

**➤ TODAY'S VERSE**

Psalm 127:1 Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.



**➤ FACES OF HAMILTON COUNTY**

People who call our community their own.

What makes Ellie Karst smile? "The small acts of everyday kindness we can find in our community. From someone holding the door for a stranger going into a business or neighbors coming together to shovel snow out of their elderly neighbor's driveway. These are the things that never fail to brighten my day." The 2021 Noblesville High School graduate was found in 2021 being honored at the Horseshoe Prairie Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen of the Year contest. Today's feature is a look back at one of *The Times'* previous Faces of Hamilton County. This year's DAR Good Citizen of the Year contest tea is Sunday with new contestants. "I really take pride in the things that I have accomplished so far, but I think my favorites would have to be the two that are the most unique to me: receiving a Gold Key Award in the National Scholastic Art & Writing Competition for my historical fiction short story, as well as being named a member of the Indiana Coaches of Girls Sports Association Academic All State Golf Team," she said. Her high school activities included an internship with Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District her senior year, being a leader in Girls STEM clubs at two elementary schools, participating for three years in the Hoosier Crossroads Conference leadership retreat "as nominated by my coaches and the athletic department." She was nominated by the NHS athletic director to be a member of the Indiana High School Athletic Association student leadership council. She was also a member of Students Against Cancer, Key Club, Spanish Club (an officer) and National Honor Society at her school. She was a four-year letter winner in golf and spent three years as co-captain, participated in junior varsity softball and played in the school orchestra. She is a member of the National Softball Association World Series Championship team. Her hobbies are hiking and exploring the outdoors, traveling with her family to state and national parks, golfing, playing softball, watching nature documentaries and spending time with family and friends. She said her mom, Heidi Karst, principal at Stony Creek Elementary, has been the most inspirational person in her life. Ellie said, "She is the most amazing person I have ever met and I am so lucky to not only have her as a mom but to call her my best friend."

**And Another Thing...**

Epilogue Players presents "Becky's New Car" a comedy directed by Kelly Keller which opens Thu., April 21, 2022 and runs until Sun., May 1, 2022. Thursday to Saturday performances are at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinees are at 2 p.m. Reservations and ticket information can be found online at [www.epilogueplayers.com](http://www.epilogueplayers.com).

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**The Daily Almanac**

**Sunrise/Sunset**  
RISE: 6:57a.m.  
SET: 8:28 p.m.

**High/Low Temperatures**  
High: 73 °F  
Low: 52 °F

**Wacky Holiday Today**

- Big Word Day
- Tuna Rights Day
- National High Five Day

**What Happened On This Day**

- 1992 The first exoplanets are discovered
- 1934 The Surgeon's photo, allegedly showing the Loch Ness Monster, is published in the Daily Mail
- 1918 The Red Baron is killed

**Births On This Day**

- 1864 Max Weber German economist, sociologist
- 1947 Iggy Pop American singer-songwriter, producer, actor

**Deaths On This Day**

- 2016 Prince American singer-songwriter, guitarist, producer, actor
- 1910 Mark Twain American author



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**Carmel Community Players' cast of "The Fantasticks" – Duane Leatherman (from left), Brook-Glen Gober, Kevin Caraher, Hannah Janowicz (standing, back), JB Scoble (sitting, front), Kevin Shadle, Theo Curtis and Thom Johnson – will present nine performances, opening Friday and continuing through May 8 at The Cat in Carmel.**

## 'Fantasticks' Musical Makes 'Theater Magic'



**BETSY REASON**  
The Times Editor

Finding the perfect young male and female lead roles for the world's longest-running

musical seems like it was meant to be.

The role of the clueless, self-involved Luisa in "The Fantasticks" can sometimes be more difficult to fill.

The role requires someone with a youthful appearance -- stage age 16 -- and yet a strong, even operatic, soprano voice.

But for Carmel Community Players director Rich Phipps, casting the role came easy for the musical, which opens Friday and continues through May 8 at The Cat in Carmel.

"When Brook-Glen (of Noblesville) showed up at auditions, she sang beautifully," said Phipps, of Carmel, who

praised her voice teacher Sandy Baetzhold, also of Noblesville.

"And then, when I asked Brook-Glen to read Luisa's opening monologue, she read it word-for-word perfectly, without looking at the script."

Phipps said, "And it's not like she's played the role before. It just turns out that Luisa has been her dream role since she was a young girl, and she'd been waiting for an opportunity to play the part for years. She's a natural."

Gober, who isn't new to theater, made her stage debut as an infant. She is the granddaughter of Pat Dorwin, who carried her

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## Forgey, Sobek Receive ISBA Recognitions of Excellence

Noblesville Schools announced today that Board of Trustees president Dr. Joe Forgey has received a Distinguished Exemplary Governance Award from the Indiana School Boards Association (ISBA). Board member Lisa Sobek was also honored with a Commendable Exemplary Governance Award.

The Exemplary Governance recognition of excellence honors school board members who have demonstrated an outstanding dedication to public service, and the highest levels of commitment to continuous improvement and professional learning.

ISBA will present Forgey and

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## Hamilton County National Drug Take Back Day Event Announced

In honor of National Drug Take Back Day, the Hamilton County Council on Alcohol & Other Drugs (HCCOAO) will host a take-back event on Saturday, April 30th in the east parking lot of Riverview Health in Noblesville.

"Most people who misuse prescription drugs get them from family, friends, and acquaintances," says HCCOAO Executive Director Monica Greer. "We know prevention starts at home. The simple step of clearing out

medications that are no longer needed makes our homes safer, prevents prescription drug misuse, and can help save lives."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates 100,306 people died of drug overdoses in the United States last year, marking the largest number of drug-related deaths ever recorded in a year. With close to 5,000 collection sites nationwide, the United

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Photo courtesy of Noblesville Schools

**Schools all around Hamilton County are helping prepare their students to live and work in the 21st century with exciting and engaging STEM projects. NHS engineering teacher Andy Wilkins and his students partnered with Noblesville Schools second graders at an event at Hinkle Creek Elementary School yesterday for an engineering study to launch, track and analyze data on a weather balloon sent into space. Look inside on page A4 to see how Hamilton Heights Elementary School students are also taking part in STEM education, thanks to Duke Energy.**

**➤ INSIDE TODAY**

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**➤ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP**

Cigarette smoke exposure is a risk factor for Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS). Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in *The Times* and online at [www.thetimes24-7.com](http://www.thetimes24-7.com).



**➤ TODAY'S QUOTE**

"See the world like a big wardrobe. Everybody has his own costume. There is only one that fits you perfectly."  
- George Harris

**➤ TODAY'S JOKE**

"If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring?"  
"Pilgrims."

**➤ HONEST HOOSIER**

Speaking of mushrooms. I'm happy to be an official taste tester if you want to share? Or heck, you could even just tell me the spot you found 'em.



**➤ OBITUARIES**

**James Leland Johnson**  
**Elizabeth Iolene Kercheval**  
**Lola Maxine Stephens**



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WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE



## OBITUARIES

### James Leland Johnson

December 26, 1942 - April 19, 2022

James Leland Johnson, 79, of Fishers, passed away on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at Riverview Health in Noblesville.

He was born on December 26, 1942 to Stanley and Lorene (Shelton) Johnson in Henderson, Kentucky.

Mr. Johnson held 4 things above all others in his lifetime: family, Ford, drag racing and his love of the Lord. He was a devout Christian and prayed that everyone he knew and loved would follow his faithfulness. He worked for Ford Motor Company for 47 years as a machine repairman. Mr. Johnson was so proud of being a Ford man. He used to say, "Cut me, I bleed Ford blue." He knew so much about drag racing and passed that information and knowledge to anyone who wanted to learn. Mr. Johnson was proud of his family and relished time he spent with them.

Survivors include his loving wife, Sara Johnson; and his three children Jay L. Johnson, Janet Weiser and Jennie Franklin.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers Stanley Wright Johnson Jr. and Willie Bob Johnson.

Visitation is scheduled to be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with services scheduled for 1 p.m., on Friday, April 22, 2022 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, in Noblesville. Daris Reynolds Jr. will officiate. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Online condolences may be made at [www.randallroberts.com](http://www.randallroberts.com).



### Elizabeth Iolene Kercheval

May 10, 1918 - March 30, 2022

Elizabeth Iolene Kercheval, age 103, of Sheridan, Indiana, passed away on Wednesday morning, March 30, 2022, at Riverview Hospital in Noblesville.

She was born May 10, 1918, in Indianapolis, the daughter of the late Glen and Dorothy (Moore) Christy.

Mrs. Kercheval was a 1936 graduate of Sugar Creek High School and a member of the Maple Park Wesleyan Church in Westfield. She was a woman of strong faith and even stronger conviction.

In 1938, she married Roy Charles "Steve" Kercheval. Mrs. Kercheval and her husband founded the Spicewood Egg Farm, which they proudly operated for over 30 years. She was the backbone of the operation, breaking through the "glass ceiling" long before it was a thing. She was the company CEO - Chief Everything Officer. From bookkeeping and payroll to running the night shift operations, Mrs. Kercheval had it covered. She knew the entire operation like the back of her hand and was able to fill in at any position when the need would arise.

She and Steve loved to go on fishing trips to Canada, but when the bitter, cold winds of winter started to surface, Florida was their home away from home. Mrs. Kercheval loved to travel together, and that is one of the things that she has missed the most in recent years. During their travels, they always seemed to find one or two good places to eat along the way, but as far as she was concerned, nothing topped a home cooked meal. In over a century, she never lost her fondness for good home cooking, especially if she didn't have to cook it.

Everything Mrs. Kercheval did was centered around family, even more so during retirement. Slowing down in her "golden years" wasn't in the cards, so she decided to help her son Max at his family business, Kercheval Gardens. She was the asset that they never knew they needed. Mrs. Kercheval loved to visit with everyone that came out to the farm, and she also enjoyed the time it gave her to spend with her family.

Survivors include her son, Max L. (Kay) Kercheval of Westfield; grandchildren Lisa (Dave) Aerne of Noblesville and Jill (Mike) Freeh of Noblesville; great-grandchildren Amanda Wewetzer, Brad (Maggie) Freeh, Mark Freeh, Jack Freeh, and Ryan Aerne and Davis (Wesley) Aerne; great-great grandchildren Laban Wewetzer, Joss Kay Elizabeth Anderson and Drake Aerne; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother Robert Christy; sisters Eva Mae Brown and Phyllis Buzan; and by her loving husband, Roy Charles "Steve" Kercheval on February 24, 1999.

A Celebration of Life is scheduled to be held at 12 p.m. on Saturday, April 23, 2022, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th Street, Sheridan, IN, with Visitation scheduled to run from 10 a.m. until the time of service.

Mrs. Kercheval will be laid to rest at Spicewood Cemetery in Sheridan, Indiana. Elder Mike Jenkins will be officiating.

The Kercheval family would like to thank everyone at Sander's Glenn, as well as Dr. Miller and the Staff at Riverview Hospital for the excellent care that you have given to her.



### Lola Maxine Stephens

July 18, 1928 - April 19, 2022

Lola Maxine Stephens, 93, of Noblesville, passed away on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at Five Star Residences of Noblesville.

She was born on July 18, 1928 to Ray and Myrtle (Cooper) Millikan in Noblesville, Ind.

Throughout her life, Mrs. Stephens loved to work, whether as a nursing home laundry attendant, or at home taking care of her children and her husband's siblings. She was a Christian with very strong faith. She enjoyed reading, cooking, gardening, and music, especially Kitty Wells. Mrs. Stephens also liked looking after her neighborhood.

Survivors include her children Betty Noakes, Dixie (Dennis) Hill, Kenneth E. (Vickie) Stephens and Brenda (Brian) Lunsford; nine grandchildren Linda (David) Echols, Gail (Mark) Boatwright, Dawn Mode, Denise (Bobby) LaShure, Kenneth Lee (Jennifer) Burton, Timothy Burton, Madeline Stephens, Bryan Lunsford and Brad Lunsford; sister, Marilyn "Susie" (James) Clark; and many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Otha Stephens; and her siblings Wilkie Millikan, Catherine Basey, Raymond Millikan, Bobbie Millikan, Billie Millikan, Charles Millikan, Donald Millikan and David Millikan.

Private family services will be held with burial at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

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



Photo courtesy of Noblesville Schools

(Left to right) Landon Swift, Gus Nance and Luke Shinneman at the Innovate Within competition

## Noblesville Students Take Top Spot at Entrepreneur Pitch Competition

Noblesville High School students Landon Swift, Gus Nance and Luke Shinneman won the regional Innovate Within entrepreneur pitch competition, held recently at Purdue University.

The NHS engineering students each received \$1,000 for their win that

can then be used towards developing their project or education. They will now advance to state competition on June 10.

Their project is a combination lift system and "airbag" designed to help get motorized wheelchairs into the cargo bay of an airplane and keep them safe during flight.

## Addressing Nastiness in Society



**TIM TIMMONS**  
Sagamore News Media CEO

My, my. We do tend to get testy as a society now, don't we? I remember talking to then-sheriff Mark Casteel a couple of years ago. He was telling me about sitting in a line at a red light. One guy actually ran the light (a pretty gutsy move considering the obvious sheriff's car) and others were impatiently tapping on their steering wheels and then honking when the light changed and the first car didn't spring forward.

How long is a red light? Despite the fact that they seem like hours, they're not. They do sometimes illustrate our lack of patience.

Of course, that's just one example and doesn't account for actual differences of opinion. Heck, it doesn't matter if it's politics, religion, sex or tiddlywinks. It's been

said in this space before, you're either for me or a'gin me and there ain't much middle ground.

How do we fix it? Can we?

A lot of folks say that toothpaste is already out of the tube and there's no putting it back. Me? I'm not so sure. I think it's not that complicated, we just have to step back and respect the other guy's opinion. Notice, I didn't say it was easy. But it's surely not complex.

There's a great story that maybe gets to the point.

A traveling salesman finally completed what had been a long stretch of appointments away from home. There were no flights to his destination that evening, so he got a room and early the next morning headed to the airport the required two hours ahead of his flight. But when he got there, he found the flight was overbooked and he had to wait until early afternoon for the next one.

Unfortunately for him, that flight wasn't direct and he had to endure numerous stopovers at airports all over the country. On some, he was able to stay on the plane but on most he had to race to an-

other terminal. Twice, he barely made the connection - and got no sympathy from gate attendants who seemed to resent the fact they had to check in one more passenger.

As you might imagine, his irritation kept going up and up and up.

Finally, at around 10 p.m. the last flight lifted off and he was on his way home! He was so relieved he didn't mind much that they were out of coffee by the time they got to his seat.

Around midnight they landed! However, it seemed to take forever to get off the plane while everyone in front of him struggled with the overhead compartments. Once in the terminal he made a beeline for the carousel to get his suitcase. After what seemed like a ridiculous amount of time, the flashing light came on, the alarm sounded and the carousel sprang to life. One by one, suitcases and duffel bags wound their way around.

Not his. People were grabbing their bags and heading out. He looked at his watch. It was 12:20. The carousel was getting emptier and emptier. Pretty soon, he was the only one

left and his suitcase was nowhere to be found.

Angry beyond belief, he found the lost baggage office and one tired clerk. The frustrations from not being able to fly out the night before to the canceled flight to the multiple stopovers, the poor service, the lousy attitudes . . . all of it spilled out and he unloaded. His voice was loud. He waved his arms. He ranted and raved. All the while, the clerk just stood there.

Finally, after the man was done, the clerk calmly leaned forward. "Sir, at this very moment there are only two people on this planet who care one iota about your luggage, and one of us is rapidly losing interest."

It's a lesson we can all learn from. Sure, we have our frustrations, our opinions. But none of that changes the fact that we need other people. Let's make sure we don't force them to lose their interest.

*- Timmons is the chief executive officer of Sagamore News Media, the company that owns The Noblesville Times. He is a proud Noblesville High School graduate and can be contacted at [ttimmons@thetimes24-7.com](mailto:ttimmons@thetimes24-7.com).*

## Working at Home



**RIX QUINN**  
Quinn Summary

Luckily, I've got a little home office. It's a place I can go sleep after my morning coffee.

On Monday I had lots of time on my hands, so I took an online test to gauge my maturity level. It said I was "childish, obnoxious, and apathetic." It said some other stuff, but I didn't care.

I've also started cleaning out the attic. I found my old report cards from high school, along with notes that teachers sent home.

I had forgotten that I once got in trouble for "releasing small rodents during a school assembly." That accusation was unfair. My hamsters would never harm anybody.

One afternoon, I sat on our front porch to watch the world pass by. I waved to everyone.

If somebody didn't wave back, I blew my duck call. Some people react poorly to weird noises.

Because I spend so much time in the house, I actually enjoy talking to telephone salesmen.

Last month I bought a week's vacation from a recorded message. I didn't realize that until I received the package, and the reservation said it was for July 2019.

I've never binge-watched so many old TV series, and I keep getting their plots confused. Last night I dreamed I was the sheriff in a Wild West town who drove a red convertible, possessed magical powers, and kept his talking horse at home.

Also, I've been watching sports events. I've seen some current ones, plus some old ones from the 20th century. This week I saw two bowl games from the 1970s, a baseball playoff from the 1990s, and a track meet from the 1980s.

I recorded the 100-yard dash, then played it backwards. Now, that's what you call a true rerun.

*- Got a subject you'd like Rix to talk about? E-mail him at [rix@rixquinn.com](mailto:rix@rixquinn.com)*

## Meeting Notes

### Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District Board

Monday, April 25, 2022  
Public session starts at 12 p.m.

Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center Commissioner's Courtroom

One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, IN  
Agenda

- Call to Order
- Approval of Minutes
- 1. March 28, 2022 Public Comments
- Household Hazardous Waste Center Update
- 1. Director's Report with March Totals
- 2. April 9, 2022 Shred Day Report
- Old Business
- New Business
- 1. Approval of Vendor Claims
- 2. Approval of Payroll Claims
- Adjourn

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# State Bank Announces New Vice President of Treasury Management



Casey Spencer

State Bank, an independently owned and operated community bank announced it has hired Casey Spencer as Vice President of Treasury Management.

Spencer joins the bank with more than 12 years of experience in banking specializing in treasury management and business development. In her new role, Spencer will provide product solutions and treasury expertise to develop the best in market business solutions for State Bank's customers.

"We are very excited to welcome Casey to the State Bank team. She brings a tight focus on customer relationship quality to our team and will add value to customers by delivering a well-rounded proposal of

products and services," said State Bank CEO and President Mike Baker. "Her passion to serve, connect and build relationships is a great match for our organization and our customers."

Spencer, a Lafayette native, currently serves as Dress for Success of Greater Lafayette Advisory Board Chair, YWCA of Greater Lafayette Board of Directors, YWCA finance committee and Greater Lafayette Women's Golf Association Board Treasurer. Additionally, she extends her volunteer efforts with organizations like Junior Achievement of Lafayette, Read to Succeed, Habitat for Humanity and Food Finder's Food Bank.

"I am proud to be a part of the State Bank team and their efforts to offer true community banking philosophies. Relationship building resides at the core of my values as a banker, and I truly enjoy being an integral part of a business's growth and success," said Spencer. "As we look forward, I am excited to not only serve our State Bank clients as a trusted banking

partner, but continue to deepen our community support in the areas we serve."

Spencer received a bachelor's degree in communications from Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville, where she attended on an athletic golf scholarship. She lives in Lafayette with her family.

State Bank is a \$713 million community bank headquartered on the west side of Indianapolis. In addition to operating ten full-service locations, State Bank is a part of the AllPoint™ ATM network of 55,000+ ATMs nationwide. Bauer Financial has named State Bank a 5-Star Bank based on its strength and performance since 2017, and it was named the Best Bank in Hendricks County nine of the last 10 years. Its offices are in Avon, Brownsburg (2), Plainfield, Lizton and Pittsboro in Hendricks County; Lebanon (2) and Zionsville in Boone County; Carmel in Hamilton County; and opening in the Fall of 2022 in Lafayette. Visit [www.StateBank1910.bank](http://www.StateBank1910.bank) to learn more.

## Meeting Notes

### Westfield Redevelopment Commission (RDC)

Monday, April 25, 2022 at 6 p.m.  
Westfield City Services Main Level Conference Room  
The meeting can be viewed online at <https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofWestfieldIN>

- Agenda
1. Declaration of quorum and opening of meeting
  2. Approval of Claims
  3. Public Hearing on Declaratory Resolution Amending Lantern Commons Economic Development Area to Designate Front Street Allocation Area - Jeremy Lollar, Jim Crawford
  4. Confirmatory Resolution Amending Lantern Commons Economic Development Area to Designate Front Street Allocation Area - Jeremy Lollar, Jim Crawford
  5. Additional business before the Commission
  6. Adjourn

## Meeting Notes

### Carmel Clay Board of School Trustees

Meeting Agenda  
April 25, 2022 at 7 p.m.

Clay Middle School, 5150 E. 126th St. Carmel, IN 46033

1. Meeting Opening
  - 1.1 Call to Order
  - 1.2 Roll Call
  - 1.3 Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
2. Presentation
  - 2.1 Perfect ACT Scores
  - 2.2 Service Awards
  - 2.3 Retirements
3. Public Comment
  - 3.1 Guidelines for Public Comment
  4. Consent
    - 4.1 Approval of Consent Items
    - 4.2 Personnel Report
    - 4.3 Claims

- 4.4 Payroll
- 4.5 Approval of Gift Applications
- 4.6 Minutes: Workshop Session - March 14, 2022
- 4.7 Minutes: Executive Session - March 15, 2022
- 4.8 Minutes: Executive Session - March 28, 2022
  - 4.9 Minutes: Regular Session - March 28, 2022
5. Action
  - 5.1 Bid Award - CHS Natatorium - Categories No. 13 & 14 - Plumbing and HVAC
  - 5.2 Change Orders - Clay Center Elementary
  - 5.3 Change Orders - Carmel Elementary School
  - 5.4 Change Orders - Carmel High School Performing Arts Center Addition and Renovations

- 5.5 Change Orders - Murray Soccer Stadium and Hartman Baseball Complex
6. Discussion
  - 6.1 Materials Adoption
    - 6.2 Carmel High School Activity Center
    - 6.3 First Reading of Policy 8120 - Background Checks for Volunteers/Visitors
  7. Reports
    - 7.1 Staff and Student Services
    - 7.2 Monthly Financial Update
    - 7.3 Board Members' Report
    - 7.4 Carmel Clay Parks Department
    - 7.5 Superintendent's Report
  8. Announcements
  - 8.1 Upcoming Meetings
    9. Adjournment
    - 9.1 Adjourn Meeting

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Hamilton Heights' senior Ella Maiden has signed a letter of intent to play tennis for the Anderson University Ravens in Anderson, Indiana this fall. Maiden (seated) is pictured with (left to right): Greg Maiden (father), Evie Maiden (sister), Jennifer Maiden (mother), Logan Maiden (brother), and Judy Logan (grandmother).

## Heights' Maiden Signs to Play Tennis for Anderson University

Ella Maiden, a senior at Hamilton Heights High School, has signed a letter of intent to play tennis for Anderson University in Anderson, Indiana this fall. Anderson University is a member of the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) and a NCAA Division III athletic institution. She is the daughter of Jennifer and Greg Maiden.

Anderson's top-ranked nursing program, the opportunity to play tennis at the collegiate level, and a welcoming on-campus environment made AU an easy choice for Maiden. She plans to study nursing with the goal of working in the emergency room of a hospital and possibly continuing her education to become a physician's assistant. She is also going to

try out for the cheerleading team at AU.

Maiden, who served as the team captain for the past two years and named Academic All State in 2021, has come a long way from when she first started playing tennis in the sixth grade. "I barely made the team, but I loved the sport and was determined to improve my game," recalls Ella Maiden, a four-year varsity member and a Husky cheerleader. She began taking private lessons with coach Mark Noe, put in a lot of practice time, and played in tournaments any time she could to help build her skill and technique on the court.

She credits her parents and her Mimi and Papa for encouraging her to do her best and for their support

with all the extra activities for tennis. She says it was Mark Noe who helped her improve her game and Heights' tennis coaches Wayne Rupe and Jeanann Dodson for not only helping her improve her game but for their role in developing her into the player she is today.

"Ella has been a critical asset for Husky Tennis for four years," said Wayne Rupe, Hamilton Heights High School head tennis coach. "She demonstrates leadership on the court as well as in the classroom. She is respected by all her fellow teammates as well as the coaches for what she brings to Husky Tennis every day. She will definitely be missed. Her continued success will be a plus for Anderson University. Always a

Husky....."

"Ella has shown tremendous improvement over the course of her tennis career which is all attributed to her hard work and dedication to the sport," added Kurt Ogden, Hamilton Heights High School athletic director. "She's a great teammate and an awesome kid. We are very happy for Ella, and we wish her well as she takes her talents to Anderson University to play tennis."

As the school year draws to a close, Maiden has been dedicating most of her extra time to improving herself in every way inside and outside the classroom as she readies for the next level. "I can't wait to make new friends and study my passion this fall at Anderson University," she added.



Photo courtesy of Hamilton Heights School Corporation

(Left to right) Joanne Renfro (HHES STEM teacher), Mark LaBarr (Community Relations Manager, Duke Energy) and Dagny Zupin (Community Relations Liaison, Duke Energy) with the new STEM Kit donated to Hamilton Heights Elementary School by Duke Energy.



Photo courtesy of Hamilton Heights School Corporation

Mark LaBarr, Community Relations Manager for Duke Energy, enjoys watching a classroom at Hamilton Heights Elementary School come to life as students engage in a special project from the newly donated STEM kit from Duke Energy.

## Duke Energy Donates 'Prepare to Be Awesome' STEM Kit to HHES

Duke Energy donated a supply kit to Hamilton Heights Elementary School which provides science and engineering materials for K-4 students during STEM learning. The materials included in this kit are designed to help promote curiosity and learning through hands-on engagement.

Hamilton Heights Elementary school has long focused a part of its curriculum and enrichment programs around STEM, or Science, Technology,

Engineering and Mathematics-based education. The focus on hands-on learning with real-world applications engages students and teaches them more than basic science and mathematics concepts. It helps develop a variety of skill sets, including creativity skills such as media and technology literacy, productivity, social skills, communication, and initiative. Other skills learned through STEM education include problem solving, critical thinking, creativity,

curiosity, collaboration, decision making, leadership, and much more as part of preparing them to be flexible and innovative in the rapidly changing 21st century.

"Duke is committed to promoting STEM education for all ages," said Dagny Zupin, Community Relations Liaison for Duke Energy. "It's wonderful to see Heights incorporating these hands-on experiences at the primary level."

"HHES and Duke's longstanding partner-

ship benefits our STEM learning along with other programs such as our summer Jump Start Program," said Julie Griffey, HHES Principal. "We are extremely grateful to have Duke Energy a partner in education."

"There's nothing better than to unexpectedly receive a HUGE box of STEM supplies along with a host of science discovery ideas," added Joanne Renfro, HHES STEM teacher. "Thank you Duke Energy!"

## Rep. Spartz Returns from Ukraine; To Visit Southern Border This Week



Rep. Victoria Spartz

Rep. Victoria Spartz (R-IN) recently returned home from a short visit to Ukraine to assess the situation on the ground. She witnessed war crime investigations in Bucha, major destruction in Kyiv and surrounding areas, and significant devastation in her native Chernihiv,

which heroically held the ground for over a month to delay Putin's troops and saved the day for Kyiv.

"We cannot be naive and not acknowledge that a major world conflict has already started," said Spartz. "China and Russia are using a hybrid and multimodal strategy around the world to destabilize and control, which will require leadership and smart policies from the United States now more than ever."

In the past few months, Rep. Spartz has visited the region on several trips and has become a leading voice in demanding stringent oversight and transparency of financial and military aid from the

US to Ukraine. Most recently, she has called for a congressional oversight hearing along with her colleague and Ranking Member of the Oversight Committee, Rep. James Comer (R-KY), on the issue. Read her letter here.

Spartz also announced that on Wednesday she will be traveling to the U.S. - Mexico border. Last spring, she traveled to our southern border three times to evaluate the ongoing humanitarian and national security crisis, which has only been exasperated by the failed policies of the Biden Administration on our southern border. The situation will worsen over the next few weeks as the Administration considers

lifting the Title 42 restrictions, which could lead to over 18,000 persons a day crossing the border illegally into the United States. She will be joined by other Members of Congress on the trip.

"When I visited our southern border last year, the border patrol shared with me that Title 42 is the only tool left for preventing complete chaos," Spartz said. "Lifting Title 42 will escalate our border crisis into an outright catastrophe and is raising a significant national security threat, especially in light of the major war in Europe."

For more information and to receive the latest news, please visit spartz.house.gov.

## Record Broken by Milliseconds in 2022 Carmel Half Marathon Race

Race organizers for the 2022 Carmel Marathon Weekend have concluded the Carmel Half Marathon Presented by Drewry Simmons Vornehm course record was broken by just 15 milliseconds on Saturday, April 9. Raymond Magut finished the 13.1-mile race with a gun time of 1:04:22.735 and is now confirmed as the new half marathon course record holder. The previous course record set by Jordan Kyle in 2021 had a gun time of 1:04:22.750.

Magut, originally from Kenya, currently trains in Lansing, Mich. with a group including the 2022 half marathon champion in the women's division, Mary Munanu. Magut received a \$300 bonus in addition to purse money for a new course record.

Kyle, a native of Fishers, Ind. now residing in Carmel, said he is planning to return to the 2023 Carmel Marathon Weekend in hopes of recaptur-

ing the course record for the half marathon.

With the original results showing a slim margin in regard to the course record, race officials and the event timing staff consulted with USA Track & Field's (USATF) rulebook to determine the protocol for resolving ties. USTAF is the national governing body for track and field, long-distance running and race walking in the United States.

Including Magut's confirmed record, five course records were broken at the 2022 Carmel Marathon Weekend. In addition, the race is now listed as the sixth top marathon to qualify for the Boston Marathon, with 20.7 percent of finishers receiving a Boston-qualifier finishing time.

The 13th annual Carmel Marathon Weekend is scheduled for Saturday, April 8, 2023. For more information, please visit CarmelMarathon.com.

## Fishers Farmers Market at NPD Returns May 7th

Fishers Parks announces the return of the popular Fishers Farmers Market at the NPD AMP (Nickel Plate District Amphitheater) this summer, along with the new Fishers Farmers Market at Saxony, both presented by IU Health Fishers. The markets offer residents and visitors two opportunities throughout the week to shop from their favorite local vendors.

The Fishers Farmers Market at the NPD AMP (6 Municipal Drive, Fishers) kicks off on Saturday, May 7, and will take place every Saturday through September 24 from 8 a.m. to noon. The Fishers Farmers Market at Saxony (13578 E. 131st St., Fishers) begins June 1 and takes place on Wednesdays from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. through September 28.

Ranked one of the top farmers markets in the region, the Fishers Farmers Market showcases vendors from Central Indiana that offer fresh produce, baked goods, honey, specialty food items, meats, coffee, plants, and more. Juried to the strictest standards, the market offers fresh, local, flavorful foods direct from farmers and producers. This year's NPD AMP market features 65 local vendors, including weekly Biz Kidz vendors, showcasing handmade or home-grown items from young entrepreneurs. This year's market vendors include:

- 317 Juicery
- Alcomy LLC
- Artisan's Oils & Spices
- Ash & Elm Cider
- Bay Area Bistro
- Bearded Bagel
- Becker Farms
- Brick House Vinaigrettes
- Brighton Farms Inc.,
- Buck Creek Flower Farm
- Cater Haven BBQ
- Collins Universal Foods LLC
- Compean & Sons
- Diamond Organics LLC
- Dragonwood LLC
- Fair Farms and Produce
- Firm Root Farm LLC
- Fishers Flower Farm
- Gallagher Farms
- Generations Pie Co LLC
- Gluten Free Creations
- Groomsville Popcorn
- Guacamole and More, LLC
- Herd's
- Hidden Acres
- Indie Coffee Roasters
- Jason Michael Thomas
- Jenny's Famous Superfoods
- Johnnie Raber Family Farm
- Kafeteria LLC
- Lazy Labs Bakery
- Le Petit Gateau
- Leaf and Node
- Louise's Sweets
- Mallory Farmstead
- Maple Run Farm
- Marta's Goody's
- Masters Home Preserves
- Morehouse Premium Pork
- My Dad's Sweet Corn
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- Pig's Tale Charcuterie
- Rare Brew
- Rose and Lois
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- Samano's Mexican Food
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- Simply Flowers
  - Skillington Farms, Inc.
  - Smokin' Soul Bistro
  - Sound Mind Treats
  - Sprinkle Joy Bakes
  - Sugar Creek Mushrooms LLC
  - Taco Express
  - Tailored Toddies
  - The Bubble Tea Lady
  - The Walking Waffle Company
  - Tinker Coffee Co.
  - Twenty Two Juice Bar
  - VanAntwerps Farm Market
  - Vietnamese Eggroll Bar
  - Viking Lamb, LLC
  - Wesson's Canine Bakery
  - Yay! Donuts
- The Fishers Farmers Market at Saxony vendor list will be announced ahead of opening day at [playfishers.com/Farmers-Market](http://playfishers.com/Farmers-Market).

At the NPD AMP market, shoppers can enjoy free yoga every Saturday morning from 8 to 9 a.m., live music from local artists from 10 a.m. to noon, and the popular Farm Hands kids' program, where the market's littlest shoppers can participate in special activities.

Other specialty days with themed programming for shoppers include the Health and Wellness Expo on May 21, which hosts local organizations and businesses that promote healthy living in Fishers, and Biz Kidz Day on July 9, where young entrepreneurs set up shop at the market to sell their handmade items. Shoppers can also enjoy Nonprofit Day on July 23, as well as a National Farmers Market Week Celebration on August 13.

This year, shoppers can access the NPD AMP market via the Nickel Plate Trail with the opening of the downtown portion of the 3.8-mile paved, multi-use trail. With the opening of the downtown section, which includes the pedestrian tunnel beneath 116th Street, users can travel from 146th Street to 106th Street. Learn more about the trail at [playfishers.com/NickelPlateTrail](http://playfishers.com/NickelPlateTrail).

Free parking is located throughout the Nickel Plate District, including garage parking in the Flats at Switch parking garage, located to the east of Fishers City Hall (1 Municipal Drive), the Police Station garage (5 Municipal Drive), and Spark Apartments garage (8780 North Street). View a parking map.

Sponsors for the 2022 Fishers Farmers Market include:

- IU Health Fishers
  - Bath Experts
  - Indy Children's Dental Center
  - Peterman Brothers
  - Renewal by Andersen
- Sponsorship opportunities are still available for the 2022 market season. Learn more about how you can partner with Fishers Parks and the Fishers Farmers Market by visiting [playfishers.com/sponsorship](http://playfishers.com/sponsorship).
- For more information about the farmers market, visit [playfishers.com/FarmersMarket](http://playfishers.com/FarmersMarket), visit the market on Facebook and Instagram for the latest news on vendors, times, and sponsorship opportunities.

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## Holcomb Announces \$65M in Trails Grants; Noblesville, Sheridan, Fishers Receive \$12M

Several Hamilton County trails will see major investments from the Next Level Trails program grants, announced yesterday by Gov. Eric Holcomb and Ind. Dept. of Natural Resources Dan Bortner.

The trails in Hamilton County to see development are part of the Nickel Plate and Monon Trails. The City of Noblesville received a \$3.13M grant to develop 2.7 new miles of the Nickel Plate Trail. The City of Fishers received a separate grant worth \$4,533,338 to develop 1.3 new miles of the trail. The Fishers portion co-terminates with a separate \$5M grant that the City of Indianapolis received to

develop 10.3 new miles of the Nickel Plate trail on the northern edge of Marian County. In total, the Nickel Plate trail will see 14.3 new miles of trail from a total of \$12,663,388 in grants.

Meanwhile, the Town of Sheridan received a grant worth \$2,089,580 to extend the Monon Trail. Currently, the trail ends south of Sheridan at state Route 47. The project will add 1.85 miles of trail, running along an abandoned rail corridor and ending at the Hamilton and Boone County border along county Road 1200 E.

Gov. Holcomb and Director Bortner announced that 38 communities and non-profit organizations

will receive a combined \$65 million for 77 miles of new trail development as a part of the third round of the Next Level Trails program. With matching funds from applicants, this round is expected to generate total investment of more than \$102 million.

"Trails connect communities together in such a personal way and are perfect pathways to good mental and physical well-being," Gov. Holcomb said. "These continued quality-of-life investments will reap generational economic and tourism development dividends and further showcase Indiana's incredible outdoor experiences."

A \$150 million grant program, Next Lev-

el Trails is the largest infusion of trails funding in state history. In rounds one and two, a total of \$55 million was awarded to 35 communities. To date, \$120 million has been awarded to build 190 miles of trails throughout Indiana. Ninety-four percent of Hoosiers live within five miles of a trail.

Smaller local projects in Jasper, Middlebury, Shelbyville, and Huntington are among the many other trails selected to receive grants.

"The DNR listens to the recreational and outdoor needs of Hoosiers," Bortner said. "We are excited to expand our partnerships with local governments and

non-profits to bring these important connections and amenities to communities across Indiana."

The grants awarded in the third round include 17 regional projects and 21 local projects. The list of awards, project descriptions, and a map are posted at on.IN.gov/NLT-round-3.

The third-round grant recipients are contributing \$37.4 million in matching value, resulting in a \$102.4 million total investment in trails. The program requires a minimum 20 percent project match, which can include monetary contributions, land value, and in-kind donations of materials and labor.

Next Level Trails is

part of Gov. Holcomb's \$1 billion Next Level Connections infrastructure program, which accelerates the completion of major highway projects, expands access to rural broadband services, and pursues the expansion of rail projects in north-west Indiana. The initial program received funds totaling \$90 million; \$60 million more was appropriated in the current biennial budget to bring the Next Level Trails investment to \$150 million.

Progress on all Next Level Trails projects can be found here.

Next Level Trails objectives and more information in the grants program is at on.IN.gov/nextleveltrails.

## BBB Scam Alert: High Demand for Used Cars Leads to Online Purchase Scams



With used car prices skyrocketing recently, consumers are turning to the internet to find a deal. Better Business Bureau is warning consumers to hit the brakes on these types of transactions.

### How the Scam Works

You see a used car listing online or through a sponsored ad on social media. You begin com-

municating with the seller and after agreeing to the deal, you're asked to wire money for the vehicle to a shipping/escrow company. The seller claims they will keep your payment in escrow for five days to make sure you're satisfied with your purchase.

In another scam, the seller claims her husband recently died and is trying to get rid of his old car because it's "brought back bad memories." The seller says someone else was going to buy the car but didn't get the loan, so it's ready to be shipped.

In each instance, the scammer makes the fraud appear legitimate by assuring the transaction will occur through a third party's buyer protection program.

One consumer reported

losing \$82,000 to BBB Scam Tracker from an online vehicle purchase which turned out to be a scam. "[I] purchased a vehicle from this dealership only to find out the car does not exist nor does the dealership." (Victim is willing to speak to the media).

After the transaction, the scammer typically ignores all follow-up calls, text messages, and emails or may demand additional payments. In the end, the consumer does not receive their car and is never able to recoup their losses. Aside from the monetary losses, consumers may put personal banking information at risk through these scams.

### Avoid Online Car Sales Scams:

- Never wire funds or complete bank-to-bank

transactions. Scammers love this kind of transaction because there is no way for you to get your money back once it is completed. Instead, make legitimate purchases by check or credit card.

- Watch out for too good to be true deals. They are most likely a scam. Scammers often steal consumers' personal information and money by offering them high-value goods at extremely discounted prices.

- Contact the seller by phone. At some point during your negotiations, speak with the sales manager on the phone. If they are unusually vague about certain details of the sale or cannot confirm their location or the vehicle location, it's most likely a scam.
- See the car first.

Never buy a car without making an in-person inspection and taking a test drive first.

- Don't give in to pressure. Scammers often try to pressure you into giving up your personal information or making a down payment before you have time to think about the purchase. Take your time and think a deal over before agreeing to anything. If you get a bad feeling, listen to your gut.

- Don't trust a seller or buyer who says that the transaction is guaranteed by eBay, PayPal, Craigslist, or another online marketplace. These sites explicitly explain they cannot guarantee that people using their services are legitimate.

For More Information: To learn more, see the

BBB tips on buying a new car and buying a used car. You can also look up car dealerships at BBB.org to check their business rating and read customer reviews.

To report a scam visit BBB's Scam Tracker at <https://www.bbb.org/scamtracker>

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## Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra Announces Schedule for 2022-23

The Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra (ISO) is excited to announce the 2022-23 season featuring a delightful mix of familiar favorites, exciting debut artists, and innovative programming that is the hallmark of central Indiana's largest performing arts organization.

Visit the ISO website to explore a full list of their 2022-23 DeHaan Classical Series offers a powerful repertoire as the ISO explores the influence of literature on classical music, including a celebration of William Shakespeare in the season finale. Classical music aficionados will be thrilled with the season's opening concert featuring Mussorgsky's Pictures at an Exhibition and Brahms' Double Concerto highlighting the talents of ISO Concertmaster Kevin Lin and Principal Cellist Austin Huntington as soloists. The ISO will conclude the Beethoven 2020 Celebration featuring the renowned composer's Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Symphonies. The ISO will also debut three new works that were specially commissioned to accompany those pieces. In his second season as the ISO's artistic advisor, Jun Märkl will conduct two of the sixteen subscription programs in the DeHaan Classical Series.

The 2022-23 Printing Partners Pops Series includes a patriotic Veterans Day Tribute with the U.S. Naval Academy Glee Clubs, The Doo Wop Project, A Tribute

to Aretha Franklin, and much more. Just in time for Halloween, the Bank of America Film Series features the Indianapolis premiere of Disney's Hocus Pocus in Concert in October. The AES Indiana Yuletide Celebration welcomes back host Frankie Moreno for the 36th anniversary December 2-23, 2022. Moreno is a five-time winner of Vegas Headliner of the Year and first hosted AES Indiana Yuletide Celebration in 2019.

Conductor and composer Steve Hackman returns in 2022-23 to bring his visionary Uncharted Series to Hilbert Circle Theatre following the acclaimed premiere of his work, Resurrection Mixtape, in March 2022. The Uncharted Series offers Indianapolis fans new avenues into classical music, with Tchaikovsky v. Drake October 19; Beethoven v. Coldplay January 25 and, back by popular demand, Resurrection Mixtape April 12.

For ISO's Opening Night Gala on October 1, Artistic Advisor Jun Märkl has programmed dynamic orchestral works to showcase the artistry of ISO's musicians, and will welcome Dance Kaleidoscope for Tchaikovsky's Romeo & Juliet and Johann Strauss' The Blue Danube.

The season's first classical program will run October 13-15) and feature the ISO's Concertmaster Kevin Lin and Principal Cellist Austin Huntington as soloists in Brahms' Double Con-

certo. Guest Conductor Peter Oundjian leads a glittering Glinka overture, Carlos Simon's Fate Now Conquers, inspired by Beethoven, and Ravel's vibrant orchestration of Mussorgsky's Pictures at an Exhibition. ISO Principal Oboe Jennifer Christen will perform Strauss' Oboe Concerto February 17-18, 2023.

Conductor Anna Rakitina will her DeHaan Classical Series debut March 9-11, 2023, leading the ISO on Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 2 and Beethoven's Symphony No. 7. Renowned Director David Ivers will bring his talent to the Hilbert Circle Theatre for the ISO's Shakespeare festival in June 2023. He will direct scenes from Romeo and Juliet, set to Prokofiev's much-loved score.

Principal Pops Conductor Jack Everly will lead the Indianapolis premiere of Disney's Hocus Pocus in Concert October 22-23. With the release of Hocus Pocus 2 expected this fall, it's the perfect opportunity to catch up with your favorite characters from the film! Audience favorite Ben Crawford, who currently plays the title role in Phantom of the Opera on Broadway, will be one of the featured vocalists performing Broadway hits in Leading Men of Broadway for three concerts October 7-8.

The United States Naval Academy Men's and Women's Glee Clubs will make their debut at

Hilbert Circle Theatre with four Veterans Day Weekend concerts, including a coffee concert on November 11.

Guest Conductor Enrico Lopez-Yañez makes his Printing Partners Pops Series debut with Latin Fire April 14-15, 2023, for a night inspired by the irresistible music of Latin America, including soprano Mónica Ábrego and José Sibaja on trumpet. The Doo Wop Project, which will run on February 10-11, 2023, will apply vintage 1950s and '60s style to classics and modern pop songs alike.

Jazz vocalist Capathia Jenkins returns to the ISO to lead an entire concert dedicated to the Queen of Soul in A Tribute to Aretha Franklin, March 3-4.

Subscriptions are the best way to experience the ISO, offering the greatest value and the most benefits. For the DeHaan Classical Series, patrons who subscribe to the full 16-concert package can receive up to a 50% savings over the cost of purchasing a single ticket. For the Printing Partners Pops Series, patrons who subscribe to the eight-concert series receive the equivalent of a 25% savings over the cost of a single ticket purchase.

For more information about all Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra presentations, visit [IndianapolisSymphony.org](https://IndianapolisSymphony.org) or call the Hilbert Circle Theatre Box Office at 317-639-4300.

## AG Todd Rokita Protecting Hoosiers by Holding 'Big Tobacco' Accountable



Attorney General Todd Rokita

Attorney General Todd Rokita advanced Indiana's battle to help Hoosiers stop smoking and decrease the incidence of youth smoking throughout the state by holding tobacco manufacturers accountable.

Last week Indiana received over \$200 million from tobacco product manufacturers under the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement.

"Thousands of Hoosiers die each year from conditions caused by smoking," said Attorney General Rokita. "My office is working hard to ensure our kids stay healthy and that they never go down the dangerous

path of smoking."

Under this agreement, the state will receive annual payments as long as the tobacco manufacturers continue selling cigarettes in Indiana. The agreement also forbids participating cigarette manufacturers from targeting youth, imposes restrictions on advertising and promotional activities, and product placement in media, branded merchandise, free product samples, and sponsorships.

The Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement remains the largest civil settlement in U.S. history. The funds received by Indiana under the settlement agreement go to healthcare, prevention, and reduction of smoking.

Cigarettes cause cancer and other diseases, as the Surgeon General first concluded in its historic 1964 report. So, improving Hoosiers' health remains a priority of the Attorney General, as it should for all elected officials.

For more information on quitting smoking, call Indiana's Tobacco Quit Line at 1-800-QuitNow.

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# What to Do If You Missed April Deadline to File and Pay Taxes

The federal income tax deadline has passed for most individual taxpayers. However, some haven't filed their 2021 tax returns or paid their tax due.

Some people may choose not to file a tax return because they didn't earn enough money to be required to file. Generally, they won't receive a penalty if they are owed a refund. However, they may miss out on receiving a refund.

On the other hand, tax owed and not paid by April 18, 2022 is subject to penalties and interest. Taxpayers in Maine and Massachusetts had until April 19 to file and pay due to the Patriots' Day holiday in those states.

Anyone who didn't file and owes tax should file a return as soon as they can and pay as much as they can to reduce penalties and interest.

Electronic filing options, including IRS Free File, are still available on IRS.gov through October 17, 2022, to prepare and file returns electronically.

The military community can also file their taxes using MilTax, a free tax resource offered through the Department of Defense. Eligible taxpayers can use MilTax to electronically file a federal tax return and up to three state returns for free.

If taxpayers find that they owe taxes, they can review their available payment options. The IRS has information for taxpayers who can't pay taxes they owe.

Some taxpayers may have extra time to file their tax returns and pay any taxes due. This includes some disaster victims, taxpayers living overseas, certain military service members and

eligible support personnel in combat zones.

Filing soon is very important because the late-filing and late-payment penalties and interest on unpaid taxes add up quickly. However, in some cases, a taxpayer filing after the deadline may qualify for penalty relief. For those charged a penalty, they may contact the IRS by calling the number on their notice and explain why they couldn't file and pay on time.

Taxpayers who have a history of filing and paying on time often qualify for administrative penalty relief. A taxpayer usually qualifies if they have filed and paid timely for the past three years and meet other requirements. For details, taxpayers should visit the first-time penalty abatement page on IRS.gov.

## Meeting Notes

### Hamilton County Commissioners

Monday, April 25, 2022 at 12 p.m.

Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center Commissioner's Courtroom

One Hamilton County Square Noblesville, Indiana 46060

#### I. Executive Session

1. Discussion of Security IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7)
2. Purchase of Real Estate IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(D)
3. Discussion of Pending Litigation IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B)
4. Discussion of Personnel IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7)

#### II. Call to Order

#### III. Declare Quorum

#### IV. Pledge of Allegiance

#### V. Approval of Executive Session Memoranda

1. 3/28/22 - 1:45 p.m.
2. 4/20/22
3. 4/25/22

#### VI. Approval of Minutes

1. 3/24/22 - ARPA Committee
2. 3/25/22 - Highway Meeting
3. 3/28/22

#### VII. RFQ Acceptance

1. US 31 Corridor Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Investment Project

#### VIII. Highway Business

1. Road Cut Permits
2. Private Traffic Con-

trol Permits

3. Vehicle Exemption Permits
4. Acceptance of Bonds and Letters of Credit
5. Release of Bonds and Letters of Credit
6. Agreement/Supplements

- a. Supplemental agreement No. 4 - United Consulting for 146th Street & Allisonville Road

#### 7. Acceptance of Right of Way Dedication: Beck's Superior Hybrids, Inc. - 276th Street in Jackson Township

8. Award Recommendation - Steve Nation Trail Project
9. Summer Seasonal Work Hour Exception Request
10. Acceptance of Streets
11. Concurrence with Traffic Study Correspondence
- a. Lance Grubb - 191st Street from East Street to Moontown Road, Washington Township
- b. Patti Miller - Various Roads, Noblesville and Wayne Townships

#### 12. Public Works Quotations

13. Official Actions
14. Correspondence
15. Announcements

#### IX. Plan Commission - CJ Taylor

1. Solar Moratorium Ordinance Extension
- X. Safety Risk Manage-

ment - Steven Rushforth

1. ADA Transition Plan
- XI. Community Development Block Grant - Mary Shaw
1. City of Fishers ADA Ramps Reconstruction Funding Agreement
- XII. Probation - Madonna Wagoner
1. Problem Solving Grant Agreement
- XIII. Commissioner Committee Reports
- XIV. Attorney
- XV. Director of Administration
- XVI. Sheriff
1. Live Nation Worldwide, Inc. Agreement
2. Request to Extend PTO for Sergeant Kevin Hale
- XVII. Auditor
1. Liability Trust Claim
2. Approval of Capital Asset Disposals
3. Treasurer's Monthly Report
4. Acceptance of Bonds/Letters of Credit - Drainage Board
5. Release of Bonds/Letters of Credit - Drainage Board
6. Vendor Claims
7. Health Trust Monthly Expenditure Report
8. Liability Trust Monthly Expenditure Report
9. Payroll Claims
- XVIII. Work Session - Conference Room 1A
1. Zoning

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1996 KAW JKBVNAD17TA048342 \$2550.00

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CITY OF CARMEL, INDIANA WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT PERLIMINARY ENGINEERING REPORT ADDENDUM NO. 3

The City Carmel, Indiana (Hamilton County) is submitting an addendum to their Preliminary Engineering Report for the sanitary sewer Cured-in-Place Pipe project (CIPP). The additional CIPP work would take place in the following areas of the City: Aumans Addition, Briar Creek, Brookshire, Brookshire Estates, Brookshire North, Cool Creek Estates, Cool Creek North, D.E. Wilkinson, Eden Forests, Eden Glen, Fairgreen Trace, Gramercy, Harrow Gate, Johnson Acres, Keystone Springs, Keystone Woods, Medical Drive, Merchants Square, Mohawk Crossing, St Vincent Hospital, The Woodlands, Trails at Avian Glen, Village of Mount Carmel, Wilson Village, Woodland Green, Woodland Springs, and the North South Interceptor between Hazel Dell and the White River, 116th St, and Rangeline Road.

This project is being financed with remaining funds from the existing SRF loan number WW 182529 02. Any balance above the remaining loan balance will be funded locally.

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**BETSY** From Page A1



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**Noblesville residents – Brook Glen Gober as Luisa, Theo Curtis as Matt, and Hannah Janowicz as The Mute – rehearse for Carmel Community Players’ musical, “The Fantasticks,” opening Friday and continuing through May 8 at The Cat in Carmel.**

across the CCP stage when the child was 7 weeks old when her father, Nathan Gober, was performing in the “State Fair” musical.

“The Fantasticks,” with book and lyrics by Tom Jones and music by Harvey Schmidt, is a simple musical fable of a boy, a girl and the pain of growing up is told by eight actors on a stage full of theatrical magic.

“The Fantasticks’ operates on many levels,” Phipps said. “At times, it is a play within a play within a play. At one level, it’s just a spoof on Romeo and Juliet,” with the young lovers portrayed by Gober, 23, as Luisa and Theo Curtis, 17, as Matt.

The “age-appropriate”

Matt is another role that the director was concerned about finding before the auditions. (Phipps played the role at age 30, and said he was, in fact, “too old.”). “Most teenage males with talent are busy in the spring with their own high school musicals,” he said. “But luckily for CCP, Theo Curtis had his eyes on ‘The Fantasticks.’ He’s also a natural for the role, and the duets that our young lovers sing are poignant and beautiful.”

Curtis, although lives in Noblesville, is a junior at Carmel High School, where his father is a teacher there. The son of Shawn Curtis and Adriane Rockhill, he was more interested in “The Fantasticks” than his high school



Brook-Glen Gober



Hannah Janowicz



Theo Curtis

**Want TO GO?**

**What:** Carmel Community Players presents “The Fantasticks” musical, book and lyrics by Tom Jones and music by Harvey Schmidt. Directed by Rich Phipps.  
**When:** Friday thru May 8, 7:30 p.m. Fridays & Saturdays, 2:30 p.m. Sundays.  
**Where:** The Cat, 254 Veterans Way, Carmel.  
**How much:** \$18 for adults, \$16 for students and 62 and older.  
**Reservations:** <https://carmelplayers.org/>

**MEET THE CAST**

**The Narrator (El Gallo)**, played by JB Scoble, Indianapolis; **The Girl (Luisa)**, Brook-Glen Gober, Noblesville; **The Boy (Matt)**, Theo Curtis; **The Boy’s Father (Hucklebee)**, Kevin Shadle, Fishers; **The Girl’s Father (Bellomy)**, Kevin Caraher, Indianapolis; **The Old Actor (Henry)**, Duane Leatherman, Indianapolis; **The Man Who Dies (Mortimer)**, Thom Johnson, Westfield; **The Mute (Hannah)**, Hannah Janowicz of Noblesville.

musical because the CCP show has some of his favorite music of any show.

Another of the cast challenges was to cast the role of The Mute, Phipps said. “We didn’t have anyone audition for the part. And, while The Mute doesn’t talk or sing, it’s a really important part, so this was a big concern.”

He said, “Luckily, after we posted on Facebook that we were still looking for someone, I got an email from Hannah Janowicz of Noblesville, expressing her interest. It was like theater magic. I had no clue how to direct The Mute, but Hannah’s instincts for the role are perfect, and her performance is one of the highlights of the show.”

Phipps wanted to direct “The Fantasticks” because he’s loved the show ever since seeing the original off-Broadway musical in 1990 at the small Sullivan Street Playhouse, a former landmark in New York City’s Greenwich Village. He was “taken by the simple beauty of the show, and the intimacy of the venue, as it was only five rows deep,” he said.

“By the early 2000s, ‘The Fantasticks’ had become established as perhaps the most performed musical in the world, having been adapted to film, and produced around the globe in 67 countries by professional, community and school theaters,” Phipps said.

“And I knew it was well-suited to be performed at The Cat Theatre, as it needs to be played in an intimate setting, as close to the audience as possible,” he said.

The show lays claim to be the world’s longest running musical, having run continuously for 17,162 performances, from 1960 to 2002, Phipps noted.

“I believe the show’s popularity stems from the fact that it is a very simple story, yet one that operates on many levels, and contains a profound, perhaps even religious message,” Phipps said.

“People of all ages can enjoy it as just a wonderful fable, with good music and funny characters,” he said. “Certain audiences can draw much more from it, viewing from

the lens of their own life experience. At various life stages, some will identify with the young lovers, others with the parents “old actors,” or they will relate to the narrator as he “tries to remember.”

He expects many in the audience will have seen “The Fantasticks” prior to visiting The Cat, located in the Carmel Arts and Design District at 254 Veterans Way, in Carmel.

“So, as a director, the challenge has been to keep it fresh, while not deviating far from the essence of what made it so popular in the first place, striking a balance between how touching it is, and yet how ludicrous,” Phipps said.

“It has been so rewarding to work with this talented cast, and wonderful cast and crew. I can only hope that patrons enjoy the show nearly as much as we have enjoyed putting it together.”

Phipps has been on the Carmel Community Players board of directors since 2009 but hadn’t directed a show since 2002, so he felt like a “newbie,” directing this show. “And so I’m very appreciative

**MEET THE CREW**  
**Director,** Rich Phipps, Carmel; **music director,** Bernie Hirsch, Westfield; **choreographer,** Bev Wohrle, Fishers; **assistant director/stage manager,** Susan Yeaw, Mooresville; **assistant stage manager/board operator,** Karissa Monson, Indianapolis; **costume designer,** Vickie Cornelius Phipps, Carmel; **fight choreographer,** Eric Bryant, Fishers; **props,** Beth Montag, Carmel; **set construction,** David Muse, Carmel; **set decoration,** Joyce Pendleton, Indianapolis; **light design,** Jeff Timi, Westfield; and **sound operator,** Margot Everitt, Indianapolis.

of the help I’ve received from the dedicated staff and crew.”

He said, “It’s really an ‘actor’s show,’ as all of the eight roles are important and fun to portray, as it’s really an ensemble show.”

Five of the eight cast members are theater veterans who Phipps has worked with on other CCP productions: JB Scoble of Indianapolis as the narrator, Thom Johnson of Westfield and Duane Leatherman of Indianapolis as “the old actors,” and Kevin Shadle of Fishers and Kevin Caraher of Indianapolis are the fathers. The other cast members are Gober, Curtis and Hannah Janowicz, all of Noblesville.

Phipps’ production crew includes his wife, Vickie, the show’s costumer, who has made some creative costumes to add to the theater magic.

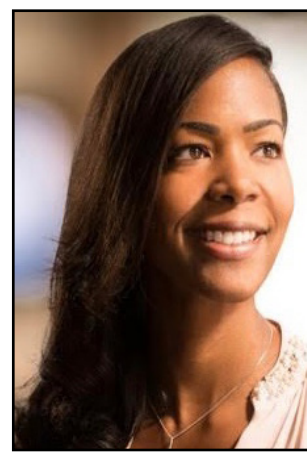
He said, “Overall, I couldn’t be happier with the cast and the production team. We’re looking forward to opening night.”

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**BOARD** From Page A1



Joe Forgey



Lisa Sobek

Sobek with their awards at a regional meeting later this spring.

Dr. Forgey was elected to the board in November 2018 and began serving in January 2019. He is a pediatric dentist practicing with Pediatric Dentistry of Noblesville. He is a graduate

of Butler University and Indiana School of Dentistry and has given hundreds of preventive dental lectures in Noblesville Schools at all academic levels. Mr. Forgey is a 2018 graduate of the Noblesville Schools Miller Ambassadors program and served with

the Miller Backers for ten years. He coached basketball at the Noblesville Boys and Girls Club and soccer with the Noblesville Soccer Club. He and his late wife Cynthia (Noblesville Schools board member 1998-2006) have five children that attended Noblesville Schools. They have 12 grandchildren, three who currently attend Noblesville Schools, with the other nine children four years old and under.

Lisa Sobek was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Noblesville Schools Board of Trustees and began serving in June 2019. She is an executive project manager for Ball State University’s College of Architecture and Planning and also has a background in corporate marketing,

sales and account management. A former executive chair of the Noblesville Diversity Coalition (NDC) and a 2019 graduate of the Miller Ambassadors Program, Mrs. Sobek holds a Master of Business Administration from Indiana Wesleyan University and a bachelor’s degree in marketing from Indiana University’s Kelly School of Business. She has been involved in volunteer and leadership roles with Good Samaritan Network, Grace Care Center, and Wheeler Mission, in addition to being an active classroom and parent teacher organization volunteer. Mrs. Sobek and her husband Brian have resided in Noblesville since 2005 and have two children attending Noblesville Schools.

**EVENT** From Page A1



Monica Greer

States Drug Enforcement Administration, along with its law enforcement partners, have removed more than 15.2 million pounds of medication from circulation since the inception of National Drug Take Back Day in 2010.

“The only safe med-

ications are ones prescribed by a trusted medical professional and dispensed by a licensed pharmacist,” Greer adds. “Old and unwanted medicine too often becomes a gateway to addiction. Events like these are a critical effort to curb the historic surge in U.S. overdoses.”

Hamilton County residents are encouraged to drop off their expired or unused medications between 9 a.m. and Noon. No liquids, sharps, or needles will be accepted. For those who cannot make it, there are opportunities to safely dispose of unneeded medications at local pharmacies, hospitals, and police departments throughout the year.

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1. How long ago did the meteorite strike in Harrison County?  $\geq$
2. How old is Harrison County?  $\leq$
3. How many people in the county do not live in Corydon?  $\geq$
4. What is the population density of the county?  $\leq$

Answers: 1. 160 Years 2. 211 Years 3. 36,242 People 4. 80 / sq. mi.

### Word Scrambler

Unscramble the words below!

1. ETTMIOEER
2. AROHSINR
3. OROCNVD
4. STEAT APACLIT
5. ICLIV WRA

Answers: 1. Meteorite 2. Harrison 3. Corydon 4. State Capital 5. Civil War

## Did You Know?

- Harrison County was established in 1808 and named for William Henry Harrison.
- Corydon, the county seat, has a total population of 3,122 residents.
- In 1859 there was a major meteorite strike in the county.
- In 1863 the Battle of Corydon was fought, the only battle of the American Civil War to occur in Indiana.
- The county is 486.52 square miles and has a population of 39,364 residents.

## Got Words?

Corydon was the state capital of Indiana until 1825. Why do you think the capital was later moved to Indianapolis?

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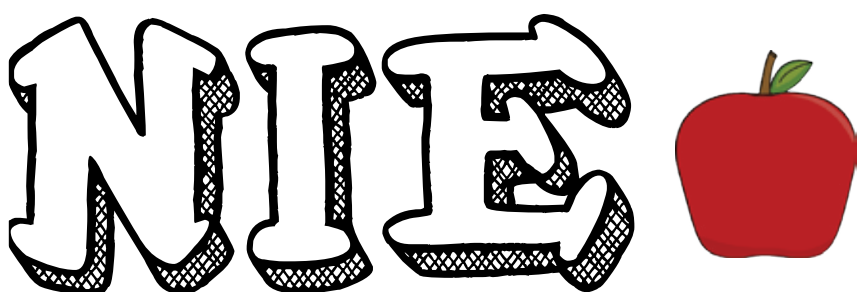
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### Gov. Holcomb Announces Commissioner Peter Lacy to Step Down from Indiana BMV

Peter Lacy has notified Gov. Eric J. Holcomb that he is stepping down from his role as the commissioner of the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) after more than six years. Gov. Holcomb today named Joe Hoage, the commissioner of the Indiana Department of Labor (DOL) and former BMV general counsel, as the new commissioner, effective May 28.

"Commissioner Lacy has delivered outstanding service to Hoosiers by investing in new technology and empowering employees to drive change," Gov. Holcomb said. "The result is an agency that provides Hoosiers with great customer service and more choices about how they interact with the agency. Peter has prioritized efficiency in operations and always focused on quality."

Lacy was appointed BMV commissioner in 2017 after serving as chief of staff for two years.

The BMV, under Lacy's leadership, has:

- Maintained an average branch visit time under 20 minutes and a customer satisfaction rating over 98% across all transaction mediums
- Redesigned the Indiana Driver's License and ID, bringing the most modern and strongest security features available to our state
- Increased BMV Connect kiosk transactions from 98,000 in 2016 to

more than 850,000 in 2021

- Grown Real ID adoption from 23% to 70%
- Launched Indiana Driver Employee Link (IDEL), a CDL employer notification system designed to quickly inform employers of change in the status of their CDL drivers
- Prioritized modernization of process and technology, including expansion of how the agency notifies customers of an upcoming renewal to include email and text

"The focus during my time with the agency has been on driving the state forward and thinking beyond the traditional expectations of a motor vehicle agency," Lacy said. "I am grateful to Governor Holcomb for the opportunity to serve our state and for his support of the agency's goals, which has enabled us to keep providing efficient, exceptional service to Hoosiers."

Lacy's last day as commissioner is May 27. Hoage was general counsel for the BMV from 2017 until 2020, when he was named commissioner at DOL. He has also served as the state's public access counselor, general counsel for the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, an attorney with the Indiana Gaming Commission and as a deputy prosecutor in Marion County.

"The Indiana BMV is one of the most innovative

motor vehicle agencies in the nation, and I know that progress will continue under Joe's leadership," Gov. Holcomb said. "He brings experience from across state government and is well respected. He has led the Department of Labor team through a challenging time during the pandemic."

Under Hoage's leadership, the agency has responded to more than eight times the normal volume of workplace concerns resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. The regulatory agency also launched the YES, or Youth Employment Services program, which modernized the way youth are registered for employment in the state. The new system has made it easy for thousands of employers and youth employees to register to work in Indiana.

"It's been an honor to lead a hard-working group at the Department of Labor. I am humbled to be selected to serve as commissioner of the BMV and excited for the opportunity to build on the successes the agency has achieved under Gov. Holcomb's leadership," Hoage said.

Hoage earned his law degree from Valparaiso University School of Law and his bachelor's degree from Franklin College.

The new commissioner for the Department of Labor will be named at a later date.

### Celebrate National Volunteer Week with DNR



Every year more than 10,000 volunteers across the state contribute countless hours on Indiana Department of Natural Resources properties.

During National Volunteer Week, April 17-23, the DNR will thank and recognize those

volunteers for caring for Indiana's natural and cultural resources, and salute their accomplishments on the Facebook pages of the divisions of State Parks, Fish & Wildlife, Forestry, and Nature Preserves.

Hoosiers can connect with Indiana's natural and cultural heritage and the DNR volunteer community by donating their time and talents at their favorite DNR property.

To find out how you can help DNR properties and become part of DNR's volunteer family, see on [IN.gov/dnrvolunteer](http://IN.gov/dnrvolunteer) or contact your local DNR property to learn more.

A complete list of programs for April 17-23 is at [calendar.dnr.IN.gov](http://calendar.dnr.IN.gov).

For more information or questions about volunteering for DNR, email [DNRVolunteer@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:DNRVolunteer@dnr.IN.gov).

### Rokita Persists in Fight Against Dangerous, Unlawful Conditions at Apartment Complexes

Attorney General Todd Rokita filed a lawsuit today against JPC Affordable Housing Foundation, Inc. for their role in allowing certain Indianapolis apartment complexes in Indianapolis to fall into egregious disrepair, endangering the health, safety, and welfare of thousands of residents. The lawsuit was filed in conjunction with lawsuits by Citizens Energy and the City of Indianapolis against the same entity.

"Despite some fairly weak laws in Indiana for state government involvement in this area, we continue our efforts to protect tenants who are being unfairly treated and who are being subject to downright dangerous conditions," said Attorney General Rokita. "A lot of this comes down to simple, honest leadership—bringing parties together to forge a solution—and our team has done a great job

with that multiple times in situations like this."

In March, Attorney General Rokita announced \$7.5 million in relief for residents of Lakeside Pointe at Nora and Fox Club Apartments. Following the sale of those properties to another entity, the new owners committed to performing significant repairs and resolving existing emergency health department cases.

This new lawsuit raises similar allegations to those raised with Lakeside Pointe and asserts that JCP has not performed their legal duties as a nonprofit and failed to address dangerous and unlawful conditions at apartment complexes on the southside and westside of Indianapolis.

Citizens Energy alleges in their lawsuit that the corporate entities at these complexes have failed to bill their water bill, amounting to a significant

arrearage. Citizens is a public charitable trust dating back to 1887 that services about 800,000 people throughout the Indianapolis area.

"There are many stakeholders and residents who are impacted by these allegations. The lawsuits filed by my office, Citizens, and the City will allow for the swift and efficient resolution of these important issues," said Attorney General Rokita. "I am grateful for the hard work of Chase Haller, deputy attorney general, and the collaboration with Citizens and the City, in pursuing this solution."

Tenants who have experienced problems during the course of their lease are encouraged to file a consumer complaint at [www.indianaconsumer.com](http://www.indianaconsumer.com). Tenants and community advocates have played a crucial role in assisting with this important investigation.

### Gov. Holcomb Leads Europe Trip to Highlight Indiana's Global Economy

Governor Eric J. Holcomb and Secretary of Commerce Brad Chambers will lead an economic development trip to Sweden, the United Kingdom and Monaco from April 24 to May 1 to bolster strategic relationships and highlight Indiana's leadership in industries of the future.

"There's no substitute for thanking and meeting prospective investors in person," said Gov. Holcomb. "We look to build upon Indiana's ever growing global reputation already established by the recent record-breaking years of new job and capital investment commitments. We'll use our upcoming time in Europe to both strengthen key existing relationships and to promote our state as an international embracer of the industries of the future."

Europe represents one of Indiana's largest regions for foreign direct investment and trade ties with more than 550 European-owned businesses in Indiana. Coming on the heels of the IEDC's recently announced partnership with Avalanche Andretti, the trip will conclude with the Formula E World Championship race in Monaco. The Governor and Secretary will host key business prospects and showcase Indiana's economy of the future connected to motorsports and emerging technologies including electric vehicles, batteries

and clean energy.

Gov. Holcomb, Sec. Chambers and First Lady Janet Holcomb and IEDC senior staff will depart for Sweden on Sunday, April 24, and finish the trip in Monaco, returning to Indiana on Sunday, May 1. The trip falls just weeks ahead of Indiana's inaugural Global Economic Summit, during which Indiana will welcome delegations from dozens of international partners including Europe.

On April 26-28 in London, Gov. Holcomb and Sec. Chambers will meet with government officials, including Minister Penny Mordaunt, U.K. Minister of State at the Department for International Trade, and Greg Hands, U.K. Minister of State for Business, Energy and Clean Growth. Indiana and the U.K. share a strong trade relationship, as Indiana supports approximately 100 U.K.-owned business facilities across the state, making the U.K. Indiana's second-largest European investor and third-largest globally. The Governor and Secretary will meet with Tate & Lyle, a global provider of food and beverage ingredients and solutions, to discuss how Indiana can continue supporting the company's integrated energy system in Lafayette, where it has employed more than 500 people and invested approximately \$75 million in energy and oper-

ational efficiency projects over the last two years.

Gov. Holcomb and Sec. Chambers will then head to Bristol on April 28 where they will meet with leaders from Rolls-Royce, which employs approximately 3,300 in Indiana, to discuss technology, sustainability and clean energy. In August 2021, Gov. Holcomb and Sec. Chambers joined local and federal leaders to celebrate the completion of Rolls-Royce's \$600 million manufacturing campus revitalization in Indianapolis, housing high-tech, revolutionary advanced manufacturing operations and setting the stage for future growth.

On April 30, they will meet with His Serene Highness Prince Albert II of Monaco before departing for the Formula E World Championship race. At the race, the IEDC will engage existing and prospective leaders in international markets, discuss electric vehicle mobility, innovation, and start-up/scale-up businesses, particularly in the green economy space.

Sweden is a prime prospect for innovative companies across key sectors, including electric vehicles and tech, with a thriving entrepreneurship ecosystem. In Stockholm, Gov. Holcomb and Sec. Chambers will meet with executives from Saab, a Sweden-based global aerospace and defense compa-

ny, to discuss opportunities for continued partnership.

In October 2021, Gov. Holcomb and Sec. Chambers joined company executives to celebrate the grand opening of Saab's new advanced manufacturing and production facility in West Lafayette, which supports production of the U.S. Air Force's next-generation T-7A trainer jet.

This marks Gov. Holcomb's 11th international economic development trip as governor and is the third international trip with the IEDC for Sec. Chambers. The cost of the trip is being paid through private donations to the Indiana Economic Development Foundation.

The Indiana Economic 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](http://iedc.in.gov).

### Holcomb Announces Tax Refund is on its Way to All Hoosiers

Governor Eric J. Holcomb announced today that Hoosiers should expect to begin receiving their promised \$125 Automatic Taxpayer Refund in the coming weeks, resulting in a 12 percent cut in the average Hoosier's annual income tax liability.

"I'm beyond thrilled that this spring and summer we are returning money back into the hands of Hoosier taxpayers, where it belongs," Gov. Holcomb said. "Our conservative fiscal leadership and pro-growth policies makes this tax refund possible for all Hoosier households."

The Governor first announced in December that an estimated 4.3 million taxpayers will receive a \$125 refund after they file their 2021 taxes. An estimated \$545 million will be returned to Hoosiers. After the tax-filing deadline passes on April 18, the Department of Revenue in conjunction with the Au-

ditor of State's Office will begin issuing the refunds via direct deposit or by mailing a paper check.

Refunds will begin in May through direct deposit for residents who have filed their income taxes and provided their banking information on their return. Direct deposits are expected to continue through July.

Paper checks will be issued beginning in late July and continue through August, with the goal of completing the refund statewide by Sept. 1.

Residents do not need to take any action to receive the refund. The refund is in addition to and separate from any refund Hoosiers may receive after filing their 2021 state income tax returns.

Hoosiers can visit the Department of Revenue website for information about when to expect to receive the direct deposit or paper check.

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## WHIN Announces Rural Entrepreneurship Program

Thanks to \$798K in funding from the Wabash Heartland Innovation Network (WHIN) Regional Cultivation Fund (RCF), the ten-county WHIN region is getting a big assist in its efforts to boost entrepreneurship and support local businesses in rural communities.

"From the pandemic to a rapidly changing technological and economic environment, small and medium sized businesses in our rural areas have felt a lot of stress over the past few years," says Johnny Park, CEO of WHIN. "But the forces that are challenging local businesses also present new opportunities to refresh business plans, find new markets, and better serve existing customers with

online platforms. As well, the time is right for new business startups. WHIN's Rural Entrepreneurship (RE) initiative will help."

According to Vice President for Engagement Pat Corey, WHIN has several goals for the RE initiative.

"The purpose of WHIN's RE program is to help start-ups in rural communities through those difficult early stages as well as to give small and "Main Street" businesses a disciplined process for exploring new possibilities," says Corey. "Consistent with WHIN's overall focus on technology, the program will also help small and rural manufacturers create business plans around retooling, and assist businesses as they make the pivot to conduct-

ing more business online."

There are specific skills that entrepreneurs and business owners need, according to Corey.

"Entrepreneurial thinking at any stage of a business, online and digital proficiency, and networking connections can all provide traction for ideas to take off," she says.

But consistent with WHIN's own core value of leveraging existing resources and assets, the RE program had to be delivered in a way that would help rural communities find and develop their own capacity to nurture startups and existing businesses.

WHIN sought a community partner who could implement RE as it was envisioned, and found in Lafayette's MatchBOX the

right mix of well-tested programming, a platform for delivering that programming across the region, and, most importantly, a commitment to developing an infrastructure of expertise throughout the region.

"We already have relationships with other coworking studios and entrepreneurship partners in the region, including Iron Block, Fusion 54, RuralUrban Center, Benton 4 Business, OCRA, and WEGA," says Amanda Findlay, Managing Director and Acceleration Lead for MatchBOX. "What we will be able to provide is a mentor-supported curriculum that addresses topics that we know from experience to be game-changing for both startups and

existing businesses."

According to Juliana Casavan, Director of Operations for MatchBOX, the program will invest in local communities by funding local mentors when possible and paying for memberships to local coworking studios.

"Our goal is to distribute our expertise in a way that embeds it throughout the region and to increase participation in local programs," says Casavan.

Corey says that what impressed the WHIN team besides MatchBOX's commitment to regionalism was its record of success for both startups and existing businesses, in all types of businesses.

"That diversity was crucial to WHIN," says Corey. "A coffee shop or

general market might mean the difference between viability and decline in a small town. Yes, we'd love to see that town produce the next Steve Jobs, but in the meantime, keeping the economic fabric of the community strong is just as important."

Another plus for MatchBOX is that it has been awarded funding from the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) that it will also use for the program.

"Our region is very fortunate to have home-grown and highly successful programs like MatchBOX," says Corey. "We are grateful that they were willing to step up and share what they have learned and accomplished with the entire region."

## Todd Rokita Invites Hoosiers to Visit IndianaUnclaimed.Gov to Look For 'Easter Eggs'

Beginning this spring, seven Indiana Main Street communities will participate in Community Transformation Strategy Workshops, with the assistance of Main Street America consultants. The two-day workshops will help continue the advancement of each community's downtown area. The workshops are sponsored by the Office of Community and Rural Affairs' Indiana Main Street Program and will be held from April through August 2022.

"These seven commu-

nities have established effective and successful Main Street programs. The workshops will further build on their strengths through targeted community development strategies," said OCRA Executive Director Denny Spinner. "Through the workshops, these organizations have the ability to become examples for future main streets."

The participating organizations include five Nationally Accredited Main Street organizations and two PreservINg Main Street grant awardees.

The five NAMS communities include Frankfort, Newburgh, Seymour, Shelbyville and Wabash. The two PreservINg Main Street communities are Brookville and Kendallville.

The workshops provide services to assist the Indiana Main Street organizations to define community-informed and market-driven strategies that can direct and strengthen their revitalization efforts.

"We believe these seven communities will be able to implement the

recommendations and demonstrate a measurable impact to be a case study for the other Main Street communities in Indiana," said Matt Wagner, chief program officer of Main Street America. "Community engagement and enthusiasm will make for a dynamic and successful program!"

The visits will involve community input by a pre-visit self-assessment, research on market conditions, specific gaps and key opportunities that can strengthen the downtown district. For a workshop

agenda and meeting locations, contact Andrea Kern at akern1@ocra.in.gov or 317-607-4821. For more information on the Indiana Main Street program, visit in.gov/ocra/mainstreet or the National Main Street Center at mainstreet.org/home.

Main Street America has been helping revitalize older and historic commercial districts for more than 40 years. Today, it is a network of more than 1,200 neighborhoods and communities, rural and urban,

that share both a commitment to place and to building stronger communities through preservation-based economic development. Since 1980, communities participating in the program have leveraged more than \$89.57 billion reinvested, 154,435 businesses started, 687,321 jobs created, and 303,836 buildings rehabilitated. Main Street America is a program of the nonprofit National Main Street Center, a subsidiary of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

## Julia Wickard Appointed to Serve as USDA's Farm Service Agency Indiana State Executive Director

The Biden Administration recently appointed Julia Wickard as the new State Executive Director (SED) for the USDA Indiana Farm Service Agency (FSA). Wickard joined the Indiana FSA team on April 11, 2022.

"Individuals selected to serve as FSA State Executive Directors are incredible public servants who have a proven track record when it comes to their commitment to advance their states and communities," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "Each will serve on the frontlines, carrying out USDA's mission at the state level and ensuring the voice of each and every USDA customer is heard. We are fortunate to have each of these talented individuals at this critical time for farmers and producers and rural communities across America."

Wickard, her husband, and two children own and operate Wickard Livestock where they raise registered Angus cattle and Boer goats. Wickard embarked on a journey with the State of Indiana at the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) in April of 2017 as the Government Affairs Director and Agricultural Liaison. Just a few short

months following her arrival at IDEM, she was appointed as Assistant Commissioner in the Office of Program Support, while also maintaining her Agricultural Liaison role.

Prior to IDEM, she served for eight years as the Indiana FSA SED. She served as the Executive Vice President of the Indiana Beef Cattle Association, Chief Operating and Marketing Officer and Environmental and Natural Resources Director at the Indiana Farm Bureau Inc. and was the Environmental and Natural Resources Director in the Office of the Commissioner of Agriculture. She has worked for the Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Inc. and served two members of Congress.

Wickard is a graduate of AgrInstitute's Indiana Agricultural Leadership Program and currently chairs the board of directors. She is a recipient of Indiana's highest honor from the Governor of the State, the Sagamore of the Wabash, and in 2019 was recognized as a Purdue University Agricultural Sciences Education and Communication Distinguished Alumni. She will receive the Purdue Ag Alumni Certificate of Distinction

in April 2022. Wickard is active in her community and enjoys spending time with family and exhibiting cattle and goats in the state and across the country.

As SED, Wickard will be responsible for overseeing the delivery of FSA programs to agricultural producers in Indiana. These commodity, conservation, credit, and disaster assistance programs ensure a safe, affordable, abundant, and nutritious food, fiber, and fuel supply for consumers.

"The State Executive Director is a pivotal leadership position for the Agency and for the agricultural producers we serve," said Marcus Graham, FSA Deputy Administrator for Field Operations. "These leaders, appointed by the Biden-Harris Administration, bring a wealth of knowledge and expertise to their respective states. We are happy to have them on board and wish them much success."

Farm Service Agency serves farmers, ranchers, foresters, and agricultural partners through the effective, efficient, and equitable delivery of federal agricultural programs. The Agency offers producers a strong safety net through the administration of farm

commodity and disaster programs. Additionally, through conservation programs, FSA continues to preserve and protect natural resources and provides credit to agricultural producers who are unable to receive private, commercial credit, including targeted loan funds for beginning, underserved, women and military veterans involved in production agriculture.

USDA touches the lives of all Americans each day in so many positive ways. In the Biden-Harris Administration, USDA is transforming America's food system with a greater focus on more resilient local and regional food production, fairer markets for all producers, ensuring access to safe, healthy and nutritious food in all communities, building new markets and streams of income for farmers and producers using climate smart food and forestry practices, making historic investments in infrastructure and clean energy capabilities in rural America, and committing to equity across the Department by removing systemic barriers and building a workforce more representative of America. To learn more, visit usda.gov.

## Applications Available for Court of Appeals of Indiana

Chief Justice Loretta H. Rush announced an upcoming vacancy on the Court of Appeals of Indiana. She encourages judges and lawyers in the First District of the Court of Appeals to consider applying. Applications are due by May 20 at 12:00 p.m. (Eastern).

The position on the state's second highest court is available with the summer 2022 retirement of Judge Edward W. Najam, Jr., who is stepping down from the bench after 30 years as a judicial branch leader. Judge Najam was appointed to the Court of Appeals in 1992.

Applications to fill Judge Najam's seat will be considered by the seven-member Indiana Judicial Nominating Commission. With Chief Justice Rush as chair, the Commission includes three lawyers elected by their peers and three citizen members appointed by the Governor.

A candidate for the vacancy must be an Indiana resident living in the first appellate district. Candidates must also be

a member of the Indiana Bar for at least ten years or served as an Indiana judge for five years. The application, which must be submitted through the Indiana Courts Portal and to the Judicial Nominating Commission, contains pertinent background information, writing samples, references, educational transcripts, and letters of recommendation.

In June, the Commission will conduct public interviews of qualified candidates and deliberate in executive session. The Commission will publicly vote to send the three most qualified names to Governor Eric Holcomb. The Governor will have 60 days to select Indiana's next Court of Appeals judge from the three names submitted by the Commission.

Details on the Commission, including membership, are online. Those interested in applying may contact Staff Attorney to the Indiana Judicial Nominating Commission, Luba Gore at lyubov.gore@courts.in.gov.

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