

➔ TODAY'S VERSE

Ephesians 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.



➔ FACES OF HAMILTON COUNTY

People who call our community their own.

What makes Sue Payne smile? "My spinning kids, especially when I get new ones. And when I have old-timers come back who work with the new ones, it's just as good as it gets," said the Fishers resident, who teaches the handspinning of wool on spinning wheels at Conner Prairie in Fishers and is often found in Conner Prairie's Loom House. She leads the museum's youth spinning program in its 19th year. She has been involved at Conner Prairie since she was a child. "I hung around with the ladies who spun and wove...and I learned how to cook, was in costume a lot, and now I'm the textile specialist. I help with the reproductions that you see on the grounds." The textile expert and youth educator at Conner Prairie for more than 50 years was the recipient of Nickel Plate Arts' first Lifetime Achievement Award in 2020. She is usually found leading a practice for youth spinners, who each August compete at the Sheep to Shawl contest, in its 18th year, at the Indiana State Fair. She received the 2019 Friend of the Indiana Sheep Association Award for her support of the Indiana Sheep Association. Her husband, John, puts together and repairs her spinning wheels, and her son, Carl, 34, learned to spin at age 10. Sue was a finalist in the 2018 Inspire Awards in the Youth Mentoring category and loves demonstrating her spinning skills during Hamilton County Ag Day, where she was found this spring with her Conner Prairie spinners. Sue is a juried member of Hamilton County Artists' Association, showcasing her weaving and photography and is past president of the nonprofit. She and her spinners usually demonstrate spinning at the Art Fair on the Square each year. She invites the community to visit HCAA's Birdie Gallery on Saturday during Nickel Plate Arts' Welcome to Fairyville, where her Conner Prairie spinners, "turned fairies," will be demonstrating spinning from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Birdie Gallery will also have rock painting and card decorating during Welcome to Fairyville on Saturday. The HCAA is the only juried art association in Hamilton County and is located at 195 S. Cherry St., in Noblesville, at the entrance to Riverside Cemetery.

And Another Thing...

Mark the celebration of spring with the annual Wildflower Walk at Teter Retreat & Farm on Sunday, April 24. Wander the woods on your own anytime between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., with guided tours beginning at 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. The event is free and open to the public and great for all ages, kids, scout groups and adults. Although the walking path is easy, it is not wheelchair accessible. Teter Retreat & Farm is located at 10980 East 221st St., Noblesville. In the event of lightning or rain downpours, the event will be canceled. Check the Teter Organic Farm Facebook page for updates. For questions, contact Emma St. Dennis at (317) 432-7146 or email

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Visit the 10th annual "Welcome to Fairyville," through Saturday at the Nickel Plate Arts Campus and other locations in downtown Noblesville

Carnival, Fairyville, Teter Walk, Movie Series, Pooh Play, SMC Day, and More



BETSY REASON
The Times Editor

The carnival is in town, visit Fairyville, watch a Winnie-the-Pooh play, join a wildflower walk and attend outdoor

movies and beyond with today's list of 30 things to do in The Times.

1. Visit the 10th annual "Wel-

come to Fairyville," through Saturday at the Nickel Plate Arts Campus and other locations in downtown Noblesville, with many events free. Vote for your favorite miniature fairyhouse in the Fairy Home Show along the outdoor Fairyville Trail (noon to 9 p.m. today and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday) during Fairy Friday and Sprite Saturday. Reserve toadstools for take-out craft activities and in-person events, enjoy storytelling, nature-themed activities and more. There is a Mad Hatter Tea Party by Caravan Classes,

Fairy Toadstool Fashion Show, Clay Fairy House project at Kiln Creations, Fairy Yoga at Shien Yoga and a Tots Fairy Class at Caravan Classes. Today, enjoy face painting at Lil Bloomers, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Urban Forest Walk to Talk Trees at noon; Fairy Scavenger Hunt at Gal's Guide Library noon to 9 p.m.; fairy-themed treats at Texy Mexy, Noble Coffee and Primeval; Fairy Friday reception 6-9 p.m. at Nickel Plate Arts, live

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Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville Receives Multiple State Awards

Two deserving individuals were recently honored for their commitment to local youth at the Indiana Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs Area Council awards dinner at The Wellington in Fishers on April 14th. Olivia Morales, a current Club employee, was awarded with the Most Valuable Program Professional award for her excellence as a Youth Development Counselor & Facilitator as well as a Camp Crosser Assistant Director & Counselor over the past eight years. Olivia always goes above

and beyond for Club Kids, and her passion for working with youth is emphasized by her attention to detail in planning, preparing and facilitating of programs. "Olivia is true Boys & Girls Club kid through and through," stated Abigail Stutesman, BGCN Director of Club Operations. "She's committed to youth development and true to her goal of making sure every kiddo feels included and

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Hamilton County to Receive \$1M in Road-Funding Grants

Area legislators recently announced Hamilton County will receive \$1 million to improve roads and bridges through the Community Crossings Matching Grant Program (CCMG).

The CCMG, established by the Indiana General Assembly in 2016, aims to advance community infrastructure projects, strengthen local transportation networks and improve Indiana's roads and bridges. Since its enactment, the program has awarded more than \$1 billion in

state matching funds for local construction projects.

Hamilton County Commissioners President Mark Heirbrandt commented on the grants, saying, "We are very pleased to get this type of funding." He went on to say, "One of the things we have always have to address is the quality of our roads...We're just appreciative to get the maximum

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Hamilton County is Celebrating Earth Day 2022

It's Earth Day, that glorious time of year where we all take a day and celebrate this great, big wondrous blue marvel that we call home. Around Hamilton County, here are just a handful of the many events you can take part in to celebrate Earth this weekend!

In honor of Earth Day weekend, the City of Fishers' Keep Fishers Beautiful initiative invites residents to come together on Saturday, April 23 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. to beautify their community and ensure a sustainable future. Keep Fishers Beautiful (KFB) brings together residents, homeowner's associations, local businesses and organizations to support the vibrancy of the Fishers community. Residents can also find sustainability resources, community stories and blogs on ThisIsFishers.com during Keep Fishers Beautiful throughout April Sustainability Month. Residents can learn more and sign up to volunteer at ThisIsFishers.com/KFB.

Earth Day weekend volunteer opportunities include:

1. Mudssock Fields Mulch

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Dr. Arrowood's Spring Update



DEREK ARROWOOD
HHSC Superintendent



Welcome back! I hope everyone was able to take advantage of spring break to rest, re-energize, and are ready to finish the semester strong. The next six weeks will be a flurry of activity including spring sports, testing, awards, recognitions, prom, art shows, concerts, and graduation among a few. A couple of calendar items to note: The last day for returning students to enroll for the 2022-

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➔ OBITUARIES

Russell Miles Clinton, Jr.
James "Jim" Hutton Clymer

➔ HONEST HOOSIER

Are we really just a little over a week away from May? May, May, the wonderful month of May!



➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Alcohol has almost twice the calories per unit weight than carbohydrates and almost as much as fat. 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.



➔ TODAY'S QUOTE

"Here is a test to find whether your mission on earth is finished— If you're alive it isn't."

- Richard Bach

➔ TODAY'S JOKE

I thought the dryer was shrinking my clothes. Turns out it was the refrigerator

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



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⇒ OBITUARIES

Russell Miles Clinton Jr.

June 23, 1935 - April 1, 2022

Russell Miles Clinton Jr., 86, of Fishers, passed away on Friday, April 1, 2022 at Community Hospital North in Indianapolis.

He was born on June 23, 1935 to Russell and Ida (Ehlinger) Clinton in Rochester, Indiana.

Mr. Clinton proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Korean War. He studied physics at IU and worked in IT as a programmer. He was a member of Rochester Masonic Blue Lodge #79, the Scottish Rite, and Mensa International. Mr. Clinton was active in the local community theater and was a master storyteller who loved telling jokes. His family and friends miss him dearly.

Survivors include his daughter Christy Clinton; son Russ (Juliana) Clinton; step-daughter Karen (Roger) Chaudion; grandson Kyle (Amy) Chaudion; great-granddaughter Kaylee; and great-grandson Andrew.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife Nancy Clinton; step-son Brian Tescher; his first wife Diana; and his second wife Pamela.

Services are scheduled to be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 30, 2022 at Noblesville First United Methodist Church, 2051 Monument Street, Noblesville, IN 46060. Burial will be at Rochester IOOF Cemetery at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children, Attn: Processing Center, PO Box 947765, Atlanta, GA 30394 (www.lovetotherescue.org).

Online condolences may be made at www.randalloberts.com.

James "Jim" Hutton Clymer

September 15, 1946 - April 19, 2022

James "Jim" Hutton Clymer, 75, of Noblesville, passed away on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at Riverview Health in Noblesville.

He was born on September 15, 1946 to Sanford Owen and Martha (Hutton) Clymer in Three Rivers, Michigan.

Mr. Clymer was a business owner for many years before retirement, then worked part-time at Home Depot. He was a member of the Noblesville Elks and a member of the Miller Backers, where he held positions as past president and treasurer. He enjoyed all sports, especially golfing and biking.

Survivors include his wife Margery Clymer; son Troy Owen (Rebecca) Clymer; sister Christy Smagala; niece Cary Smagala; nephew Steve Smagala; and cousin David Wood.

Services are scheduled to be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road in Noblesville. Visitation is scheduled to be from 1 p.m. to the time of service at the funeral home. Burial will be at Our Lady of Peace Cemetery in Indianapolis.

Memorial contributions may be made to Riverview Health Foundation, 395 Westfield Road, Noblesville, IN 46060, https://riverview.org/foundation/.

Online condolences may be made at www.randalloberts.com.

City of Fishers Announces Openings for 100 Summer 2022 Seasonal Positions

The City of Fishers announced its plans today to hire approximately 100 seasonal staff for open positions. Additional full-time and part-time positions are also available.

Many of these positions are to support the City's summer operations, including maintaining Fishers' parks, trails, and greenspaces; hosting youth summer camps; and upkeep of stormwater and sewer systems.

Full and part-time City employees receive free access to the Fishers Wellness Center, which offers on-site preventative and primary care medical services, along with the Employee Assistance Program (EAP); access to employee discounts with community partners; free access to the City's on-site fitness center; flexible time off; and are eligible to enroll in the City's deferred compensation plan (457b/401a) with a City match up to \$1500 annually; among other benefits. Seasonal and temporary employees are not eligible for benefits.

The following openings are available to apply:

Fishers Department of Public Works – Summer Seasonal:

- Seasonal Laborer: \$15 per hour
- Water Quality Intern: \$15 per hour

Fishers Parks – Summer Seasonal:

- Summer Camp Counselor: \$12 per hour
- Community & Public Relations – Fall Seasonal:
- Communications Intern- Fall 2022: \$15 per hour

Fishers Department of Public Works – Permanent Part-Time:

- Part-time Laborer- Parks Division of Public Works Department: \$15 per hour
- Part Time Laborer- Water Quality: \$15 per hour

Full Time Positions:

- Planner – Full-time: \$41,517-50,000 annually
- Water Quality Engineer – Sanitary: \$30.57-\$44.28 per hour
- Senior Maintenance Technician – HVAC: \$29.12- \$33 per hour (day shift)
- Building Maintenance Technician: \$45,774-\$60,000 annually (day and second shift available)
- Maintenance Technician- Support Services: \$25.15 per hour (second shift)
- Laborer- Parks Maintenance: \$18.08-\$21.80 per hour
- Laborer- Water Quality: \$18.08-\$21.80 per hour

Additional full-time roles will be posted this week including Senior Laborer for Streets and Assistant Superintendent for Building Maintenance. Learn more and apply at fishers.in.us/jobs.

Laugh Lines



DICK WOLFSIE
Funny Bone

My wife, Mary Ellen, is usually a warm, caring, and sensitive person, so when I turned to her the other night at dinner and said, "I can't think of anything funny left to make fun of anymore. I may have to stop writing my humor column," I was surprised when she replied, "Could you please pass the salt?"

I first knew I had writer's block several weeks ago when I awoke in the middle of the night sweating, with my heart palpitating and discomfort in my chest. At first, I thought it was a heart attack. With a heart attack, trained physicians can put you on a table, insert a tube in your leg, and then shove it into your groin and up to your heart to clear the blockage. I should be so lucky. At least there's a treatment.

I've written these weekly column for 22 years, almost 1,200 of them. I have never missed a deadline. So I think Mary Ellen takes my comic ability for granted. She probably thinks it's easy to come up with a good idea every week. But I need a little more understanding about this issue I am facing. Isn't that what spouses are for?

"Why aren't you more sympathetic to my problem, Mary Ellen? I cannot think of anything funny anymore."

"You always think you have a humor block, Dick. You complain about this every few months. Look, I'll prove it. Pick any topic and I'll throw you some straight lines at you. Let's see how you do.

I picked inflation and high gas prices. That's

what everyone is talking about, and I try to write about current trends. Mary Ellen was ready: "Dick, why did you go to Taco Bell yesterday and eat a burrito for breakfast?"

"Let's see... I wanted to go somewhere I could get gas for under four dollars."

"See? You're still on your game. Suppose I said for our anniversary, I want you to take me some place expensive. What would you say?"

"I'd say, let's go to the Shell station."

"Right on the money. Let's try this: How high are restaurant prices?"

"Even the mafia is eating at Olive Garden."

"Dick, that was great. I almost cracked a smile. Now, one more straight line. How bad are gas prices going to get this spring?"

"Pretty bad. This year it may have to be the Indianapolis 200."

"See, you did beautifully. Now quit griping and get back to work."

"Wait a second, that little exercise proved nothing, I stole those lines from Stephen Colbert, Jimmy Kimmel, Trevor Noah and Jimmy Fallon."

"Dick, let's be realistic. You're no comic genius, you're just Dick Wolfsie. You have to get material any way you can, even if your method is a little shady. And remember, every column can't be great. Work with what you have."

She was right. I can't come up with an original idea for every piece and expect each one to be hysterical. Sometimes I just have to turn in something that's mediocre, encompassing a funny line or two that I pilfered from someone else. Then I have to hope you won't notice.

Did you?

- Dick Wolfsie spent his career sharing his humor, stories and video essays on television, radio and in newspapers. His columns appear weekly in The Paper of Montgomery County. E-mail Dick at Wolfsie@aol.com.

⇒ Letters

The Libertarian Party of Hamilton County Condemns Sign Ordinance

Dear Editor,

On Monday April 11th, the Hamilton County Commissioners passed a sign ordinance (04-11-22-A) that specifically targets political speech. Not only did they pass the ordinance while early voting was already taking place, they also suspended the rules to make the new ordinance effective immediately. Changing the rules in the middle of the game certainly does not give the impression of fair play.

The 1st Amendment clearly and specifically bars governments from restricting political speech. Furthermore, Indiana Law is very clear about not targeting signs based on their content. IC 36-1-3-11(c) clearly states:

"an ordinance or a regulation of a political subdivision relating to the number or size of signs is unenforceable during the following period:

- (1) Beginning sixty (60) days before an election.
- (2) Ending at the beginning of the sixth day after the election."

This recently passed ordinance in Hamilton County, Indiana, pertains specifically and exclusively to polling locations and, therefore, is directed at infringing on constitutionally protected political speech. It also clearly contradicts IC 36-1-3-11(c).

This is not the first time Hamilton County has exhibited overreaching control on political signage. They passed an ordinance in 2018 that was subsequently struck down. The judge ruling on that case said, "The restrictions created a chilling effect on free speech." It seems our commissioners are having trouble grasping the concept that it is not their place or responsibility to govern freedom of speech.

The Libertarian Party of Hamilton County condemns this ordinance as a violation of Indiana State Law as well as a First Amendment infringement.

Lauri Shillings,
Chair, Libertarian Party of Hamilton County Indiana

Obituary deadline

The Times publishes obituaries daily at www.thetimes24-7.com, and in its print product every day with the exception of Sundays and Tuesdays. All obituaries must come from a funeral home. A photo may be included and should be sent as a high-resolution JPEG.

Daily obituary deadline is 4 p.m. for the following day's print publication.

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

Hamilton County Early Voting Locations Open for Voters

Early voting locations across Hamilton County are set to open on Wednesday, April 20th. The dates, times, and locations for all of Hamilton County's early voting location are listed below.

The deadline to request an absentee ballot is also nearing. Those wishing to vote absentee must submit an application by midnight on Thursday, April 21st. The form can be submitted electronically at www.indianavoters.com. You can also call 317-776-8476 and make a request for an application over the phone.

Once you have voted, you can submit your ballot by mail or return it in person. All mailed-in ballots must be received by the Election Office on or before 6:00 p.m. on Election Day. You can also drop off your ballot in person at the Clerk's Office in Noblesville.

Carmel:

Mercy Road Church, 2381 Pointe Pkwy, Carmel

Jill Perelman Pavilion, 3000 W 116th Street, Carmel

These locations will be open during the following times:

- April 20-21 from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- April 22-23 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- April 27-28 from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- April 29-30 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Fishers:

Roy G Holland Memorial Park Building, 1 Park Drive, Fishers

Billericay Park Building, 12690 Promise Road, Fishers

These locations will be open during the following times:

- April 20-21 from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- April 22-23 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- April 27-28 from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- April 29-30 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Noblesville:
Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville

The Judicial Center early voting location will be open during the following times:

- April 20-22 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- April 23 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- April 25-29 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- April 30 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- May 2 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The second location for early voting in Noblesville is located at:

Hamilton County Fairgrounds, 2003 Pleasant Street, Noblesville

The Hamilton County Fairgrounds early voting location will be open during the following times:

- April 20-23 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- April 25-30 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- May 2 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Westfield:
Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn Street, Westfield

Cool Creek Nature Center, 2000-1 E 151st St, Carmel

These locations will be open during the following times:

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- April 22-23 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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- April 29-30 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



HAMILTON COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

SUMMER POSITION AVAILABLE

Engineering Technician

Duties include: Conducting traffic counts, evaluating roads and pavement marking, inspecting and inventorying signs and small structures. Will also assist the engineering department in traffic studies, traffic investigations and inspection of projects.

Must be 18 and have a valid driver's license.

This is a great opportunity for a student considering a career in engineering.

Applications are available on-line at www.hamiltoncounty.in.gov/jobs.aspx (See part-Time Seasonal Engineering – Highway)

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PUBLIC NOTICES

CITY OF FISHERS ADVISORY PLAN COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE TA-22-1

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY SUBMIT COMMENTS BY GOING TO: https://townoffishers.formstack.com/forms/public_meeting_comment_form MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY STREAM THE LIVE MEETING BY GOING TO: <http://tinyurl.com/CityOfFishers> NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Fishers Advisory Plan Commission at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at Fishers City Hall, 1 Municipal Drive, Fishers, IN 46038.

REQUEST: At that hearing, the public will be invited to offer comments on the following request ("Proposal"): Case # TA-22-1 - Consideration of a Text Amendment to various sections of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO). LOCATION: Citywide.

The case file about this project is available for public review in the office of the Department of Planning and Zoning, located at Fishers City Hall. The meeting agenda with room location details and case related information will be posted on the City's website forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting specified above. If you have specific questions or want to provide written contacts to the case planner directly, please contact: City of Fishers Planning & Zoning Department planning@fishers.in.us (317) 595-3155 www.fishers.in.us/notice Petitioner: City of Fishers

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Kenny Ponders Which Boilermakers Deserve to Have Their Number Retired

Ever since the New York Yankees honored the dying Lou Gehrig in 1939 by declaring no one would wear his No. 4 again, retiring uniform numbers has been seen as the ultimate tribute to an athlete.

More than 80 years later, the Yankees have strayed off the path of honoring all-time greats. Paul O'Neill is set to become the 23rd Yankees player to have his number (21) retired this summer. As a Cincinnati Reds fan, I'll remember O'Neill fondly for his role with the 1990 World Series champions.

But Lou Gehrig he isn't. The Chicago Bears have retired 14 numbers during their rich history, the most of any NFL team.

Dick Butkus (51). Mike Ditka (89). Red Grange (77). Bronko Nagurski (3). Walter Payton (34). Gale Sayers (40). Names that immediately come to mind when thinking about all-time great Chicago Bears players.

The Monsters of the Midway even have their own Lou Gehrig. Brian Piccolo's death in 1970 at the age of 26 from cancer was memorably depicted in the classic ABC movie "Brian's Song" in 1971.

Purdue University officially doesn't retire athletes' numbers. Along the rafters of Mackey Arena, banners with the player's name and number are displayed for the men's and women's basketball program's consensus All-Americans and 2,000-point scorers.

Two numbers on display, Stretch Murphy's 27 and Norm Cottom's 7, are



KENNY THOMPSON
Columnist

not available under today's college basketball rules. No jerseys can begin or end with 6, 7, 8 and 9.

For the sake of argument, which men's basketball numbers should be retired at Purdue?

Basketball record books at Purdue go back to 1950-51, so John Wooden wearing No. 13 isn't listed among the all-time number roll call.

Wooden was the 1932 National Player of the Year and a three-time consensus All-American guard for coach Piggy Lambert.

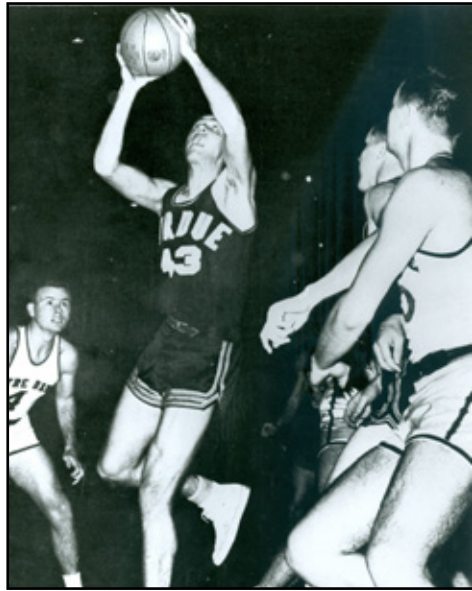
Playing in the days of the center jump after every basket, Wooden still managed to average 12.1 points a game as a senior.

Thirteen was also a lucky number for another Purdue national player of the year.

"In only two seasons on the basketball court, Glenn Robinson dominated the competition like no other athlete in Purdue history," begins Robinson's Legends of Purdue Basketball biography.

That's not an exaggeration.

Robinson had to sit out his freshman season due to NCAA academic requirements so the anticipation



Photos courtesy of Purdue Athletics Communications

Terry Dischinger (left) and Rick Mount (right) in action for the Boilermakers.

was great when he donned No. 13 for the 1992-93 season. All Robinson did that year was lead the Big Ten in scoring at 25.5 points a game and average 9.2 rebounds.

Winning MVP honors at the Great Alaska Shootout to start the 1993-94 season, Robinson quickly became the favorite to win national player of the year honors.

"Glenn is a man playing among boys out there," said Lefty Driesell, who coached James Madison when Purdue defeated the Dukes 98-74 in 1994.

Robinson's final game in Mackey Arena saw him score a career-high 49 points against Illinois to wrap up a Big Ten Conference championship.

He was named the 1994 consensus national player of the year and earned first team All-America honors. Robinson was the Big Ten's player of the year and led the country in

scoring with 30.3 points per game.

No one has worn No. 13 since Robinson and it may be as close to a retired number as it gets at Purdue.

A close second on iconic Boilermaker basketball numbers is Rick Mount's 10. No one has worn that number since Bobby Riddell in 2006. As long as Matt Painter is the coach at Purdue, that streak will continue.

"You don't duplicate greatness," Painter told Indianapolis Star columnist Gregg Doyel in 2016.

"There's never gonna be another Rick Mount."

Before he set foot in West Lafayette, Mount was already a nationally known name thanks to his appearance on the cover of Sports Illustrated on Feb. 14, 1966. His fame only grew after putting up 28 points against the reigning national champion UCLA Bruins in his varsity debut.

With Mount averaging 33.3 points a game as a junior, Purdue reached the NCAA championship game in 1969 against UCLA. Mount made sure Purdue reached its first Final Four by hitting the game-winning shot against Marquette with seconds to play.

Now 52 years after his final game, Mount remains Purdue's all-time leading scorer at 2,323 points. No one has approached his career scoring average of 32.3 per game.

It's difficult to call a member of the College Basketball Hall of Fame underrated but for some reason Terry Dischinger's three-year career at Purdue is frequently glossed over by today's fans and media.

Maybe it's because his scoring records fell so quickly, first to Dave Schellhase and then Mount less than 10 years after Dischinger's final college

game. But No. 43 led the Big Ten in scoring all three seasons and averaged 28.3 points a game for his career. Dischinger also had a career double-double, pulling down school record average of 13.7 rebounds.

Schellhase's No. 42 is my final choice. As a scorer, I'd rank Schellhase second to Mount and slightly ahead of Dischinger.

Becoming the first Purdue player to reach the 2,000-point level was no easy feat in the days of three-year varsity eligibility and 24-game seasons. Schellhase led the nation with an average of 32.5 points a game as a senior.

Like Dischinger, Schellhase recorded a career double-double of 28.8 points and 10 rebounds a game. A three-time first-team All-Big Ten forward, Schellhase also was a two-time consensus All-American.

Not bad for an athlete who had modest goals coming out of Evansville North.

"My goal when I came to Purdue was to be a starter as a sophomore," Schellhase told the Journal & Courier's Tom Kubat in 2007. "As it turned out, I was All-Big Ten as a sophomore. I thought a legitimate goal was to be All-Big Ten as a senior."

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

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Noblesville Township Trustees Vote to Approve Funds for Aquatic Center Improvements, Community Events

Township board members Joe Arrowood, Peggy Pfister, and John Davis unanimously voted on Wednesday, April 20 to approve \$40,000 to fund improvements to the Forest Park Aquatic Center. \$30,000 of the grant would be used to purchase outdoor table games near

the pool. These games would provide entertainment for non-swimmer family members who are visiting the park pool.

\$10,000 of the grant will be used for operational expenses. The board also approved \$3000 to Legacy Keepers for the continuation of the

Stringtime Summer Music concert series on the courthouse square.

This has been a popular free community event for several years.

\$1000 was granted to Wafford Theater to sponsor free movies at the Hamilton County Fairgrounds this summer.

Planting Season Has Arrived; Remain Alert to Large Farm Equipment on Indiana Roads



Planting season is quickly approaching for Indiana's 94,000 farmers. With the warm weather and sunshine, Hoosier motorists will also see more large slow-moving farm equipment traveling Indiana's rural roads and highways. The Indiana State Department of Agriculture, Indiana Department of Homeland Security, Indiana Department of Transportation, Indiana State Police and Hoosier Ag Today want to encourage motorists to slow down, be alert and be patient on rural roadways this spring.

"Our farmers have an enormous job to do, feeding us and the rest of the world," said Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, Secretary of Agriculture. "And with that job comes a tremendous responsibility; let's help our farmers out where we can. When you see large farm equipment traveling our Hoosier roadways slow down and give them space so everyone can get where they are going safely."

In Indiana, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in 2020 three vehicles were involved in crashes with farm equipment, which resulted in two deaths.

"During the spring and fall seasons Indiana sees a drastic increase of large farm equipment on our rural roads and highways," said Doug Carter, Indiana State Police Superintendent. "In our strong agricultural state, it is critical that Hoosier motorists know the steps to take when approaching farm equipment on the roadways to ensure we all make it home safely to our families."

While the term "farm equipment" encompasses a wide range of vehicles, the most common types motorists will encounter

during planting season include sprayers, tractors pulling planters or tillage equipment, and large trucks hauling agricultural products. These vehicles are wide, sometimes taking up most of the road, and often travel at speeds no greater than 25 mph.

The following list includes several safety tips for motorists approaching large farm equipment:

- Farmers will pull over when they are able to let motorists pass, but it may take time for them to get to a safe place to do so.
- Be patient. Farm equipment is wide, sometimes taking up most of the road.
- Be careful when passing. Do not pass in a designated "No Passing Zone" or within 100 feet of any intersection, railroad grade crossing, bridge, elevation structure or tunnel.
- Do not try to pass slow-moving farm equipment on the left without ensuring that the farmer driving is not planning a left turn. It may appear that the driver is pulling over to allow a pass when the farmer is actually preparing to turn. You will drive right into its path, endangering yourself and the farmer.
- Avoid tailgating, as some farm equipment might have to make sudden stops along the road.
- Allow plenty of time to get to a destination, be aware of alternate routes and avoid distractions.

"Moving farm equipment on the roadways is one of the most dangerous parts of my job. It takes time to find a safe space for me to pull over and allow other motorists to pass safely. Please be considerate when you drive behind farm equipment, drivers and I have the same goal in mind each time we take a trip on Hoosier roads- to get our work done and

make it home safely to our loved ones," said Brent Bible, Tippecanoe Co. farmer.

Indiana State Department of Agriculture Director Bruce Kettler wants to remind motorists that farmers work hard to ensure they are being as safe as possible.

"Hoosier farmers are trying to get to their fields safely and quickly, just like our Hoosier motorists are trying to get to work safely and quickly," said Kettler. "I want to encourage motorists to be aware during this spring season and know that encountering farm equipment is likely and to slow down when approaching."

For a list of safety tips, visit <https://www.in.gov/isda/programs-and-initiatives/harvest-season-safety/>.

The following organizations will be working together to share this important safety message during planting season: Hoosier Ag Today, Indiana Department of Homeland Security, Indiana Department of Transportation and Indiana State Police.

Visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k-ovU4th5ppc> for a public service announcement created by Hoosier Ag Today.

Listen to the PSA by tuning into Hoosier Ag Today radio stations. To find a local broadcasting station, visit <https://hoosieragtoday.com/hat-radio-stations/>.

The Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) was established as a separate state agency by the Legislature in 2005. Administratively, ISDA reports to Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch, who also serves as Indiana's Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. Major responsibilities include advocacy for Indiana agriculture at the local, state and federal level, managing soil conservation programs, promoting economic development and agricultural innovation, serving as a regulatory ombudsman for agricultural businesses, and licensing grain firms throughout the state.

Riverview Health to Host Seminar on Treating Shoulder & Knee Pain

Riverview Health will host a treatment of shoulder and knee pain seminar from 6 - 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 11.

Join board-certified and fellowship-trained physician, Scott Smith, MD, to learn about the treatments available for shoulder and knee pain. Dr. Smith will highlight both surgical and non-surgical methods for addressing pain, as well as his specialization in shoulder and knee replacement surgery.

The seminar will take place at Riverview Health, 395 Westfield Rd., Noblesville, IN 46060 in the Krieg DeVault Conference Room, located in the

lower level of the Women's Pavilion.

The program is free, but registration is required. Attendees are required to wear masks. Register at riverview.org/classes or call 317.776.7999.

Riverview Health is comprised of a full-service, 156-bed hospital in Noblesville, a 16-bed hospital in Westfield, as well as three freestanding combined ER and urgent care facilities. Also included are more than 25 primary, immediate and specialty-care facilities in Hamilton County. Riverview Health provides comprehensive inpatient and outpatient services in more than 35 healthcare

specialties and has been frequently recognized for its clinical and service excellence.

National achievements include Healthgrades 5-star rating (2020) for total knee replacement and spinal fusion and Newsweek magazine annual rankings as a top acute inpatient rehabilitation unit in the state of Indiana (2021). Riverview Health was also recognized by the Indiana Hospital Association for its infant and maternal health with the INSPIRE Hospital of Distinction award two years in a row (2020, 2021). For more information on Riverview Health, visit riverview.org.

AG Rokita Warns Hoosiers to Be Aware of Scammers During Financial Literacy Month

Attorney General Todd Rokita and the Attorney General's office protect Hoosier consumers in a number of different ways. During April, which is Financial Literacy Month, Attorney General Rokita is educating the public on how to protect what they already possess. That means watching out for scammers.

"Protecting consumers is a priority of our daily work," Attorney General Rokita said. "Whether

through identity theft or data breaches, scammers are good at what they do, and they target Hoosiers from all walks of life with their sophisticated schemes for stealing your personal information. Knowing the red flags will help you better protect your family and resources."

Attorney General Rokita offers the following tips:

- Review your credit report
- Shred personal papers
- Request a free credit

freeze

- Don't give your personal or financial information in response to a call, e-mail or text that you didn't expect.

- Resist pressure to act immediately.

- Stop and talk with someone you trust, like a friend, a family member, or a neighbor.

If you are the victim of a scam or spot one, we want to know about it. Report it at in.gov/attorneygeneral.

UPDATE

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2022-23 year is Sunday, May 1. The last day of school for students is Thursday, June 2 and last day for staff is Friday, June 3. Graduation will take place on Saturday, June 4.

April is National School Library Month. School libraries (media centers) are integral to our schools and school librarians play an invaluable role in the education of our students. Our media centers are the hub of school activities fostering a sense of belonging. These engaging places help students to think, connect, create, discover, and explore. They also offer unlimited opportunities for growth through access to technology, multimedia, and incredible resources of every variety. Thank you, Karen Jones (HHES), Emily Beechler (HHMS), and Lori Hippensteel (HHHS) for transforming lives and impacting student achievement at Hamilton Heights as our Media Center Specialists.

On the topic of student achievement, I want to give a shout out to Kim Kaiser and students in our Business Professionals of America (BPA) and DECA programs. We had 5 DECA students qualify in their categories to compete at nationals in Atlanta, Georgia April

23-27. They include Corbin Landrey (Accounting), Amber Lane (Retail Merchandising), and Devyn Taylor, Grant Forrer, and Grant Cavanaugh (Husky Fan Shop Enterprise).

In addition, Heights had 92 students compete in the BPA State Leadership Conference in Indianapolis last month. Many placed in the Top 10 of their categories with 32 qualifying for national competition in Dallas, Texas, May 4-8. Three teams and three individuals brought home a first-place finish. They include Carson Lenze, Ben Houser, Jon Houser, and Ethan Swart (Network Design), Devyn Taylor, Elianna Watson, Melissa Lovell, and Lizzy Smith (Global Marketing), Ben Wolfgang, Kylie Porter, Lydia Lytle, and Jenn Houser (Adobe XD Design), Cassidy Felger (Health Leadership), Amber Lane (Database Apps), and Carson Lentz (Python Programming). Congratulations! Best of luck at DECA and BPA nationals!

Hamilton Heights Educational Foundation's (HHEF) latest newsletter is available online. Check out the organization's latest and greatest happenings here.

Speaking of the HHEF, its 33rd Annual Golf

Outing is set for Thursday, June 9 at Bear Slide Golf Course. The community is invited to join friends, neighbors, and colleagues for a day of fun and networking on the green to support this worthwhile organization. The Foundation supports student achievement at Heights. To register, become a sponsor, and/or for more information about this year's event click here.

If you want to see incredible artwork for show and sale from some of our youngest students, plan to attend this year's Art Show at the Husky Hangout at HHES on Wednesday, May 4, from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. The Virtual Art Show takes place from April 27 through May 11.

As a reminder, students will be testing over the next few weeks. It's important that your Husky is well rested, has a fully charged device, and arrives at school on time.

We continue to be incredibly proud of all our students and all they have accomplished so far. Thank you for support and being our partner in education. #WeAreHuskies

- Dr. Derek Arrowood is the Superintendent of the Hamilton Heights School Corporation.

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BETSY

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All ages can enjoy seeing Winnie-the-Pooh (Daniel Shock of Noblesville), with Christopher Robin (Gabrielle Morrison of Noblesville), Rabbit (Barb Weaver of Noblesville) Kanga (Jennifer Poynter), Tigger (Geoff Lynch) and Roo (Sean Wood), during rehearsals of the children's comedy, "The House at Pooh Corner" by Improbable Fiction Theatre Co., through Sunday at The Ivy Tech Auditorium in Noblesville.

harp music, face painting with Adrienne Maynard, Fairy Toadstool Fashion Show at 6 p.m. by Lil Bloomers, more, including grownup fairy entertainment. Saturday events include: Tree Tour at 10 a.m., traveling two hours, two miles; Fairyville Trail open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and meet fairies along the trail and hear fairy musicians; rock painting and card making and art demonstration and spinning/carding and weaving demonstrations from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at Hamilton County Artists' Association's Birdie Gallery at Fifth and Cherry streets, Noblesville; plus many of the same activities as Friday. For a full schedule, visit <https://nickelplatearts.org/fairyville/>

2. Shop at the Just Between Friends (JBF) Kids Consignment Sale 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. today, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (50 percent off marked items) and 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., 75 percent off marked items) at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds in Noblesville.

3. Huesman Amusements offers an outdoor carnival with rides, games and food at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds in Noblesville, 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. today and April 29, noon to 11 p.m. Saturday and April 30, noon to 10 p.m. Sunday and May 1, and 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Thursday.

4. Westfield kicks off Movies in the Plaza series at dusk tonight, featuring Dr. Seuss' "The Lorax," on the Great Lawn at Grand Junction Plaza, with more movies every fourth Friday through October.

5. All ages will enjoy the children's comedy, "The House at Pooh Corner" with Winnie-the-Pooh, Piglet, Tigger, Eeyore, Rabbit and all of their friends, in this production by Improbable Fiction Theatre Co., at 7:30 p.m. today, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday at The Ivy Tech Auditorium in Noblesville, with reservations at <http://tinyurl.com/HouseAtPoohCorner>.

6. Carmel Community Players presents "The Fantasticks" musical, today through May 8, directed by Rich Phipps, at The Cat Theatre in Carmel, with show times at 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2:30 p.m. Sundays. Tickets at <https://carmelplayers.org/>

7. Attend the Greater Indianapolis Militaria Show 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds in Noblesville.

8. Visit SMC's all-ages Community Day and celebrate National Pneumatics Day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at SMC Corp. of America in Noblesville, with factory tours, bounce house,

inflatable obstacle course, scavenger hunt, food trucks, SMC's automation vision studio, local vendor market, face painting, chalk drawings, music and outdoor games. Join the scavenger hunt for the Golden Tigger, get a chance to win an SMC Chocolate Bar and more at the North American headquarters for the Japanese-based company that develops and manufactures pneumatic technology, just north of 146th Street between Cumberland and Howe roads.

9. Noblesville Tri Kappa's first Bingo Nite fundraiser, with raffles, pull tabs, baked goods sale and more is sold out for Saturday night at the Noblesville Moose Lodge.

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

11. Auditions for The Belfry Theatre's "Drinking Habits" comedy are at 7 p.m. April 24-25 at the Noblesville theater, with performances June 24-July 3.

12. Grab your binoculars and join Hamilton County Parks for Beginner Bird Walks at 8:30 a.m. Sundays and Wednesdays at Cool Creek Park in Westfield and 8:30 a.m. the first Wednesday,



The Times photo by Betsy Reason

The Huesman Amusements carnival opens tonight and continues through May 1 at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds in Noblesville.

April-June, at Strawtown Koteewi Park in Noblesville.

13. Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Chaplaincy Prayer Breakfast Fundraiser will be at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday at Mill Top Conference & Banquet Center in Noblesville. Tickets are \$30 per person or \$270 per table of 10. Buy individual tickets online at <https://bit.ly/3MkxyEF> or table tickets at <https://bit.ly/3OkRJUR>

14. Bring your favorite vinyl to play on a provided turntable at 5:30 p.m. on Turntable Thursdays at Primeval Brewing in downtown Noblesville.

15. Enjoy Earth Day and Arbor Day Celebration on April 29 at the Treetop Outpost at Conner Prairie in Fishers, a Mother's Day Brunch May 8.

16. EnPointe Indiana Ballet will present "Don Quixote," featuring artistic director Pollyana Ribeiro and Robert Moore of Noblesville, 7 p.m. April 29 and 2 p.m. April 30 at Noblesville High School with tickets available at <https://enpointe.yapsody.com/>

17. Blatchley Nature Study Club invites the public to the 2022 Spring Wildflower Walk and Centennial Celebration 1 to 5 p.m. April 30 at 125 Boulder Drive in Noblesville near Potter's Bridge.

18. Handmade Vintage Spring Market is from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 30 at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds in Noblesville, with tickets available at handmadevintagemarket.com.

19. Come out and watch or participate in the VFW

Indiana Loyalty Day Celebration in the City of Noblesville with lineup at 11 a.m. and parade at noon on April 30, with food, entertainment and awards at the VFW Post 6246 on South Ninth Street. Parade starts at Ivy Tech Hamilton County in Noblesville, travels west on Logan Street, north on 10th Street, east on Monument St. To be a sponsor or a participant, contact the VFW Post.

20. The Attic Theatre presents "Sense & Sensibility" May 5-7.

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

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

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

24. Noblesville Preservation Alliance's third annual Flea Market on Logan and Clinton streets will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 21. Residents can be vendors at their home for \$25 donation per household, community may donate items to NPA to sell at Preservation Hall, with donations taken 10 a.m. to noon May 14 and 5:30-7:30 p.m. May 17.

25. Make plans to attend the free Indiana Peony Festival, in its second year, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 21 at Seminary Park in Noblesville.

26. A used bicycle sale and donation day will be

10 a.m. to noon May 21, sponsored by Recycled Cycles at the group's repair shop at 810 E. Main St., in Westfield, at the top of the drive, north of Big Hoffa's BBQ. Top-condition bikes will be for sale at bargain prices, with proceeds to purchase parts to repair other bikes, under the sponsorship of Good Samaritan Network of Hamilton County.

27. Carmel Arts & Design District presents "Art of Wine" from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. May 21, for ages 21 and older, with unlimited wine tastings from participating wineries for \$30. Tickets go on sale today on eventbrite.com

28. The Belfry Theatre will have auditions for ages 5-18 for Disney's "Frozen Jr.," Apprentice Players summer youth production 3-5 p.m. May 22 and 6-8 p.m. May 23 at EnPointe Indiana Ballet in Noblesville, with performances July 28-31 at The Ivy Tech Auditorium in Noblesville.

29. Main Street Productions presents "Rumors" by Neil Simon, at Basile Westfield Playhouse, June 2-12, directed by Jen Otterman.

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

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

EARTH

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Spread

- Saturday, April 23 from 9 to 11 a.m. at Mudsock Fields, 12160 Packers Ave., Fishers.
- Volunteers will beautify the park by spreading mulch to get ready for summer.

2. Fishers AgriPark Strawberry Planting

- Saturday, April 23 from 10 a.m. to noon at Fishers AgriPark, 11171 Florida Rd., Fortville.
- Volunteers can show off their green thumbs by helping to plant strawberries at the Fishers Agri-Park.

3. Cheeny Creek Cleanup & Garlic Mustard Pull

- Saturday, April 23 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Cheeny Creek Natural Area, 1030 Fishers Pointe Blvd., Fishers
- Volunteers will help spruce up the natural area by clearing branches, as well as removing invasive

plants, debris and trash. Registration is still open for this event. All ages are welcome, but children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult. Sign up at ThisIsFishers.com/KFB.

4. Ritchey Woods Nature Preserve Weed Wrangle

- Saturday, April 23 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Ritchey Woods Nature Preserve, 10410 Hague Rd., Fishers.
- Volunteers will help to combat invasive species by pulling Mustard Seed throughout the park during this annual event. This opportunity is in partnership with Hamilton County Invasive Partnership's Invasives Bucket Challenge. Registration is still open for this event. All ages are welcome, but children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult. Sign up at ThisIsFishers.com/KFB.

In honor of the 150th anniversary of Arbor Day, the City of Fishers and Fishers Parks will also host the Fishers AgriPark Tree Planting and Fence Building volunteer opportunity on Friday, April 29 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 12:30 to 3 p.m., where volunteers will plant trees and assist with building a fence at the Fishers AgriPark, 11171 Florida Rd., Fortville. This event is sponsored by the Fruit Tree Planting Foundation and their partners at Arbor Day Foundation and The Kroger Co. Zero Hunger Zero Waste Foundation. Learn more at thisisfishers.com/KFB.

Mark the celebration of spring with the annual Wildflower Walk at Teter Retreat & Farm on Sunday, April 24.

Wander the woods on your own anytime between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., with

guided tours beginning at 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m.

"From violets to trilliums, phlox to bluebells, trout lilies to wild geraniums, Teter Retreat & Farm boasts a wonderful display of wildflowers that you can take in on your own or in a guided tour," said Emma St. Dennis, the walk's coordinator.

"The Wildflower Walk is one of our favorite events of the year," said Jerry Rairdon, lead pastor of Noblesville First United Methodist, which owns the retreat center and farm. "Especially after the long winter, spending an afternoon in the woods is an incredible treat."

The event is free and open to the public and great for all ages, kids, scout groups and adults. Although the walking path is easy, it is not wheelchair accessible. Teter Retreat & Farm is located at 10980 East 221st St.,

Noblesville. In the event of lightning or rain downpours, the event will be canceled. Check the Teter Organic Farm Facebook page for updates.

For questions, contact Emma St. Dennis at (317) 432-7146 or email threeulm@hotmail.com.

Hamilton Town Center is celebrating Earth Week with a focus on sustainability, recycling, donations and more.

Learn how you can decrease your environmental footprint and make a positive impact on the planet. Head to Hamilton Town Center on April 23 from 12-3 p.m. at The Green Space. Come out and enjoy a pop-up with People for Urban Progress where you can connect, reuse, and make items. The first 100 people will receive a one-of-a-kind sustainable giveaway from a new retailer that Hamilton Town Center is announcing soon!

In addition, Hamilton Town Center is teaming up with Give Back Box, offering guests the ability to give back to those in need. Customers will be able to reuse any cardboard box by filling it up

with gently used clothing, shoes, and accessories, printing a free, prepaid shipping label and the donations will then be sent to a local charity.

People for Urban Progress is non-profit that advances good design and civic sustainability by developing products and projects in connectivity, responsible reuse, and making. PUP is creating a smarter, more sustainable, and more resilient city by combining good design with existing resources.

Shoppers will be able to select their choice of used vinyl that PUP will sew into new designs. Custom designs will be picked up at a later date.

Also in attendance, a new retailer will be on-site potting flowers in small containers for attendees. Each container will have a special code to receive a one-of-a-kind sustainable giveaway when the store officially opens.

Additionally, Hamilton Town Center is hosting a food collection with Hamilton County Food Bank now through April 30. Donations can be dropped off at the mall office or near the food court restrooms.

AWARDS

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Photo courtesy of the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville

Olivia Morales (center) accepts her award for Most Valuable Program Professional. Photographed with her are (left) BGCN Unit Director Wendy Casteel and BGCN Director of Club Operations Abigail Stutesman.

valued! We're proud of her accomplishments and can't wait to see what lies in store for her next chapter."

The late Irv Heath was inducted in the Indiana Boys & Girls Club Hall of Fame. Mr. Heath was a founding member of the Boys' Club of Noblesville in 1952 and continued to serve the organization in many roles for another 41



Photo courtesy of the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville

Accepting the late Irv Heath's induction into the hall of fame on his behalf were (from left to right) Tyler Perdue, Jenna Perdue, BGCN Executive Director Becky Terry, daughter Marilyn Heath and Peter Johnson.

for his lifelong commitment to the youth in our community and his passion for the mission of the Boys & Girls Club," stated Becky Terry, BGCN Executive Director. "As one of the founders of the local organization, and because of his vision, dedication and leadership, countless lives have been impacted. Generations of children

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amount of funding to leverage our money and improve the roads in our community."

"A great deal of Hoosiers travel to and through Hamilton County every day," State Sen. Scott Baldwin (R-Noblesville) said. "Ensuring those motorists are on safe and updated roadways is an important goal, so I am glad to see the maximum amount awarded."

"It is always good to see our local officials work to maintain and improve infrastructure in our communities," State Sen. Kyle Walker (R-Lawrence) said. "These types of projects benefit everyone in the long run, so I look forward to seeing the positive impact this money will have on the county."

Through the program, the Indiana Department

of Transportation matches up to \$1 million annually when localities invest in road and bridge repairs. Counties with populations fewer than 50,000 and cities and towns with populations fewer than 10,000 receive a 75%/25% match, while counties with populations greater than 50,000 and cities and towns with populations greater than 10,000 receive a 50%/50% match.

The CCMG offers two rounds of applications each year, with the next call for applications occurring in July of 2022.

To view the full list of communities receiving matching funds, visit gov/indot/doing-business-with-indot/local-public-agency-programs/community-crossing-matching-grant-program/.

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Matchbox Programs and Companies Nominated For Prestigious Statewide Awards

On April 23, winners of the 2022 TechPoint Mira Awards will be announced at the state's largest event for technology startups and businesses in Indianapolis. The list of nominees includes five Greater Lafayette nods, all with ties to MatchBOX Coworking Studio, a shared workspace and acceleration studio.

Two of MatchBOX's acceleration programs, MBXax and Spark, were honored with nominations for the Community Impact Award. The category recognizes individuals and organizations that support the advancement of Indiana's tech community. Other area nominees include Neurava, Accent Consulting, and Skypack.

Both the MBXax and Spark program were designed by MatchBOX to help people start and grow businesses. MBXax courses work with existing and potential entrepreneurs for six to 12 weeks to move

their ideas forward. Spark is a year-long program for a cohort of 10 entrepreneurs to help grow BIPOC businesses in Greater Lafayette. Graduates of both programs have access to assistance with business branding, discounted software and services, and the opportunity to apply for microgrants to fund projects for their businesses. Around 50 founders or people with ideas go through the MatchBOX acceleration programs every year.

"The Mira Awards are well-known and widely respected throughout the state, and we're honored that TechPoint included two MatchBOX programs in the short list of Community Impact nominees. We've designed these programs to help build a better future for our communities. We've graduated over 100 founders and entrepreneurs since launching MBXax and Spark, and know that the impacts

are felt locally, regionally, and statewide," said MatchBOX Coworking Studio Executive Director Jason Tennenhouse.

Phil Wright, founder and CEO of Accent Consulting and IntelliHire, is a nominee for the Rising Entrepreneur Award, recognizing a class of passionate and creative entrepreneurial leaders thriving in Indiana. Wright is a graduate of the MBXax course and has been a staple in the Greater Lafayette entrepreneurial ecosystem for over a decade.

Amanda Findlay, managing director at MatchBOX, said of Wright's nomination, "Phil's eagerness to give back to entrepreneurs in our community really stands out. He's served on committees and spoken on panels, but he's also willing to offer answers and guidance and mentorship to other founders who are seeking the advice of someone with real, local experience.

He's incredibly supportive of area entrepreneurship and a leader in his field."

Neurava, a startup making wearable devices for patients with epilepsy, graduated from the Spark program at MatchBOX at the end of 2021. The founders recently raised a round of venture capital and aligned with strategic partners to move their technology to market. Neurava was nominated for Innovation of the Year, an award that celebrates a company that revolutionizes, advances, or creates new tech industries and fields.

Eric Davis, CEO of Skypack, was a MatchBOX member for years while working to grow the company in the digital course materials space. Skypack was nominated for the Tech Education Award, geared toward educators and education innovators inspiring positive impact on student achievement.

Tennenhouse shared that MatchBOX is looking forward to the awards ceremony but is honored just to be nominated. He said, "Five nominations for programs and businesses in Greater Lafayette is an achievement and cause for celebration, and these companies represent only a fraction of the over 150 currently working with MatchBOX. Greater Lafayette innovators are making waves, and we're thrilled to have had the opportunity to work alongside the entrepreneurs up for Mira Awards and other founders and small business owners in our community.

MatchBOX Coworking Studio is a nonprofit venture that draws together innovative and creative individuals pursuing new ideas, doing business in creative ways, or working remotely from downtown Lafayette, Ind. The 11,000 sq ft studio is full of desks with all the amenities

needed to get work done: 24-hour secure access, meeting rooms, super fast WiFi, MBXax acceleration courses, the MatchBOX Makerspace, workshops, networking, and an unlimited supply of coffee and snacks.

The studio is an office and meeting space to over 300 members and partners in a variety of sectors. MatchBOX hosts meetups and events that focus on networking, strategy, making, technology, business acceleration, mentorship, innovation, and more. Visit www.mbx.studio to learn more.

TechPoint is the nonprofit, industry-led growth initiative for Indiana's technology companies and overall tech ecosystem. The team is focused on attracting talent, accelerating scale-up companies, activating the community, and amplifying stories of success. For more information, please visit www.techpoint.org.

US Dept. of Labor Awards \$189M to Help Unemployed Workers Find Jobs

The U.S. Department of Labor has awarded more than \$189 million to workforce agencies in 49 states, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and the District of Columbia to operate their Re-employment Services and Eligibility Assessments programs. This award is a \$40 million increase over the previous year. Funding will strengthen states' unemployment

insurance programs and provide customized workforce services to support individuals' efforts to find employment through informed job searches.

RESEA is an evidence-based program to help individuals who are receiving unemployment benefits return to work more quickly by providing services such as individual assessments, reemployment services,

referrals to job opportunities and recruiting events, and information about other available workforce programs, training opportunities and services. The program is critical to states' broader workforce development strategies and is undergoing expansions to promote greater program equity and reach a larger share of individuals experiencing unemployment.

"Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessments programs provide essential work search assistance to individuals in need while also getting people back to work faster in higher quality jobs," said Acting Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training Angela Hanks. "These funds will help states grow their RESEA programs to bring more

services to more individuals in need and help states prepare and respond to current and future labor market changes."

At the beginning of the coronavirus pandemic, many states modified RESEA programs to increase the use of virtual and remote technologies. A vast majority of states intend to broaden RESEA availability by combining online and in-person

services. States and the department are currently studying RESEA programs, including innovations implemented in response to the pandemic, through an assortment of research and evaluation projects that will provide information on what re-employment services and strategies are most effective at supporting unemployed individuals quickly return to good jobs.

Financial Literacy for Business Owners Critical to Success

Finances are something we must contend with throughout our lives, yet very few people receive any sort of meaningful financial education throughout adolescence or adulthood.

Only 11 states mandate financial literacy education in high school and none are required to teach financial literacy specific to business ownership. It's no wonder so many Americans and business owners find themselves in debt. According to the Federal Reserve, American household debt hit a record \$14.6 trillion in the spring of 2021.

Lenore Horton, Founder and Chief Legal Strategist of Horton Legal Strategies says that "Financial literacy in business is not about how smart you are. It's about what you were taught by watching others, by trying things out, and by being trained on it."

Many successful business people and entrepreneurs

are doing well, but could be doing better if only they could grasp the financial side of things. That's where Lenore comes in. As an outside general counsel to closely-held corporations, she is responsible for managing legal spending budgets for businesses and providing legal advice in a way that meets the company's financial objectives.

Lenore has seen businesses suffer serious setbacks and even fail from:

- Paying employees incorrectly
- Not filing tax returns
- Not paying taxes
- Not understanding how to pay yourself
- Not understanding how you can pay your family
- Lax bookkeeping
- Falling prey to con artists
- Not understanding how smart spending ends up saving money

"So you started a business but are not financial-

ly literate?" She asks... "That's okay. Here's what to do next."

1. **Learn:** Invest in SBA courses, community college courses, or free online programs.

2. **Lean In:** Write down everything you don't understand. Every word or phrase. Every column of every spreadsheet. Every statement. Don't try to find the answers yourself via search engines. That means getting different explanations from different sources who come from different angles. Instead, take that to the people and community that can help you.

3. **People & Community:** Find someone who will mentor, lead, encourage, and/or walk part of the path with you. Find a community of support. This could be a group of connections, a group of people in the same situation, or

4. **Triage:** Start small, where you are. Think of 5 things happening with your

business money that you don't understand. Write down 2 questions for each of them. Write down what it will mean for you to have the answers to those questions. Will it help you make decisions? Feel more confident? Grow your profit margin?

5. **Money Mindset:** Start tapping into the link between what you learned about money your whole life, and what that means for your business. If you learned you have to save every penny, that might mean you are too scared to invest anything in your business.

Lenore Horton is an acclaimed corporate litigator, former AMLAW 200 partner, international trademark lawyer, and trusted advisor. She has been ranked #3 nationally by Black Enterprise magazine as a Top 10 Black Female Attorney You Should Know, been recognized by Crain's New York as a Top 100 Leading Law-

yer, and was recognized by Washington Business Journal for building one of the top 25 LGBTQ-owned businesses in Washington DC in under 3 years.

Lenore is the Founder & Chief Legal Strategist at Horton Legal Strategies PLLC. She has been practicing for 18 years and has an extensive large-firm securities law background that proves beneficial to clients raising capital from passive investors.

Lenore holds a J.D. from Howard University School of Law, and an LL.M. in International Law, magna cum laude, from Fordham University School of Law. She's taught at law schools in the U.S. and abroad on business and human rights issues and is admitted to the bars of New York, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Supreme Court, and regularly practices before state and federal courts.

Horton Legal Strategies is the go-to outside general

counsel for closely-held corporations and owner-operated businesses handling hard pivots, fast growth, or both. Their bread-and-butter clients are some of the most inspiring people and brands you can imagine with revenues between 7 to 9 digits. Their reputation for creating more money, more success, and more stability for our clients is how we've managed to become so successful "under the radar." Their discretion in how we handle client matters and networked relationships is why people trust us.

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An April Reflection: We Must Fight to Preserve Religious Liberty

April is a month of religious observances. Christians celebrate Palm Sunday, Good Friday and finally Easter, when we give thanks for the risen Christ. During Passover, our Jewish friends commemorate the Israelites' liberation from slavery and deliverance from Egypt.

But all year long, at different times and in different ways, people of many different traditions celebrate the foundational role of faith in our lives.

Quite apart from the formal festivals and rituals, we Americans practice our faith across every aspect of our lives — at home, at school, at work and everywhere we go.

Here in America, we enjoy a rich heritage of religious liberty. We are free to live out our deeply held beliefs in whatever ways we deem appropriate so long as our conduct does not threaten the legitimate rights of others. The government may not establish a state or national church.

This is what the First Amendment promises.

And there's a reason religious liberty is the "first freedom" mentioned in the Bill of Rights.



TODD ROKITA
Indiana Attorney General

As Thomas Jefferson said in 1809, "No provision in our constitution ought to be dearer to man than that which protects the rights of conscience against the enterprises of civil authority."

But these liberties are constantly under attack. To preserve them, we must be willing to fight for them.

As Indiana's attorney general, that's exactly what I have been doing with a great team of talented lawyers who serve with servants' hearts.

On April 25, the U.S. Supreme Court is scheduled to hear oral arguments in a case pertain-

ing to these very issues.

The case arose in Bremer-ton, Wash., where Coach Joe Kennedy habitually knelt in quiet prayer for a few moments after each game. Then several players began joining him, huddling at the 50-yard line.

The motivation for his prayer, Kennedy once explained, was: "God, I'm going to give you the glory after every game, win or lose."

But as more players began kneeling with Kennedy, some-one complained — and the Bremer-ton School District asked Kennedy to stop the prayers.

When Kennedy insisted on following his conscience, the district placed him on administrative leave and did not renew his contract.

So far, lower federal courts have rejected Kennedy's pleas to affirm his constitutional rights to engage in the on-field prayer.

But now the U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to hear the case.

On behalf of Hoosiers, I'm standing with 26 likeminded attorneys general imploring the justices in an amicus brief

to state loud and clear that in America we have the absolute right to voluntary prayer.

I am also working to protect religious liberty right here in Indiana.

This year, in two separate cases, I am defending the rights of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Indianapolis to uphold church doctrine on same-sex marriage at Catholic schools.

One case involves an educator dismissed from Cathedral High School after he married another man, and the other involves a guidance counselor fired from Roncalli High School after she married another woman. Many religious schools consider their teachers and counselors to essentially hold ministerial roles.

In the first case, I filed a brief with the Indiana Supreme Court. In the second, I led a 16-state brief filed with a federal appeals court.

The message of each brief is basically the same: It is up to the Catholic Church, not the courts, to determine Catholic doctrine.

As a Catholic myself, I certainly encounter those who disagree with our views on mar-

riage. I have met folks who consider odd, for example, the idea that priests and nuns are expected to be unmarried and celibate. Well, they have the right to their views — but we also have the right to ours. And I would fight equally as hard to defend any other faith in the same situation. In fact, the question we should ask is why aren't groups like the ACLU also fighting to defend this constitutional right?

We must remember that the framers of the Constitution sought to protect religion from government, not to protect government from religion.

Without exaggeration, we can describe the origins of religious liberty as uniquely American. To again quote Jefferson, it is "a liberty deemed in other countries incompatible with good government and yet proved by our experience to be its best support."

During this season of Easter and Passover, may we each commit to doing our part to protect the freedoms we cherish so much.

- Todd Rokita is Indiana's attorney general.

Exploring John's 'In-Continents'



JOHN O. MARLOWE
The Good Sport

One thing that that the hot war between Russia and Ukraine has reminded me — aside from the stupidity and savagery of human destruction, and the utter hubris of tyrants — is of my less than ideal knowledge of world geography.

Now, I'm no Vasco da Gama, but I've always been able to hold my own when finding my way

'round a world map or globe.

For my younger readers, a globe is like Google™ Maps, glued to a cardboard sphere, suspended by a metal frame at the Earth's axes. We could spin the globe to locate countries, much like you scroll up and down your smart phone. It was stationary, and primarily used in the classroom, because for some reason the popularity of the pocket globe never took off.

Anyway, when Russia invaded Ukraine, I became curious. I was wondering if this might be the first time Asians invaded Europe since the Huns made their run in 370 AD.

Little did I know when I asked myself this question that I would be upsetting my entire world view worldview.

You see, for my entire life, I thought of Russia as an Asian nation. Although the vast majority of Russia's land mass lies east of the Ural Mountains — the traditional dividing line between Europe and Asia — most of the Russian Federation population is situated to the west. European

Russia has a 2020 population of 113 million people, making it the most populous country in Europe.

There's even a hunk of land west of Latvia and Lithuania that belongs to Russia.

That's because a shrewd real estate developer named Joseph Stalin convinced the United Kingdom and the United States after defeating the Nazis in World War II that he needed another seaport. The USSR (Soviet Union) was given the German port city of Königsberg, renamed Kaliningrad after being resettled by Stalin with Russians.

This split personality makes Russia one of only two truly transcontinental nations ... depending on who you ask.

The other transcontinental nation is Turkey. Remember from grade school? Turkey was called the "Bridge to Asia". It's even more true, today, since the nation just opened a new multi-billion dollar actual "mega bridge" crossing the Turkish Strait, the southern continental dividing line.

My confusion lies in the fact that boundaries between continents are somewhat a matter of geographical convention, and not by means of scientific measurement.

For instance, some consider the United States to be a transcontinental nation. To my knowledge, aside from an alien abduction in 2008, I've never been off of the North American continent. Yet, some believe that, although the USA's largest land mass resides in North America, tiny Hawaii belongs to the geographical sub-region of Oceania.

Oceania is a sub-region because you need a submarine to get there easily. Oceania consist of Australia, New Zealand, New Caledonia, Hawaii, and the -nesia sisters "Mela," "Micro," and "Poly".

French Polynesia is why some consider France to be a transcontinental nation. France also claims French Guiana (Africa), Guadeloupe and Martinique (North America), and Indian Ocean islands Mayotte and

Réunion (Africa).

Easter Island (Oceania) belongs to Chile. Panama (North and South America) makes sense. Even China is claiming holdings in Antarctica. Sixteen other nations are considered transcontinental by borders or treaties.

Plus, there are the subcontinents like Greenland and India, and the geopolitical regions, such as the Middle East or the Caucasus.

I'm telling you, I'm becoming quite lost. The other day, on a cooking show, the host wanted to explain to us after the commercial, where we get Bulgar wheat. "That's easy," I said. "We get it from Ramen-ia!"

For the curious, I count seven invasions of Europe by Asians: Persians (492 BC), Huns (370 AD), Avars (562 AD), Alans (600 AD), Bulgars (700 AD), Magyars (892 AD), Mongolians (1220 AD).

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Ask Rusty – Will My Wife Get a Spouse Benefit When I Claim at 70?

Dear Rusty: My wife started receiving her social security at 65 (her full retirement age) and she will be 69 years old this July. I was able to receive half of her social security under an older law. This April, I will turn 70 and will start to receive my own Social Security. I know I will no longer be receiving a spousal benefit at that time, but what I don't understand is will my wife be able to claim a spousal benefit and collect 50% of my Social Security. She presently is receiving about \$930 but 50% of my social security could be around \$1800. Can you provide any insight on this? Signed: Turning 70

Dear Turning: You are correct that you are now collecting your spouse benefit under an "old law," which was changed by the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015 and is no longer available to anyone born after January 1, 1954. You



ASK RUSTY
Social Security Advisor

are also correct that since you are now receiving a spousal benefit from your wife on a "restricted application for spouse benefits only," you can claim your personal SS retirement benefit to start at age 70, at which time your spousal benefit from your wife will stop. You can apply for your age 70 benefit now, prior to April, but just be sure to specify on your application that you want your SS retirement benefit to begin in April (to avoid a reduction). FYI, you can

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do this online at www.ssa.gov - there is a question on the application which asks if you are now collecting benefits from anyone else, to which you should answer "yes" and provide your wife's Social Security number. To apply online, you'll need to first create your personal "my Social Security" account, which is easy to do at www.ssa.gov/myaccount. Of course, you can also apply by phone at your local SS office or by calling 1.800.772.1213 but ap-

plying online is by far the most efficient method.

After you have submitted your application for your own SS retirement benefit, your wife can apply for a spousal benefit from you, but her spousal benefit amount may not be precisely as you believe. First, your wife's spousal benefit will be based on the benefit amount you were entitled to at your full retirement age (FRA) of 66, not your age 70 benefit amount. Second, your wife was born in

1953 so her full retirement age is 66 (not 65). If your wife claimed her own SS benefit at age 65, she actually claimed a year early, so it was slightly reduced from her full benefit amount. That isn't a bad thing because it allowed you to collect your spouse benefit a year earlier, but it will slightly affect her spousal benefit from you and make it a bit less than 50% of your FRA benefit amount.

When a spouse takes their own benefit early their spousal amount will be less than 50% because of the way spouse benefits are calculated. Your wife's new benefit as your spouse will consist of two parts - her own benefit and a "spousal boost" to bring her payment to her spousal entitlement. Her "spousal boost" - which is the difference between her FRA benefit and half of your FRA benefit - will be added to her slightly

reduced age 65 benefit and the total becomes her spousal payment, but it will be a bit less than 50% of your FRA benefit amount. Nevertheless, you were smart to take advantage of an "old law" which permitted you to get a spouse benefit from your wife while your own benefit grew to maximum.

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Split Decision

While at a recent speaking engagement in Lafayette, I chatted with a man from nearby Otterbein, a dot on the map in northwest Indiana, with a population around 1,200. I wasn't familiar with the town, despite my having visited much of the state several years ago for a book I was writing, called *Indiana Curiosities*.



DICK WOLFSIE
Life in a Nutshell

"What county is Otterbein in?" I asked Town Administrator, Ron Shoup.

"Otterbein is in Benton County...and Tippecanoe County," said Ron.

When I first heard this, I remembered a story I wrote years ago about the town of College Corner, which is located on U.S. Highway 27 in eastern

Union County and is geographically split by the Indiana-Ohio state line. Today there are two distinct city governments, although these two tiny towns share some services. But in what has to be one of the most bizarre examples of multistate commerce, the trustees of West College Corner,

Indiana, and College Corner, Ohio, decided more than 50 years ago to build a high school overlapping the border.

And it gets weirder. Not only was the high school split in half, but the school gymnasium is half in one state, half in the other—which meant that when players traveled down the basketball court, they were running from one state to another and, during Daylight Saving Time, the clock used to change by an hour after every score because at one time Indiana did not recognize DST. In recent years, the high school was transformed into an elementary school, ending the traditional basketball rivalries, but the gymnasi-

um remains an oddity and attracts visitors from all over.

People in the area will tell you there used to be a tavern that was also split by the state line, creating a watering hole with two different drinking ages. We can't find any evidence of this, but it's a great story either way.

Now back to Otterbein. Let's make this simple (kind of). If you live in the city of Otterbein and want to go to the local high school, you'll be in Benton County. If you then cross Meadow Street, which runs north and south, you can enter the Tippecanoe County Courthouse. But remember, you'll still be in Otterbein. Nuts. I said I'd make this

simple. Let's try this. You're in Otterbein and want to go to the...

grocery store: It's in Tippecanoe County.

gas station: Fill 'er up in Tippecanoe County.

Ice Cream shop: Benton county. Enjoy.

hospital: Get well in Tippecanoe County.

drug store: Off to Benton County you go.

Nite Owl Pub: After about an hour, you won't care which county you're in.

Again. You have not left Otterbein.

Here's a warning for those with a lead foot: Don't try speeding through Otterbein. Be prepared to get a ticket from either the Otterbein Police, the Tippecanoe

County Police, or the Benton County Police. There could be Indiana State Troopers watching for speeders, too. I'm not sure why I'm telling you this. It's not like you'll have a choice who stops you.

I asked Ron if the Otterbein Town Council had to be made up of a certain number of folks from each county. "Heck no," said Ron, "they'll take anybody. They took me, didn't they?"

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NHS Alum Organization One of the Things Right about Nob City

I've wanted to write this column for a long time, but always hesitated for a couple of reasons - one of which I'll mention in a bit. The other one is that there are so many great and deserving community groups and organizations around Noblesville and Hamilton County that I hate to pull one out. From Main Street to the Boys & Girls Club to Nickel Plate Arts to the Lions, Kiwanis, Rotary, Harvest, Prevail, Good Samaritan Network, Babe Ruth, the folks at the Forest Park pool, the Belfry . . . see what I mean? That's just a bare mention. There are so many and I hate to focus on one because each



TIM TIMMONS
Two Cents

deserves all the publicity we can give them (fortunately, the talented Betsy Reason often devotes many of her columns to doing exactly that).

At any rate, today's topic is the Noblesville High School Alumni Association. The other reason I

have hesitated to mention them in the past is because I'm a member and on the board. Trust me, it's a great group despite my meager involvement.

This group does so many things, like first and foremost, making sure the annual Alumni Banquet takes place. This year's event, which is coming up on April 30, will see a crowd of 300+ gather to celebrate all things Millers. The class of 1972 will observe their 50th anniversary of graduating from good, ol' NHS. (And because of the pandemic, so will the classes of '70 and '71 as well.)

The banquet is a time for remembering, remi-

iscing and reconnecting. It's a wonderful evening and it would never be possible without the strong efforts of the board of directors - under the capable leadership of Peggy Baldwin Beaver, class of 1972. Others on the board include Joanne Cook White, class of 1948; Tom Gang, class of 1967; Treasurer Janice Robinson, class of 1968; incoming Secretary Vicki Wright Wilson, class of 1968; Debbie Davis Bastin, class of 1971; VP Terri Sigman Kennedy, class of 1972; Jeff Zeckel, class of 1973; and Secretary Karen Williams Pryor, class of 1974. (And if you are an NHS

grad and would like to be considered for a board seat, let me know and I'll pass along your name!)

This group, and many who were involved over the years before, dedicate themselves to publishing an annual newsletter, putting on a huge banquet and even raising thousands of dollars that are awarded annually to NHS seniors for college scholarships.

And they do it all while maintaining a friendly atmosphere that is more about camaraderie and celebrating a common history than anything else.

So if you are an NHS grad, or soon will be, be sure to hook up with this

great organization. Did I mention that a lifetime membership is less than the cost of a compact car gas fill-up? Yup, \$20 will make you a member forever - and qualifies you for a seat among this great group if you are so inclined.

No offense to you Blackhaws, Huskies, Shamrocks and the rest. It's just my Miller pride shining through!

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Moderation, Balance and Rigid Flexibility

Most doctors will encourage their patients to not overdrink alcohol. Too much might cause you to fall and impairs an individual's ability to make good decisions or drive an automobile.

Going on a binge of anything may not be a positive decision. Giving up food for a day will make you sluggish and probably irritable. Eating a buffet usually brings regret. Going to the gym to work out for three hours will just zap you for the rest of the day. Working 29 days out of the month will make you more money but when will



GLENN MOLLETTE
Guest Column

you be able to enjoy what you've earned? We need fruit and vegetables every day but you can overdo fiber. How much time do you have to keep so many relationships going? The Bible says a man of too

many friends will soon come to ruin.

There are lots of scenarios of too much. You can play too much, work too much, party too much, spend too much and even save too much. You can spend your life searching for love and being in and out of love. In the end, you are exhausted and drained. You can spend too much time in church and doing religious kinds of things. What good are you to the world and others if all you ever do is sit in church? Faith must be fleshed out and put into practice. The basketball team wants to do more

than just practice seven days a week. The exhilaration comes in playing the game.

You don't want to spend your life reading about the ocean. You want to go and see and swim in the ocean. You don't want to spend your life cooking in the kitchen. You would like to sit and savor some of the delicious food from the kitchen.

Life is about participating as much as you can, when you can, and as you are able. We all have limitations but we hope and dream. The hopes and dreams keep us going and trying. When we lose

these it's easy to give up. The cancer patient hopes for a cure and hangs on.

Moderation is the key to most of life. Work some, play some, love some, help others some, cultivate your faith, friends, family and diversify your diet. Yes, include fruit and vegetables and some exercise. Watch some television and news but don't live in front of the television. Most of the news is bad. The cable news channels and evening news are filled with the bad things of the day. Obviously bad news is what makes money.

If you work 50 hours

a week, then take stock of your blessing to have a job. Consider how you might do your work better and more effectively to help your employer and fulfill yourself.

Give some thought to aiming for balance in your life. A balanced tire always rides better. When possible, practice moderation in all things and try to utilize rigid flexibility. An inflexible life will eventually break.

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Yes, I Am My Brother's Keeper - and So Much More

For the first time in our lives, we have experienced a universal international event, known as Covid-19. The World Series doesn't come close to being a global event. The World Cup and the Olympics are much more global, but even these events bypass certain parts of the globe (and many around us have no interest in these sporting events). All of us, however, have been impacted by Covid-19. We have all, at times, been wearing masks, monitoring our social distancing, and discussing the pros and cons of various treatments and vaccines.

This pandemic has wrought tragedy in so many ways. We have seen more than six million

Covid deaths across the globe, with a disproportionate number in the United States, where we are approaching one million deaths. In addition, there was a surge in alcohol-related deaths in 2020. We have seen heightened levels of anxiety and depression associated with the social distancing, an increased sense of vulnerability, and a loss of perceived control. This has occurred in conjunction with issues of social justice, an opioid crisis, and Putin's attack on the country of Ukraine.

It is certainly a troubling time to be alive, yet my mother always said that above every cloud, the sun shines. Where can I find that silver lining?

Data collected from

individuals in about 150 countries through the Gallup World Poll, and summarized by the World Happiness Report, provides an answer to this question. In at least one way, we have changed for the better.

This survey, conducted annually since 2006, includes three questions about altruistic behavior. Respondents are asked to indicate their behavior in donating to charity, helping a stranger, and volunteering. Answers to all three questions, across every part of the globe, increased by about 25%. During these challenging times, we have become less self-focused, and behaved in ways that showed more love and concern for others.

I have observed such behavior as I saw people donating their stimulus checks to those who needed the money more than they did. I have seen offering numbers within my local church and across my denomination increase in unexpected ways. This survey indicates that we have become more willing, not only to help our brother, but also to help strangers. Yes, I am my brother's keeper, but also, "we are the world," and we have indicated that our concerns and behaviors have broadened to the helping of strangers at this difficult time.

Now, as we are anticipating yet another Covid wave in the United States, based on increases across Europe and

in certain parts of Asia, and as we see inflation approaching 10%, we realize that our struggles pale in comparison to the citizens of Ukraine. European countries in general, and Poland in particular, have risen to the challenge, welcoming refugees by the hundreds of thousands, even by the millions, demonstrating that not only are we our brother's keeper, but we are also a keeper of the strangers across the globe.

The Covid years have been a deadly era, and I speak as one who lost a close family member, and as one who grieves with students, classmates, church colleagues, and many friends. In comparison, the Ukraine invasion has totally disrupted the

lives of an entire region of Europe. This is an era that will live in infamy.

Yet, there is a silver lining. If we respond by reducing our radical individualism, to demonstrate more concern for our brothers, our neighbors, and the strangers around the world, there will be a lasting positive impact, in the midst of human tragedy. Let's all accept this challenge.

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