare until his employer coverage ends, and there will be no late enrollment penalty for doing so (unless he waits beyond his SEP to enroll).

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## How To Support People With Developmental Disabilities In Your Workplace & Community

By Steve Smitherman, CareSource Indiana President

March marks Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, a time to increase public awareness of the needs and potential of all people with developmental disabilities. The awareness month also highlights a time to provide encouragement and opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities to achieve self-sufficiency and independence.

A developmental disability is attributable to a mental, physical or combined impairment that results in substantial functional limitations in three or more activities of daily living, such as self-care, communications, learning, mobility, problem solving or independent living. Examples of developmental disabilities include cerebral palsy, epilepsy and Down syndrome. Despite having unique challenges, with the right individual-

ized supports, people with developmental disabilities have the potential to contribute greatly to their families, workplaces and communities.

Importance of Inclusion

It's vital to consider and value people with developmental disabilities in the same way we would anyone else. While we are all different and unique, we tend to have similar aspirations for a good life — living somewhere we enjoy with those closest to us, engaging in work and social activities that interest and stimulate us, and maintaining relationships with family and friends. It's pivotal to respect the autonomy of people with developmental disabilities to make decisions for themselves based on their own preferences and to treat them with the same respect we expect people to treat us.

Additionally, it's important to advocate that people with devel-

opmental disabilities be meaningfully included in activities and places that many of us take for granted, like the school system, in sports and recreational activities, places of worship, volunteering activities and in the workplace. As a health plan, our team at CareSource is creating a culture where our care coordinators discuss employment during the initial and annual plan of care. We provide education to the person or their caregiver when they are interested in a job and help to identify and secure the supports necessary to accomplish their employment goals.

As an employer, we need to practice what we preach. At CareSource, we are committed to employing and creating internship opportunities for people with developmental disabilities. Sometimes, we need to customize a job to match the skills and strengths of

a person. Other times, we need to offer a compatible job coach or technology to assist and allow them to be as productive and successful in their role as possible. By embedding evidence-based practices and flexibilities into our workplace, our workforce will be more reflective of the rich diversity of our markets and the people we serve. The quality of the services we will provide will be enriched, and our strategies, ideas and innovations will be better informed by the very populations we are here to serve.

How to Be Supportive  
Common misconceptions about people with developmental disabilities is that they are limited in what they can do or how they can contribute to family life, the workforce or their communities. We can minimize these assumptions by meaningfully engaging with developmental disabilities

in our workplaces, social circles or various recreational activities. The more that people with developmental disabilities are included in typical community life, the clearer their value as friends, classmates, employees and coworkers is realized by the public and people who benefit from their engagement.

People should also utilize resources and take the chance to educate themselves about the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000, the landmark U.S. Supreme Court case *Olmstead v. L.C.*, the federally-funded Developmental Disabilities network (including state Councils on Developmental Disabilities, University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research, and Service (UCEDDs), and state Protection and Advocacy Systems). Also, consider learning more

about advocacy groups focused on people with developmental disabilities like Self-Advocates Becoming Empowered and TASH.

As private citizens, we can engage as a volunteer for advocacy organizations supporting people with developmental disabilities, we can become a mentor or peer to someone with intellectual and developmental disabilities, or we can participate in community events that are focused on promoting people with developmental disabilities. As CareSource expands its programs and investments in the developmental disability population through our Complex Health Solutions portfolio, we are creating more opportunities for everyone to engage with people with developmental disabilities and support them in achieving enhanced quality of life outcomes and to live their best lives.

## Value-Added Producer Grant Funding Helps Agricultural Producers, Businesses Grow

By Kalee Olson, policy associate, Center for Rural Affairs

On March 1, the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development announced the availability of \$19.75 million in total funding for projects as part of the Value-Added Producer Grants (VAPG) program.

Individual farmers and ranchers, as well as agricultural businesses and producer groups, may ap-

ply for the grants, which must be used to develop new products or expand existing markets for value-added products. The applicant must produce at least 50 percent of the raw agricultural product to which value is being added.

In addition to regular funding, applicants may specifically apply for COVID-relief funds allocated to the program. These grant funds require

a 10% match, as opposed to the dollar-for-dollar match required for regular funding. Applicants may apply to either or both funding sources; however, separate budgets are required for each.

Two separate grants are available. Planning grants of up to \$75,000 help pay for feasibility studies and business planning. Working Capital grants fund up to \$250,000 to cover marketing and prod-

uct development costs. Projects requesting more than \$50,000 require a previous feasibility study and business plan to verify product viability.

Priority is given to projects that increase opportunities for small and mid-sized farms, and/or for beginning, veteran, and socially disadvantaged producers. Additionally, extra points will be awarded for addressing community recovery from

COVID-19, among other considerations.

This year, applicants will be required to register for a government identification number (UEI-Unique Entity Identifier). This can take two to five weeks to activate, so applicants are encouraged to register early.

Contact your state USDA Rural Development office for application materials and assistance. Online applications will

be accepted until April 25 through [grants.gov](http://grants.gov) and paper applications must be postmarked by May 2.

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