#### TODAY'S VERSE

Matthew 24:34-35 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass



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

What makes Dave Barker smile? "My family," said the 65-year-old Noblesville resident. He and his wife, Rhonda, have been married 39 years and have three sons, Daniel Barker and Victor Barker, and the late Jeremy Barker; and eight grandchildren, ages 4-18. He is a deacon at Clarksville Christian Church. Barker is semi retired and working as a farmhand at Flanders Amazing Grain. He is a 23-year volunteer firefighter/EMT at White River Township Volunteer Fire Department, retiring in January 2022. He loves working backstage at the annual Hamilton County Passion Play, Behold the Lamb (The 2023 play will be March 29-April 1). He is past president of Wayne-Fall Lions Club (His son Victor is current president). Dave will be flipping pancakes at the Wayne-Fall Lions' annual Palm Sunday all-youcan-eat pancake breakfast, which will be from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. this Sunday at the Clubhouse, 11940 E. 191st St., Noblesville. Besides pancakes, there will be bacon, sausage, eggs, coffee, juice and milk will be served. "You won't find anything this good for a Sunday morning breakfast or Sunday afternoon brunch around." The public is invited. The Wayne-Fall Lions Club is about three miles east of Indiana 37 at 11940 E. 191st St., at Deshane Avenue and Victory Chapel Road in Noblesville. Freewill donations will go to the Lions International Fund for the refugees and persons of Ukraine. Carryout will be available. Barker's hobbies?

#### And Another Thing...

motorcycle."

Indiana fishing and hunting licenses are now available for purchase. Valid from April 1, 2022, to March 31, 2023.

"Pestering grandkids and riding my

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**NOBLESVILLE, INDIANA** 



# **Boomer Bits**



### **Ask Rusty - About The Earnings Test And Taxation Of Social Security Benefits**

Dear Rusty: I'm 63, married, and we file a joint tax return. If I claim Social Security now and keep working and earn \$7,000 more per year than the annual limit of \$19,560, I know I'd have benefits withheld at the rate of \$1 for every \$2 over the limit (\$3,500). But if I were to contribute \$7,000 to a conventional (not Roth) IRA and take the deduction, would this reduce my earned income and eliminate the SS benefit withholding? And will such an IRA deduction help avoid taxation of my SS benefits if I am above the \$32,000 taxation threshold for married - filing jointly? I'm trying to figure how much I can afford to earn while collecting Social Security benefits. Signed: Searching for

Dear Searching: Contributions to an IRA will not reduce the income tax liability on your Social Security benefits. Taxation of Social Security benefits

5 Tips For

**Buying Life** 

Insurance

(StatePoint) More and

more people are realizing that

adding life insurance to their

financial plan can provide a

measure of security for their

to a survey by the financial

LIMRA, the first six months

number of U.S. life insurance

policies sold since 1983, and

nearly one in three Americans

said they were more likely to

purchase coverage due to the

insurance for the first time

or reviewing your policy to

coverage, here are five tips

1. Know the difference

insurance coverage lasts for

a set amount of time - most

policies are for 10 to 30-year

terms - while permanent life

insurance covers your entire

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life insurance. Term life

between term and permanent

make sure you have the right

to help guide you in the right

Whether you're buying life

services trade association

of 2021 saw the highest

COVID-19 pandemic.

direction:

loved ones. In fact, according

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is determined using something known as Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI), which is your normal AGI on your tax return, plus 50% of the SS benefits you received during the tax year, plus any other non-taxable income you had (which would include contributions to your IRA). As you know, MAGI over \$32,000 will cause 50% of your SS benefits received during the tax year to become taxable, but MAGI over \$44,000 will up that percentage to as much as 85% of SS benefits received during the tax year (taxed at your normal IRS tax rate).

For the Social Security earnings limit, which applies to anyone collecting early benefits, your gross income from working is what counts so contributing to an IRA won't reduce the amount you exceed the limit by - they will use your gross W2 amount, not the Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) from your tax return.

FYI, the 2022 annual earnings limit is \$19,560 and if that is exceeded, you'll pay the penalty (\$1 for every \$2 over). But claiming mid-year you'll also be subject to a 2022 monthly

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#### **Isolated Seniors Need Companionship**

by John Grimaldi It is tempting to start thinking

that the covid pandemic will soon be a bad memory. Surely, among the older population there is a particular desire to put an end to the social isolation. They are among those who were - and still are - particularly impacted by the loneliness of the disease, not to mention that seniors are among the most likely to succumb to infection.

"Whether the pandemic will soon be over or not, is unknown at this point, bearing in mind that new variants can emerge at any moment as we have learned over the past two years. What we do know is that it has disrupted the lives of the most vulnerable among us. Prior to the outbreak of the disease in March of 2020, too large a percentage of the over-60 set were already living alone," says Rebecca Weber, CEO of the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. "The pandemic sentenced an even greater number of seniors to solitary confinement."

How bad is it? The National Academies of Sciences Engineering and Medicine reports that, "Social isolation and loneliness are serious yet under-appreciated public health risks that affect a significant portion of the older

adult population. Approximately one-quarter of community-dwelling Americans aged 65 and older are considered to be socially isolated, and a significant proportion of adults in the United States report feeling lonely. People who are 50 years of age or older are more likely to experience many of the risk factors that can cause or exacerbate social isolation or loneliness, such as living alone, the loss of family or friends, chronic illness, and sensory impairments. Over a life course, social isolation and loneliness may be episodic or chronic, depending upon an individual's circumstances and perceptions."

Obviously, covid-19 has made isolation a chronic side effect for senior citizens. However, according to Dr. Ashwin Kotwal, a geriatrics specialist who teaches at the University of California, San Francisco, says that in the pre-pandemic era people – particularly the elderly – were reluctant to admit they were lonely. It was a sensitive topic, he says suggesting that the pandemic appears to have "normalized" discussions about loneliness.

'This is a good thing," according to AMAC's CEO Weber. "We know, of course, that

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# The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset RISE: 7:15 a.m. SET: 8:16 p.m.

> High/Low **Temperatures** High: 43 °F Low: 33 °F

#### **Wacky Holiday Today**

- National Former Prisoner
- of War Recognition Day
- National Unicorn Day • National Gin and Tonic Day

#### What Happened On This Day

- 1860 The world's first recording of the human voice is created
- 1967 The first Boeing 737 takes off on its maiden flight
- 1940 Germany invades Denmark and Norway

#### **Births On This Day** • 1945 Steve Gadd

- American drummer
- 1971 Jacques Villeneuve Canadian race car driver

#### **Deaths On This Day**

- 2011 Sidney Lumet American director
- 2005 Andrea Dworkin American activist, author

#### **Local Briefs: Yes, Lots Of Underpants** in This Show

"Flam-

see a lot



BETSY REASON The Times Editor

When I featured play director Brian Nichols and his comedy at Basile Westfield Playhouse last week, I really had no idea there would be so

many laughs. I attended the show on Thursday night and laughed aloud more than I've laughed at any play in a long time.

Being a farce, the show entertains through absurd, highly exaggerated, improbable and

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

#### Want **MORE**?

Please turn to page A4 for the winners, runner ups, and honorable mentions in the **MERCHANDISE** category and for the **GOVERNMENT** category.

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

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### State Awards Over \$1 Million in Teacher Residency Grant Funding

Noblesville Schools and Hamilton Heights School Corporation are among a swath of school corporations receiving grants from the Indiana Commission for Higher Education to assist with teacher residency programs. Noblesville Schools received a grant of \$60,000 and Hamilton Heights Schools Corporation received \$15,000.

Ryan Rich, assistant superintendent of learning at Noblesville Schools, commented on the grants, saying, "The teacher shortage continues to be a significant challenge for schools and we expect this residency program funding to be a game changer in terms of increasing our connections with strong teaching candidates." He went on to say, "Additionally, the

program provides meaningful development opportunities for prospective and current teachers. In the long run it's really a win for everyone, especially our students.

Fifteen new school corporations and 12 continuing corporations will host more than 70 teacher residents through the Indiana Commission for Higher Education Teacher Residency Grant Pilot Program. A total of \$1,050,000 in residency grants were awarded for the 2022-23 academic year.

The Teacher Residency Grant Pilot Program was created in 2019 by the Indiana General Assembly. Modeled after medical residency and apprenticeship

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#### HONEST HOOSIER

Here's a belated welcome to Indiana, Matty Ice. I'm sure going to be rooting for you and the Colts this fall!



#### INSIDE TODAY Obituaries......A2 Classifieds......A3

#### In The Home......A7 Travel......A8 TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Get an exercise partner and challenge each other to show up and to foster healthy competition. 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.



OBITUARIES Lester Earl Harden

Virginia S. Smith **Douglas "Doug" Warren Sanford** 

#### 🗢 TODAY'S QUOTE

"If you let your head get too big, it'll break your neck." Elvis Presley

#### 🖚 TODAY'S JOKE

Why are teddy bears never hungry? Because they're always stuffed.









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WEEKEND, APRIL 9-10, 2022

#### **OBITUARIES**

**Lester Earl Harden** Dec. 28, 1939 - April 7, 2022

Lester Earl Harden, 82, of Noblesville, passed away on Thu., April 7, 2022 at Riverview Health in Noblesville.

He was born on Dec. 28, 1939 to Hubert and Bernece (Jackson) Harden in Rossville, Ill.

Mr. Harden worked in retail sales for many years, working at Farm Bureau Co-Op, UHaul, and Wickes Lumber to name

a few. He was a charter member of White River Christian Church and was their first Sunday School Superintendent. He loved going to Canada to fish, volunteering at WRCC food pantry, going to Jim Dandy's with friends, and playing cards. Mr. Harden was known for keeping people laughing, telling jokes and stories, and having a great sense of humor.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Janet Harden; children Rich (Kim) Harden, Randy Harden, Rodney (Jami) Harden and Kim (Jimmy) Bradley; siblings Rex (Joyce), Ken (Carol), Blayne (Paula), Annis Kirts, Larry, Linda Masengale and Ben Larick; grandchildren Richard (Trista), Brian, Kaylee (Joel), Riley, Jacob (Jill), McKenzie (Nick) and Marisa; and five great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his siblings, Ron, Leta, and Lila.

Services are scheduled to be held at 11 a.m. on Mon., April 11, 2022 at White River Christian Church, 1685 North 10th Street in Noblesville, with Pastor Fred Knoll officiating. Visitation is scheduled to be held from 3 p.m. to 6 p..m on Sun., April 10, 2022 at White River Christian Church, 1685 North 10th Street, in Noblesville. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to White River Christian Church Food Pantry, 1685 N. 10th Street, Noblesville, Ind. 46060.

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

#### **Douglas "Doug" Warren Sanford** May 4, 1973 - March 29, 2022

Douglas "Doug" Warren Sanford

passed away on March 29, 2022 at the age of 48 after battling an illness.

He was born in Grand Rapids, Mich. on May 4, 1973 and grew up in Lowell, Mich. with his parents, Dennis and Sharon, and sister, Jan.

Mr. Sanford then met his wife, Heather, who he married in Dec. 1994. They

raised their 2 children in Belding, Mich. and in 2010 moved to Indianapolis where they eventually settled into their home in Sheridan. Despite the challenges he faced throughout the illness, he remained sarcastic and strong

Mr. Sanford began his law enforcement career with the Ionia County Sheriff Office Reserves in 2003 where he also did animal control until 2010. He then moved to Indiana in 2010 and worked as an Animal Control Officer for Indianapolis until 2013. In 2013, he joined Carmel Police Department as their Community Service Officer until 2015. In 2015, Mr. Sanford joined the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office as their Humane Law Enforcement Officer, and was also the vice president of Hoosier Animal Law Officers (HALO est. 2017.) He was a Deputy with HCSO until the day that he passed.

Though Mr. Sanford was very passionate about law enforcement and helping the animals of Hamilton County, in his free time he enjoyed shooting guns and pheasant and deer hunting with his friends. He also enjoyed spending time on Bois Blanc Island with his family and, of course, he enjoyed sitting in his recliner, drinking watered down Kool-Aid and watching YouTube. Mr. Sanford was also a proud member of the NRA and HALO.

Survivors include his beautiful wife, Heather Sanford (nee Wright); son Holdan (Erlmae); daughter Brittney (Earl); mother Sharon Sanford (nee Collins); sister Janero (Steve) Babcock; best friend/brother Jon Stollings; and his loyal hunting dog, Deke.

He was preceded in death by his father, Dennis Sanford; grandparents Kenneth and Phoebe Sanford and Paul and Elaine Collins.

Mr. Sanford's Celebration of Life is scheduled to be held on April 16, 2022 at Noblesville First United Methodist Church, 2051 Monument Street, Noblesville, Ind. 46060. Visitation is scheduled to be held from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., with the memorial service scheduled to begin at 3 p.m.

The family requests memorial donations be sent to the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Community Foundation, 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, Ind. 46060, or online at https://www.hcsocommunityfoundation.com/

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

#### Virginia S. Smith Sep. 4, 1922 - April 2, 2022

Virginia S. Smith, 99, of Noblesville, passed away on Sat., April 2, 2022 at Riverwalk Village in Noblesville.

She was born on Sep. 4, 1922 to Roscoe and Lilly (Depke) Shepherd in Champaign, Ill.

Mrs. Smith enjoyed music and played the flute in her high school orchestra. She was a secretary during WWII, for

the base commander at the Army Air Corps Base in Boca Raton, Florida while her husband was in the service. While raising her family she continued to work as a church secretary and then for Chicago Title. Mrs. Smith liked traveling, especially to Hawaii, and enjoyed cruises. She was an avid reader, liked to write humorous poetry and really liked to shop. She was a life-long, loyal fan of the Chicago Cubs. Most of all, Mrs. Smith was a very supportive mother who loved her family.

Survivors include her son Bruce (Judy) Smith; daughter Lisa (Ron) Hampton; daughter-in-law Diane Smith; grandchildren Erick, Tabatha, Travis (Jacqueline), Tyler, Gina (Chad) and Megan (Joe); and 8 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Morgan Smith; son Glenn Smith; and brother Robert Shepherd.

Visitation is scheduled to be held from 5 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., with services scheduled from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., on Fri., April 15, 2022 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 50 East 91st Street, Suite 100, Indianapolis, Ind. 46240.

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

### **Noblesville, JC Hart and Republic to Break Ground on New East Bank Development**

A Groundbreaking ceremony for the new \$47.9 million mixed-use project that will go in along the east side of the White River, which includes 219 apartment units, 5,295 square feet of commercial retail space and more than 295 parking garage spaces and 32 on-street parking spaces will take place at 11 a.m.

on Thu., April 14 The ceremony will be held at the southwest corner of 6th Street and Connor with parking available in the Former Hamilton County Employee Parking Lot. Mayor Chris Jensen, Sr. Vice President of Development for J.C. Hart Todd May and President of Republic Development Rick Arnos will take part in the ceremony J.C. Hart and Republic Development are

building a \$47.9 million mixed-use development along the east side of the White River in the 3.4acre area that currently houses the Hamilton County Employee Parking Lot and McMillan's Auto Care. The development plans include four stories with the ground floor dedicated to 5,000 square feet of retail space. The residential portion will consist of approximately 219 high-end rental apartments. The project is a public-private partnership between the City of Noblesville and J.C. Hart and Republic Development.

#### Hamilton County Seeking Proposals for Affordable Housing

The Hamilton County **Board of Commissioners** is soliciting proposals from qualified agencies through April 28, 2022 for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding specifically allocated to provide affordable housing to low-to-moderate income individuals in Hamilton County. Approximately \$1,066,000 will be made available for one or more

affordable housing projects meeting qualifying criteria as described in the Request for Proposal (RFP) Package.

Qualified agencies include public agencies and nonprofit organizations. Applicants may partner with other organizations to provide the necessary expertise for their proposed affordable housing project. The County is not accepting applications

from individuals in need of personal housing or other financial assistance as part of this process.

The RFP application package may be downloaded on Hamilton County's website at https://www.hamiltoncounty.in.gov/1364/ Community-Development-Block-Grants and on www.goNHA.org under the "CDBG Program Year 2021" tab beginning Friday, April 1, 2022. Completed applications must be submitted to CDBG@ goNHA.org no later than 3 p.m. on Thursday, April 28, 2022.

For questions about the RFP and/or eligibility requirements, contact Mary Shaw, Community Development Manager. Noblesville Housing Authority at 317-773-5110 ext. 5 or email mshaw@ goNHA.org.

### Fairies to Take Over Downtown Noblesville

Welcome to Fairyville 2022, offers participants a whimsical way to celebrate Earth Week with a nature-themed, self-guided tour and more than a dozen special features.

Starting Wed., April 20th, don't be surprised when you hear a stampede of little feet and a rustle of gossamer wings in the Downtown Noblesville area. That's because Nickel Plate Arts' "Welcome to Fairyville" is back for the tenth year. From April 20-23, Artists and hobbyists are expected to display dozens of fairy houses on the Fairy Trail along the Riverwalk and around the historic courthouse square in Noblesville's Cultural Arts District. Many downtown merchants will paint fairy doors on their buildings symbolizing fairy-themed specials to usher magic inside. Whimsical events have been planned all throughout the Downtown Noblesville area, including an outdoor fairy fashion show, fairy tea parties, and live body painting. The trail will include opportunities to explore and be inspired by the natural world, thanks to the help of the Noblesville Tree Board, Noblesville Parks, and Hamilton County Soil and Water.

Nickel Plate Arts' **Executive Director Ailithir** McGill explained how new features of Welcome to Fairyville will inspire more wonder in celebration of this tenth anniversary: "Our tiny fairies are coming back in a big way! Not only do we have more interactive family experiences planned than ever before, but we're adding some special features for grownup fairies, too!" she began. "We're calling our adult-oriented offerings 'Fairyville After Dark.' They will take place during the evening of Friday, April 22nd, concurrently with our family-friendly events, and

will include acrobatic and fire performances, a body painting demonstration, and adult beverages available at various locations along the trail. For kids and families, there will be plenty of drop-in craft activities, plus special events like the Fairy Fashion Show, Mad Hatter Tea Parties, face painting, and more! Fairy-lovers who come on Friday night or Saturday will have the chance to shop fairy and nature-themed vendors and

meet real-life fairies, too!" Welcome to Fairyville is a perennial family-favorite activity, and Downtown Noblesville partners enjoy getting in on the fairy merriment. Dozens of artists and merchants come together to bring the event to life. Each day of the 4-day event is a little different, so participants are encouraged to check the day's schedule online or pick up a map with a schedule of events at Nickel Plate Arts. The excitement will peak during the Fairy Friday reception at Nickel Plate Arts from 6-9pm and continue throughout Saturday, with musicians, vendors, and real-life fairies wandering along the trail.

At this year's event, fairy-lovers can:

- Search for fairy houses and fairy doors along the trail, while exploring and learning about nature
- Make your own fairy house, pick up craft kits, shop for handmade fairy wings and gifts, enjoy child-friendly art exhibits, savor the sounds of live music performances Friday night and Saturday, or watch a glass-blowing demo on Saturday all at Nickel Plate Arts
- Meet real-life fairies (courtesy of the Belfry Theatre), trolls and other fae Friday night and Saturday
- Join Lil Bloomers for face painting from 10am-6pm each day or sign up for a Fairy Toadstool

**Obituary deadline** 

The Times publishes obituaries daily at www.

thetimes24-7.com, and in its print product every day

with the exception of Sundays and Tuesdays.

All obituaries must come from a funeral home.

A photo may be included and should be sent as a high-

resolution JPEG.

Daily obituary deadline is 4 p.m. for the following

day's print publication.

To read more obituaries, visit www.thetimes24-7.com.

Fashion Show on Friday night and Saturday that any child can enter

- Buy a ticket for a performance of The House at Pooh Corner, Saturday 2pm or 7:30pm & Sunday at 2pm • Paint pottery at Kiln
- Creations, or sign up for a fairy clay house project at 6pm on Friday night, a fairy resin art project at 6pm on Saturday, or a unicorn party from 12-4pm on Sunday
- create crafts or pick up a craft kit at Caravan Classes or register for the Mad Hatter Tea Parties on Saturday at 1:30 or 4pm

• Reserve a time to

- Stop in at Gal's Guide to the Galaxy to peruse fairy-themed books and engagement activities • Paint your own
- kindness rocks and enjoy art demonstrations at Hamilton County Artists' Association on Saturday Unwind during Fairy
- Yoga in Seminary Park at 11am on Thursday and Saturday mornings
- Bring their baby or toddler to a Happy Babies and Tots class to explore features of the natural world at 10am on Thursday and Saturday morn-
- Sip Fairy Lemonade at Noble Coffee
- Nibble on fairy wand churros or sip fairy cocktails (21 + only) at Texy Mexy
- Enjoy fairy-themed cocktails at Primeval Brewing (21 + only)
- Shop from fairythemed vendors, including Papa Smurf Concessions, Glass Utopia, Emma Hopkins Wool, Full Moon Creations, jewelry makers, wood carvers, and many other artists!

• And much more! (Please note: some events have fees or require advanced registration, visit www.nickelplatearts.org/ fairyville for registration information) There is still time to

participate in the Fairy

Home Show, which is a contest for fairy house builders (aka Fairy Architects) of all ages. Fairy houses must be made from mostly biodegradable materials and small enough to be moved by one person, to be displayed along the trail. Prizes include cash, craft supplies, gift cards, and the eternal gratitude of Noblesville's fairy population. Fairy Architects must apply by the end of the day on April 15th and houses have to be delivered to Nickel Plate Arts on April 18th. Applications are available on our website and any prospective fairy architects with questions are encouraged to call us at (317)

"This is truly the most magical event of the year, and we are delighted that so many of our local partners have gotten into the fairy spirit: we so hope that you'll join in on the fun, too!" offered McGill. "Event details are still falling into place, so stay tuned to our website and social media for news about the latest activities!" Whether you choose to skip, walk, fly or frolic along the Fairy Trail, Nickel Plate Arts is looking forward to welcoming any and all guests. For more information, go to www.nickelplatearts.org/ fairyville.

Nickel Plate Arts is an umbrella nonprofit organization that creates and coordinates arts and cultural experiences across communities to improve the quality of life for residents, strengthen local economies and enrich experiences for visitors. Nickel Plate Arts is a project of Hamilton County Tourism, Inc. The Nickel Plate Arts Trail extends 30 miles through Fishers, Noblesville, Cicero, Arcadia, Atlanta and Tipton. Visit us at 107 S. 8th Street in Noblesville, online at nickelplatearts.org or call 317.452.3690.

#### **PUBLIC NOTICES**

DOCKET NO. 22-V-01
The Sheridan Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing on the 5th day of May, 2022 at 6pm. The meeting will be held at the Sheridan Community Center 300 E. 6th St. Sheridan In. 46069.

The hearing is to act upon a request for a Variance of use to allow Lawncare/ landscaping Business to operate in R-1 district as set forth in the Zoning Code of Sheridan, Indiana. This request for a Variance of Use brought by John Schelling. This property is located at 24540 Hudson St. Sheridan. Indiana 46069. This petition

for a Permanent use of variance of use is now identified as 22-V-01. Interested persons desiring to present their views about this petition, either in writing or verbally, will be given the opportunity to be heard at the above-mentioned John Schelling

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Merchandise

 Antique Store Winner – Logan Village Mall

Runner Up - Noblesville Antiques on the Square

Honorable Mentions -Randy's Toy Shop, Midland Arts and Antiques, Main Street Shoppes, The Mix, Westfield Antque Market, Thistle & Thyme

 Auto Body Shop

Winner – Renner Nixon Runner Up - Bill

Kitchens Honorable Mentions -Story Collision Center,

Hamilton Co. Collision, Gerber Collision, Millers

 Auto Parts Store

Winner – Advance Auto

Runner Up - Auto-Zone (Mundy Drive) Honorable Mentions -

 Bike Shop Winner - Recycle

Runner Up – West-

field Cyclesports Honorable Mentions: Carmel Cyclery, Motion Cycling & Fitness, Loke Bicycles

 Bridal Store Winner - Kim M **Bridal and Formal** Wear Resale

Runner Up - The Wedding Studio

Honorable Mentions - Beloved Brides, Blue House Bridal, Leena's Bridal

> Carpet Store Winner – Home

**Depot** 

Runner Up - Kinsey's Honorable Mentions -Lowe's, Adam's Flooring, Blakely's, Floors to Your Home

Government

 Armed Services

Winner - U.S.

**Marines** 

Runner Up – Army Honorable Mentions – Navy, Air Force, National Guard

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#### **Weed Wrangles Looking for Volunteers**

Green is not always good. Hamilton County landscapes are encountering growing threats from non-native plants. Invasive plants introduced in this region decades ago for landscaping and other purposes are now a serious concern for our parks, public green spaces, and our own backyards. More and more, this counties' beautiful native trees, plants and wildlife are losing the fight against these aggressive plants, vines, trees and insects that consume nutrients, disrupt the ecological balance and disfigure the outdoor world where county residents hike, bike, picnic, play and relax.

In an effort to restore this balance, the organizations of the Hamilton County Invasives Partnership (HIP) are inviting volunteers to help rescue our public parks from invasive species by participating in Weed Wrangles. During the Weed Wrangle, teams of volunteers, supervised by knowledgeable guides, will locate and uproot unwelcome plants such as bush honeysuckle, garlic mustard, autumn olive, English ivy and winter creeper.

Weed Wrangles will take place throughout the month of April - and the year- at selected areas within five public parks and trails across Hamilton County. April locations are Ritchey Woods and Cheeney Creek in Fishers, Strawtown Koteewi Park near Sheridan, Midland Trace Trail in Westfield, and Dillon Park

wishing to volunteer for Weed Wrangles should visit www.hcinvaives. org, choose the location where they'd like to work, and pre-register. You can also make a difference by joining the HIP Strike Team invasives management group or by removing any invasive plants that appear on your property; this prevents their inevitable spread to other yards and public spaces. Always try to landscape with native plants and avoid the purchase of potentially invasive species sold by

some nurseries. Information about Weed Wrangles and managing invasive species on your own property can be found on the Hamilton County Invasives Partnership website, www.hcinvasives.org.

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### Rokita Weighs In On Transgender Issue

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Attorney General Todd Rokita is demanding the Biden administration stop its efforts to rewrite Title IX antidiscrimination rules to codify transgender extremism. Such federal overreach, he said, undermines Indiana policies that make reasonable distinctions based on biological sex.

Leftists in the federal government, Attorney General Rokita added, are determined to force Indiana schools to bow the knee to radical wokeness — expecting them to allow biological boys to play on girls' sports teams, for example, and to permit students to use whichever bathrooms or locker-room showers they

"Title IX was designed to ensure women were given

an equal opportunity to succeed by prohibiting educational institutions from discriminating on the basis of sex," Attorney General Rokita said. "Biden's effort is anti-woman and will undo the very protections for which Title IX was created."

The Indiana General Assembly recently passed legislation to protect female athletes from being forced to compete against biological males with natural athletic advantages. Attorney General Rokita strongly supported the measure. Although the governor vetoed that legislation, the General Assembly is expected to

override that veto. The Biden administration would use the new federal rules to nullify such state

laws, Attorney General Rokita said.

"I will defend Indiana laws that protect girls' sports and commonsense Hoosier values," Attorney General Rokita said. "Families across Indiana are fed up with federal edicts that silence their voices and erode their local community

standards. Attorney General Rokita recently signed a 15-state letter explaining these concerns to Catherine E. Lhamon, assistant secretary of the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights.

"We are prepared to take legal action to uphold Title IX's plain meaning and safeguard the integrity of women's sports," the letter

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#### Sen. Braun, Rep. Tom Rice Introduce Legislation to Reform IRS

Today, Senator Mike Braun introduced the Simplify, Don't Amplify, the IRS Act which includes reforms to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to promote transparency and efficiency in the agency. Congressman Tom Rice (SC-07) introduced the companion legislation in the House of Representa-

"The IRS has a terrible track record when it comes to being good stewards of taxpayer money and protecting highly sensitive personal information, and has politically targeted conservative organizations. The IRS doesn't need more power, it needs to be reformed to ensure that it serves the best interest of the American people. These reforms we're introducing this week will do that," said Senator Mike Braun.

"The IRS was intended to serve as a non-partisan organization to collect America's taxes. President Biden supports regressive tax policies that weaponize the agency to target hard-working taxpayers

and conservative organizations. Further, the current Administration champions overreaching reporting requirements that have potential to harm main street banks and taxpayers everywhere," said Congressman Tom Rice, House Ways and Means Oversight Subcommittee Ranking Member. "Before giving the IRS a dime of new funding, they must begin serving the best interest of American taxpayers. The legislation I introduced today, alongside Senator Braun, reforms the IRS and ensures they will act in good faith and accountability to the taxpayers who fund them.

"Senator Braun should be applauded for introducing the Simplify, Don't Amplify the IRS Act. This legislation implements common-sense reforms that holds the IRS accountable and protect taxpayers. For instance, the bill prohibits the creation of the IRS bank reporting regime being pushed by President Biden and repeals the Democrat ban on states cutting taxes. It ensures the IRS spends time helping taxpayers instead of wasting time on partisan union activity. It holds IRS employees accountable when they release private taxpayer information."—Grover Norquist, President of Americans for Tax Reform

**Background:**The Simplify, Don't Amplify the IRS Act includes the following

reforms:
 • S. 730, Let States
Cut Taxes Act. Removes
provision from American
Rescue Plan Act of 2021
that prohibits states from
cutting taxes should they
take supplemental funding
from the federal government.

• S. 1777, Don't Weaponize the IRS Act. Codifies the Trump administration rule that protects groups regardless of their political ideology or beliefs and prevents the IRS from doxing donors to these groups

• S. 2132, IRS Customer Service Improvement Act. Prohibit agency employees from engaging in taxpayer-funded union time during tax filing season.

• S. 2222, Protect Taxpayers Privacy Act. Increases the penalty for releasing private taxpayer information and makes it easier for the IRS to terminate employees found responsible.

• S. 2721, Tax Gap Reform and IRS Enforcement Act. Requires tax gap estimates from the Joint Committee on Taxation (JCT), prohibits IRS targeting of audits and establish of new bank reporting requirements and creates an IRS enforcement fellowship pilot program to assist with the agency's most complex audits and case selection decisions.

• S. 3221, IRS Improper Payments Act. Codifies a 2009 administration rule to increase Federal agencies' accountability for reducing billions in improper payments via tax credits while continuing to ensure that Federal programs serve and provide access to intended beneficiaries.

# Sen. Young Helps Introduce Bill Reforming Opportunity Zones



Senator Todd Young

U.S. Senators Todd Young (R-Ind.), Cory Booker (D-NJ), and Tim Scott (R-SC) introduced the Opportunity Zones Transparency, Extension, and Improvement Act to reform Opportunity Zones, the tax incentive for individuals who reinvest unrealized capital gains into high-impact projects in underserved communities.

"The creation of the Opportunity Zones initiative in the 2017 tax reform law has succeeded in attracting capital and investments to historically distressed communities. They serve as a critical tool to create jobs, revitalize neighborhoods, and lift Hoosiers out of poverty, which is why I am proud to help introduce the Opportunity Zones Transparency, Extension, and Improvement Act. This bipartisan legislation will better optimize Opportunity Zone investment in neighborhoods and communities across Indiana while strengthening transparency and reporting metrics to improve on the initiative's success," said Senator Young.

"The Opportunity Zone incentive has the potential to unleash much-needed economic growth in high poverty communities across the country - communities that investors too often overlook. But without robust guardrails in place, the incentive could be undermined or abused by those who aren't committed to uplifting rural and urban communities across the country," said Senator Booker. "I am proud to introduce this legislation with Senator Scott to help restore the original promise of opportunity zones by steering private capital to reinvest in underserved communities that have been historically left behind and working to level the economic playing field.

"The Opportunity Zone program represents the good that leaders can do for communities across the country when we work together toward common sense solutions," said Senator Scott. "Independent reporting shows that investments in Opportunity Zones are making a huge impact across the country, with billions of dollars flowing into impoverished

neighborhoods. I am glad to build on that success with this legislation to make the program stronger, so that we can ensure this incentive is benefitting the Americans who need it most."

This bipartisan legislation would improve Opportunity Zones by:

• Reinstating and expanding the reporting requirements that were present in the Investing in Opportunity Act (IIOA), the original stand-alone legislation that created Opportunity Zones, but were stripped out in the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act due to procedural rules.

Ending Opportunity

Zones that are not impoverished. While the vast majority of Opportunity Zones are truly impoverished areas, the legislation would sunset a small percentage of Opportunity Zone designations for tracts with a median family income at or above 130 percent of the national median family income. States would be able to designate a new tract in high-need communities for every tract sunsetted under this provision.

• Creating pathways for smaller-dollar impact investments by allowing Qualified Opportunity Funds (QOFs) to be organized as a "fund of funds" that may invest in other QOFs, providing smaller communities and projects with the financing they need.

 Providing operating support and technical assistance to high-poverty and underserved communities through a State and Community Dynamism Fund. Flexible grants will help states drive private and public capital to underserved businesses and

communities.

• Extending the tax incentive for two years in order to facilitate continued investment. It took the Treasury Department nearly two years to issue final regulations governing Opportunity Zones, during which time many investors and stakeholders stayed on the sidelines awaiting clear rules for the policy. Extending the policy by an equal amount of time will help investors and communities fully use the tool as Congress intended -- which is especially important now with the economy in recovery from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Representatives Jackie Walorski (R-Ind.), Terri Sewell (D-Ala.), and Dan Kildee (D-Mich.) co-sponsored the legislation in the House.

The full text of the legislation can be viewed at https://www.booker.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/booker\_scott\_kind\_kelly\_introduce\_bipartisan\_bicameral\_bill\_reforming\_opportunity\_zones.pdf

# Holcomb, Chambers Conclude Economic Development Trip to Slovakia, Israel

Governor Eric J. Holcomb, Adjutant General R. Dale Lyles and Secretary of Commerce Brad Chambers concluded an economic development trip to Slovakia and Israel Friday after meeting with government officials and business leaders. The week was spent cultivating new business relationships and people-to-people ties in central Europe and the Middle East while encouraging collaborative opportunities to advance innovation and investment, bolster strategic relationships and offer humanitarian support during a critical time for the geopolitical situation in the region.

"This trip was extremely productive in creating opportunities for future Hoosier investment across Slovakia and Israel in a variety of industries," said Gov. Holcomb.
"Throughout the week, Sec. Chambers, Maj. Gen. Lyles and I were warmly

Sec. Chambers, Maj. Gen. Lyles and I were warmly greeted with open hospitality which led to productive discussions, opportunities for academic exchanges, mutual investment and cross partnerships."

On Monday, Goy

On Monday, Gov. Holcomb, Maj. Gen. Lyles, Sec. Chambers, U.S. Ambassador to Slovakia Brink, and the delegation, which included Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) staff members, placed wreaths at the Gate of Freedom Memorial, in remembrance of the lives lost fleeing the divisive Iron Curtain in pursuit of freedom.

The delegation met with Ukrainian refugees direct-

ly following the timely ceremony at the Gate of Freedom to offer Hoosier support to the Ukrainians who have found refuge in Slovakia and the greater region. Gov. Holcomb emphasized Indiana's solidarity with Ukraine and commitment to provide support in any way possible.

On Tuesday, Gov. Holcomb, Maj. Gen. Lyles and Sec. Chambers had meetings with Slovak leadership including Prime Minister Eduard Heger, Minister of Foreign and European Affairs Ivan Korcok, Minister of Defense Jaroslav Naď, and Chief of Defense General Daniel Zmeko to discuss deepening Slovakia and Indiana's relationship through economics and defense. The delegation also met with the Slovak Development Agency (SA-RIO) and U.S. Ambassador to Slovakia Bridget Brink to target strategic synergetic sectors that represent areas of opportunity for trade growth between Slovakia and Indiana.

On Wednesday, the delegation arrived in Tel Aviv, Israel, where Doral Energy hosted the delegation to continue conversations around innovative technology, the energy transition and a shared vision for the economy of the future. In 2021, the company broke ground on a three-phase solar farm project, which is expected to deliver a \$1.5 billion investment in the company's Indiana operations over the next five years.

On Thursday, Gov.

Holcomb and Sec. Chambers met with Start-Up Nation Central to discuss opportunities to strengthen Hoosier partnerships with innovative Israel businesses. Start-Up Nation Central is an independent non-profit that builds bridges to Israeli innovation. The delegation also met with GrowingIL, an accelerator group developing the Israeli agtech ecosystem and reshaping Israeli agriculture to meet emerging global food needs, to discuss future sustainability, university partnerships and innovative product development.

Later in the day, the delegation visited Equinom and participated in a tour of its new R&D center. Equinom, which also has operations in Indianapolis, is a foodtech company driving the global transformation to appealing, non-GMO foods while creating a sustainable plant-based future. The new center, located at Kibbutz Givat Brenner, provides end-to-end research and development capabilities to accelerate Equinom's efforts to develop the next generation of its non-

GMO Smarter Seeds.
Gov. Holcomb and Sec.
Chambers met with Minister of Foreign Affairs
Yair Lapid to offer Hoosier support after a week
of violent attacks in Israel,
discuss Indiana-Israel current partnerships, brainstorm ways to advance
connections between the
two economies and share
best practices in emerging
markets and technologies.

Throughout the week,

the delegation also met with industry leaders and top state officials, including Minister of Energy Karine Elharrart and U.S. Ambassador to Israel Thomas R. Nides, to discuss strategic economic partnerships.

On Friday, the delegation concluded its trip in the ancient City of David, where they participated in a historical tour of the 3,000-year-old site and shared a spiritual experience at the Western Wall. This concludes Goy.

This concludes Gov. Holcomb's tenth international economic development trip, second trip to Slovakia and third trip to Israel as governor. The trip was Sec. Chambers' second international trip with the IEDC. The governor and the delegation returned to Indiana over the weekend.

**Development Corporation** (IEDC) is charged with growing the State economy, driving economic development, helping businesses launch, grow and locate in the state. Led by Secretary of Commerce Brad Chambers, @SecChambersIN, and governed by a 15-member board chaired by Governor Eric J. Holcomb, @ GovHolcomb, the IEDC manages many initiatives, including performance-based tax credits, workforce training grants, innovation and entrepreneurship resources, public infrastructure assistance, and talent attraction and retention efforts. For more information about the IEDC, visit iedc. in.gov.

# Todd Rokita Calls on Supreme Court to Protect Hoosiers' 2nd Amendment Rights

Attorney General Todd Rokita is asking the U.S. Supreme Court to strike down a California law because it unconstitutionally criminalizes the possession of standard-capacity magazines — outlawing those that hold 11 or more rounds of ammunition — and endangers gun rights in all states.

"When courts allow these kinds of restrictive laws to stand," Attorney General Rokita said, "it creates a dangerous precedent that jeopardizes the rights of law-abiding gun owners nationwide, including in Indiana."

States have no authority to limit ownership of firearms to those capable of firing 10 or fewer times before being reloaded,
Attorney General Rokita

"Hoosiers cherish their Second Amendment rights to keep and bear arms, as well they should," Attorney General Rokita said. "I will protect those rights at every opportunity."

said.

In total, attorneys general from 23 states are signed onto an amicus brief asking the U.S. Supreme Court to hear the case involving the California law and ultimately to uphold the Second Amendment.

"The purpose of the Second Amendment is not to ensure opportunities for hunting or target practice," Attorney General Rokita said. "Rather, the purpose of the Second Amendment is to enable law-abiding Americans to protect their lives, liberty and property against all threats — whether posed by individual intruders breaking into homes or marauding armies trying to take over communities.'

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# USDA Takes Action to Strengthen Pollinator Research Support

Weekend, April 9-10, 2022

The U.S. Department of Agriculture recently announced its strengthened commitment to advancing research and programmatic priorities that support pollinator health by soliciting nominations for members to serve on its newly formed USDA National Pollinator Subcommittee.

The subcommittee will be part of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics (NA-REEE) Advisory Board, which provides feedback to the Secretary of Agriculture, USDA's science agencies and university collaborators on food and agricultural research, education, extension and economics priorities and policies.

"USDA takes very seriously our duty to protect pollinators so that they can continue to play a critical role in our food production system," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "Pollinator species help produce more than 100 crops grown in the United States. We are keenly interested in understanding the stressors that impact pollinators,

including climate change, pests, pathogens and reduced forage. We strive to ensure our research and data in this area are meeting the needs of bee managers and the farmers that rely on pollina-

The NAREEE Advisory Board's Pollinator Subcommittee will provide input on annual USDA strategic pollinator priorities and goals and will make pollinator health-related recommendations to strengthen USDA pollinator research efforts. USDA is both a major funder and

conductor of pollinator research, with research initiatives spanning across five USDA mission areas.

NAREEE Board members play an important advisory role for US-DA's science agencies as they shape and advance the large-scale, collaborative research initiatives needed to address tough challenges that our nation's farmers, ranchers and consumers face.

USDA is seeking nominations for subcommittee members from individuals with diverse expertise in pollinator

health. USDA's research is organized by five major study areas: Status and Trends (e.g., pollinator inventory and monitoring, economics and social sciences); Pests and Pathogens (both established and emerging); Environmental Stressors (e.g., weather stress, pesticide exposure, migratory and stocking density stress); Forage, Habitat, and Nutrition; and Genetics and Breeding.

USDA expects to appoint seven new Pollinator Subcommittee members in accordance

with the federal statute. Candidates selected to the Pollinator Subcommittee may serve 1-3 years with terms anticipated to start in July 2022.

NAREEE is accepting nomination packages from now until May 31, 2022, and should be sent by email to nareee@ usda.gov. The Federal Register Notice is available online. For information on how to apply visit the NAREEE website.

To learn more about USDA pollinator activities and research efforts visit USDA's Pollinator website.

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programs, teacher residency programs are year-long, paid teaching experiences for student educators who plan on teaching kindergarten through 12th grade. Students teach alongside an experienced mentor teacher, preparing them for the classroom after graduation. School corporations partner with an Indiana postsecondary institution to execute the program in their district. Institutions provide resources to the corporations, including program monitoring and evaluation, and sourcing

of residency candidates. "The school corporations selected are making strides to develop a pipeline of well-prepared future educators all across Indiana," said Associate Commissioner for Legislation and **Program Implementation** Josh Garrison. "Under the teacher residency model, mentor teachers will prepare resident teachers for the challenges they will face in the classroom."

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**Teacher Residency** Grants Awarded to 27

**School Corporations** School corporations are awarded \$15,000 for each resident teacher it hosts. Funding can be used to pay resident and mentor teacher stipends, as well as support costs for postsecondary partners. Initial grant recipients are eligible for renewal of the grant for the 2023-24 school year contingent on continued funding and initial outcomes.

New Teacher Residency Grant recipients are:

- Alexandria Community Schools in Alexandria (public) partnered with Indiana University Kokomo - \$30,000
- Beech Grove City Schools in Beech Grove (public) partnered with Marian University -\$60,000
- Garrett-Keyser-Butler Community School District in Garrett (public) partnered with Purdue University Fort Wayne - \$30,000
- Hamilton Heights **School Corporation**

in Arcadia (public) partnered with Indiana University Kokomo -\$15,000

- Logansport Community School Corporation in Logansport (public) partnered with Indiana University Kokomo -\$60,000
- Madison-Grant United School Corporation in Fairmount (public) partnered with Indiana University Kokomo -\$30,000
- Mississinewa Community Schools in Gas City (public) partnered with Indiana University Kokomo - \$30,000
- Noblesville Schools in Noblesville (public) partnered with Indiana **University Bloomington** - \$60,000
- Oak Hill United **School Corporation** in Converse (public) partnered with Indiana University Kokomo -\$30,000
- Seymour Community Schools in Seymour (public) partnered with **Indiana University** Southeast - \$15,000
  - Southwest Parke

Community Schools in Montezuma (public) partnered with Indiana State University -\$30,000

- Tipton Community School Corporation in Tipton (public) partnered with Indiana University Kokomo - \$30,000
- Vigo County School Corporation in Terre Haute (public) partnered with Indiana State University - \$60,000
- Western School Corporation in Russiaville (public) partnered with Indiana University Kokomo - \$30,000
- Whitley Consolidated Schools in Columbia City (public) partnered with Purdue University Fort Wayne - \$30,000

Continuing Teacher Residency Grant recipients are: Community Mon-

- tessori in New Albany (charter) partnered with Indiana University Southeast - \$45,000
- Community Schools of Frankfort in Frankfort (public) partnered with Indiana University Kokomo

• Elkhart Community Schools in Elkhart (public) partnered with Indiana University South Bend - \$45,000

- Frontier School Corporation in Chalmers (public) partnered with Purdue University West Lafayette - \$15,000
- KIPP Indy in Indianapolis (charter) partnered with Relay Graduate School of Education \$45,000
- Lafayette Community Schools in Lafayette (public) partnered with Purdue University West Lafayette - \$75,000
- Maconaquah School Corporation in Bunker Hill (public) partnered with Indian University
- Kokomo \$30,000 Metropolitan School District of Decatur Township in Indianapolis (public) partnered with Marian University -
- New Albany Floyd County Schools in New Albany (public) partnered with Indiana University Southeast -\$30,000
- Perry Township

Schools in Indianapolis (public) partnered with Marian University -\$60,000

- The Project School in Bloomington (charter) partnered with Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis - \$30,000
- Warsaw Community Schools in Warsaw (public) partnered with Grace College - \$30,000

More information is available at https://www. in.gov/che/4519.htm.

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

#### **UBETSY** From Page A1



Photo courtesy of Indy Ghost Light

Wardrobe malfunctions are part of the fun in this Main Street Productions farce, "Flaming Idiots," on stage through Sunday at Basile Westfield Playhouse featuring Ethan Romba (from left), Eric Bowman (back left), Austin Hookfin, Chris Taylor and Ashley Engstrom.

ridiculous situations during which just about every character shows his or her underpants at one time or another. Whether it be a wardrobe malfunction or just crazy antics, the timing for this comedy is spot on.

Main Street Productions' "Flaming Idiots" by Tom Rooney offers two more performances of this farce at 7:30 p.m. today and 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the Playhouse on Union Street in downtown Westfield. The show runs two hours, including one 15-minute intermission. Tickets are still available.

"Flaming Idiots" is a

show about two former postal workers-turnednew restaurant partners, Phil (Ethan Romba of Fishers) and Carl (Austin Uebelhor of Indianapolis), who try to gain more restaurant patrons in their floundering business by staging a fake murder during a Saturday night

dinner hour. But everything goes wrong. And the fun really begins when enters Louie (Eric Bowman of Noblesville), an aging hitman with dementia. Add an impaired chef Bernadette (Wendy Brown of Indianapolis), bumbling cop Officer Task (Jeffrey Haber of Indianapolis), an aspiring actor with a large nose named Eugene waiting tables (Austin Hookfin of Indianapolis), a busboy named Ernesto (Chris Taylor of Frankfort) who speaks with a Spanish accent, a sexy advertising rep who is also a news reporter named Jayne Fryman (Ashley Engstrom of Westfield). Plus there is also "the body" to be used in the fake

murder.

\$45,000

The second act is the best, with continuous, ridiculous situations that heighten. And you must pay attention in the final minutes of the play. While you are guaranteed to laugh aloud, you also might not know if you should look or look away during these underpants scenes, wondering if it is a real wardrobe malfunction or if it's truly part of the show.

Guess you will have to attend and find out for yourself.

I give this farce -which has explicit timing and amazing, talented actors -- two thumbs up.

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

Want **TO GO**? What: Main Street Productions presents "Flaming Idiots," directed by Brian Nichols.

When: 7:30 p.m. today and 2:30 p.m. Sunday.

Where: Basile Westfield Playhouse, 220 N. Union St., Westfield.

How much: \$17, adult; \$15, ages 62 and older and students with ID, free for active military and veterans with

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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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### **UTIPS** From Page A1

lifetime. There are advantages and disadvantages to both, but some prefer term since it has a lower premium compared to permanent; it can be tailored to the length of time it's needed (such as long enough for your mortgage or your children's college educations to be paid for). On the other hand, permanent policies often have cash accumulation and can be tailored to last your lifetime.

2. Determine how much you need. There are several factors to consider, including your age, debts, monthly expenses and number of children. Did you know that even stay-at-home parents and student loan cosigners could have a definite need

for life insurance? An insurance agent can help you figure out who and what you need to protect. To estimate your coverage needs, use the free Erie Insurance life insurance calculator found at www. erieinsurance.com/lifecalc.

3. Purchase sooner rather than later. If you hold off buying term life insurance until age 50, the rate can be up to 212% higher compared to buying at age 30. So don't wait. Policies are more affordable than you may think. Permanent policies can also drastically change over time. For example, a \$250,000 Erie Family Life policy could cost less than \$15 a month, or about what you

might spend on three or

four coffee shop drinks. 4. Talk with a trusted

advisor. An insurance agent can help answer any questions you have, walk you through the process, lay out the options that make sense for your life and budget, anticipate your needs and make the process efficient. In many cases, your advisor can tell you how much you need and how much it can cost in just a couple of

5. Choose a proper beneficiary. In other words, decide who you want your benefit to go to when you pass away, such as a spouse, close family member or grown child. There's also the option to leave it to a charity, school or church. It's im-

minutes.

portant to make sure you think through who your beneficiaries are and if any proceeds meant to benefit a minor should be held in trust. When selecting a beneficiary, a policy owner must select someone with "insurable interest" in the life of the insured. Insurable interest generally means that the beneficiary will incur some type of loss should the life insured pass away.

"Insurance is a critical part of any financial plan," said Louis Colaizzo, senior vice president of Erie Family Life. "This is why we're continuing our efforts to educate customers about the importance of having adequate coverage that ensures their loved ones are protected."

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is exceeded, you aren't entitled to SS benefits for that month (the monthly limit will only apply for the remaining months of 2022). What will happen is SS will compute the penalty both ways and see which is greater - the one for exceeding the annual limit or the one for exceeding the monthly limit - and they will assess whichever penalty is smaller. As you may know, the earnings limit goes up by about 2.5 times during the year you reach your full retirement age (FRA) and goes away

entirely starting in the month you attain FRA. But there's something to be aware of also: If you have benefits withheld because you exceeded the earnings limit, when you reach your full retirement age you will be given time credit for the months benefits were withheld, meaning that they will increase your FRA benefit amount

according to the number

of months you didn't get

at least theoretically, you can eventually recover the benefits withheld for exceeding the earnings limit by getting a higher benefit payment starting at your full retirement age. But income tax on SS benefits is different – there is no age cap for assessing federal income tax on your Social Security benefits. This article is intended

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isolation has a serious impact on mental health, especially among the elderly. But it also can have a negative effect on their physical health. The World Health Organization compares the effect of social isolation and loneliness on mortality to such risk factors as smoking, obesity, and physical inactivity."

Weber says that prior to covid we didn't pay much attention to seniors who lived alone. The pandemic revealed the negative mental and physical impact of

isolation. "You don't need a medical degree to help them," she says. "There is a lot that friends and family can do to alleviate the isolated conditions of seniors they know and even elderly individuals they don't know. Many of us

are already checking in on relatives and neighbors on a regular basis, chatting with them, engaging them and giving them the opportunity to interact with another human being on a regular basis. What we need now is more guardian angels."

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# ON-TREND Ideas for Sprucing Up Your DECK

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nstalling or updating a deck can transform your outdoor living area. Not only is a deck aesthetically appealing, but it also allows you to create additional space for a wide range of uses, whether it's a lively entertainment zone or tranquil, relaxing retreat.

If you're planning a deck build or renovation in 2022, consider incorporating one or more of these design trends identified by Westlake Royal Building Products, a leading manufacturer and distributor of materials for home remodeling, building and construction.

#### **Creativity in Design**

While decking design features used to be reserved for luxury upgrades, creative flair is increasingly mainstream. Some options for incorporating greater depth and style into your deck design include mixing and matching boards to create patterns, inlays and focal points or utilizing two-tone designs for more visually interesting aesthetics.

#### **On-Trend Colors**

Classic lumber-toned decks never go out of style, but adding some flair with an eye-catching color is a subtle way to elevate your deck's aesthetic appeal. Some designs incorporate color throughout while another way to bring color to your deck is through distinctive inlay design or other design features.

Working with a product like Zuri Premium Decking gives you a selection of six on-trend colors, including Hickory, a true mid-tone brown, as well as Chestnut, Walnut, Pecan, Brazilia and Weathered Gray. The planks feature minimal grain repetition to capture the look of true exotic hardwood with no painting, staining or resealing needed, and all are backed by a 25-year warranty against color shifting.

#### **Multi-Seasonal Spaces**

Once you create an incredible outdoor space, you'll likely want to use it as often as possible. That's why many homeowners are designing decks with multiple seasons in mind. Features like retractable walls can help you block cool breezes and trap the warmth of space heaters or a fireplace while roofs provide shade and fans help circulate the breeze during warmer months. Decks built with clean, simple lines can offer a connection to nature as well as convenience for homeowners transitioning from indoor to outdoor spaces.



#### Popularity of Composite Decking

Weather patterns can cause substantial damage to a home's exterior materials, including a deck where natural wood is prone to drying out. This creates an upkeep cycle that requires ongoing investments of time and money. An alternative to natural wood, such as Zuri Premium Decking by Royal, combines the low-maintenance, high-durability properties of composite decking with the exterior environment-defining presence of exotic wood. The result is an authentic look with zero-maintenance upkeep.

#### Bringing the Inside Out

A deck's design elements were once limited to predictable furnishings like a picnic table and grill, but those days are gone. Homeowners seeking to create an outdoor oasis are bringing amenities of the indoors outside. You'll find outdoor kitchens and weather-proof TVs, rugs and furniture, allowing homeowners to incorporate the convenience and comfort of indoor living rooms and kitchens into their outdoor spaces despite elements like snow, wind and rain.

#### Masonry as an Accessory

If you love the look of masonry but have your heart set on a deck, you can take the path of many homeowners and incorporate masonry as an accessory or design element. Mixing building mediums provides texture, which creates an immersive tactile experience through sight and touch. Options like a fireplace or firepit, pillars, skirting, bench seats, planters, water features, kitchen or bar space and walkways can all complement and enhance the decking so you get to enjoy the best of both worlds.

#### Clean Sightlines

A deck is an ideal vantage point when you have a beautiful view to enjoy and using the right materials can enhance that experience. Creating a clean, sophisticated and unobstructed view is easy when you outfit your deck with the right lighting and use cable or glass railings, which provide safety along with clear views of the landscape beyond.

Find more tips and ideas to spruce up your outdoor living space

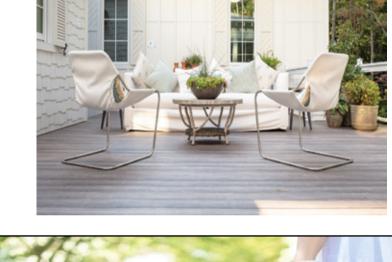




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Getting your yard ready for months of outdoor enjoyment will take a little work, but you'll quickly see and appreciate the results.

## Five Steps To Prep Your Yard For Spring

(Family Features)
When spring arrives,
days of enjoying your
outdoor living space
aren't far away. Getting
your yard ready for
months of outdoor enjoyment will take a little
work, but you'll quickly
see and appreciate the
results.

These five steps can have you on your way to a lush, healthy lawn and outdoor area in no time.

1. Dethatch

Throughout the winter, dead grass and other debris accumulate on your lawn. This waste, known as thatch, can be quite a hindrance to your spring lawn. It promotes fungi,

encourages pests and

keeps new grass seed

from sprouting. You can use a special dethatching rake or any rake with sturdy tines.

2. Aerate

Before spreading grass seed, you'll want to give the new roots room to spread and grow. Aerating the lawn helps make your soil more welcoming to new growth by allowing moisture, nutrients and air to sink deeper into the soil. Depending on the size of area you need to aerate, two of the easiest options are doing the job by hand or using an attachment on a riding lawn mower.

3. Prune
The lawn isn't the only
place debris can pile up.

Your flower beds and any other vegetation can become a holding ground for twigs, branches, leaves and other yard waste. Give your plants, shrubs and trees a close look to find broken, damaged or dead material and remove it to make way for new growth.

4. Weed
Even the healthiest
lawns are susceptible
to weeds, but getting a
jump start on weeding
early in the season can
help you keep control.
You can manage weeds
by treating with an herbicide before the sprout or,
if you prefer, there are
chemical-free alternatives like vinegar, salt or
cornmeal. Be aware that

many alternative products don't distinguish between the vegetation you want (like grass) and weeds, so these remedies are best used along borders and within beds to discourage weed growth. 5. Seed

Winter weather and wear can cause uneven patches in the lawn. Seeding in the spring requires more work than the fall (especially if you tend to have hot, dry summers), but with enough nurturing and regular water, you can fill those spots in for a more uniform lawn.

Visit eLivingtoday. com for more advice to make your outdoor living space spectacular.



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#### **Experience The Magic Of Disney With The Terre Haute Symphony Orchestra**

The magic of Disney is coming to Terre Haute! The Terre Haute Symphony Orchestra is pleased to present Disney in Concert: Magical Music from the Movies on April 9, 2022, at 7:30pm at Tilson Auditorium on Indiana State University's campus. Arguably the most anticipated concert of the 2021-2022 season, this concert will enchant Mouseketeers of all ages! Every new generation has a favorite Disney musical, whether it's The Little Mermaid, Beauty and the Beast, Aladdin, The Lion King, or Frozen. And then there are the classics, from a Mary Poppins medley to the "Yo ho" of Pirates of the Caribbean. When everyone joins together for memorable moments and melodies we all know by heart, it feels like a small world, after all.

"We are thrilled to bring back Disney in Concert to Terre Haute! We are particularly excited to welcome so many families to the symphony and share with them the excitement of live music, right here in Terre Haute," commented Samantha JohnsonHelms, Executive Director and Principal Clarinet.

Audiences will be enchanted by the THSO musicians, conductor Dr. David Bowden, projected video clips from iconic Disney films, and four Broadway caliber vocalists: Lisa Livesay, Whitney Claire Kaufman, Aaron Phillips, and Andrew Johnson!

Lisa Livesay is no stranger to Disney: she's

played Belle in Disney's Beauty & the Beast! You also may have seen her in the role of Glinda in the national tour of Wicked, as well as other theatrical productions like Monteen in Jason Robert Brown's Parade (LA Music Center), Olive in 25th... Spelling Bee, Peter Pan in Peter Pan, and Cathy in The Last 5 Years. Lisa has performed with the San Francisco Symphony, Houston Symphony, Dallas Symphony. Oregon Symphony, and now the Terre Haute Symphony Or-

chestra! Whitney Claire Kaufman recently completed two years with the North American Tour of the Broadway smash-hit Mamma Mia! (Ensemble, Understudy for Sophie and Lisa). She's performed as Guest Soloist with the Malaysian Philharmonic Orchestra and the Pacific Symphony Orchestra, Guest Soloist with the Florida Orchestra, and has appeared in Cabaret (Sally Bowles), A Midsummer Night's Dream, (Peaseblossom), Marisol (June), The Los Angeles Theatre Ensembles' production of Wounded, as well as many other theatrical productions. Her favorite



Disney movie is The Little Mermaid, with Cinderella as a close second.

Aaron Phillips is an Ovation Award nominated actor/singer, proud member of Actor's Equity, and can frequently be seen on film and TV. You may have seen Aaron as Carl, half of the duo that is the face of Lipton Iced Tea. He is also an accomplished voice-over talent and can be heard in video games such as World of Warcraft, Grand Theft Auto V, Red Dead Redemption, and Lord of the Rings. Aaron has been a Disney fan his entire life and is happy to help bring this music to fans of all ages. Andrew Johnson is a

Disney kid at heart and is humbled to share the music and magic from the stage! Andrew has performed on FOX's The X-Factor, The Conan O'Brien Show, and the MTV Video Music Awards. He has sung background for artists such as Demi Lovato, Fifth Harmony, LeAnn Rimes, and Florence and the Machine. His theatrical credits include Frozen-Live at the Hyperion (Prince Hans), Rent (Benny), Five Guys Named Moe (Four-Eyed Moe), and Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat (Joseph). He's also performed with singer/ actress Jodie Benson, the

voice of Ariel in Disney's film The Little Mermaid!

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Supper at the Symphony The THSO

is pleased to host Supper at the Symphony prior to Disney in Concert! Come to the concert early and enjoy a delectable three-course meal served in the Heritage Ballroom of Tirey Hall, right down the hall from Tilson Auditorium. The cash bar opens at 5:00pm, and dinner is served promptly at 5:30pm. Dinner reservations are \$25 per person. Patrons will enjoy a starter salad of mixed greens, strawberries, crumbled blue cheese, walnuts, and sliced red onion with a honey balsamic poppyseed dressing. Guests may choose from three entrees

en Breast with a classic tomato bruschetta salad, Salmon with Lemon and Dill Sauce, or vegetarian Portobello Mushroom Napoleon. Both dishes will be served with Basil Orzo and Squash Oreganato. Dessert includes White Chocolate Raspberry Mousse. Reservations can be made at www.thso.org or by calling the THSO office at (812) 242-8476. Reservations close at 12pm on April 5, 2022.

Tickets
Patrons can purchase
concert tickets by visiting
www.thso.org or calling
the Hulman Center at
(812) 237-3737. Ticket
prices for adults are \$17,
\$38, and \$54. Low-cost
student and youth tickets
are also available. Prices
do not include facility and
venue fees.

Masks

Masks are now optional per Indiana State University's COVID-19 policy.

Handicap Accessibility
An elevator entrance is
available for patrons who
need assistance at the rear
of Tilson Auditorium. An
elevator is accessible from
the ground floor of Tilson.
Please follow posted signage to the elevator.

Parking
Patrons may park in
the Indiana State Parking
garage located at 750
Cherry Street for free
between 4 PM and 11 PM
on the day of the concert.
This parking garage is

located across the street from Tilson Auditorium. Check www.thso.org for additional parking and travel suggestions related to Disney in Concert.

# Country Star Lee Brice Live At TCU Amphitheater

One of Country music's biggest names and Grammy nominated artist, Lee Brice, has announced he will be headlining his highly awaited Label Me Proud Tour produced by Live Nation. Kicking off this June, Brice will bring his "Soul" to 23 markets, including a stop in downtown Indianapolis at TCU Amphitheater at White River State Park on Friday, September 17, 2022.

"Man, it feels good to announce this tour! It's been a while since we've all been back out on the road and to have my good buddies, Michael Ray and Jackson Dean, join me is a blessing," says Brice. "Can't wait to be back in all these places I've grown to love over the years with fans that are bar none the best ones out there! See y'all this summer!"

Since the release of Brice's latest album, Hey World, the CMA and ACM Award winner has landed three consecutive #1 hits including "I Hope You're Happy Now" with Carly Pearce, "One of Them Girls," and "Memory I Don't Mess With" - bringing him to an impressive nine #1 career singles. His masterful storytelling and way of bringing a song to life is on full display with his history making track "One of Them Girls" for which he swept the 2021 ASCAP, BMI and SESAC Awards as "Country Song of The Year" - the first time one song took all three

awards in the same year. Supporting Brice out on the road this summer is his good friend and artist, Michael Ray, who is coming off his RIAA Platinum-certified multiweek No. 1, "Whiskey and Rain," and whose current single "Holy Water" continues to climb the Country charts. Also hitting the road with Brice and Ray during the Label Me Proud Tour is Big Machine recording artist, Jackson Dean, whose stomping first single at Country radio, "Don't Come Lookin," is making a massive impact for the rising Country star.

TICKETS: Tickets go on sale to the general public on Friday, April 1 at 10 AM local time at www.livenation.com. All dates, acts and ticket prices are subject to change without notice. Ticket prices are subject to applicable fees.

PRE-SALE: Pre-sale tickets for the Label Me Proud Tour, including special VIP Experiencepackages where fans will have the chance to meet Brice and Ray, are available through Lee Brice's fan club on Tuesday, March 29th at 10:00am (local time).

SPONSORS: The 2022 concert series at the TCU Amphitheater at White River State Park is made possible through the generous support of its sponsors including TCU, Coors Light, and more.

VIP PREMIUM SEATS: Be a VIP and take your concert experience to the next level! With a full-service VIP Club & Restaurant, VIP parking and prime seats, it's the only way to see a show. For full and mini-season ticket information, contact: 317-829-5147 & IndyPremiumSeating@ livenation.com.

# Historic Paramount Theatre Expands Diverse 2022 Lineup With Addition Of Two New Shows

The historic Paramount
Theatre is pleased to
announce the addition of
two live performances
- Ireland-based Christian rockers We Are
Messengers and popular

tian rockers We Are Messengers and popular comedian Jim Breuer – to its entertainment lineup. Tickets go on sale this Friday, March 18 at 10 a.m. via AndersonParamount.org.

About These New Shows:

We Are Messengers: The Wholehearted Tour – Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

Most seats are \$15 and \$20. Limited premium seating is \$30.

Christian contemporary rock band We Are Messengers are on tour in support of their latest album, "Wholehearted." Their latest single "Come What May" reached No. 1 on Billboard's Christian Airplay charts. The tour will also feature special guests Apollo LTD and Stephen Stanley.

Jim Breuer – Friday, Aug. 5, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25, \$35

and \$75.
Freewheeling, comic storyteller Jim Breuer made the list of Comedy Central's 100 Greatest Standups of all time.
After being a "Saturday Night Live" regular in the late 90s, Breuer went on to garner a successful touring standup career, became a regular on "The Howard Stern Show" and currently hosts "The Jim Breuer Podcast." For mature

Current Paramount Theatre Lineup:

audiences.

- Three Dog Night –
- Friday, March 25, 2022
   Church Basement Ladies Thursday, March
- 31, 2022
   • We Are Messengers:
  The Wholehearted Tour
   − Wednesday, April 20,
- The British Invasion Thursday, April 28, 2022
- Get the Led Out Saturday, May 21, 2022
- Killer Queen Satur-
- day, July 16, 2022
   Jim Breuer Friday,

Aug. 5, 2022
• Little River Band –

Friday, Aug. 12, 2022

• Tusk: The World's

#1 Fleetwood Mac Tribute – Friday, Sept. 30,
2022

including Grilled Chick-

Tickets can be purchased via AndersonParamount.org or by calling the Paramount Box Office at 765.642.1234.

Live shows at the Paramount Theatre are offerings of Honeywell Arts & Entertainment.

About the Anderson Paramount Theatre

The Paramount Theatre Centre & Ballroom has been in operation since Aug. 20, 1929. The Paramount has inspired many spectators with its architecture, entertainment, and history. On behalf of generous local benefactors with an appreciation of history, the theatre continues to shine as brightly on the outside as the stars do inside. The Paramount offers residents and visitors unique entertainment options year-round in partnership with Honeywell Arts & Entertainment. For more information about the Anderson Paramount Theatre, visit AndersonParamount.org.

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About Honeywell Arts
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Honeywell Arts & Entertainment encompasses the full range of arts opportunities and venues of The Honeywell Foundation, a nonprofit public arts charity in Wabash, Indiana. The organization is dedicated to the enhancement of artistic, social, cultural, and recreational opportunities for all. Offerings take place online and at six venues: the Honeywell Center, Honeywell House, Eagles Theatre, Charley Creek Gardens, Dr. James Ford Historic Home, and the 13-24 Drive In. Programs are made possible by the Indiana Arts Commission and the National Endowment for the Arts: a federal agency, and by generous donors. For more information about The Honeywell Foundation, visit HoneywellArts.org.





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