

**➔ TODAY'S VERSE**

Isaiah 30:21 *And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.*



**➔ FACES OF HAMILTON COUNTY**

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What makes Denise Tague smile? "Family and friends," said the 64-year-old, a manager at Alexander's On the Square in downtown Noblesville. Alexander's, which closed for the winter, reopened for the season on March 1. She's worked at the sandwich, salad and ice-cream shop since 1999. She said Alexander's soups are made from scratch, and her favorites are chili, potato and kielbasa. Her favorite ice cream flavor? "Moose Tracks, a vanilla ice cream with fudge swirled in with peanut-butter cups." Growing up, her grandmother called her "Ice Cream Kid" and always kept vanilla ice cream on hand. During her long winter break, Tague said she spent time with family and friends, enjoyed watching girls high school basketball and women's college Tennessee Lady Vols, for which she has been a fan since 1987, and reconnected with her own high school basketball coach, Sharon Eskew. Born in Noblesville and raised in Carmel, the 1975 Carmel High School graduate played girls basketball at CHS and played three years at Ball State University, where she also ran track for one year. She lives in Noblesville, where she was born at Riverview Hospital, and is a season-ticket holder for Indiana Fever, likes geocaching, and volunteers at the food pantry for White River Christian Church in Noblesville. She became involved in the food pantry through her parents, John and Roberta Tague of Noblesville. She loves Movies at the Park and has loved seeing Paul Butler as "Elvis" at local concert venues. Her favorite downtown event is Noblesville Street Dance, this year moved back to Saturday, July 23. The ice cream shop, which also has a drive-through and walk-up window at Alexander's on the Water (which also reopened for the season on March 1) across from Morse Reservoir in Cicero, has earned The Times' Readers' Choice Award in various years as Best Ice Cream Shop. To vote for this year's Readers Choice favorites, visit <https://thetimes24-7.com/readers-choice-2022/>

**And Another Thing...**

Through the month of April, the City of Fishers is celebrating its annual spring Keep Fishers Beautiful with opportunities to give back to the community. Help us Keep Fishers Beautiful with community-wide Fishers Parks cleanups, Fishers AgriPark tree plantings, and more. All ages are welcome, as well as individuals and groups of all sizes. Sign up now by visiting <https://www.thisisfishers.com/volunteer/citywide-volunteer-opportunities/keep-fishers-beautiful/> to volunteer for any of the following Friday and Saturday opportunities:  
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- AgriPark Strawberry Planting: April 23 | 10 a.m. to noon  
- Cheeney Creek Cleanup: April 23 | 10 a.m. to noon  
- Billericay Park Mulch Spread: April 23 | 9 to 11 a.m.  
- Ritchey Woods Weed Wrangle: April 23 | 10 a.m. to noon  
- AgriPark Tree Planting & Fence Building: April 29 | 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
- Holland Park Helpers: April 30 | 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

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**Ed (Earl Campbell of Noblesville) attempts to comfort his teenage son Christopher (Noah Ebeyer of Fishers) while actors Tanya Haas of Carmel, Kelly Keller of Fishers and Cathie Morgan of Carmel listen in the background, during rehearsals for Carmel Community Players' production of "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time," a play on stage today through Sunday at The Cat in Carmel.**

## Director Says Teen Lead Nails it in CCP's 'Curious Incident of the Dog'



**BETSY REASON**  
The Times Editor

Larry Adams knew when he agreed in July to direct a play of one of his favorite books for Carmel

Community Players that his greatest challenge would be finding an actor who could play the role of the teen lead.

"The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time" -- on

stage today through Sunday at The Cat in Carmel -- concerns a mystery surrounding the death of a neighbor's dog that is investigated by 15-year-old Christopher Boone, who is exceptional at math but ill-equipped to interpret everyday life. The teen is never labeled in the play but would likely be diagnosed today with Asperger Syndrome or on the autism spectrum, Adams said.

"The weight of the show truly rests on the shoulders of the actor playing Christopher. If he is not believable as someone on

the spectrum, or if he is not up to the herculean task of memorizing nearly two hours' worth of dialogue, the entire show collapses," he said.

But Adams was impressed with Fishers' Noah Ebeyer, the youth cast in the role, beginning with the audition.

"Noah Ebeyer's relatively sparse theater resume offered little to recommend him to me for such a sizable role, but he absolutely nailed the believability factor during his audition,"

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## Invest Hamilton County Launches New Workforce Series with Local Chambers

In 2021, there were more than 60,000 open positions in Hamilton County, representing nearly a third of total employment. The Great Resignation, the COVID pandemic and resulting labor shortage have accelerated talent retention and attraction challenges faced by local businesses.

Invest Hamilton County, along with Hamilton County Community Foundation, Ivy Tech Community College and the OneZone, Noblesville and Westfield Chambers of Commerce are launching a two-year educational series focused on connecting local businesses with subject matter experts and innovative solutions to today's talent crisis.

"Our goal is to provide quality resources and information that empowers economic vitality for the County's businesses and residents," says Mike Thibideau, Vice President of Workforce Strategy at Invest Hamilton County. "Fortunately, our environment is filled with innovators and collaborators,

like our Chamber leaders and board members, who are ready to meet this unprecedented time together."

The two-year series launches with the 2022 State of the Workforce Luncheon on March 23. The event features special guest, Joel Simon, Vice President of Workforce Strategies and Community Insights at EMSI-Burning Glass. Simon will speak to the challenges of the national labor market and how those same trends affect jobs in locally in Hamilton County. Attendees will also hear from a panel of local executives about their challenges and triumphs with talent in the landscape of 2022.

"Our community possesses opportunities for inclusive economic growth that drive high quality of life for all residents," said Tom Kilian, President of Hamilton County Community Foundation. "Comprehensive workforce development solutions require a large tent and

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## Westfield Welcome Announces New 'Movies in the Plaza' Series



Westfield Welcome is excited to announce a new program at Grand Junction Plaza; Movies in the Plaza, sponsored by Community First Bank, will be a free series that provides fun for the whole family.

Movies in the Plaza will kick off on Earth Day, April 22, with Dr. Seuss' The Lorax and will continue every fourth Friday through October. Additional special screenings will take place throughout the year.

"We are excited to introduce this programming to the Plaza. We hope that the community will join us for these free evenings of entertainment with their family and friends,"

stated Mayor Andy Cook. "We are grateful to sponsors like Community First Bank that see the value of community events and are engaged with our residents. We also look forward to hearing residents' ideas on what type of programming they would like to see in this unique and incredible facility."

Movies in the Plaza Schedule:

- April 22 - Dr. Seuss' The Lorax
- May 27 - Inside Out
- June 20 - PAW Patrol the Movie
- July 22 - The Parent Trap (1998)
- August 26 - Luca
- September 9 - Encanto
- September 23 - Raya and the Last Dragon
- October 28 - Hocus Pocus
- December 2 - Elf

Movies will begin at dusk on the Great Lawn at Grand Junction Plaza. More details will be available on the Westfield Welcome Facebook page.

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**➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP**

Walking at least six miles per week can help reduce age-related memory loss.

Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Times and online at [www.thetimes24-7.com](http://www.thetimes24-7.com).



**➔ TODAY'S QUOTE**

"I can't think of a case where poems changed the world, but what they do is they change people's understanding of what's going on in the world."

- Seamus Heaney

**➔ TODAY'S JOKE**

In honor of St. Paddy, we'll share some jokes for a bit that'll have you Dublin over with laughter! Why do frogs like St. Paddy's Day? 'Cause they're always wearing the green, of course!

**➔ OBITUARIES**

**ROBERT "BOB" BRUCE ANDRY**  
**AARON E. BLACKWELL**

**➔ HONEST HOOSIER**

Two weeks away from one of my favorite holidays - and may the luck of the Irish be with you all!



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



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## OBITUARIES

### Robert (Bob) Bruce Andry Feb. 8, 1937 - Feb. 10, 2022

Robert (Bob) Bruce Andry, 85, left his earthly journey on Feb. 10, 2022 to begin a new adventure.

He was born on Feb. 8, 1937 in Madison, Indiana to E. Robert and Oma Andry (both deceased).

His beloved wife of 63 years, best friend and childhood sweetheart, Kae, was by his side at the time of his departure. As in so much of his life, Kae assisted him in fulfilling his most fervent last wish which was to die in the home he designed and built. His childhood was spent in Westfield, Ind., where he made lifelong friends, became a proud Eagle Scout, played center on the basketball team and graduated from Westfield High school in 1955.

Mr. Andry was the proud father of Robert S. Andry (Karen), Laurie Augusta and Elizabeth Baker (Clay); grandchildren Nathaniel (Brett) Black, Shayna Black, Amber Baker, Alex Baker, Kristina (Zak) Taylor and great grandchildren Edwin Andry and Brianna Taylor. Most of them caught their first fish and took their first boat ride with him.

His life was filled with adventure and accomplishments. After High School the next 20 years were filled with unique opportunities to serve our country in the U.S. Navy. He spent 12 years in the groundbreaking Polaris nuclear missile test program at Cape Canaveral designing and building test equipment on the USS Observation Island. Being part of the development of submarine launched nuclear missiles was an exciting time for many brilliant sailors. Being part of the Polaris program and his role in protecting our country filled him with pride. He retired in 1975 obtaining the rank of Navy Chief.

Mr. Andry was the ultimate "do-it-yourselfer" and never stopped teaching himself new things. During his retirement years he and his family took a wild area along the Rodman Reservoir and built his dream home. It is on a cliff overlooking the Reservoir and is a structure of beauty and uniqueness to all who visit and are lucky enough to call it home. His service to mankind continued as he became the neighborhood "go to" guy who was always willing to help.

Mr. Andry's love of nature propelled him to his next adventure which was forming the organization Save Rodman Reservoir. He and his neighbors spent many decades working tirelessly to share his knowledge of the reservoir and to protect the natural resources of the area.

The appreciation he had for nature also spurred him to become an accomplished artist with oils. His Christmas cards were a print of one of his many paintings and were appreciated and collected by all fortunate to receive them.

Mr. Andry's passing has left a big hole in the lives of his family and his friends. We were blessed to know and love him. Faith, hope and love; but the greatest of these is love.

Please honor Mr. Andry's memory with a donation to the Liz McGrath Circle for their work and the support of the children of the community. Donations can be sent Liz McGrath Circle, 23147 NE 160th Road, Fort McCoy, Fla., 32134.

Arrangements under the care of Countryside Funeral Home.

### Aaron E. Blackwell Nov. 3, 1976 - Feb. 27, 2022

Aaron E. Blackwell, 45, of Indianapolis, passed away early Sun., Feb. 27, 2022 at Community Hospital North.

He was born on Nov. 3, 1976 to Bobby W. and Katrina (Lowther) Blackwell.

Mr. Blackwell worked at various companies during his life including American Red Ball Transit Co., American Truck & Trailer and Kenworth of Indianapolis.

He was always willing to help with car repairs, enjoyed the history channel, running RC cars, and starting wrapping paper fights at Christmas. He enjoyed spending time with his family more than anything.

Survivors include his wife, Toni (Rawley) Blackwell; children DeSean, Isaiah, Brandon, Austin and Bryleigh; his mother, Katrina Blackwell, of Fishers; sisters Amanda (Gary) Gleason and Peggy (Russ) Cunningham; brothers Robert and Gary; and several nieces & nephews.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Hailey Grace Blackwell; father, Bobby W. Blackwell; and grandparents, Sue and John Blazer, and Ruth and Clifford Blackwell.

A private visitation is scheduled to be held at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road for family only.

Memorial contributions may be made to Riley Hospital for Children, 30 S. Meridian Street, Suite 200, Indianapolis, Ind., 46204.

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



## Carmel Students Win National Science Bowl Regional Competition, Secure Their Spot in The National Finals

A team of high school students from Carmel, Indiana won their regional competition for the 2022 National Science Bowl (NSB) this past weekend and will compete in the NSB National Finals this spring, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), who sponsors the NSB, announced today.

"The National Science Bowl® is a great opportunity for young people across America to come together through science," said U.S. Department of Energy Deputy Secretary David Turk "and I want to congratulate the Carmel High School team on advancing to the National Finals! Good luck to you - our future scientists, innovators, and leaders!"

The NSB brings together thousands of middle and high school students from across the country to compete in a fast-paced question-and-answer format where they solve technical problems and answer questions on a range of science disciplines including biology, chemistry, Earth and space sciences,

physics and math.

The winning team from each of the middle and high schools regional competitions will compete in the National Finals. Depending upon guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the District of Columbia, the National Finals may also be a virtual event. The virtual/in-person status will be determined by March 1, 2022.

The winning team from each of the middle and high schools from the virtual regional competitions will compete in the National Finals. Depending upon guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the District of Columbia, the National Finals may also be a virtual event. The virtual/in-person status will be determined by March 1, 2022.

If the 2022 National Finals are virtual, middle school teams will compete for the National Champi-

onship on Saturday, May 7, 2022, and high school teams will compete for the National Championship on Saturday, May 21, 2022.

If the competition is in-person, the competition will take place April 28-May 2, 2022 in Washington, DC.

Teams will receive at least \$500 and up to \$2,500 for first place, to use for their school's STEM activities. But to many, the ultimate prize is simply the prestige of winning the National Championship.

Today, the NSB annually draws more than 14,700 middle and high school competitors. Since the first competition in 1991, approximately 325,000 students have faced off in the National Science Bowl® Finals. The knowledge that former competitors have acquired and, more importantly, the collaborative skills and study habits that they learned along the way have led them to successes in a variety of fields. Many have become researchers; others are science and math professors.

The 2022 competitors will follow in the footsteps of previous National Science Bowl® contestants and will blaze a trail for students in science, math, and engineering.

Middle and high school student teams come from all across the country: large and small schools, urban and rural settings. Each team is composed of four students, one alternate, and a teacher who serves as an advisor and coach. The competition tests the students on a range of science disciplines including biology, chemistry, Earth science, physics, energy, and math. The Department of Energy Office of Science manages the National Science Bowl® and sponsors the finals competition.

DOE's Office of Science is the single largest supporter of basic research in the physical sciences in the United States and is working to address some of the most pressing challenges of our time. For more information, please visit <https://www.energy.gov/science>.

## Learning To Read



RIX QUINN

Do you remember the books you read in first grade?

I sure do. And I fondly recall spelling tests, recess, flavored milk, and a girl name Lynne. I still drink flavored milk, but my wife tells me a recess with Lynne today is unacceptable.

The best part of school was the "Dick and Jane" stories that taught us to read.

If you grew up in the 1950's through the 1970's, you may remember Dick and Jane. I'm not sure they had a last name, which would make them quite trendy today. They lived in a little house somewhere in America...we just didn't

know where.

They had a puppy called Spot, and a cat named Puff. (I once had a girlfriend named Puff, but that's another story.)

One of the books' writers - Sterl Artley -- died in 1998. A famous reading teacher, Sterl began his stories with basic words, gradually building vocabulary.

It's hard to find these readers today. I guess a few educators chose different teaching methods, for reasons unknown to me or my friends, many of whom read quite well.

Sadly, there will be no new Dick and Jane adventures for future generations. Oh my, oh my. Did someone say, "Baby Boomers getting older?"

Goodbye, Dick, Goodbye, Jane. Goodbye, childhood.

Hello, Arthur Ritis.

- Rix Quinn is a former magazine editor who appears here each week. Quinn is a native of Fort Worth, Texas and appears in about 140 newspapers across the nation. Got a story idea for Rix? E-mail it to [rix@rixquinn.com](mailto:rix@rixquinn.com)

## Indiana National Guard's 81st Troop Command Changes Commanders

Indiana National Guard soldiers with the 81st Troop Command welcomed their new commander during a ceremony Saturday at Stout Field.

Maj. Gen. Timothy Winslow, of Carmel, and previously the director of the joint staff, assumed command from Brig. Gen. Patrick Thibodeau, who had held the 81st reins since January 2019.

In Winslow's remarks as the new commander of the 81st Troop Command, he spoke to the diverse capabilities of the 81st, which includes cyber units, military police detachments, a civil support team, public affairs and history detachments.

"The types of units in this command is really what inspires me," said Winslow. "From one end of the spectrum to the other it all speaks on the legacy of the 81st troop command. The variety of the nonstandard structure will be a challenge, but also a lot of fun."

Indiana Adjutant Gener-

al, Maj. Gen. Dale Lyles, officiated the ceremony that culminated in the passing of the colors, signifying the passing of leadership from one commander to the other.

Lyles spoke to the many successes at home and abroad of the 81st Troop Command under Thibodeau's leadership to include the establishment of the 127th Cyber Protection Battalion as well as missions throughout the United States, Africa and the Middle East.

The 81st Troop Command soldiers nicknamed the War Eagles, are prepared to rapidly deploy in order to successfully execute missions supporting overseas contingency operations and defense support of civil authorities missions at home in the Hoosier State.

After approximately 37 years of service in the Indiana National Guard, including a combat deployment to support Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2008, Thibodeau plans to retire.

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# Riverview Health Foundation Donates More than \$500,000 to Riverview Health

Riverview Health Foundation announced that it gave Riverview Health more than \$500,000 in 2021.

All funds given to Riverview Health will support the Courtney Cox Cole Infusion Center, upcoming capital projects, training programs for staff and Women of Vision Giving Club grants that support women and children services. As one of the Women of Vision Giving Club grant recipients, the Riverview Health maternity department was able to purchase obstetric training equipment from Gaumard—an industry leader in simulation-based healthcare workforce training solutions. Training takes place on a quarterly basis for physicians, nurses and certified surgical technologists. This is done by using an automated, high-tech, lifelike patient manikin that mimics a woman going through labor and delivery.

"We're so grateful for the generosity of many individuals, families and businesses in our community who support us and help Riverview Health continually improve its services," said Megan Wiles, Riverview Health Foundation executive director. "Every bit helps

when it comes to the ever-changing healthcare environment and meeting the needs of our patients."

"With this new equipment, we're so excited to offer maternal simulation training to our team," said Michelle Allen, director of Maternal and Child Services. "This training will better prepare staff for emergencies that take place during labor and delivery as well as reinforce all the teamwork and skills needed to make childbirth as safe as possible.

Due to the generosity of its donors, Riverview Health Foundation is also able to lift spirits and provide financial support to Riverview Health employees. The Foundation helped employees who were impacted financially by the pandemic through the COVID Support Fund. During the holidays, 600 randomly selected employees received a monetary gift. The Foundation continues to lead efforts to boost morale of Riverview Health employees through the Operation Cheer program, which provides treats and goodies on a regular basis.

For more information about how you can help support Riverview Health Foundation and its mission, contact Megan

Wiles at 317.776.7317 or mwiles@riverview.org.

Riverview Health is comprised of a full-service, 156-bed hospital in Noblesville, a 16-bed hospital in Westfield, as well as three freestanding combined ER and urgent care facilities. Also included are more than 25 primary, immediate and specialty-care facilities in Hamilton County. Riverview Health provides comprehensive inpatient and outpatient services in more than 35 healthcare specialties and has been frequently recognized for its clinical and service excellence. National achievements include Healthgrades 5-star rating (2020) for total knee replacement and spinal fusion and the American College of Cardiology awarded Riverview Health with the NCDR Chest Pain—MI Registry Platinum Performance Achievement Award for 2019—an award achieved six years in a row. Riverview Health was also recognized by the Indiana Hospital Association for its infant and maternal health with the INspire Hospital of Distinction Category of Excellence award (2020). For more information on Riverview Health, visit riverview.org.

# Prepare Now for Spring Severe Weather

According to the National Weather Service, March marks the start of the spring severe weather season: "...three months of danger that can imperil the unprepared."

Data published by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) reveals that severe weather events are becoming more frequent and more devastating, warn disaster recovery specialists with SERVPRO in the Noblesville area. NOAA reports that the period from 1980-2021 saw an annual average of 7.4 "billion-dollar" weather and climate events (adjusted to today's costs). When they looked at only the five most recent years (2017-2021), the annual average grew to 17.2 events. Last year alone (2021) delivered 20 "billion-dollar" weather or climate disaster events.

"It's not unusual to see severe weather in the spring," says Rick Isaacson, CEO of Servpro Industries, LLC. "Whenever you have warm, moist air colliding with cool, dry air, you have the conditions for creating a thunderstorm, along with the possibility of lightning strikes, floods, hail, high winds, rip currents, and even wildfires and tornadoes. The problem is, you can't prevent these severe weather events and you can't predict very far

in advance when and where they will hit. The only sensible approach is to take steps in advance to protect your family and property, especially as these disasters become more common."

SERVPRO urges Noblesville-area home and business owners to check out state and federal resources online for tips on planning and preparing for a severe weather emergency now, as the spring severe weather season arrives. One such resource is the National Center for Environmental Health of The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), which offers suggestions for creating an emergency kit and preparing family members for severe weather emergencies at <https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/features/springweather/index.html>.

"Each year, SERVPRO professionals across the country respond to scenes of weather-related mayhem, helping families and business owners recover from flooding, fire, wind damage and more," said Isaacson. "While we are standing by to help whenever we are needed, we hope that our neighbors in the Noblesville area will heed this warning from the CDC: '...prepare for storms, floods, and tornadoes as if you know in advance they are coming, because in the spring, they very likely will.'"

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**BETSY** From Page A1

Adams said. "And so, I took a deep breath, crossed my fingers, and handed the part to him."

Now as we head into our second weekend of performances, Adams said, "I can tell you I could not have hoped for a better Christopher Boone. His delivery, his mannerisms, his awareness of the stage and his command of the material are at the top of what I have seen in over three decades of being involved in community theater."

He said, "In addition, he has been an absolute pleasure to work with. A cast favorite, his fellow actors are often teary-eyed at seeing him get the applause and standing ovations he has clearly deserved each night."

Interestingly, when Adams put out a call for December auditions, he said, "I was struck by how many of my potential actors were motivated to be a part of (the show) at least in part by personal connections to such children."

Lori Colcord of Carmel, who plays Christopher's teacher, Siobhan, actually spends her days developing behavioral treatment plans for individuals with developmental disabilities. Nikki Lynch of Noblesville, who plays Christopher's mother, Judy Boone, has a sister on the spectrum.

"Other cast members also told me of their own varied experiences with children diagnosed with autism and of how those



Photo provided

**Siobhan (Lori Colcord of Carmel) tries to help Christopher (Noah Ebeyer of Fishers) navigate a difficult and confusing world in Carmel Community Players' production of "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time," a play on stage today through Sunday at The Cat in Carmel.**

experiences drew them to be a part of this production," Adams said. "I admit, these connections did factor into my casting decisions, as I wanted individuals who were not just extraordinarily talented actors but who were also passionate about the material."

He said, "Over the next two months of rehearsals, that passion was clearly evident. Fortunately, so was the extraordinary talent."

Adams said the technical aspects of directing, re-

quiring the interweaving of sound, light, music, video and "choreography" of scenes moving seamlessly from one to another were huge challenges but were made much easier with the help of the cast, lighting designer Eric Matters, Raffel, set constructor David Muse, costume

director Karissa Monson. Adams, who I met nearly a decade ago when he was starring in a two-person show that he wrote and directed at a neighboring playhouse, he never before had any interest in directing any other shows before that time or afterward.

But then, eight months ago, Adams received an email inquiry from CCP's board president Lori Raffel, asking, "Could you be interested in directing 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time' in

the February/March 2022 time slot for CCP?" He said, "Never had I even entertained a notion to direct anything so ambitious as the show Lori had just presented to me."

But Raffel knew, from a conversation that she had with Adams years ago, how much he loved this particular show, which premiered in 2012 in London, and the novel upon which it was based.

Adams said, "If you had asked me to direct any other show, I would have said, 'no.'"

But then he told the board president, "I'm in." The Pike High School, Wabash College and Indiana University School of Medicine graduate, who is a family physician by day, said his literary love affair with the play began about 16 years ago in his medical office, when a colleague, the late Dr. Brad Hale, handed Adams a small paperback book to read.

"Its red cover sported an almost cartoonish outline of a dead poodle, and its chapters progressed in an odd and unique fashion." He said, "Wondering why my friend and co-worker, perhaps the brightest, most compassionate and funniest physician I have ever known, had chosen this particular novel to give me, I decided to skim the first page, and quickly found I could not put it down."

Adams said, "'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time' was then and remains now a relatively obscure but fiercely championed book. Translated into 36 different languages and the winner of multiple awards since its publication, it may well be the most highly acclaimed book you've never read."

The story, he said, "presents the world, at



Director Larry Adams

least that of its setting in and around London, in a fresh and revealing way, through the prism of its lead character's neurological disorder. But that disorder is ultimately not all that important to the themes of the work."

The book is banned at some schools due to offensive language. The play is recommended for ages 13 and older.

A play by Simon Stephens based on the novel of the same name by Mark Haddon, the author once wrote that the story is "a novel about difference, about being an outsider," Adams said. That's a good part of the story's appeal, he said. "We've all been there. We've all felt as if we don't belong, lost in a world we don't understand, and that doesn't understand us. But it's also more than that. It's about family, about our shortcomings within the family dynamic, about the pain and guilt that inevitably ensues and that all of us, at one time or another, have suffered in our lives and our relationships."

Adams said when Indiana Repertory Theatre in downtown Indianapolis slated the play for the 2017-18 season, "I knew I had to see it, and, in fact, I reviewed it for a local theater blog, 'A Seat on the Aisle.'"

He said, "I was dazzled by the performance, though even then I noted

some choices I would have made differently."

Adams said, "Now with Carmel Community Players' production, I have had the chance to see those choices through."

He said the first of two weekends was a great success with large and enthusiastic crowds. "One patron remarked that he had seen the professionally-staged production of the show in London where it began, but that ours was superior."

The director said, "I never tire of seeing it myself each night, and as I watch the audience members leave each performance, both laughter and tears are evident. The show is just that moving, and the cast is just that good."

Adams did not get involved in theater until the final year of family practice residency when, after watching his mother Jean Adams having so much fun on stage. "I decided to give it a try myself," he said. "I cannot adequately express how rewarding that decision has been, not only as a personal creative outlet, but as a means to meet and get to know a truly diverse and great group of people."

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**INVEST**

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we're excited to partner with Invest Hamilton County and the Chambers on this education and the resulting community initiatives."

Registration for the March 23 event, hosted at Purgatory Golf Club, is now live through OneZone Chamber, Noblesville Chamber and Westfield Chamber websites.

**Want TO GO?**

**What:** Carmel Community Players presents "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time."  
**When:** 7:30 p.m. today through Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday.  
**Where:** The Cat, 254 Veterans Way, Carmel.  
**How much:** \$18 for adults, \$16 for students and 62 and older.  
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Fulton

## Number Stumpers

1. How many people in the county do not live in Rochester?  
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2. How old is Fulton County?  
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3. What is the population density of the county?  
≥
4. How many total schools does the county have?  
≤

Answers: 1. 14,618 People 2. 183 Years 3. Around 56/sq mi 4. 10 Schools

## Did You Know?

- Fulton County was founded in 1836 and named after Robert Fulton.
- Rochester, the county seat, has a total population of 6,218 residents.
- The county has 3 middle schools, 3 high schools, and 4 elementary schools.
- Rochester's motto is "The City of Friendship and Pride."
- The county is 371.26 square miles and has a population of 20,836 residents.

## Got Words?

Native Americans that previously lived in the county believed that a monster lived in Lake Manitou, so they never lived near the lake. After this many in the county called it the Devil's Lake. How do you think myths impact the way towns and events are viewed today?

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## Word Scrambler

Unscramble the words below!

1. IIFENHRSPD
2. NFLUTO TNUCYO
3. MHYTS
4. RECESRTOH
5. DRPEI

Answers: 1. Friendship 2. Fulton County 3. Myths 4. Rochester 5. Pride

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## BBB Scam Alert: Protecting Yourself From Tax Scams

Tax scams are among the most stubborn cons out there. They reappear often, each time with a slightly different spin. The main theme is scammers posing as the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) trying to trick people into either paying up or sharing personal information.

### IRS Impersonation Scams

These scams most often start with a phone call and take two basic forms. In the first version, the IRS "agent" says you owe back taxes and pressures you into paying by prepaid debit card or wire transfer. If you don't comply, the scammer threatens you with arrest and fines.

In the other version, scammers claim they are issuing tax refunds and ask you for personal information so they can send your refund. This information can later be used for identity theft. Scammers also use this approach to target college students by claiming a "federal student tax" has not been paid.

You are pressured to

act quickly. Scammers typically try to push you into action before you have time to think. The IRS will give you the chance to ask questions or appeal what you owe. Also, their first contact with you will always be by mail, not phone or email. Payment must be made by wire transfer, prepaid debit card, or other non-traditional payment methods. These methods are largely untraceable and non-reversible. The IRS will never demand immediate payment, require a specific form of payment, or ask for credit card or debit card numbers over the phone.

In the U.S., the IRS may call you about outstanding debts after reaching out by mail. See BBB's tips on IRS calls to tell if the IRS is really calling or if you are talking to a scammer.

### Tax Identity Theft Scams

Another tax scam to look out for is tax identity theft. This occurs when a scammer uses your government-issued identity number (Social Security

number) to file a tax return in your name and collect your refund. It can also be someone using your information to get a job. Consumers don't usually realize they have been victims of tax identity theft until they get a written notice from the IRS saying that more than one tax return was filed, or they were paid by an employer they don't know. Learn more about tax ID theft scams.

### Email Phishing Scams

The emails appear to be from the IRS and include a link to a bogus web site intended to mirror the official IRS web site. These emails contain the direction "you are to update your IRS e-file immediately." The emails sometimes mention USA.gov and IRS.gov (without a dot between "IRS" and "gov") Don't get scammed. These emails are not from the IRS.

### Tips to Avoid Tax Scams

- The best way to avoid tax identity theft is to file your taxes as early

as possible. File before a scammer has the chance to use your information to file a fake return.

- In the U.S., jot down your Identity Protection PIN (IP PIN) from the IRS before you file your return. This is a six-digit number, which, in addition to your Social Security number, confirms your identity. It is important to note that you cannot opt-out once you get an IP PIN. So once you apply, you must provide the IP Pin each year when you file your federal tax returns. The IRS will provide your IP PIN online and then send you a new IP PIN each December by postal mail. Visit the IRS for more information about the program. Read BBB's tips about the IRS PIN.

- The IRS does not initiate contact with tax payers by email, text message or social media to request personal or financial information. This includes requests for PIN numbers, passwords or similar access information

for credit cards, banks or other financial accounts.

- Only deal with trustworthy tax preparation services. For many people, major life changes, business ownership, or simply a lack of knowledge about the ever-changing tax laws make finding a trustworthy tax preparer a good idea. That said, not all tax preparers have the same level of experience and training. See our tips for finding the right tax preparer for you.

- Check out websites carefully and make sure you are accessing the real IRS website when filing your taxes electronically or inquiring for additional information.

- If you are the victim of tax identity theft, contact the IRS at 1-800-908-4490. You should also file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) at [ftc.gov/complaint](http://ftc.gov/complaint) or by calling 1-877-FTC-HELP. The FTC also offers a personalized identity theft recovery plan at [identity-theft.gov](http://identity-theft.gov).

- If you get tax infor-

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## Indiana Donor Network, Medigo Partner To Improve Donor Organ Transportation

Indiana Donor Network has partnered with a national logistics and communications company to technologically enhance how organ donations are transported locally, regionally and nationally.

Baltimore-based MediGO provides cutting-edge tracking capabilities and critical data collection throughout the transport process to predict an accurate time of arrival at a hospital or transplant center. In real time, the platform informs Indiana Donor Network of changes to a delivery's timeline so all involved in the transport and transplant process can better manage resources and improve chances of successful organ and tissue transplantation.

When Indiana Donor Network prepares organs and tissue for transport, information is populated into the MediGO platform, giving everyone involved access to critical information about the delivery. The information, available via a web application, includes GPS tracking, traffic and weather conditions, best and alternative travel routes, delays and more. The system also provides real-time map updates.

"MediGO's platform significantly enhances our ability to know where an organ is at all times and get real-time updates to

transplant center staff. This improves communication among teams, results in better organ recipient outcomes and ultimately helps us save more lives," said Sherry Quire, director of organ services at Indiana Donor Network.

Indiana Donor Network currently utilizes 15 MediGO tracking devices to monitor organs in transit throughout the state.

Indiana Donor Network joins a growing list of organ procurement organizations to innovate tracking and communication during organ shipments.

"The success of human organ transplants is measured in seconds and minutes, and every person and vehicle involved in moving these organs is an added layer of risk standing between a lifesaving surgery," said Scott Plank, co-founder and CEO, MediGO. "The MediGO OPO Delivery Management platform manages this complex chain of custody and complex mode of transportation for urgent medical cargo. We are proud to partner with the Indiana Donor Network to make an impact on improving healthcare outcomes."

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

Network online.

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

### ABOUT INDIANA DONOR NETWORK

The decision to become an organ, tissue and eye donor is a decision to give the gift of life. Indiana Donor Network serves as the vital link between donors and patients waiting for life-saving organ transplants, healing tissue and corneas to restore sight. The organization is a federally designated organ recovery organization and accredited tissue bank serving 85 of Indiana's 92 counties. Its team of more than 250 dedicated professionals is committed to saving and healing lives through donation and transplantation, championing the cause through education and outreach and supporting donor families in their time of

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### ABOUT DONATE LIFE INDIANA

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

### ABOUT MEDIGO

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## Rokita Assists Hoosiers Victimized By Hackers Following Donations

Attorney General Todd Rokita is helping protect Hoosiers impacted by hackers who infiltrated a crowdfunding website that was facilitating donations to the Freedom Convoy.

Hackers broke into the GiveSendGo website earlier this month and obtained records of online donations to the Freedom Convoy — a group of truckers and other pro-liberty individuals protesting COVID-19 vaccine mandates and other restrictions. The demonstrators have rallied at several U.S.-Canada border crossings and elsewhere.

A database containing donors' names, zip codes and emails became publicly available as a result of the hack.

"Our data privacy team sprang into action and identified Hoosier victims," Attorney General Rokita said. "We are emailing them to put them on notice and advise them on steps they should take at this juncture to protect themselves — and we are standing ready to assist them further however we can."

Of approximately 92,000 donors, Attorney

General Rokita's team has identified 519 Indiana residents who donated a total of \$27,524.

Most demonstrators affiliated with the Freedom Convoy have simply participated in the time-honored tradition of peaceful protest, Attorney General Rokita said. "The hackers' primary objective is to squelch free speech through their harassment and intimidation of the protesters," Attorney General Rokita said. "But Hoosiers will not be silenced from speaking out in defense of their liberties, whether through direct participation in rallies or through contributing resources to fellow patriots staging the demonstrations."

Attorney General Rokita's team continues to investigate this breach and the subsequent use of the data. A Canadian hacker has claimed responsibility for this incident.

Anyone who believes their personal information has been compromised — through any type of breach or scam — should file a complaint at [indianaconsumer.com](http://indianaconsumer.com) or call Attorney General Rokita at 1-800-382-5516.

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