

TODAY'S VERSE

James 1:12 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.



FACES OF HAMILTON COUNTY

People who call our community their own.

What makes Bob Anderson smile? "I don't know, I guess I just do it all the time," said the now 92-year-old Noblesville resident. The Noblesville Sunrisers Kiwanis Club founder was found in 2018 working with his club serving at the annual pancake breakfast benefiting the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville. Today's feature is a look back at one of The Times' previous Faces of Hamilton County. Years ago, when he had trouble getting to Noblesville Noon Kiwanis Club meetings, he started Noblesville Sunrisers Kiwanis Club, which meets for breakfast. The club is 46 years old. Bob and Chuck Crow are the only two charter members still a part of the club. Bob's held every office in the club and lieutenant governor twice. Bob earned the club's Community Service Award in 2017. He graduated from Klondike High School and Purdue University in West Lafayette. The retired farmer and his wife, Maurine, have three daughters and several grandkids. He has volunteered with the American Red Cross, providing rides to needy patients. He and his wife have served several years for Meals on Wheels of Hamilton County. The Andersons have served First Christian Church in many capacities, including mowing the property for more than 20 years. He now spends much of his time in Florida, where he moved a year ago, but he has returned to visit. Noblesville Kiwanis Sunrisers meets at 7 a.m. Tuesdays at Ginger's Cafe on South 10th Street in Noblesville, with guests always welcome. Prior to this Saturday's Noblesville Easter Egg Hunt at Forest Park, Noblesville Kiwanis Sunrisers will serve a pancake breakfast at Forest Park Inn from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The menu will consist of pancakes, sausage, juice, coffee and milk. Breakfast is \$5 per person and all proceeds go to a local charity. Everyone is welcome.

And Another Thing...

Come join the fun at the annual Community Easter Egg Hunt on Wednesday, April 13, 2022. The hunt will be held at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds, 2003 Pleasant Street, Noblesville. Youth ages 8 and under are invited to hunt for eggs filled with candy and prizes. Please bring your own basket. Egg hunt for ages 0-2 will begin at 6:05 p.m., ages 3-5 begins at 6:10 p.m. and ages 6-8 begins at 6:15 p.m. Farm animals will be available for petting and photos. For more information please contact us at 317-776-0854 or visit https://extension.purdue.edu/county/hamilton/

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Ready, set, run to find candy inside of eggs during the Hamilton County Junior Leaders annual Community Easter Egg Hunt at 6 p.m. Wednesday at the 4-H Fairgrounds in Noblesville. Kids run to find Easter eggs during a previous Easter Egg Hunt at the Fairgrounds.

Community Easter Egg Hunts, Shred Day, Pancake Breakfasts



BETSY REASON The Times Editor

Enjoy pancake breakfasts both on Saturday and Sunday morning, partake in Easter egg hunts and more are among the 25 things to do this weekend and beyond in today's list of things to do in The Times:

- 1. Clean out your paperwork and head to Shred Day 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday at Hamilton County Household Hazardous Waste Center in Noblesville.
2. Head out early for Noblesville Kiwanis Sunrisers' annual pancake breakfast 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Saturday in conjunction with the Noblesville Parks' annual Easter Egg Hunt at Shel-

ter No. 5 at Forest Park. Cost is \$5 for breakfast with proceeds to a local charity. Noblesville Parks' annual Easter egg hunt, featuring the Easter Bunny, is at 11 a.m. Saturday with festivities -- bounce houses, deejay and Noblesville Police and Fire vehicles on tour -- beginning at 10 a.m.

3. 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. Sunday for a goodwill donation, at the Wayne-Fall Lions Club on

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Westfield Washington Public Library Gets Outreach Vehicle

The Westfield Washington Public Library has ordered a new set of wheels and it is placing its patrons in the driver's seat. A new outreach vehicle - or what was once known as a bookmobile - has been ordered and is expected to arrive at the library this month.

"We're hopeful this will allow us to increase our library services," says Sheryl Sollars, Executive Director of the Westfield Washington Public Library. "An outreach vehicle is

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Rokita Warns Hoosiers Be Wary of Government Imposter Scams

Attorney General Todd Rokita is warning Hoosiers to be alert to government imposter scams, which continue to be reported in communities across Indiana.

"Fraudsters are posing as government officials in order to induce fear in unsuspecting victims," Attorney General Rokita said. "My administration has revolutionized our investigation process to bring these con artists to justice. At the same time, we want to help Hoosiers exercise due diligence to avoid falling prey to these schemes in the first place."

The scammers' goal is to steal personal information and money. Awareness of their tactics is a key to protecting such assets. A recently reported complaint alleges a mail solicitation requested homeowners send money to receive a copy of their deed. The solicitation includes publicly available information about the owned property.

A government imposter scam frequently starts with an unsolicited text, call, mailing or fax from someone purporting to be from a government agency. Scammers often rely on pub-

licly available information and provide what initially appear to be official documents or employee ID numbers to project an image of credibility.

Whether it's through the regular mail, email or omnipresent smart phones, scammers have ready access to the tools they need to try to separate Hoosiers from their hard-earned money.

Pay close attention to any material you receive purported to be from government agencies. Does the seal or name seem suspicious in any way? Does the mailing address appear legitimate - or is it a P.O. Box or an address for a third-party mailing company? What product or service exactly is being provided? Is there a disclaimer?

Attorney General Rokita offers the following tips to avoid scams:

- Be wary and closely examine a solicitation that seems to be coming from a government entity but is soliciting a product or service to obtain government records.
• Be leery of callers who specifically ask you to pay

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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

Want MORE? Please turn to page A3 for the winners, runner ups, and honorable mentions in the SERVICE category and page A4 for the ENTERTAINMENT category. Stay tuned for these categories: GOVERNMENT and MERCHANDISE next week!

Paper brought Montgomery County this fun and good-natured promotion that features local businesses, people, products and more and gives

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

HONEST HOOSIER

Let's not let this day go by without a solemn nod to Ryan White. The boy who captured our hearts at Hamilton Heights in the 1980s passed away on this date in 1990 after bravely battling AIDS.



TODAY'S QUOTE

"Optimist: someone who figures that taking a step backward after taking a step forward is not a disaster, it's more like a cha-cha."

- Robert Brault

TODAY'S JOKE

Everyone wishes these gas prices were an April Fuel's Joke!

TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Make sure your shoes have good arch support and fit correctly to help prevent foot, ankle, knee, hip and back problems. 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.



7 DAY FORECAST: THU 51, FRI 35/43, SAT 33/42, SUN 30/58, MON 51/68, TUE 57/67, WED 57/72

OBITUARIES

Billy E. Cox

April 1, 1938 - April 7, 2022

Billy E. Cox, 84, of Noblesville, passed away on Thu., April 7, 2022 at Riverwalk Village in Noblesville.

He was born on April 1, 1938 to Joe and Ethel (Sproles) Cox in Pennington Gap, Va.

Mr. Cox proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps. He was a custom home builder for over 30 years. He liked deer hunting, fishing, and watching NASCAR and football, especially the Indianapolis Colts. Mr. Cox loved hanging around with his crowd of friends and family.

Survivors include his daughters, Crystal Brown, Sheila Peterson, Lisa Foust and Angie Martin; sons Ronnie Cox and Danny Cox; sister, Mary Ellen Leverage; grandchildren Nick Frye, Rick Frye, Bria Dodson and many others; and many great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Lois Cox; son, Billy Ray Cox; and his brothers Doug Cox, Silas Cox, Elmer Cox, Dan Cox and Paul Cox.

Visitation is scheduled to be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with services scheduled for 1 p.m., on Wed., April 13, 2022 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan Street, in Noblesville. Burial will follow at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

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

Craig Martin Hall

Dec. 7, 1976 - April 5, 2022

Craig Martin Hall, 45, of Indianapolis, passed away unexpectedly on Tue., April 5, 2022 at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis.

He was born on Dec. 7, 1976 in Salem, Indiana.

Mr. Hall proudly served his country in the Air Force Reserve as a fireman. He worked for the Greenwood Fire Department as a firefighter, EMT, and Captain of Station 92 for over 24 years. He had also served as a firefighter for the Indianapolis Airport for 5 years. Mr. Hall loved fishing, boating, traveling, and working out. He enjoyed cooking, grilling, and playing guitar with his son.

Survivors include his wife, Sheena Hall; mother, Rosie (Larry) Hopkins; son, Mark Hall and his mother, Becky Hall; step-sons Dylan Hatem, Drew Hatem and Ayden Hatem; sister, Cheyanne (Kenny) Elliott; brothers Robbie Batt and Aaron Batt; step-sister, Linsey Smith; several nieces & nephews; mother-in-law, Maria Worth; several brothers- and sisters-in-law; and his beloved dog, Sadie.

He was preceded in death by his father, Glenn Batt.

Visitation is scheduled to be held from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Mon., April 11, 2022 at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, in Fishers. Services are scheduled to be held at 11 a.m., with visitation scheduled to be held at 10 a.m., on Tue., April 12, 2022 at the funeral home, with Pastor Gary Black officiating. Burial with fire department honors and military rites will follow at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Indianapolis.

Memorial contributions may be made to Peyton Manning Children's Hospital at St. Vincent, 2001 W. 86th Street, Indianapolis, Ind. 46260 (www.peytonmanningch.org).

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



Kathryn Marie "Kate" Pickett

May 9, 1921 - April 4, 2022

Kathryn Marie "Kate" Pickett, age 100, of Sheridan, Ind., passed away on Monday morning, April 4, 2022, at Harbour Manor in Noblesville, Indiana.

She was born May 9, 1921 in Hamilton County, Ind., daughter of the late Lindley Parry & Lemon C. (Steffey) Pickett.

Mrs. Pickett graduated from Sheridan High School with the Class of 1939. After earning her certification from Comptometer School, she was hired on with American United Life Insurance in Indianapolis and remained with the company until her retirement. Mrs. Pickett soon realized that retirement wasn't for her; she went back to work part time for the Hamilton County Voter and Election Office, as well as Kohl's Department Store in Westfield.

She was a charter member of the Theta Alpha Alpha chapter of Phi Beta Psi; she enjoyed many years of service and friendship with the Sheridan sorority. Mrs. Pickett was also active within Job's Daughters, where she dutifully served as Guardian of Bethel #34 in Sheridan for many years and spent one term as a member of the Indiana State Bethel. She was a longtime member of the American Business Women's Association and served as their president for a short time.

Mrs. Pickett was a lifetime member of the Sheridan First United Methodist Church. If there was something going on at the church, you'd find her there. From teaching Sunday school and working in the nursery, to church dinners and everything in between, she was an unforgettable part of the history and legacy of her church family.

As busy as her life could get, Mrs. Pickett never missed an opportunity to enjoy the company of friends and family. Whether it was a trip down to the Dairy Queen or destinations much, much further away, she was always ready to go and would clear her schedule at a moment's notice. Over the years she was fortunate to travel quite a bit with various friends and family. She attended the Rose Bowl Parade, toured Europe, and was able to visit nearly every state, including Alaska at some point in time.

Mrs. Pickett enjoyed sitting around and visiting and was usually quick to give you the run down on all of the comings and goings with her family. She loved her family very much and was always excited when she had the chance to babysit any of her nieces and nephews.

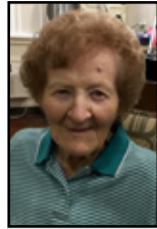
Survivors include her nephews, Donald (Nancy) E. Leonard of Monticello and James (Theresa) E. Pickett of Smyrna, Tenn.; nieces Mary Ann Leonard-Morford-Lowder of Noblesville, Nancy (Bob) J. Leonard-Tansy of Loveland, Ohio, Connie Pickett-Bouse of Kirklint, Suzanne "Suzy" Pickett of Sheridan, Angie Pickett of Cicero and Yvonne Pickett of Sheridan; great nieces and nephews Mary (John) Lou Finchum, Lewis (Kathryn) Morford IV, Catherine (Darren) Lyn Wilson, Donald (Lisa) Earl Leonard, Daniel (Aurora) Eric Leonard, Kelly (Nick) Cacco, Kyle (Michelle) Tansy, Scott (Buffy) Bouse, Stacey (Brian) Harwood, Steffanie Pickett, Kari Pickett, Olivia Pickett, Steven Pickett, Jill Pickett and Jeremy (Amy) Pickett.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Emalou Leonard and her husband Clayborn "Jack" Leonard; brothers Richard L. Pickett and his wife Lois and Ralph "Hap" Pickett and his wife Martha; and nephews John P. Pickett of Sheridan and Ken Pickett of Cicero.

Services are scheduled to be held at 2 p.m. on Fri., April 8, 2022, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th Street, Sheridan, Ind., with visitation scheduled to run from 12 p.m. until the time of Service.

Burial will follow at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan.

Memorial contributions may be presented to the Sheridan First United Methodist Church, 207 E. 2nd street, Sheridan, Ind. 46069.



Cheap Thrills



DICK WOLFSIE
Funny Bone

The dollar store as we knew it is gone. Oh, it's still there. I can see the helium balloons from the street—hugging the ceiling, beckoning me to enter. But don't you fall for it. It's not a dollar store anymore, it's the Dollar and a Quarter Store, regardless of the store name. One chain considered the name 2 BELOW. That would give them the option of two more price increases without having to buy another new sign.

I am addicted to all dollar stores. But now with this price increase, maybe it's time to break my habit. Years ago, when pay phones went from 10 cents to a quarter, that was the last phone booth I ever walked into, except to check the little coin return to see if anyone had left any change in it. Let me pause here while younger readers google what a phone booth is. By the way, for older folks, just so you know, the five-and-dime store has also raised their prices.

Several weeks ago, I was in a dollar store in my neighborhood, unaware this seismic shift in my budget was about to occur. I waited for the cashier to ring up my purchases, though I thought I knew exactly what the total would be. I kept track of how many purchases I was about to make, and I even know to how multiply 1 x 16.

"Wait, how could the total be \$20.00? I only bought 16 items!"

"Everything is \$1.25 now, Sir."

"Even a can of okra?"

"Sir, if you really like okra, why not just spring for the extra 25 cents?"

"Because I hate okra. Everyone hates okra. I was buying it because it was a dollar. How about those helium balloons? How much are those?"

"Everything is \$1.25, Sir."

"Okay, I understand the increase with food, but why did balloons go up?"

"Because we put helium in them."

Frustrated, I wandered around the store putting my willpower to the test. At a buck and a quarter, could I resist a half-gallon of generic cola, a set of three screwdrivers, sunglasses, or five pounds of dog food? Hey, we could get a dog someday.

I wondered if I should start a support group for people like me who are getting sucked into an increasingly more costly addiction.

My support group would have six steps to recovery:

1. Admit you are powerless to pass up a dollar bag of ginger snaps.
2. Resist the notion that lower prices are a higher power.
3. Never question the price of goodness.
4. Share your story with others so they can be savers, as well.
5. Pray the \$1.25 stores never go to \$1.50.
6. Before buying on impulse, look deeply inside your shelf to be sure of what you really need.

As I was finishing this column, I saw a rumor online that the dollar store may revert to the old dollar price for some select items that are less popular.

My goal now is to find a really good okra cookbook.

- 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.

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF DECLARATORY RESOLUTION BY THE WESTFIELD REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND OF A PUBLIC HEARING WITH RESPECT THERETO

Notice is hereby given that the Westfield Redevelopment Commission (the "Commission"), acting pursuant to IC 36-7-14, et seq. (the "Act"), on March 21, 2022, adopted a Declaratory Resolution (the "Declaratory Resolution") amending the Lantern Commons Economic Development Area Plan to designate the Front Street Allocation Area.

Notice is hereby given that the Commission will conduct a public hearing on April 18, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., local time, at Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn Street, Westfield, Indiana, 46074, to receive and hear remonstrances and objections from all persons interested in or affected by the Declaratory Resolution and the proceedings pertaining thereto.

The Commission will determine the public utility and the benefit of the proposed Plan amendments. The maps and plats of the Lantern Commons Economic Development Area and the Front Street Allocation Area and, along with the Declaratory Resolution, can be inspected at the offices of the Department of Redevelopment, located at the 2728 East 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074. Dated this 6th day of April, 2022.

WESTFIELD REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, *TL18951 4/8 1t hspaxlp*

Homemade Ice Cream & Bakery Café, YogaSix and Imperial Spa Seek Health Care Heroes for Stress Awareness Month Giveaway

In recognition of Stress Awareness Month in April, Homemade Ice Cream & Bakery Café is partnering with YogaSix in Carmel and The Imperial Spa in Carmel to gift one deserving health care hero the ultimate relaxation reward. Nominations are accepted on Homemade Ice Cream & Bakery Café's Facebook page now through Saturday, April 30. The total prize package is valued at more than \$500.

The three local companies are scouring the Indianapolis area for a deserving health care hero to treat to a relaxation reward. The package includes a \$50 Homemade Ice Cream & Bakery Café gift card and swag, 10 yoga classes at YogaSix, and a deluxe package from The Imperial Spa.

"The past two years have caused so much stress on us all, especially the brave individuals on the front lines," said Charlie Hensley, CEO, Southern Brands. "We are so thankful for their commitment to keeping our community safe throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, and we are proud to team up with YogaSix and The Imperial Spa to show our appreciation."

People interested in entering the contest or nominating a front-line worker they believe deserves a relaxation reward can visit the designated contest post on Homemade Ice Cream and Bakery Café's Facebook page. To enter, tag a health care hero in the post's comments, stating why you or your nominee deserve this award, and like all three Facebook pages – Homemade Ice Cream & Bakery Café, YogaSix in Carmel and The Imperial Spa Carmel.

"We are very excited for the opportunity to help support our health care heroes," said Abby Nebughr, owner, YogaSix Carmel. "These last two years have been very hard on everyone mentally. The heroes on our front lines have sacrificed their own well-being to take care of others, and we feel it's time to give back."

Anyone in the medical field or a first responder within the Indianapolis area is qualified to enter the social media contest. Proof of work status is required to win the prize. The winner of the Stress Awareness Month relaxation reward will be announced in the second week of May.

"The state that the

world is and has been in, for the last few years, we owe a huge thank you to the health care providers that have been overworked, risking their lives every day," said Caitlin Quinto, spa manager, The Imperial Spa. "We wanted to show our appreciation by donating a spa experience to at least one lucky winner for the kindness and perseverance the health care workers have shown us over the years. Thank you to all that are in the field, giveaway winner or not; we truly appreciate your service to the community."

"While practicing yoga and receiving massages have been proven to alleviate physical and mental stress, desserts release endorphins in the brain too, such as serotonin, which can help reduce stress," said Hensley. "After all, 'stressed' spelled backward is 'desserts,' so we thought this prize package would be perfect for our health care heroes."

Homemade Ice Cream & Bakery Café is a fast-casual bakery-café is dedicated to providing a warm, welcoming and worthwhile experience for all its guests. Established in 2021, Homemade Ice Cream & Bakery Café is a

mix between a classic ice cream shop, cozy bakery and a lively bistro. The smell of homemade sweet treats draws customers in, but the efficient, friendly service and quality ingredients makes Homemade Ice Cream & Bakery Café stand out. The bakery-café's menu options include an assortment of flavorful soups and salads, tasty sandwiches, a variety of sides and its signature freshly baked honey croissants. To satisfy your sweet tooth, the bakery café also includes 20 small-batch ice cream flavors and a variety of homemade baked goods ranging from cakes, pies, cookies and other treats.

Homemade Ice Cream & Bakery Café is part of the Louisville, Kentucky-based Southern Brands, which also owns Homemade Ice Cream & Pie Kitchen, a popular bakery and ice cream shop with seven locations across Louisville and Elizabethtown, Kentucky and southern Indiana that has been a local favorite since 1982.

Learn more about Homemade Ice Cream & Bakery Café by following them on Facebook and Instagram or visit homemadecafes.com.

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"We all see it; change has arrived nationally, in Indiana, and even in our cities. Inch by inch territory has been surrendered in the name of progress. Family values and individual freedoms are under attack. We can't expect the same results for Hamilton County without fighting for the principles that made our communities so special." - Mark Hall

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The Long, Long History of Boilermaker “What Ifs” and More

Purdue athletics history is full of “what if” stories. Near the top of the list is Lee Rose and his brief, brilliant two-year stay in West Lafayette.



KENNY THOMPSON
Columnist

Rose, 85, died Tuesday. He had been battling Alzheimer’s Disease since 2015. That diagnosis inspired Rose, his wife of more than 60 years Eleanor and Purdue All-American center Joe Barry Carroll to write his autobiography “Coach Lee Rose: On Family and Basketball.”

One of the book’s most controversial chapters detailed that the Purdue-Rose marriage was doomed almost from the moment he signed the four-year contract in 1978. Rose thought it was strange that his predecessor, Fred Schaus, was more involved in bringing him to West Lafayette than athletic director George King. When Rose finally met King, he wrote that the first words out of the athletic director’s mouth were “you’ll never make more money than I do.”

For many years, Purdue had the reputation of thriftiness when it came to paying coaching salaries. According to the Lafayette Journal & Courier, Rose was making \$41,000 for the 1979-1980 season, the second year of his deal. Today, \$41,000 is less than one week’s reported income for current Purdue coach Matt Painter.

Shortly after the 1980 Final Four that saw Purdue lose to UCLA, a defeat that left Rose bitter more than 30 years later, and topple Iowa in the now-defunct third-place game, rumors surfaced that South Florida was pursuing Rose.

The St. Petersburg Times reported that South Florida was offering a package worth \$86,000 a year.

If Rose is to be believed, that was a contract Purdue and King would never come close to matching. Sure enough, when Gene Keady replaced Rose less than two weeks later, his reported salary was the same \$41,000.

But, as radio legend Paul Harvey used to say, here’s the rest of the story. As easily offended as Rose was by King, the Kentucky native turned off the most important constituents for any college basketball coach: his state’s high school coaches.

An April 4, 1980 column by Bob Scott of the Journal & Courier told the story of Rose chastising the high school coaches for not sending their players to state schools.

Rose was upset that he couldn’t even get a visit from Indiana Mr. Basketball winners Steve Bouchie and Jim Master. Bouchie signed with Indiana, while Master chose Kentucky.

Rose also complained that he had become bogged down by the “negative attitude” of the state’s high school coaches toward Purdue. Scott, who recorded the speech, wrote that Rose “sounded angry and almost evangelical” during his speech. Rose insisted to the coaches they had a duty to send kids to state universities.

More than one high school coach told Scott they were bothered that Rose only signed one in-

state player during his two-year tenure, Jon Kitchel of Lewis Cass.

Count this columnist among the Boilermaker fans who were not happy with Rose’s lack of recruiting success. I used to joke that Rose and top assistant Everett Bass couldn’t recruit a third-generation Purdue legacy like me.

Rose went 50-18 in his two seasons but off the court, one opponent proved too tough to beat. In 1980, Bob Knight was at his peak of influence and success. That included recruiting, where Indiana had its pick of players from the state.

Of the other six players signed by Rose, future first-round NBA pick Keith Edmonson of San Antonio and junior college All-American Arnette Hallman (Joliet, Ill.) were starters on his Final Four team. Michael Scarce of Lexington, Ky., and junior college transfer Kevin Stallings (Bellefonte, Pa.) were key reserves. The others were Atlanta big man Ted Benson and Chicago junior college transfer Lee Cummings.

While Rose’s bank account grew, his reputation as one of the top young college basketball coaches suffered. Rose would later write that promises weren’t kept by South Florida officials to upgrade facilities and increase the emphasis on basketball.

Rose went 106-69 in six seasons with South Florida but never reached the NCAA tournament. When he resigned to become an assistant coach with the NBA’s San Antonio Spurs, Rose owned the best winning percentage in school history. That remains the case more than 30 years later.

So what if Rose had remained at Purdue?

One would like to think the momentum from the

Final Four might have improved recruiting but other than McDonald’s All-American center Russell Cross, Rose’s successor – Gene Keady – had to sign players Knight wasn’t interested in (Ricky Hall, Greg Eifert, Jim Bullock, Curt Clawson, Mark Atkinson) before finally breaking through in 1984 with a class led by Indiana Mr. Basketball Troy Lewis of Anderson, Todd Mitchell and Everette Stephens.

Would Jim Rowinski have blossomed under Rose from a 6-4 skinny walkon to a muscular 6-8 center who became the Big Ten Player of the Year in 1984? Would shooting guard Steve Reid have transferred to Purdue from Kansas State, Keady’s alma mater?

Going even further ahead in time, could Lee Rose have kept Glenn Robinson from leaving the state to join “The Fab Five” at Michigan?

Rose’s coaching history, leaving UNC-Charlotte for Purdue after two seasons and a Final Four when his star player – Cedric “Cornbread” Maxwell – left to join the Boston Celtics, is a sign that he wasn’t going to be a long-term coach anywhere.

In the long run, Gene Keady and Matt Painter were better for Purdue basketball’s long-term health.

Mr. Basketball comparison

If Purdue is lucky, Westfield guard Braden Smith and sophomore-to-be Caleb Furst will come close to accomplishing the feats of the only other time the Boilermakers landed back-to-back Indiana Mr. Basketball winners.

Actually, Purdue signed three consecutive Mr. Basketball selections in Lafayette Jeff’s Denny Brady, Billy Keller of In-

dianapolis Washington and Rick Mount of Lebanon from 1964-66.

Brady averaged just over 10 points a game as a sophomore and a junior (freshmen were ineligible) before signing a professional baseball contract with the Cleveland Indians organization.

Keller and Mount would form the greatest backcourt in Purdue history and lead the Boilermakers to the 1969 NCAA title game against UCLA.

Keller won the first Frances Pomeroy Naismith Award as the nation’s outstanding college player under 6 feet. He was inducted into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in 1992.

Mount remains Purdue’s all-time leading scorer 52 years after his final game in Mackey Arena. Arguably the greatest shooter in college basketball history, Mount averaged 32.3 points a game on his way to piling up 2,323 in three seasons – all without a 3-point line. He was a two-time consensus All-American and also is a member of the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame.

Smith edged future Purdue teammate Fletcher Loyer of Homestead to become the Boilermakers’ 13th Indiana Mr. Basketball. Like Glenn Robinson over Alan Henderson 30 years ago, Smith probably got the edge in balloting when he rallied Westfield past Homestead in a Class 4A regional semifinal at Logansport.

Smith led Westfield to its first sectional championship, averaging 18.3 points, 6 assists and 6 rebounds per game. He graduates as Westfield’s all-time scoring (1,629) and assists (453) leader.

Purdue hopes to make it three consecutive Indiana Mr. Basketball winners in 2023 with Heritage Chris-

tian forward Myles Colvin. He’s back

Former Purdue star Carsen Edwards made the most of his return to the NBA on Sunday.

The shorthanded Detroit Pistons signed Edwards to a two-year contract hours before their game Sunday at Indiana. Not only did Edwards make it to the game on time, he put up 13 points and nine assists in 30 minutes to help Detroit prevail 121-117.

Edwards spent two seasons with the Boston Celtics, which drafted him 33rd overall in 2019 before being traded to Memphis this past September. After the Grizzlies waived Edwards, he played 31 games with the Salt Lake City Stars of the G-League. Edwards averaged 26.7 points and 4.2 assists while shooting 38.3 percent from beyond the 3-point line.

Aloha, Purdue Purdue men’s basketball will be among a who’s who field for the 2023 Maui Invitational.

The Boilermakers will be joined by Gonzaga, Kansas, Marquette, Syracuse, Tennessee, UCLA and host Chaminade. The 40th annual tournament will take place Nov. 20-22 at the Lahaina Civic Center. It will be Purdue’s fourth appearance, having gone 2-1 in each of the previous three trips.

The Maui Invitational will be the second high profile tournament involving Purdue in as many seasons. The Boilermakers are committed to the 2022 Phil Knight Legacy, a field that includes Duke, Gonzaga, Florida, Oregon State, Portland State, West Virginia and Xavier.

– Kenny Thompson is the former sports editor for the Lafayette Journal & Courier and an award-winning journalist. He has covered Purdue athletics for many years.

➔ Meeting Notes

Hamilton County Plan Commission

One Hamilton County Square, Suite 306 Noblesville, Indiana 46060

Date: Wed., April 20, 2022

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: Hamilton County Commissioners’ Courtroom / County Council Chambers, First Floor, Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center, Noblesville, Ind.

Agenda

1. Roll Call
2. Declaration of Quorum
3. Communication/Reports
4. Approval of Minutes - March 16, 2022
5. Public Comment
6. Correspondence
7. President’s Report
8. Old Business
9. New Business:

A) P.C.- ZOA-0004-12-2021 Amendment Public Hearing 7:00 p.m.

Concerning: Allowing a 90 days extension to Hamilton County Ordinance No. 12-10-21-A imposing a temporary moratorium on the issuance of permits for commercial solar energy systems.

Location: All jurisdictional areas of the Hamilton County Plan Commission which includes portions of Adams, Noblesville, and Wayne Townships and all of White River Township, Hamilton County, Indiana

Zoning: Multiple
Property Size: Multiple
Owner: Multiple

10. Director’s Report
11. Legal Counsel Report

12. Next Plan Commission Meeting: Wed., May 18, 2022
13. Adjournment

➔ Meeting Notes

Carmel Police Pension Board

Meeting Agenda Monday, April 11th, 2022, at 3:15 p.m. Carmel Police Station Admin Conference Room 3 Civic Square,

Carmel, Ind. 46032 Meeting called to order

1. Old Business
 - a. Approval of Hearing Minutes
 2. New Business
 - a. Approving New Hires
 3. Adjournment

➔ Meeting Notes

Carmel Police Pension Board Meeting

Executive Session Agenda Mon., April 11th, 2022, 3 p.m. Carmel Police Station Admin Conference Room

- 3 Civic Square, Carmel, Ind. 46032
1. Old Business
 - a. None
 2. New Business
 - b. New Hires
 - c. Discussion of Records Classified as Confidential by State or Federal Statute. Ind. Code § 5-14-1.5-6.1(B)(7)
 3. Adjournment

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Farmers Bank Hires Andrew Porterfield as New Sheridan Office Branch Manager



Andrew Porterfield

The Farmers Bank is pleased to announce that Andrew Porterfield has joined the bank as Branch Manager at the Sheridan Office. Andrew has previously served as Branch Manager, Personal Banker, and Teller at KeyBank in Boone/Hamilton County. He

is very passionate about serving others within his community.

Andrew resides in Sheridan with his wife, Brenda, and their two daughters, Ellie and Abby. In his spare time, he enjoys camping, anything that takes him outdoors, and is looking forward to getting involved with 4-H, specifically livestock, when his daughters are eligible.

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Indiana Chamber Seeks Community of the Year Nominations

Attention mayors and local officials: It’s your time to tout all the great things happening in your areas. Right now, the Indiana Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations for the 2022 NextEra Energy Resources Community of the Year Award.

This annual honor goes to a deserving Hoosier community for significant contributions to its local business climate and overall image during the past year.

“It’s been exciting to

see how so many Indiana communities have used the challenges of the past two years as a springboard for a brighter future,” says Indiana Chamber President and CEO Kevin Brinegar. “We can’t wait to honor one of those communities next fall that’s moving forward in an exceptional way, creating a path to prosperity for its citizens and businesses.”

The award will be presented at the Indiana Chamber’s 33rd Annual Awards Dinner – the

state’s largest yearly gathering of business leaders and elected officials. The 2022 dinner will feature a celebration of the Indiana Chamber’s 100th anniversary.

The event will be presented in partnership with Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield on November 16 in downtown Indianapolis. The winning community will be announced in late summer or early fall.

Communities selected for the honor receive a pre-event press confer-

ence, recognition and a video tribute at the Indiana Chamber dinner and are featured in a cover story for BizVoice®, Indiana’s leading statewide business magazine.

Cities can apply at www.indianachamber.com/community. All entries must be received by June 13.

The previous five Indiana Chamber Community of the Year recipients are Greater Lafayette, Fort Wayne, Plymouth, Jasper and Goshen.

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Ag Economy Barometer Dips, Producers Concerned About War's Impact on Prices

The Purdue University/CME Group Ag Economy Barometer dipped to a reading of 113 in March, down 12 points from February and 36% lower than March 2021, marking the weakest farmer sentiment reading since May 2020, the early days of the pandemic. The decline was driven by producers' weaker perceptions of both current conditions in the agricultural economy and expectations for the future. The Index of Current Conditions declined 19 points to 113, down 44% from March 2021, and the Index of Future Expectations declined 9 points to 113, down 31% from the same time last year. The Ag Economy Barometer is calculated each month from 400 U.S. agricultural producers' responses to a telephone survey. This month's survey was conducted March 14-18.

"Concern about the war's impact on input prices and input availability on their farming operations was paramount in the minds of producers responding to the March survey and was a major factor in this month's decline in sentiment," said James Mintert, the barometer's principal investigator and director of Purdue University's Center for Commercial Agriculture.

The March survey provided the first opportunity to ask producers how they expect the war in Ukraine

to affect U.S. agriculture. Producers overwhelmingly said they expect input prices to be most affected (63% of respondents), followed by crop prices (33% of respondents), and livestock prices (3% of respondents). Responding to a related question, 19% of respondents chose "availability of inputs" as their biggest concern in their farming operation this year, which was equal to the percentage of producers who chose "lower crop and/or livestock prices" as their biggest concern.

Diving deeper into producers' expectations for farm input prices in the upcoming year, 57% expect farm input prices to rise by 20% or more, and 36% think input prices will rise by 30% or more. And, just over one-fourth (27%) of producers say they've had difficulty purchasing crop inputs for the 2022 crop season. Producers report that supply chain problems persist across a wide range of inputs, with herbicides, fertilizer and farm machinery parts posing the most problems.

Producers continue to say that they expect their farm's financial performance to decline in 2022 compared to 2021. The March Farm Financial Performance Index, which asks producers whether they expect their farm's financial performance in

2022 to be better than, worse than or about the same as in 2021, was up slightly (4 points) at a reading of 87 but remains 30% lower than a year earlier.

"When producers think about how their farm will fare financially in 2022, it's clear they do not expect commodity price strength to offset the dramatic rise in farm production costs they are experiencing," Mintert said.

Producers do not view this as a good time to make large investments in their farming operations as the Farm Capital Investment Index fell again in March. The index was 6 points lower than a month earlier and 59% lower than in March 2021 when it was near its all-time peak. In a pair of follow-up questions, 62% of respondents said their plans for farm machinery purchases in the upcoming year are lower than a year earlier, which is the most negative response to that question since May 2020. When asked a similar question about their plans for farm building and grain bin construction, 68% of respondents chose "lower," which was the most negative response received to that question since its first inclusion in a barometer survey in May 2021.

Supply chain problems continue to haunt both the farm machinery and

construction sectors and are one of the reasons producers don't view this as a good time for large investments. For example, 42% of producers this month said their machinery purchase plans were impacted by low farm machinery inventories, consistent with industry reports that major machinery manufacturers are experiencing order backlogs.

Read the full Ag Economy Barometer report at https://ag.purdue.edu/commercialag/ageconomybarometer/?utm_source=-ciscion&utm_medium=referral&utm_content=un-sag&utm_campaign=-220405marchagbarometer. The site also offers additional resources - such as past reports, charts and survey methodology - and a form to sign up for monthly barometer email updates and webinars.

Each month, the Purdue Center for Commercial Agriculture provides a short video analysis of the barometer results. For even more information, check out the Purdue Commercial AgCast podcast. It includes a detailed breakdown of each month's barometer, in addition to a discussion of recent agricultural news that affects farmers.

The Ag Economy Barometer, Index of Current Conditions and Index of Future Expectations are available on the Bloomberg Termi-

nal under the following ticker symbols: AGECCURC and AGECCURR and AGECCURR.

The Center for Commercial Agriculture was founded in 2011 to provide professional development and educational programs for farmers. Housed within Purdue University's Department of Agricultural Economics, the center's faculty and staff develop and execute research and educational programs that address the different needs of managing in today's business environment.

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Braun and Emmer Introduce Bill to Rein In Future Government Spending

Today, Senator Mike Braun (R-IN) and Congressman Tom Emmer (MN-06) introduced the Responsible Budget Targets Act (RBTA) to gradually rein in the growth of federal spending in the coming decades by implementing flexible budget caps.

“We need to put a cap on the Biden Administration’s reckless and irresponsible spending and get our nation back on the path of prosperity. As long as the federal government keeps spending money we don’t have, families in Indiana and across the county will continue to suffer,” said Braun.

Emmer said, “Our national debt ten years ago was \$16 trillion. Today, that debt has nearly doubled, to over \$30 trillion. Our fiscal trajectory as a nation is unsustainable and threatens the future of our children and grandchildren.”

“We can still change course, but we must act now” Emmer continued. The Responsible Budget Target Act offers a practical solution to our nation’s spending ad-

diction that will help to balance our budget in the coming decades without causing major disruptions to government services. I am excited to partner with Senator Braun on this effort, which is a culmination my work over the past year to return fiscal sanity to Washington.”

Kurt Couchman, a Senior Fellow in Fiscal Policy at Americans for Prosperity said, “Too much spending and debt have created today’s high inflation. Fortunately, Senator Mike Braun and Representative Tom Emmer have proposed a new, smart way to get the budget back on track.” Couchman continued, “Similar to Switzerland’s highly successful debt brake, their bill would move toward budget balance over the business cycle—instead of every year—and would allow immediate emergency spending with offsets in the years to follow. We commend them and encourage all members of Congress to support the Responsible Budget Targets Act.”

Background: Previous attempts in

Congress to establish fixed spending limits have fallen short largely due to their static nature, often failing to account for fluctuations in the growth of the economy or federal receipts. The RBTA establishes a dynamic formula that fluctuates with the expansion or contraction of our economy. If followed, this model could put us in a position to balance the federal budget excluding debt in just fifteen years.

Each year, the RBTA would require the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) to send to Congress a spending cap estimate at the beginning of the budget process. Congress would then work within this cap to allocate funds to meet our nation’s most important needs and obligations. The bill also allows for any emergency spending to be offset in a manner that will prevent such spending from impacting the overall baseline.

You can read the bill in its entirety at <https://www.braun.senate.gov/sites/default/files/2022-04/Responsible%20Budget%20Target%20Act.pdf>.

Lt. Gov. Crouch, OCRA Announce 11 Communities to Receive the 2022 Indiana Main Street Designation



Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch and the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs today announced 11 organizations have been designated as recognized Indiana Main Street programs. The Indiana Main Street program encourages community-driven revitalization of downtown areas in Hoosier cities and towns.

The IMS program accepts applications for three levels: Nationally Accredited Main Street: A NAMS community meets all of the Accreditation Standards set forth by Main Street America. Indiana Accredited Main Street: An IAMS community meets 8/10 Accreditation Standards set forth by Main Street America, but may lack a paid professional program manager.

OCRA’s Downtown Affiliate Network: An ODAN community can include organizations that prefer to specialize in event-related activities only or lack the physical or historical capacity

required to qualify as a Main Street organization.

“The Indiana Main Street program continues to be a strong partner of downtowns throughout our great state,” Crouch said. “It sparks economic growth by expanding businesses, creating jobs and attracting private and public investments. Congratulations to each community and local Main Street program for attaining these designations, and for their commitment to revitalizing and enhancing their community’s unique heritage and features.”

The incoming programs include the following communities:

Nationally Accredited Main Streets:

- The Heart of Lebanon
- Main Street Richmond

Indiana Accredited Main Streets:

- North Vernon Main Street
- Main Street Greencastle

OCRA’s Downtown Affiliate Networks:

- Downtown Danville Partnership
- Greendale Main Street
- Main Street LaGrange
- Community Action Leading Loogootee
- Downtown Princeton
- Delphi Main Street
- Scottsburg Main Street

“Congratulations to these 11 communities on earning an Indiana Main Street designation,” said OCRA Executive Director Denny Spinner. “Since 1985, the Indiana Main Street program has been instrumental in providing resources to cities and towns to advance their downtown economic development. I look forward to seeing what these communities accomplish in the future.”

A local program’s performance is evaluated by Indiana Main Street, which works in partnership with Main Street America to identify organizations that meet rigorous performance standards.

The 11 programs will be provided a formal certificate, access to Main Street America and Indiana Main Street trainings, networking opportunities with other regional and statewide programs, and a resource toolbox unique to their needs.

To learn more about the Indiana Main Street program, visit in.gov/ocra/mainstreet.

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East 191st Street in Noblesville.

4. 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.

5. Auditions for Main Street Productions’ “Rumors” by Neil Simon, will be Monday and Tuesday with performances June 2-12 at Basile Westfield Playhouse, directed by Jen Otterman of Noblesville.

6. Ready, set, run to find candy inside of eggs during the Hamilton County Junior Leaders annual Community Easter Egg Hunt at 6 p.m. Wednesday at the 4-H Fairgrounds in Noblesville.

7. All ages can attend the children’s comedy, “The House at Pooh

Corner” by Improbable Fiction Co., April 15-24 at The Ivy Tech Auditorium in Noblesville.

8. Enjoy Easter on the Prairie on April 16 at Conner Prairie in Fishers with egg hunt (1:30 p.m. for ages 2-3, 1:45pm for ages 4-5, 2 p.m. for ages 6-8, 2:15 p.m. for ages 9-12) and crafts, scavenger hunt at Treetop Outpost, and breakfast at 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m. and 11 a.m., with reservations at <https://www.connerprairie.org/>

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. Westfield kicks off Movies in the Plaza series on April 22, featuring Dr. Seuss’ “The Lorax,” at Grand Junction Plaza, with more movies every fourth Friday through October.

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

13. Ages 18 and older can participate in Noblesville Tri Kappa’s first Bin-gone Nite fundraiser, with raffles, pull tabs, baked goods sale and more, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. April 23 at the Noblesville Moose Lodge, with reservations by messaging Noblesville Tri Kappa on Facebook or by contacting Jennifer Warner at 317-903-9921 or email NoblesvilleBetaEpsilon@trikappa.org.

14. 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.

15. Auditions for The Belfry Theatre’s “Drinking Habits” comedy are at 7 p.m. April 24-25 at the Noblesville theater.

16. 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.

17. 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.

18. 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.

19. The Attic Theatre presents “Sense & Sensibility” May 5-7.

20. Get dressed up and join in for the 14th annual “Wine, Wags & Whiskers” at 6 p.m. May 8 at Embassy Suites in Noblesville.

21. The Boys & Girls Club Auxiliary Auction is May 14 at Harbour Trees.

22. Get up early for the 23rd annual Hamilton County Master Gardener Plant Sale from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on May 21 at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds in Noblesville.

23. Carmel Arts & Design District presents

“Art of Wine” from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. May 21, for ages 21 and older, with unlimited wine tastings from participating wineries for \$30. Tickets go on sale today on eventbrite.com

24. The Belfry Theatre will have auditions for ages 5-18 for Disney’s “Frozen Jr.,” May 22 and 23 at a location TBA, with performances July 28-31 at The Ivy Tech Auditorium in Noblesville.

25. Get your team together for the June 3 Darlington Bed Race in downtown Noblesville to benefit Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville. It’s the same day as the Noblesville Lions Pork Chop Dinner, which is typically 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. June 3 on the Courthouse Square with all-you-can-eat pancakes 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. June 4.

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Photo courtesy of Westfield Washington Public Library

The proposed front side of the outreach vehicle



Photo courtesy of Westfield Washington Public Library

The proposed back side of the outreach vehicle

a powerful step in reaching even more patrons and promoting an environment of curiosity and a love of reading regardless of income or location.”

The library plans to use the outreach vehicle to deliver books to underserved patrons like residents at assisted and senior living facilities. The library currently serves the residents at Sanders Glenn Assisted Living, Copper Trace Se-

nior Living, Wellbrooke Senior Living, Maple Park Village, and Magnolia Springs Bridgewater every two weeks.

“We currently have a librarian who bags up the books, loads them in her car, and takes them to these facilities,” Sollars explains. “The outreach vehicle will allow her to take more titles to these locations.”

In addition to checking out books, audiobooks,



Sheryl Sollars, Library Director at WWPL

and DVDs, residents who visit the outreach vehicle can also get a library card and use the vehicle’s free Wi-Fi. The library hopes to eventually send the outreach vehicle to underserved neighborhoods, local parks, and community

events. If residents would like to request a visit from the outreach vehicle they can call (317) 896-9391.

The Westfield Library Foundation secured IPEP and ProTeam Tactical Performance as sponsors for the outreach vehicle.

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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 automatic 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, 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.

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Closing The Wealth Gap, One Woman Entrepreneur At A Time

(StatePoint) Women represent the majority of all entrepreneurs today. In 2020 alone, women started 2,000 small businesses nationwide and of those, 64% were founded by women from diverse backgrounds, according to Fundera statistics.

While this trend is encouraging, a recent study conducted by the Nasdaq Entrepreneurial Center, Penn State University and Fair Pay Workplace shows that pay, ownership and valuation disparities are compounding the already large gender wealth gap.

Barriers to profitability and pay equity. According to the study, access to capital is the number one barrier impacting the profitability of women entrepreneurs. The top three reasons women entrepreneurs don't seek

additional funding are:

- They don't want to accrue debt.
- They don't think they'd be approved by a lender.
- They decided to wait until their company hit a milestone to be in a stronger position to raise funds.

The second barrier identified by the study is declining sales, followed by the unpredictability of business conditions. Fifty-nine percent of women entrepreneur respondents said their income varies from month to month, and 53% said they're spending equal to or more than their income. Additionally, more than half of early-stage women entrepreneurs (55%) do not pay themselves for the work they do for their company.

On average, women pay themselves \$53,000

less than men. Men who are entrepreneurs earn an average salary of \$232,659 versus women entrepreneurs, who earn an average of \$179,444. According to the 2018 Inc Women Entrepreneurship Report, the broader workforce pay gap shows that among entrepreneurs, women earn 77% of what men earn.

Investment disparity. Additionally, data reveals a significant gender gap in the venture capital (VC) system. According to the Angel Resource Institute, nearly 75% of investments in 2019 and 2020 went to white men, and less than 2% went to women of color. Additionally, the Center for Venture Research finds that:

- Only 5% of accredited women investors have access to invest in VC funds, even though wom-

en control 50% of wealth today.

- Only 1.8% of VC investments go to solely women-led startups. There are no large funds focused solely on women founders.
- Only 5% of general partners in VC firms are women.

The total impact of these pay and investment disparities added up to a \$140 billion gap in 2020, according to Crunchbase. If the current growth trajectory of women entrepreneurs continues, the Global Gender Gap Report 2021 calculates that it will take 135.6 years to close the gender gap worldwide.

Closing the gap and empowering women entrepreneurs. Closing the gender wealth gap starts with education and awareness, empowering women

to break the cycle of debt, and equipping them with the tools and financial knowledge to start their own businesses and be successful entrepreneurs, say experts.

"Acknowledging the gender gaps that exist today is one of the first steps toward eradicating inequalities," said Jenny Flores, head of Wells Fargo Small Business Growth Philanthropy. "By bringing more awareness, additional resources, and key connections and conversations to the table, we can create more avenues to capital, more equality, and help more women reach their full potential."

According to Flores, these are actions women entrepreneurs can take to support the growth of their businesses:

- Start with a strong foundation to support

business decisions and strategic planning, and to help build wealth that can be reinvested into scaling the business over time.

- Connect with mentors and experts to exchange knowledge, share best practices and learn from each other.
- Utilize resources that guide business owners to getting to a place where they're paying themselves a fair wage.
- Gain knowledge and support critical business decisions by turning to trustworthy resources.

For additional tips, visit wellsfargo.com. While women are founding new enterprises every day, data reveals there's still a long way to go toward ensuring they have equal opportunities to be successful. Fortunately, there are resources to help.

Graduating This Spring? Reasons To Consider A Home Healthcare Career

(StatePoint) Those graduating in the spring of 2022 and other job seekers should take note -- industry experts say that not only are home healthcare caregivers needed more now than ever before, but this industry offers many rewarding career paths.

"A growing number of families and medical professionals are discovering that home healthcare is a great option -- and not just for seniors. Home healthcare can be used to treat medical needs across a full continuum of care," says Jennifer Sheets, president and chief executive officer of Interim Healthcare Inc., which is actively recruiting caregivers nationwide.

According to Sheets, here are three of the top reasons home healthcare caregivers are in such high demand today:

1. It's a safe alternative: The pandemic shifted the spotlight to home healthcare as a means to keep loved ones safe. What's more, at-home caregivers are supporting hospital burnout by keeping acute care patients at home, allowing hospital staff to focus on the most critical patients.

2. The role of home caregivers has expanded: The scope of care and services that can be delivered at home has greatly expanded. There are more diverse care needs today, requiring a diverse set of

caregivers to fill those needs, including ventilator care, speech therapy, palliative care and more.

3. It can fill a necessary gap: The physical, mental and emotional demands of caring for family members can be overwhelming, and with the healthcare worker shortage, family caregivers need additional help at home.

Why Home Healthcare?

It is an employees' market when it comes to working in the home healthcare industry and these positions are very desirable for a number of other reasons, especially for new graduates. Here are just a few:

- With on-the-job training available, a helping career such as a home care aide is emotionally rewarding, and home healthcare provides that same opportunity to make a difference in other people's lives, albeit in a less hectic, more personal environment. Even for current licensed medical professionals, 74% say they have considered a career shift to home healthcare at one point in their medical career, according to an Interim Healthcare study. The COVID-19 pandemic only intensified these considerations for professionals, many of whom in the same survey say home healthcare would be a way to reconnect with why they got into healthcare in the

first place.

- Clients depend on caregivers to manage their health and achieve the best results. They appreciate the help, support, care and connection that comes with home care. Caregivers get one-on-one time with clients so they're able to focus on the care of one individual at a time, and in many cases, they become part of the family.
- The healthcare industry is changing rapidly, which means that home caregivers have continual opportunities to learn new professional skills based on their interests that will help them meet the needs of the industry.
- Careers in home healthcare are dynamic, interesting and meaningful. They're also flexible, giving those in the industry the choice of part-time or full-time work, as well as flexibility in location and availability.

Major providers of home healthcare are actively hiring for those with healthcare experience and those without, including Interim HealthCare which has locally owned and operated franchises nationwide. To learn more about home care careers, visit ihc-madeforthis.com.

"At a time when families are struggling to find at-home care, you can answer that call for help," says Sheets.

How Retailers Can Offer Customers Sustainable Shopping Experiences

(StatePoint) Environmental concerns are impacting shopping decisions for consumers of all ages, according to recent research.

A new survey from Sensormatic Solutions, the leading global retail solutions portfolio of Johnson Controls, reveals that consumers are highly invested in shopping sustainably and are willing to pay more for sustainable products. In fact, 70% of those surveyed say they're willing to pay at least 5% more for products that demonstrate a fully sustainable supply chain. However, consumers believe that the responsibility for sustainability initiatives falls on businesses, not government regulators or individuals. At the same time, many consumers think that retailers can do more to showcase their sustainability efforts, so additional accessibility to these initiatives is essential in today's market.

"If there's anything this data tells us, it's that consumers are asking for changes that retailers are uniquely positioned to implement," says Kim Melvin, global leader of marketing, Sensormatic Solutions. "Consumers' sentiments are now sitting firmly on the side of sustainability and retailers who follow these asks, like switching to sustainable packaging materials, enhancing inventory intelligence to avoid overstocks and wasted products, investing in energy efficient measures and implementing apparel recirculation programs -- are

more likely to capitalize on this growing trend."

Fifty-three percent of respondents said they would use a brand or store less frequently if they discovered it wasn't operating sustainably, and 18% said they would stop shopping with that retailer altogether. With that, brands may consider aligning their values with their customers' to ensure loyalty. Green initiatives may also attract new customers -- 30% strongly agree they would go out of their way to buy environmentally-friendly products.

While Melvin notes that much of the change will have to come from retailers themselves, consumers can also implement sustainable shopping practices. For example, buy online, pickup in store (BOPIS) and curbside pickup helps minimize wasted trips by ensuring a product is available and ready for pickup. Using these alternative shopping methods can limit returns, which will help minimize the environmental impact of a purchase.

To learn more about how emerging technologies are helping businesses go green, visit sensormatic.com.

"Ultimately, sustainability means something different to everyone," says Melvin. "However, now is the time for retailers to start implementing and demonstrating sustainability practices to improve the shopper experience, making participation in these initiatives more convenient."



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Transgender Question Still Up In Air

Less than a year ago I wrote about the controversy of transgendered people in sports. I got crucified over it, but what opinion doesn't get you that with today's cancel culture? To sum up, I pointed out the inherent unfairness of allowing male to compete against female.

If you have followed the issue, then you already know the Indiana legislature recently passed a bill that basically bans transgender athletes from competition in high schools. And you also know that Gov. Eric Holcomb vetoed it.

Good for the governor. Wait, what?

Like so many things in life, there's more to this than meets the eye. Of course, in today's world of instant everything, details aren't really important. Everyone wants the 50,000-foot view and the issue summed up in a soundbite. So, yes, it would seem that the legisla-



TIM TIMMONS
Two Cents

ture's proposal to keep boys from competing against girls is a good thing, and that the governor is playing to the woke crowd with his veto.

But that's not the case. The Indiana High School Athletic Association already has rules in place, and those rules have prevented any sort of big movement of Hoosier high school boys competing as Hoosier high school girls. As one of my favorite lawmak-

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ers says, this is just the state micromanaging. Holcomb, presumably, knows there isn't a big problem and nixed the attempt of the good lawmakers to tell the IHSAA how to do their jobs.

Seems fair to me. Look, my position hasn't changed one iota. It seems appropriate that in March, a month dedicated to recognizing the achievements of women, we take on what can be a blatantly unfair advantage males have over females in some sports. And to be clear, don't hand me that sorry line that this is discrimination.

In the immortal words of

Col. Henry Potter, sufferin' sheep dip!

Sports, at its core, is purported to be about fairness and sportsmanship. One side may be better than another, but the playing field is supposed to be level. How fair was it that a male weightlifter competed as a female for the New Zealand Olympic team? How fair was it that a male swimmer decimated his female competitors in collegiate swimming?

This isn't about discrimination, it's about fairness.

And if, at some point in the future, transgender athletes actually become an issue in Indiana, then all the IHSAA has to do is create a separate category for transgenders. Don't tell me it can't be done. Many of us remember when the IHSAA didn't have competition for girls. Heck, you can

even bring up a topic I hate, class sports. If fairness wasn't a major point of emphasis, we'd still have every basketball team in the state playing in one tournament.

We live in a strange world today, my friends. Facts aren't facts anymore. One side makes some outlandish claim and the world is too politically correct to react accordingly. I said it before and I'll say it again. Everyone – every color, creed, size, gender, persuasion – should have the opportunity to take part in sports if they choose. No one should be left out. They just ought to start on equal footing.

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Routines Are Habit Forming

I was surprised to learn, Tuesday morning, that I was out of milk. I was quite certain that milk was on my weekly grocery list, and I was equally certain that I had walked out of the store with a jug of fodder fuel in my hand.

Nevertheless, when I opened the refrigerator door, in the spot on the upper shelf where gallon milk jugs have stood tall for most of my life -- or at least for most of my refrigerator's life -- no milk was to be found.

After briefly considering the irony -- that after decades of using milk cartons to locate people, there is no vehicle for people to locate missing milk -- I set out to find the lamming liquid.

It wasn't hard.

In the cool spot where the milk once stood was my favorite Carefree Nordic™ Syracuse

china cereal bowl. I recognized it, because it has a chip in the green abstract leaf. That chip distinguishes it from the un-chipped "company" bowls.

I trot those out for guests when throw-away paper bowls overstate how long I'm hoping they will stay.

If my favorite cereal bowl is in the refrigerator, I thought, then there's a good chance that the milk is in the ... sure enough. Upon opening the cabinet door, there stood an almost full gallon of milk, sweating like Joe Frazier in a title fight.

For nearly all of my adult life, my morning routine has been to take my bowl out of the cabinet, tumble in a cup or



JOHN MARLOWE
With the Grain

two of crunchy cereal, and then submerge the grains in a deluge of milk from the fridge.

However, here lately, I've been trying to eat a healthier breakfast, and slow the consumption of carbs. Somehow, in breaking my breakfast routine, I managed to also break the habit of putting the milk back

in the right place. My diet is just one of the many habits I'm trying to change. I'm trying to see if changing habits can really change my life.

Habits are different than routines. For one thing, they are more popular. James Clear's Atomic Habits has resided atop the New York Times Bestseller list for weeks. So, too, has Dean Graziosi's Millionaire

Success Habits and Tiny Habits by BJ Fogg, PhD.

Good. Bad. Ugly. Naughty. We are obsessed with habits.

Why not? Who doesn't appreciate the idea of putting some tasks on autopilot, so we can use our cognitive brain power on important stuff? But herein lies the problem. We tend to equate a habit with something that comes effortlessly. It's just the opposite.

Habits and routines are easily confused.

According to research psychologist and "habitologist" Benjamin Gardner, habits are behaviors we do without thinking. Routines are actions we regularly follow. And, while all habits start out as routines, all routines cannot become habits. It takes time and effort for a habit to form.

The easiest test to distinguish the two is to decide if you

have to think about them. For instance, Gardner's example of fastening a seat belt when you first get in your car is a habit, because it is a behavior that has become second nature. Going to the gym everyday, or writing this column before the deadline are routines. I have to think about doing them.

As my old farmer friend, Red, commenting on quitting his smoking habit says, "Habits are hard to break, because you have to work really hard to acquire them in the first place."

We've been told that cultivating the right habits can lead us to becoming virtually any kind of person we want to be. I've still got a long way to go.

Luckily, I haven't yet soured on the idea.

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Ask Rusty – Should I Claim Early Due To Social Security's Financial Condition?

Dear Rusty: I plan on retiring at 62, one year from now. I have been coached to (if financially possible) leave my Social Security earnings for my wife to collect in the future if I die, considering that she was a homemaker for the majority of her income earning years. My instinct is to get Social Security coming (I understand I'm settling for a lesser amount at age 62) as soon as possible considering the forecast of our government's inability to fund Social Security for the rest of my life. No one has a crystal ball, and no one knows what our government will or will not be able to fund even into next week, so we weigh what we know and see, and then decide. Is my question clear?

Signed: Skeptical

Dear Skeptical: Well, your question is clear but contains two opposing factors - you say you wish to provide well for your wife if you die,



ASK RUSTY
Social Security Advisor

but also say you wish to claim at age 62 because you're not confident that Social Security (SS) will be there in the future. Yet claiming at age 62 will mean the lowest possible survivor benefit for your wife because her benefit as your widow will be the amount you are receiving at your death. I'll try to put all this into perspective for you.

Although Social Security is facing some future financial issues, it will never go bankrupt and be unable to pay benefits. The worst that could

Social Security Matters by AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor Russell Gloor

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happen, if Congress takes no action beforehand, would be that benefits will be cut by about 22% if the SS Trust Fund is fully depleted in 2033 (right now, reserves in the Trust Fund are used to supplement SS expenses because SS revenue is currently less than program costs). If that happens, Social Security can only pay out as much as it brings in. But that almost certainly won't happen, because Congress won't permit it to. Congress already knows how to fix Social Security's financial

issues – they just currently lack the political will and bipartisan spirit to implement the changes needed. But there's little doubt that they will fix the issue before allowing an across-the-board benefit cut to over 65 million beneficiaries (because seniors vote). FYI, there was \$2.9 trillion in reserves in the Social Security Trust Fund at the end of 2020.

I don't recommend you make your Social Security claiming decision based on fear of the program going bank-

rupt – it won't. Even if Congress doesn't act and a benefit cut is imposed in 2033 (which is highly unlikely), a 22% cut to your age 62 benefit amount would be more painful than a 22% cut to your benefit at your full retirement age (FRA) which would be about 30% higher than your age 62 benefit amount.

The longer you wait to claim, the higher your benefit, and your wife's survivor benefit, will be - even in the unlikely event of a later cut in benefits. Instead, I suggest you make your claiming decision based only upon your personal circumstances. If you wish to increase your wife's survivor benefit, then waiting longer to claim is the way to do that. If you retire from working at age 62, Social Security's earnings test won't apply to you (the earnings test limits how much you can earn while collecting early SS benefits), thus you

can certainly claim at 62 if you so wish. But it's important to consider the consequences of claiming early (including a lower survivor benefit for your widow) and make a decision based on facts, not fear of Social Security going bankrupt - because it won't.

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What's Cooking?

Mary Ellen and I were in the middle of spring cleaning (we do it every three or four years) when I found a book in the back of the storage closet that I thought Mary Ellen could benefit from. I retrieved the book from a dusty shelf and placed it on the kitchen counter, as a subtle hint.

"What's with this, Dick? After 42 years of marriage, I don't think I need a refresher course in this area. True, I never really enjoyed the process, but I expected you to participate more than you have."

"Mary Ellen, the book is 'The Joy of Cooking.' Not 'The Joy of Cleaning.'"



DICK WOLFSIE
Life in a Nutshell

Apparently, Mary Ellen inherited this volume from her mother. First published in 1931, this was the 1936 release, with 800 pages and hundreds of recipes. It's actually a collector's item. I skimmed the pages and was disappointed to discover there were no

photos showing what it looks like when steps are followed properly. Does "The Joy of Sex" have photos like that? No clue.

The first chapter in this kitchen essential is about cocktails. Here's what the author, Irma Rombauer, wrote: "Cocktails loosen tongues and unbutton reserves of the socially shy...and they should be served the sooner the better." This is no longer considered good advice—especially if you are a flight attendant.

In the poultry and game chapter, here is a snippet of the introduction: "Draw out the entrails, cut the neck close

to the body, remove the windpipe end, then chop off the feet." As you can tell, this book was also a big hit with serial killers.

The fish chapter begins by saying the key to a good dinner party is the proper preparation. I'm not sure whether the author refers to preparing the fish or the guests, but I'll be ready either way. "I hope you enjoy the blowfish, which is poisonous if not cooked properly. Just in case, be advised you might experience violent stomach pain, convulsions, and possible death."

One section references people retiring to the drawing room after the meal. First of all, if peo-

ple are retiring at your party, you need to liven things up with a stripper or the Chippendales, to celebrate. And what's a drawing room? The only guy I know personally with one of those is the cartoonist Gary Varvel.

Doesn't this, taken right from the book, sound like it could be the climax scene from the original movie "The Thing"? "When it comes to vegetables, cooks often suffer from arrested development," says Irma, "and the result is indescribable, looking like it came from a siege, drained of all life force and surrendered to the inevitable."

When Irma finished

writing "The Joy of Cooking," her husband, Edgar, had an idea. He told Irma that if she made every dish he would taste them all, but she had to cook them in alphabetical order, as listed in the index. This was the perfect publicity stunt, he thought, but it was doomed to ultimately fail before the very last meal. Edgar, you see, was allergic to zucchini.

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Ukraine Refugees Are Coming

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

America has been good to help people and more are on the way.

Refugees from Ukraine are coming to America, up to 100,000 would be welcomed as recently announced by President Biden. The population of some communities will grow depending on where the federal government places these people.

Since the passage of the refugee act there are already over 3 million refugees in America. They are located throughout the United States with large populations in some towns and cities.

A refugee is "a per-



GLENN MOLLETTE
Guest Column

son who is unable to return his or her country of origin because of a well-founded fear of persecution based on race, religion, nationality, political opinion, or membership in a particular social group." A refu-

gee legally resides in the country of resettlement and is eligible for federally funded cash assistance for up to 8 months. Refugees are resettled in the United States by the federal government and are afforded specific refugee assistance to help them rebuild their lives in America. This federal funding is limited in both duration and amount. It is important to note that most refugees arrive with very little in terms of possessions, beside a few bags of luggage, and if they are lucky, all of their family members.

All refugees arriving in the United States are

entitled to 8 months of Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA) from the date of their U.S. arrival. The RCA amounts vary based on the size of the family: Single person (\$230/month), Family of 2 (\$363/Month), Family of 3 (\$485/month), Family of 4 (\$611/month), etc. If a family qualifies for Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), offered by the State Department of Health and Human Services, they will not receive RCA funds, but will immediately begin receiving TANF funds, which provide the same amounts of funds as outlined above

for families (Refugee or American), yet unlike RCA, there is 5 year time limit to their receipt of funds which can be reviewed and extended depending on need. All TANF recipients must be participating in verified educational courses, volunteer placements, and/or employment searches in order to access these funds. Source, Catholic Charities

The Ukrainian people appear to be hard working people. Once they make it to America I would not be surprised if some of our worker shortage will start to disappear. These people

have nothing. If you still want a job you probably should take one and go to work.

At this point we have no choice but to help these people as the economy and infrastructure of the countries surrounding Ukraine cannot absorb them all.

Can you imagine if Russia and China combined to attack America? What if we had to run to Canada to survive? We would appreciate anything anybody would do to help us.

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An Incredible Life And Legacy: Remembering Charles Wiley

by Dr. David Ayers

My old and dear friend and mentor, Charlie Wiley, passed away in his sleep this week. He was 95 years old. If living a long life with your mind intact, your interest in life and its affairs still intense, your oldest memories as keen as yesterday, and then dying peacefully in one's sleep is a reward from God for a life well lived, then Charles Wiley is most surely an example.

Moved to write a tribute to him, how do I know where to start?

I remember the last time I saw him alive. His rumpled brown overcoat, patch on one eye, World War II veteran's baseball hat, sneakers, and everything he traveled with in something like a grocery bag as I dropped him off, shaking his hand for the last time, at the Pittsburgh airport in April 2019. With the onset of COVID, his April 2020 speaking trip to Grove City College had to be cancelled. That was a rare spring at the college without Charlie—he had visited the campus consistently almost every year since 1997. He would arrive Sunday evening and stay until Thursday morning, with a big evening talk on Monday, lectures to several classes, and wrapping up on Thursday with a talk at George Junior Republic and then sometimes Rotary.

After seeing off Charlie at the airport in April 2019, there were just the regular long and warm phone calls, Charlie passionately analyzing the world in light of everything he had been saying to me and anyone else who had been listening, for several decades. I had enjoyed Charlie calls since the 1980s.

I remember the first time I saw him, at about age 60, in the basement men's room of the college where I was teaching, about 1987. He was applying ointment for a skin condition he had picked up, he said, in the South Pacific. A skin condition that accompanied him on trips to virtually every place in the world after that, through one war after another, and hundreds of speeches yearly well into his 90s. Two things were obvious right off the bat: He had a strong ego, but he

also did not have a pretentious bone in his body. He was absolutely confident, with a high but accurate opinion of himself, and afraid of nothing. But he was honestly interested in, and concerned about, everyone, high or low. I liked him instantly.

How do you summarize a one-in-a-million person like Charles Wiley? It is easy to focus on his amazing experiences and accomplishments, so full that even after 35 years he could surprise me with some new story. A child actor who performed in the first staging of Our Town, from a family of actors from New York City who traveled the country, he served in the USO after failing to get into the Marines when lying about his age a couple of days after Pearl Harbor. As soon as he was legally able, he joined the Navy, and pestered them until they gave him a combat assignment. He was a gunner on the first ship to dock in Japan following the surrender and was on the team that evacuated people ahead of the first famous atomic test blast at Bikini Atoll. Later, NYU tried to deny him his bachelor's degree in journalism when the dean discovered that, due to his enlistment, he didn't have a high school diploma. His straight A average, rare at the time, and while employed full-time, convinced the dean to back down. I don't think he ever graduated high school, but he graduated summa cum laude from NYU.

Charlie became a war correspondent, among other things, with at least four tours in Vietnam, including Tet. Where do I begin? The last journalist to interview Malcolm X, in a restaurant in NYC, a few weeks before his assassination. His hunger strike in a Cuban dungeon, daring Fidel Castro to let an American journalist starve to death rather than knuckle under. His deportation from the USSR in 1962 ordered personally by the head of the KGB, whom he later met with for over five hours in an apartment in Moscow, with a picture to prove it. His trip to the Soviet border with the Red Army back in the 1970s, for which Soviet spotters

retaliated by shooting two Chinese soldiers. The letters of thanks from Ronald Reagan, Richard Nixon, the former president of South Vietnam, General Westmoreland, the captain of the ill-fated Pueblo, the leader of the Cuban patriots who were slaughtered at the Bay of Pigs. There was his time with Gloria Steinem when she was a CIA agent posted at an Eastern European embassy or chatting with someone who appears to be then-Mujahideen soldier Osama Bin Laden on a mountain side in Afghanistan during the Soviet invasion. Watching Humphrey Bogart waiting for his girlfriend after rehearsal for a stage show Charlie was in. Hanging out with a fellow USO performer named Bob Hope when they bumped into each other in Hong Kong. His friendship with Mike Wallace and conversations with Charlton Heston. The hardened African American gang member at our local George Junior Republic rehabilitation facility hugging Charlie after his talk there and then bugging the staff for over a year to bring him back. (Charlie literally had tears when he told me about it.) And best of all, Charlie and Alice selling Tony Randall his prized poodle. Pictures with Robert Dole, Edward Teller, Gerald Ford. Our own J. Howard Pew personally writing and handing him checks to fund his work infiltrating communist youth congresses in Eastern Europe during the 1950s and 1960s.

Charlie used to say that the only thing that had kept him from visiting almost every country on the planet was that they kept creating new ones. He spent a lot of time in the Ukraine, for example, and loved the Ukrainian people dearly. But it wasn't a country then. Ditto lots of others.

There were some of my favorite "Charlie sayings." "Life is hard, but it's a lot harder if you're stupid." "Not enough of our people in charge have learned to look at things from the other's guy's point of view." "Being old is great, except you die a lot sooner." "When I was a kid, I never heard FDR's name in my home. To my father,

he was just 'that son of a bitch.'"

Charlie was the most intelligent and interesting man I have ever known. He was deeply loyal to his friends. He was madly in love with his wife Alice, and his family. He was a survivor of personal tragedy, losing his first wife young, and a son to drowning. He was a patriot deeply in love with America and its historical freedoms. He was a passionate and effective Cold Warrior, but always a happy one. He never talked to me without expressing a serious interest in how I was doing and how my wife and children were. By the way, my kids adored him and were in awe of him.

When I remember Charlie speaking at our college, I think of the "donut." What's that? The donut of students around him at the end of his talk, speaking with him and firing questions and laughing, often for a half hour or more until I would literally drag him away. I saw that donut in three states and as many colleges, dozens of times. I used to joke with him that he was the Pied Piper.

Charlie revolutionized the way that I think, the way I analyze things. I have read incredible books, had amazing professors, met some real geniuses, but no one like him. What did I learn that I have and will continue to try my best to apply, but without the benefit of his unique mind, inductive logical ability, encyclopedic memory, and passion?

First, without prejudice, look at reality from the other person's point of view. If you want to understand Mao, or Stalin, Putin, the average Russian, the average Chinese loyalist, Palestinians, Biden, Trump—anyone—get into their heads. More importantly, what would you do if you were them? How would you think and feel about this if you were them? How does the world look to them?

Second, acquire new knowledge and integrate it with your existing knowledge, constantly. In doing so, learn from everyone. Listen to people you don't like. A sworn enemy of communism, he read and saved every issue of the

Daily Worker for many years. During the 1930s, Charlie found ways to get translated broadcasts from Germany. As a boy he listened to and read Hitler speeches back when Chamberlain was still trying to appease him. He read and clipped news from everywhere, box after box of it, and especially tuned into and read non-American news sources daily, right up to the end.

Third, after doing all this, set aside your prejudices and ideology, and let the facts speak to you whether or not you like what they tell you. For example, the person you hate may be evil, but he may also be incredibly smart, not crazy. Yes, winning that war might be easy, but can you hold what you win? Charlie's predictions were almost always accurate, given well in advance, and frequently defied popular conservative wisdom. His uncanny gift of induction based on an incredible grasp of facts fitted to other facts, free of ideological blinders, was his secret.

Fourth, never stop growing and improving. Let me illustrate this from two things I observed. First, when Charlie forgot some fact, even in his 90s, he refused to "Google" it. He just kept thinking until he remembered it. Charlie told me that this kept his mental connections fresh, kept his brain from getting lazy and stale. Second, a stellar and riveting speaker, he always insisted I ask students to write up honest evaluations of what they liked and didn't like about his speech. He said he was most interested in reading the negative comments, because praise didn't help him improve.

Finally, fight for what is true and good regardless of whether you are on the winning side. Charlie used to often remind me that Whittaker Chambers, in renouncing his loyalty to communism, said clearly that he chose what he believed at the time to be the losing side in order to choose truth rather than live by lies under communism.

The last time I spoke to Charlie was about a month ago. I expressed despair over seeing the gradual

victory of everything I have fought against and cared about for most of my adult life. He answered, "Dave, I have fought on the losing side my entire life." Even the defeat of Soviet communism and the Iron Curtain—something he had sacrificed to see for decades—had been, as he saw it, squandered by the feckless, clueless foreign policy of both parties since the close of the Reagan era. Charlie often reminded me that he had been a conservative activist when you could fit all the champions of true conservatism in a phone booth, during the early days of William Buckley.

And in that, he reminded me, as he had many times before, that I need to do more than just fight, more than just stand for truth. I also need, as he did, to not let all those evils and disappointments befoul my private world, to wreck the peace or warmth of my marriage and family. He lived that, relying on his wonderful and beloved wife Alice every day, calling her at least once a day on the road, talking everything over with her, his partner in every way. He talked about the joy and accomplishment he got from his son and daughter and grandchildren and in-laws. He nurtured and protected his private world and the people and friends he loved, and this gave him strength to engage the public world through one losing battle after another, right up to the day he left us.

Charlie, your leaving has left a big hole in my life and a lot of others. But I am grateful to God for having known you this well and this long. I appreciate your loyalty and how you always had my back. I know you did everything you could to make sure Alice was taken care of, that she will miss you terribly but will be okay. Yours has been an incredible life and legacy. You lived well. You died well. May you rest in peace.

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