#### TODAY'S VERSE

Matthew 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.



FACES of **HAMILTON COUNTY** 

People who call our community their own. What makes Maggie Williams smile? "Honestly, the (Noblesville) Farmers Market. Just coming out here and interacting with all the vendors makes me excited," said this year's Farmers Market manager. "My favorite part is talking to the vendors." Williams is the onsite coordinator for this year's Noblesville Farmers Market, which kicks off the season from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday at Federal Hill Commons in downtown Noblesville. Market-goers and interested vendors are invited to seek out Williams to answer any questions during the market, where she'll be easy to spot in a brightly colored market T-shirt. The 44-year-old grew up in Goshen and graduated from NorthWood High School in Nappanee, where she played the trumpet and enjoyed an all-star band trip to Europe. She also plays piano. "I love music." She said, "I do sing, but I'm a horrible singer," comparing herself to the Elaine character on the "Seinfeld" television sitcom. She and her husband, Adam, a Mississippi native, have been married almost 27 years. They moved to Noblesville about six years ago and recently moved to rural property just outside of Hamilton County where they live in a barn house on acreage. They have four children, ages 19-27. She loves food and loves to cook as does her husband. Adam. a chef. They own and operate Jaws Food Truck and offer madefrom-scratch jambalaya, seafood gumbo, pullea pork ana butter beignets. She works part time at Lil' Bloomers on the Square and at NobleMade gift shop. She loves Noblesville. "Potter's Bridge is my favorite park. We just go out and about in the town. There is so much to do, something going on, so many activities, so many free activities." Williams, who was Farmers Market manager in 2019 and decided to return to the market after meeting with new Main Street executive director Kate Baker. Passions? "I love being outside and gardening." The weather is expected to be a little chilly, about 51 F during Saturday's market, but no rain is in the forecast for opening day. Despite the Federal Hill Parking lot being closed and under construction for Noblesville's \$50 million Village at Federal Hill apartment/parking garage project, parking for the Farmers Market will still be plentiful, with a lined-off parking lot at the nearby Mexican restaurant that was torn down, at BlueSky Commerce, both just west of the park, and at the park's Green Room parking lot, which will be restricted to vendor spaces and handicapped parking

#### And **Another Thing...**

only during the weekly market.

This Satuday, May 7, 2922, Primeval Brewing will be costing a community blood drive at 960 Logan St., Suite 100 from 12 to 5 p.m. Open door spots are limited, so make sure to go to https:// donate.indiana.versiti.org/donor/ schedules/drive\_schedule/153472 and sign up. Donors will recieve a gift certificate to Primeval Brewing, a magnetic bottle opener and a koozie!



**NOBLESVILLE, INDIANA** 

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Photos by Jessica Doss courtesy of The Attic Theatre

Elinor Dashwood, Lucy Steele and Anne Steele, portrayed by Bethany Worrell, Lydia Doss and Rebecca Roy, engage in an awkward conversation about misdirected romance.

## 'Sense & Sensibility' Play **Offers 'Something Different'**



BETSY REASON The Times Editor

has always been a fan of Jane Austen's classic stories.

Add that to his love for theater, and his experience locally as an actor and

So it's easy to understand why he would want to bring Austen's

Bill Smith "Sense and Sensibility" to the local community theater stage.

'Typically, I have directed mysteries or comedies and this was a great opportunity to try something different," Smith said. "I was also drawn to Kate Hamill's unique adaptation of the story," said Smith, who is directing The Attic Theatre's production of "Sense & Sensibility," opening tonight and continuing through Saturday at The Ivy Tech Auditorium in

Noblesville. Tickets are still available.

"Most people think of Jane Austen as a romance writer, but she is much more. Austen's dry wit is evident in this show. It's more of a romance comedy than a drama," he said.

'Sense and Sensibility' not only makes people feel all the warm feelings, it makes you laugh," Smith said.

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# The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset RISE: 6:39 a.m. SET: 8:42 p.m.

High/Low **Temperatures** High: 67 °F Low: 51 °F

Today is... • Cinco de Mayo

• National Day of Reason • Revenge of the Fifth

#### What Happened On This Day

- 1904 Cy Young pitches the first perfect game in modern major league baseball
- 1934 The first Three Stooges film is released
- 1955 West Germany regains full sovereignty after World War II

#### **Births On This Day**

- 1818 Karl Marx German philosopher
- 1988 Adele English singer-songwriter, musician

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

• 1821 Napoleon Corsican/French military officer, political leader • 1977 Ludwig Erhard German politician, 2nd Chancellor of West Ger-

many

## **Noblesville Schools Names** 2022 Teachers of the Year

Noblesville Schools has named four educators as 2022 Teachers of the Year. The teachers were nominated by their principals and were selected for the honor by a committee of administrators. The winners were Tara Kundert, Fifth Grade Teacher at Noble Crossing Elementary; Kylie Moyers, Special **Education Teacher at White** 

River Elementary; Lori McGavic, Spanish Teacher at Noblesville West Middle School; and Laura Costa, a Math Teacher at Noblesville High School. See below for photos and full de-

scription of each of the winners The four educators were selected to represent different

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## Terry Lee Hyundai and Genesis of Noblesville Announces Sale to Penske Automotive Group



**Terry Lee** 

Lee has just announced his remove that tirement from the car business, along with the sale of both Terry marks the Lee Hyundai, and Genesis of culmina-Noblesville to Penske Automotion of a tive Group (PAG). long and success-

The sale, which closed on Monday, May 2, 2022, has been described as a 'win-win' by Lee, as PAG possesses a rare combination of competence,

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Photo courtesy of the Sheridan Historical Society

Katheryn Thompson celebrates her 105th birthday with a party at the Sheridan Historical Society. In addition to being our oldest current member, Katheryn has the distinction of being a charter member of the Society.

#### Sheridan Resident Katheryn **Thompson Turns 105 Years Old**

The Sheridan Historical Society enjoys celebrating the people and events associated with the community and recently they celebrated an incredibly special birthday. One of their charter members from 1969 just had a birthday. Her 105th

birthday to be exact. That is a real milestone and it deserves recognition.

Katheryn was born on April 6, 1917 and has been a member of the Sheridan community

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Jerry Russell Wright

#### TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

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#### Kids who get cavities are more prone to get them as adults. 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.

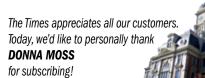


#### HONEST HOOSIER

Lord help our Colts (yeah, I know it's the wrong time of year, but I just feel like they need







#### TODAY'S QUOTE

"In Republics, the great danger is that the majority may not sufficiently respect the rights of the minority."

- James Madison

#### 🖚 TODAY'S JOKE

How do you know if they are a hitchhiker or just telling you they approve of your driving?





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#### **OBITUARIES**

**Jerry Russell Wright** 

January 22, 1955 - April 29, 2022 Jerry Russell Wright, age 67, of

Vilas, North Carolina, formerly of Sheridan, Indiana, passed away at his home on Friday afternoon, April 29,

He was born January 22, 1955 in Frankfort, Indiana, the son of the late Ira Russell and Mary Alice (Vair)

Mr. Wright was a graduate of Sheridan High School and worked for

the Wallace Grain Company in Sheridan for many years. Many people might call Mr. Wright a homebody. He never tired of watching baseball games and NASCAR races from the comfort of home, and he loved gardening with his wife, but when it came to spending time with his granddaughter, he couldn't clear his schedule fast enough. Family was central to Mr. Wright's life. He loved being able to spend time with his family and do so in the place where he was the happiest – his home.

Survivors include his son Matthew Wright (Gwendolyn Zugarek) of Vilas, North Carolina; daughter Tracy Rayle (Jacen) of Arcadia, Indiana; granddaughter Alice Jean Wright of North Carolina; brother Ed Wright (Beth) of Wisconsin; and aunt Phyllis Kouns of Zionsville.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother Steve Wright; and by his loving wife Donna Jean (Moore) Wright on August 17, 2015.

Services are scheduled to be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 7, 2022, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th Street, Sheridan, Indiana, with Visitation scheduled to be held from 1:00 p.m. until the time of Service. Burial will follow at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan, Indiana. Pastor V.J. Stover will be officiating

The family requests that masks be worn while in attendance.

Memorial contributions may be presented to either the American Cancer Society, or to Amorem Hospice, 902 Kirkwood Avenue NW, Lenoir, North Carolina, 28645.

## **Primary Over, Time to Move Forward**



TIM TIMMONS Sagamore News Media CEO

Polls are closed. Voters have spoken. It's time to get going.

It's been said before - many times - in this space that we're so lucky here in this little corner of God's green earth. Politically speaking, we don't have the issues that our brothers and sisters in Washington, or even Indianapolis, have. For sure, there is a little grumbling and griping about politics. That goes with the territory. But for the most part, we go through primaries and elections in relative peace and harmony. You don't see and hear the mudslinging that is prevalent in many places.

Thanks goodness! But we can do better. Do you hear anyone

saying that all is well? Aren't we in one of the most divisive times in U.S. (and perhaps human) history? Have opinions from reasonably intelligent people ever been more polar opposite? And make no mistake, the unprecedented leak from the Supreme Court regarding abortions is only going to make those polar opposites dig in more.

There's one single item missing. One single item that is critical. Want to have a magic wand to wave that fixes things? Find a way to restore this one single item and you'll have it.

Respect.

Even here locally. Noblesville is split between those who want growth and those who don't.

Some folks in our fair city aren't happy with the addition of apartments and parking garages in our historic downtown. Yet Mayor Chris Jensen and the city are spending a fair amount of time

and money on economic development and the city continues to change.

Is that progress? Is it wrong? What direction should the city take? That's what elections are all about.

It's after those elections that things go off the rails. One side, one philosophy wins. We move forward. Except we don't. More and more the losing side says they're taking their ball and going home. Some won't even acknowledge the winning side, let alone respect it.

Thing is, it's not about who gets the respect. It's about respecting the process. It seems like each election we slide apart a little farther. The national politicians don't help when they sling more mud than a teen-ager in a pig wrestling contest. Win or lose, they call out their opponents by comparing them to everything unholy.

That is filtering down. Simply put, we don't respect the process of voting anymore. We don't respect what this country is based on - that every-

one is entitled to their opinion and the majority rules.

If the Republic is to survive we need to find a way back to mutual respect. Election winners and losers don't have to become bosom buddies, just respect the process that got them where they are. If your side wins, govern with grace. If your side loses, hold your tongue and work toward winning the next election.

Fair and square. Without the hi-jinx. Ditto for all of us non-politicians,

The process has survived for 246 years. Add in one simple thing and it has a good shot at 246 more. Keep up the division and who knows. Even Vegas might not touch the odds on that one.

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



**Photo courtesy of Riverview Health** 

The Turner family with their new baby, Julian.

#### **Riverview Health Partners with Fifth Third Bank to Surprise Two Families of Babies** Born on May 3rd with \$1,053 and Gifts

Fifth Third Bank celebrated its namesake day (5/3 on the calendar) by surprising the families of two babies born at Riverview Health with \$1,053 to open a college savings account as well as gift cards and essential baby gifts.

"Riverview Health is proud to partner with Fifth Third Bank to provide young families with a great start for their new babies," said Joyce Woods, Riverview Health Chief Nursing Officer. "We are excited to present the families with these gifts."

"It's truly an honor to welcome the newest members of our community," said Mike Ash, Fifth Third Bank's Greater Indiana Gateway region president. "We are thrilled to provide support to these young families and offer resources to take care of themselves, their little one, and future college savings."

The families each received a gift box with instructions to receive a \$1,053 gift card, which allows them to open a 529 college savings account in partnership with the Gift of College. Parents can redeem this through their state or an educational institution.

The boxes also included a special welcome from INDYCAR Driver, Graham Rahal, who the bank additionally sponsors, a Fifth Third Day onesie, sleep sack, and hat, as well as self-care items for the mother. There was also a special gift to all of our nurses on-site filled with 2022 Rev chef's baked treats as a thank you for all they do day in and day

"This is so awesome," said Madison Turner, the mother of Julian, born May 3, 2022. "The money and the gifts will be so helpful for our family."

Fifth Third Bancorp is a diversified financial services company headquartered in Cincinnati, Ohio and the indirect parent company of Fifth Third Bank, an Ohio-chartered bank. As of March 31, 2019, Fifth Third had \$168 billion in assets and operated 1,207 full-service Banking Centers and 2,559 ATMs with Fifth Third branding in Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Florida, Tennessee, West Virginia, Georgia and North Carolina. In total, Fifth Third provides its customers with access to approximately 52,000 fee-free ATMs across the United States. Fifth Third operates four main businesses: Commercial Banking, Branch Banking, Consumer Lending and Wealth & Asset Manage-

ment. Fifth Third is among the largest money managers in the Midwest and, as of March 31, 2019, had \$394 billion in assets under care, of which it managed \$44 billion for individuals, corporations and not-for-profit organizations through its Trust

and Registered Investment

Advisory businesses. Investor information and press releases can be viewed at www.53.com. Fifth Third's common stock is traded on the Nasdag® Global Select Market under the symbol "FITB." Fifth Third Bank was established in 1858. Deposit and Credit products are offered by Fifth Third Bank. Member FDIC.

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.



Photo courtesy of the Noblesville Preservation Alliance

The board of Noblesville Preservation Alliance poses in front of Preservation Hall, rehabilitated by the group in 2020 for use as their headquarters, arts venue, and ommunity center. For more information on Preservation Hall and NPA visit preservationhall.org.

#### **Noblesville Preservation Alliance Chosen** for Indiana Landmarks' Training Initiative

The Noblesville Preservation alliance has been selected, along with four other grassroots historic preservation organizations, to participate in Indiana Landmarks' inaugural Affiliate Advancement Program, a year-long training initiative aimed at strengthening the volun-

teer-driven local groups. Through workshops conducted by leading professionals, participating organizations will learn strategies to help improve fundraising and planning efforts, develop new opportunities for community engagement, and communicate historic preservation's role in creating vibrant, resilient

communities. The other organizations selected to participate in 2022 include Cornerstone Society of Madison; Historic Fall Creek, Pendleton Settlement; Save Our Stories in Marion; and Vincennes Knox Preservation Foundation.

The groups were

selected via a competitive application process from among Indiana Landmarks' 61 affiliate organizations, which work as local partners to help save and revitalize historic places. Each participating organization has demonstrated leadership in rehabilitating historic properties within its community, but seeks ideas for increasing local capacity.

"Noblesville's success in attracting new residents and businesses is due in part to the historic buildings that connect our community's past and present," says Mike Corbett, Noblesville Preservation Alliance treasurer and Indiana Landmarks board member. "We look forward to growing NPA's capacity and leadership as we prepare to celebrate our 35th year in 2023.'

Experts leading the training include professionals from Ball State's **Indiana Communities** 

Institute, Propeller Marketing, Creative Insight Community Development, the Indiana Historical Society, and Jamie Simek, author of Beyond the Bake Sale. Upon completion of the program in March 2023, the participating affiliate organizations will share their strategies for increasing community engagement with each other.

Indiana Landmarks revitalizes communities, reconnects us to our heritage, and saves meaningful places. With nine offices located throughout the state, Indiana Landmarks helps people rescue endangered landmarks and restore historic neighborhoods and downtowns. People who join Indiana Landmarks receive its bimonthly magazine, Indiana Preservation. For more information on the not-for-profit organization, call 317-639-4534, 800-450-4534, or visit www.indianalandmarks. org.



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Photo courtesy of Jennifer Kauffman

Hamilton Heights' senior Nathaniel Hulen has signed a letter of intent to play baseball for the DePauw University Tigers in Greencastle, Indiana this fall. Hulen (seated) is pictured with Stewart Hulen (brother), Sophia Hulen (sister), Lisa Hulen (mother), Nick Hulen (brother), and Chris Hulen (father).

## **Heights Senior Nate Hulen Signs to** Play Baseball at DePauw University

Nathaniel Hulen, Hamilton Heights' senior, has signed a letter of intent to play baseball for DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana this fall. DePauw University is a member of the North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) and a NCAA Division III athletic institution. He is the son of Christopher and Lisa Hulen.

Hulen said he chose DePauw because it has a beautiful campus with many social opportunities and a fantastic graduate network. "I know numerous family and friends who are successful DePauw graduates," said Hulen, who plans to study life sciences and finance to ultimately work in the business side

of the medical industry. "DePauw Baseball Head Coach Blake Allen is an inspiring and motivating mentor and coach.'

Hulen has played baseball for 10 years. He has travelled and played on several travel teams with his Husky friends the whole time. Training off season and year-round lifting helped prepare him to play at the next level.

He credits his parent's constant support and teammates since age eight (Harrison, Guy, Drew, Jackson, and Sam) as having a significant influence on him as a person and a player.

'We played a lot of ball together," recalled Hulen. "In addition, Coach VanOeveren has always been there with training

and his barn!"

A multisport athlete, Hulen played baseball and football at Heights earning varsity letters all four years in both sports. In football, he was named All Conference two years, team captain for two years and named to the Academic All-State Team. In baseball, he was named to the All-Conference Team and helped Heights bring home the 2021 Sectional and Conference Championships.

"Nate has been a strong utility player for the program but most recently solidified his position behind the plate," said Kurt Ogden, Hamilton Heights High School athletic director. "He has worked hard in

the off-season to become stronger, and it really shows. We're very proud of Nate and the opportunity he gets to play baseball at DePauw University. We wish him well."

Hulen is also a strong student and engaged academically. He is a four-year member of **Student Government** serving as treasurer and is a two-year member of the National Honor Society. In addition, he is a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

"I had a great time at Hamilton Heights and enjoyed all of my coaches and teachers," added Hulen. "I'm looking forward to starting my college studies at DePauw. Go Tigers!"

#### **Spark!Fishers to Return** with Weeklong Celebration Week of June 21st to 25th

The annual Spark!Fishers festival, ignited by First Internet Bank, returns to Fishers' Nickel Plate Cultural District this summer. Kicking off on Tuesday, June 21 and running through Saturday, June 25, the weeklong festival will offer different ways for the community to celebrate each day.

"We invite the entire community to our largest celebration of the year. Spark!Fishers highlights what it is to be a Fishers resident, showcasing the breadth of art, food, music, and community organizations, all locally sourced," said Fishers Parks Director, Sarah Sandquist.

The patriotic celebration will be packed full of family favorites and Independence Day traditions, while launching the Fishers Sesquicentennial Celebration, honoring Fishers' 150th birthday by showcasing what it means to be uniquely Fishers. All events, with the exception of the 5K, are free to attend, and no registration is required.

"For years, we have called Fishers home and are excited to remain a member of this vibrant community with the opening of our new headquarters in the Nickel Plate District," said Nicole Lorch, First **Internet Bank President** and Chief Operating Officer. "We look forward to once again sharing this annual summer celebration with the City of Fishers and our neighbors.'

The 2022 lineup includes:

1. Tuesday, June 21

from 7-9 p.m. a. Tuesday Night Concert featuring Fishers Music Works' White River Wind Symphony at the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater

2. Wednesday, June 22 at 7 p.m.

a. 5K Run/Walk sponsored by IU Health Fishers around downtown Fishers, registration now open. Click on the graphic at the top of the story to register now.

3. Thursday, June 23 from 6-9 p.m.

a. Spark!Fishers Car & Art Show around the Municipal Complex

4. Friday, June 24 at 8 p.m. a. Friday Night

Concert featuring Bruno Mars tribute band, Uptown Funk, at the Nickel Plate District

Amphitheater 5. Saturday, June 25 from 3-10 p.m.

a. Spark!Fishers Street Fair around the Municipal Complex, with a community parade at 6 p.m. and fireworks at 10 p.m.

Ahead of Spark!Fishers festivities, Fishers Parks is hosting a coloring contest for kids 10 and under, with the winner receiving a ride in the annual Spark!Fishers parade. The deadline to enter is Monday, May 16 at 4:30 p.m. Download the coloring page and find rules at sparkfishers.com.

As part of its Sesquicentennial Celebration, the City of Fishers is searching for Fishers' longestliving resident. The winner of the contest will receive special recognition throughout the Sesquicentennial year and be featured in the Spark!Fishers parade. To nominate yourself or someone you know, visit thisisfishers.com/ Fishers 150.

Applications are now open for festival vendors, entertainers, and parade participants at sparkfishers.com. Applications are due May 16.

Several volunteer opportunities are available for all ages and abilities to get involved in this year's celebration. Learn more and register to volunteer at volunteerfishers.com.

Visit sparkfishers.com and follow @SparkFishers on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram for festival news and updates.

First Internet Bancorp is

a bank holding company with assets of \$4.2 billion as of December 31, 2020. The Company's subsidiary, First Internet Bank, opened for business in 1999 as an industry pioneer in the branchless delivery of banking services. The Bank provides consumer and small business deposit, consumer loan, residential mortgage, and specialty finance services nationally as well as commercial real estate loans, commercial and industrial loans, SBA financing and treasury management services in select geographies. First Internet Bancorp's common stock trades on the Nasdaq Global Select Market under the symbol "INBK" and is a component of the Russell 2000® Index. Additional information about the Company is available at www.firstinternetbancorp. com and additional information about the Bank, including its products and services, is available at www.firstib.

### Hamilton Heights Educational Foundation's 33rd Annual Golf Scramble Set for June 9th at Bear Slide Golf Course

The Hamilton Heights Educational Foundation's 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 help support the Foundation's work of enhancing student achievement.

The event, the organization's primary fundraiser, supports student achievement at Hamilton Heights School Corporation. To date, the organization has funneled back thousands of dollars annually in the form of grants to Heights' students and teachers.

Cost is \$125 per golfer and includes greens fee, cart, box lunch, two mulligans, and two drinks during round. This year's title sponsors are Beck's Hybrids and Beaver Materials and Remnant as the Philanthropic Partner. Lunch is being catered by Big Dogs BBQ. Rain date is Thursday, June 16. Registration begins

at 9 a.m. Shotgun start to follow at 10 a.m.

To register, become a sponsor, and/or for more information at this year's event go to: bit.ly/ HHEF2022golfouting or www.hhschuskies.org/

All contributions to the Foundation are tax deductible and 100% of its money is directed to student-oriented projects and programs. The Foundation accepts donations throughout the year to help support its work. Find and

follow them online @ hhedfoundation

The Hamilton Heights **Educational Foundation** is a 501(c)(3) not-forprofit entity created in 1989 to support the Hamilton Heights school system. Its mission is to provide monetary grants to teachers who initiate classroom instructional proposals that demonstrate a high degree of creativity and instructional enhancement designed to improve student academic

achievement.

## **Rock the Block Community Party Coming to** Westfield High School on Friday, August 5th

The Westfield community, and the surrounding areas, are invited to attend the first-ever Rock the Block community party held on the Westfield High School practice football field. Scheduled for Friday, August 5, the free, public event is slated to feature carnival-style games, activities for all ages, musical performances, a live DJ and a parade of food trucks.

This community party is to celebrate the start of a new school year for Westfield Washington Schools. There will be community organizations in attendance as well as district resources to help families get their school year started in a positive



fashion.

Ashley Knott, coordinator of family and community engagement for Westfield Washington Schools, says an event like this is long overdue.

"We've all gone through so much lately that it's time we start celebrating our successes," Knott said. "We have an amazing school district, an awesome community

and it finally feels like the pandemic is in our rearview mirror. It's been a few years since this school district has been able to start the school year off with a big event, so I know a lot of people in our community will be looking forward to an event like this."

If your company or organization would like to partner with the school district to put on this event with a booth or sponsorship, click on the graphic at the top of the story to register. For questions, contact knotta@wws.k12.in.us.

Details will be forthcoming as they are confirmed. Westfield Washington

Schools is one of the

fastest growing school districts in the state of Indiana. With an "A" rating from the Indiana Department of Education, WWS enrolled nearly 8,800 students, in 2021-22, across six elementary, one intermediate middle and high school. The district employs more than 600 teachers and nearly 250 support staff. Westfield High School is ranked in the top 3 percent nationally by U.S. News and World Report, and has a graduation rate of 98.3 percent with 86 percent of its graduates continuing onto higher education.

For more information on Westfield Washington Schools visit www.wws. k12.in.us.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

**PUBLIC NOTICES** 

Notice is given by the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County, Indiana, that they will receive bids to rent two enclosed buildings located at the Hamilton County 4-H Center at 2003 East Pleasant Street Noblesville, Indiana, for storage of materials during the 2022-2023 winter season, beginning October 1, 2022 through May 1, 2023 The buildings are the swine barn which is 60' by 144' or 8,640 square feet; and the cattle barn which is 60' by 210', or 12,600 square feet. Said buildings will be rented in their present condition without any warranties, express or implied. Any questions concerning the renting of said building should be addressed to Lisa Hanni at the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service, (317) 776-0854 Bidders shall submit sealed bids to the Office of the Hamilton County Auditor at 33 N. 9th Street, Suite L21, Noblesville, Indiana, in the basement of the Historic Courthouse on or before 11:30 a.m. on May 23, 2022. After 11:30 a.m. they can be delivered to the Commissioners Courtroom, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana until the time of the bid opening. Those bids shall contain the following:

A clear designation on the outside of the bid envelope of 4-H RENTAL Bids. A Cashiers or Certified Check in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) payable to Hamilton County,

The name, address, home, and business phone number

of the bidder. No bid under \$12,000 will be considered

The bid shall be opened and read aloud during the meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County on or after 1:00 p.m. on May 23, The successful bidder shall be expected to tender to the County one-half of the bid amount on or before October 1, 2022, with the balance of the

bid amount due and owing on December 1, 2022 All unsuccessful bidders shall have their Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) deposit check returned. A successful bidder who fails to complete his rental agreement shall forfeit his Five Hundred Dollars (\$500). The Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) will be held as a damage deposit until the

buildings are vacated at the end of the rental term Any persons desiring an opportunity to inspect the building(s) prior to submission of a bid and to review the proposed Rental Agreement may contact Ms. Lisa Hanni, Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service at (317) 776-0854.

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#### Indiana Department of Education Gives Update on Graduates Prepared to Succeed Dashboard



At yesterday's State Board of Education (SBOE) meeting, the Indiana Department of Education provided updates on the development of the Indiana Graduates Prepared to Succeed (Indiana GPS) dashboard. The dashboard, which will provide all Hoosiers with access to relevant and transparent information on school performance, is set to launch this fall.

"Over the last year, an unparalleled range of stakeholders including educators, families, community partners, business leaders, and students have come together with a shared mission of re-envisioning how we measure school performance, including knowledge and skill development," said Dr. Katie Jenner, Indiana Secretary of Education. "Empowered by this collaborative work, this fall we're set to launch the first iteration of the Indiana GPS dashboard, providing a relevant and user-friendly tool that will display how our students are performing based on a variety of

important indicators."
This update includes an overview of work currently underway that

will help measure each indicator of school performance. In grades K-8, this includes measuring indicators such as third grade literacy, student attendance and completion of advanced coursework. In high school, this includes measuring indicators like students high school graduation on-track status prior to senior year, college and career coursework and diploma strength.

Beyond these initial indicators that will be displayed on the dash-

board's first iteration this fall, IDOE is also working with stakeholders to measure aspirational indicators that will be available in future updates of the Indiana GPS dashboard. IDOE is also committed to continuing to work with school and community stakeholders to support local indicators that will also be displayed in future phases of the dashboard.

Dashboard development follows the SBOE's unanimous approval last year of five characteristics that best indicate a student's preparation for success after high school, as well as the indicators that will measure these characteristics. These characteristics and indicators will be the basis for the dashboard. Both can be found on IDOE's website at https://www.in.gov/doe/.

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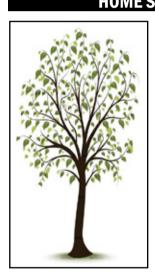
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# Snapshots from Noblesville's 2022 Loualtu Day Parade

The Times Photos by Betsy Reason

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Rob Loy, Noblesville Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 6246 commander and the VFW's Sixth District commander, walks with U.S. Congresswoman Victoria Spartz (R-IN-05) of Noblesville before the Loyalty Day Parade.



Loyalty Day Parade Queen Linda Behrends and princesses (from left) Delilah Simmons, Madison Russ, Mackenzie Russ, Madisyn Russ, Harmony Johnson and Brooklyn Shook.



Noblesville's Barry Dixon drives his 1955 Cadillac and represents the Noblesville Masonic Lodge. Dixon started the Lucky Teter Rebel Run Car and Vintage Motorcycle Show, in its 10th year, this year set for Sept. 3 at Forest Park.



Branches of the military prepare for the start of the Loyalty Day Parade.



Bill Harris is bent down on one knee on this Hamilton County veterans float representing the raising of the flag on Mount Suribachi during the battle of Iwo Jima during World War II.



Noblesville's Laura Peck Keith drives her brother Darren Peck's one-of-a-kind custom Cadillac four-door Sedan deVille convertible with steer horns and cowhide seats. A past state VFW commander rides along.



Noblesville's Steve Costlow, 74, shows off his new 1976 Chevy C10 350 engine/350 transmission with new rims and tires during the Loyalty Day Parade. His father, James Benjamin Costlow, fought in World War II in the U.S. Navy as a rear gunner for a Curtiss Helldiver, a dive-bomber aircraft.



Noblesville Township Board candidate Charlie McMillan Jr., daughter, Addie, and niece, Lexianne Duvall, and Golden Retriever, Rocky, ride in Addie's 1997 Ford Mustang convertible, formerly owned by Lexianne's grandpa Gary Duvall.



Noblesville Police and Hamilton County Color Guard appear in the Loyalty Day Parade.



Tony Fulton rings the bell on the Hamilton County Navy Club Ship 29 USS Arizona Memorial float, commemorating Dec. 7, 1941, when Japanese planes attacked the U.S. Naval Base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, destroying the USS Arizona.



U.S. Congresswoman Victoria Spartz (R-IN-05) of Noblesville rides in the VFW's annual Loyalty Day Parade on Saturday through downtown Noblesville. The parade was organized by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6246, Ralph Lehr Post, in Noblesville.

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academic levels, with two teachers chosen at the elementary level to reflect the fact that 50% of Noblesville Schools teachers are in elementary schools.

This year's middle school winner, Lori McGavic, was further distinguished as the overall district winner.

Selection focused on master teachers who

excel at putting Noblesville Schools' mission and vision into action and whose accomplishments align well with the Indiana Department of Education's

state Teacher of the Year criteria.

The winners regularly demonstrate the highest levels of quality instruction for their students and leadership among their peers. They will be honored at a Noblesville Schools Education Foundation recognition dinner in May. As the overall district honoree,

McGavic will also participate in the state Teacher of the Year competition.

Noblesville Schools employs approximately 700 teachers.



Photos courtesy of Noblesville Schools

Lori McGavic, Spanish Teacher, Noblesville West Middle School (middle school winner and overall district winner):

It's impossible to enter Lori's classroom and not be inspired to learn. Her classroom library and upbeat attitude build strong relationships with students that lead to a love of learning Spanish. Lori collaborates with high school Spanish staff, cooks her class authentic Spanish cuisine, and is a well-respected lead teacher. Named the 2017 Indiana Languages Teacher of the Year, Lori is reflective, compassionate, and known among her colleagues as the "GOAT" (Greatest of All Time).



Photos courtesy of Noblesville Schools

Tara Kundert, Fifth Grade Teacher, Noble Crossing Elementary (elementary winner): A quiet leader with an immense impact in her building. Tara works successfully with students of all ability levels to create a strong, supportive learning environment. She provides instruction that is engaging and challenging, is an expert at building relationships, and uses student data to drive exceptional academic growth. Her energetic personality, high expectations, and support for colleagues inspire her students and overall school community.



Photos courtesy of Noblesville Schools

Kylie Moyers, Special Education Teacher, White River Elementary (elementary winner)

A forward-thinking teacher, Kylie leads a multi-age, self-contained classroom for students who need to build emotional regulation skills. She collaborates with families and multiple stakeholders to deliver high-quality intervention and academic services. Her innovative teaching has led to a student coffee cart service, a "move and soothe" station, and a redesigned classroom. Kylie is known as a learner, a leader, and a safe space where students can always have a fresh start.



**Photos courtesy of Noblesville Schools** 

Laura Costa, Math Teacher, Noblesville High School (high school winner): Laura has a way of connecting with her math students that not only makes them believe they can learn, but shows them through their academic performance that they can succeed. She encourages students through individualized attention and seeks out areas where she is most needed. As chair of one of the largest academic departments in the district, she supports veteran teachers, mentors new educators, and is a role model among her peers.

#### **BETSY**

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Photo by Jessica Doss courtesy of The Attic Theatre

**Edward Ferrars and Elinor Dashwood played by Josh**ua Minnich of Fishers and Bethany Worrell of Brownsburg, engage in a humorous conversation as Gossips, portrayed by Vada Bowen, Lebanon, and Edan Solverson, Carmel, listen in.

"It is a unique adaptation by Kate Hamill. It's unlike any version most have seen but with the same romance and humor. Reviews from other productions say that Jane Austen would be

proud," Smith said. This theatrical version has a minimalist set and 42 scene changes. "The actors move in and out of scenes in front of you. Five of the actresses, called The Gossips, act as narrators, comedic relief and stage hands," he said. "It is fast moving and unique, but also stays true to the Jane Austen beloved story."

The cast consists of 22 actors from Hamilton, Madison, Boone and Marion counties, ranging in age from 14 to 60 years old. All have previous stage experience, and two of the Dashwood sisters are sisters in real life.

"All of the actors are doing an amazing job," Smith said. "I am also blessed to have a superb assistant director. Millie Lawrence has brought a fresh perspective and hard work to this show and deserves much credit for its success."

Set designer Seth Law-



Photos by Jessica Doss courtesy of The Attic Theatre

Robert Ferrars, played by Josh Jackson (right), explains his love of cottages at a party scene, while the free-spirited and passionate Marianne Dashwood is played by Kirra Kempson (left) of Carmel.

rence chose a minimalist set due to the multiple scene changes and unique movement of characters on the stage. Lawrence and the show's assistant director, his wife, Millie, led a team of actors and stage crew in a set-building day at Ivy Tech. Then, the production crew was able to take Seth and Miller's vision for the seat and build it and unload set pieces in about eight hours.

The show's costume director, Vaden Bowen, also an actor, and assistant costumer Amelia Denault "did a fantastic job," he said, finding costumes

from fellow theater groups and friends to assemble period dress-to-match 19th

century England. Smith said, "The costumes are colorful. From dresses and shoes for the women to jackets and boots for the men, it's everything you would expect for a Janet Austen story. Our hair designer plays Fanny Dashwood, but has used her talents to make sure her fellow actors have hairstyles that match the

time period." Smith, himself, first auditioned for a play as a freshman in high school about 45 years ago, he said, "with the promise from my speech teacher that I would receive extra credit just for trying out. Well, I was given a role in Agatha Christie's "The

Mousetrap."
He said, "The bug bit, and now I've directed six shows and acted in many others." His favorite roles to play have been Lawrence Wargrave in "And Then There Were None," the childcatcher in "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" and Ebenezer Scrooge in "A Christmas Carol."



**Bill Smith** 

He said, directing "To Kill A Mockingbird" in my hometown, Elwood, was a special experience."

Earlier this year, he directed "The Mousetrap," taking him back to his theater roots. He directed the show for Duck Creek Players, a community theater that he started two years ago. Duck Creek Players is a regional theater group based in Elwood. "I also serve on that board and am involved with most of its shows," he said.

Why theater for Smith? "I love theater because I have seen lives changed from a well-told story. The Attic Theatre is a place where everyone is welcome and people are treated like family," he said.

Smith was born and raised in Elwood, graduated from Elwood Community High School in 1980. He met his wife, Karen, on stage at Elwood High School, and they went on to have five children and

14 grandchildren. Smith serves on several boards, including The Attic Theatre, which, he said, is now based in Hamilton County and performs all of its shows in the county.

"The Attic Theatre stages four to five shows per season, but they simply

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Want TO GO? What: The Attic Theatre

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decided to stop traveling to other counties," Smith said. The theater's Shakespeare in the Park plays are at Coxhall Gardens in Carmel and other shows continue to be scheduled at Ivy Tech. "At this point, we have not reduced or stopped doing shows at Ivy Tech," he said. "The new administration has set new rules for reserving the space. The biggest change being that we cannot reserve space more than 60 days in advance."

Smith has worked as a chief of staff for two Indiana Congressman in Washington, D.C., and served as the executive director of an Indiana non profit organization and now owns a media production company in Indianapolis and a bedand-breakfast and a shop in

historic Metamora. What makes Smith smile? "My greatest passion is God and family. My grandchildren make me smile and help keep me young in spirit. The study of history and involvement in the performing arts are my great interests."

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**Meet THE CAST** The show stars Bethany Worrell, Brownsburg, as **Elinor Dashwood**; Kirra Kempson, Carmel, as Marianne Dashwood; Joshua Minnich, Fishers, as Edward Ferrars; Joey Alvis, Noblesville, as Mrs. Dashwood; Karen Smith, Elwood, as Mrs. Jennings; Robert Schloemer, Carmel, as John Willoughby; Seth Lawrence, Indianapolis, as Col. Christopher Brandon; Eric Bowman, Noblesville, as Sir John Middleton; Lydia Doss, Lapel, as Lucy Steele; Kelci Kempson, Carmel, as Margaret Dashwood; Tobe Schwind, Indianapolis, as John Dashwood; Jenna Hobson, Westfield, as Fanny Dashwood; Caroline Stone, Noblesville, as **Katherine Waverly**; Leslie Ober, Noblesville, as Guinevere Gladstone and Mrs. Ferrars; Edan Solverson, Carmel, as Aveline Bennett; Vada Bowen, Lebanon, as Carina Bennett; Naomi Minnich, Fishers, as Caroline Weston; Joshua Jackson, Thorntown, as Robert Ferrars; Rebecca Roy, Indianapolis, as Anne Steele; Veronique Duprey, Indianapolis, as Lady Mary Middleton; Robert Fimreite Noblesville, as Thomas Dewsbury/Doctor; and Annabel Green, Fishers, as Betsy Wickfield.

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capacity and economies of scale that are compatible with the business approach already practiced by the two dealerships. "I've known Roger Penske for many years, and I believe this is a perfect fit as his company reflects the views, values and philosophies that have made our organization what it is today," explains Lee. "In other words, happy employees make for even

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happier customers." Lee's career began at the age of 21 as finance manager for a well-known Indianapolis automotive retailer. Since that time, he has held every job in the car business, eventually rising to ownership positions at five different

dealerships in the region. This transaction, advised by The Presidio Group of

Denver, Colorado, follows

a record sales year for Lee

and his dedicated team, in spite of nationwide vehicle shortages and supply chain difficulties.

Lee plans to remain active in commercial real estate by offering sales and leasing opportunities at his 72 acre development, Terry Lee Crossing, on Highway 37 in Noblesville.

He also intends to work tirelessly at lowering his golf handicap to single

#### **O THOMPSON**

her whole life and despite her age she appears to not have slowed up one bit. The Sheridan Historical Society celebrated her birthday at their monthly membership meeting and while she initially seemed a little timid about the event, once we sang happy birthday and sliced up the cake, Katheryn became

quite the chatterbox.

She lives with her niece Susan who transported her to the meeting, and afterwards Susan told Steve Martin, VP of the Historical Society, that Katheryn was having a grand time talking with all the "younger" people in attendance. Obviously, most of Katheryn's contemporaries have passed away but she enjoyed talking with the children and grandchil-

dren of those former contemporaries who are current members of the Society. What the society thought might be a short celebration turned into a big and enjoyable evening for Katheryn, and for everyone else, too.

So, Happy Birthday, Katheryn. You have given us all an example of how to remain young and vibrant despite our advancing years.



## Did You Know?

- Henry County was founded in 1822 and named for Patrick Henry.
- New Castle, the county seat, is 7.38 square miles and has 18,114 residents.
- The county contains 2.96 square miles of water.
- New Castle is home to the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame and the largest high school fieldhouse in the world.
- The county is 394.83 square miles and has a population of 49,462 residents.

## **Got Words?**

New Castle is home to the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame and the largest high school fieldhouse in the world which has a capacity of 9,325 people. What positive and negative influences do you think sports have on communities?

# **Stumpers**

1. How many people in the county do not live in New Castle?

2. How old is Henry County?

3. What percentage of the county is made up of water?

4. What is the population density of the

county?

3. Around 0.75% 4. 125/ sq. mi. Answers: 1. About 31,348 People 2. 197 Years

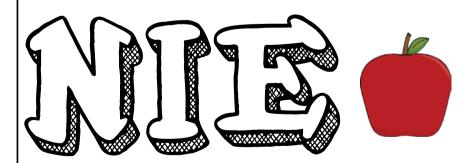
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- 2. RNEHY CUNOYT
  - 3. ILSFUHEEOD
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4. Patrick Henry 5. New Castle Answers: 1. Basketball 2. Henry County 3. Fieldhouse

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## Senator Braun Joins Bill To Stop President Biden From Transferring Student Loan Debt Onto All Americans

U.S. Sens. Mike Braun, John Thune, Richard Burr, Bill Cassidy and Roger Marshall introduced the Stop Reckless Student Loan Actions Act, legislation that would end President Biden's untargeted suspension of repayments on qualifying federal student loans, following 24 months of non-payment and six executive actions extending the payment pause. The bill would still allow the president to temporarily suspend repayment for low- and middle-income borrowers in future national emergencies and would prohibit the president from cancelling outstanding federal student loan obligations due to a national emergency.

"The majority of Americans do not have college degrees," said Braun.
"Why should they be forced to pick up the tab for college degrees in the name of pandemic relief? This transfer of wealth is not a move to 'advance equity,' but rather a taxpayer handout to appease far-left participate."

activists. "As Americans continue to return to the workforce more than two years since the pandemic began, it is time for borrowers to resume repayment of student debt obligations," said Thune. "Taxpayers and working families should not be responsible for continuing to bear the costs associated with this suspension of repayment. This common-sense legislation would protect taxpayers and prevent President Biden from suspending federal student loan repayments in perpetuity. Any future suspension of federal student loan repayments should be left to Congress, not the Biden administration.'

"The Biden Administration continues to call for a return to normalcy from the pandemic, while simultaneously extending emergency relief programs like the student loan repayment freeze," said Burr. "They can't have it both ways. Resuming student loan repayments is long overdue, especially in today's strong job market. That's why I'm proud to work with my colleagues on this important bill, which will end the repayment moratorium that has exacerbated the existing moral hazard against borrowers and cost taxpayers an estimated \$5 billion per month."

"If the administration wants to follow the science regarding COVID, we must also follow the facts," said Dr. Cassidy. "Unemployment is not at pandemic levels and a student loan repayment pause benefits those who are high income and able to pay their bills. The administration is spending without congressional approval. That should be considered unconstitutional."

"Early in the pandemic when millions were out of work it was understandable to provide temporary relief for borrowers," said Marshall. "Two years removed, this White House and Democrats in Congress continue to pursue the fiscally unsustainable policy of suspending payment, and ultimately canceling, student loan debt, nearly two trillion dollars owed to the federal government Following the costly response to the pandemic, we must focus on implementing a fiscal strategy that will address the unsustainable path we're on, not compound it."

"The moratorium on federal student loan repayments has cost American taxpayers over \$100 billion and will cost \$5 billion every month it remains in place," said Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform. "Continuing this reckless policy will make surging inflation worse, at a time that we have seen it hit a 40-year high. Less than 17 percent of U.S. adults have federal student loans, and that group is disproportionately wealthy, white, and highly educated. It is unsustainable and unfair for working families to fund this indefinite giveaway to progressive elites. Senators Thune, Burr, Braun, Cassidy, and Marshall should be commended for introducing legislation to end this moratorium and protect taxpayers in the future by narrowing the president's authority to defer loan repayments."

"The student debt repayment pause will add \$120 billion to the deficit through August, offer a massive handout to doctors and lawyers, and feed more inflation. It's time to end ongoing COVID relief, or at least fully offset any further extensions," said Maya MacGuineas, president of the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget. "We applaud Senators Thune, Burr, Braun, Cassidy, and Marshall for introducing the Stop Reckless Student Loan Actions Act, which would put an end to the pause and limit a president's ability to unilaterally cancel student debt."

The current suspension of federal student loan repayments disproportionally benefits higher-earning borrowers and has cost American taxpayers billions of dollars.

For example, medical doctors with student debt, on average, have received the equivalent of approximately \$50,000 in forgiveness as of May 1, 2022, according to the Committee for a Responsible Federal

Budget.

According to the Federal Reserve, the net worth of households led by college graduates soared during the pandemic by \$23.4 trillion. Meanwhile, the approximate two-thirds of households that are not led by a college degree holder only saw a net worth increase of \$3.5 trillion.

\$3.5 trillion.

Each repayment extension has cost taxpayers \$5 billion per month, which is in addition to the more than \$100 billion Americans have already spent on this repayment moratorium, according to the Department of Education.

Prior to the pandemic suspension, upper-income borrowers made three-quarters of the student loan payments, according to the Brookings Institution.

According to the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, individuals who are bachelor's degree holders or higher hold 70 percent of education debt - a population with an unemployment rate of only 2.2 percent.

On April 6, 2022, President Biden announced his fourth extension of the suspension of qualifying federal student loan repayments through August 31, 2022. He also announced that when repayments do resume, all borrowers whose federal student loans are delinquent or in default vould be made current. Prior to this extension, the repayment of these federal student loans was scheduled to resume in May 2022. Notably, nothing in this bill would prohibit the U.S. Department of Education from continuing to work with individuals who may be struggling to make timely payments, like helping struggling borrowers enter into income-driven repayment plans.

## VFW Post Makes A Popping Donation To Wabash College

The Brian Bowman VFW Post presented Wabash College and its food service partner, Bon Appetit Management Company, a state-of-theart commercial popcorn machine from Gold Medal Products on Thursday, April 21.

VFW Spokesperson Jason Black said, "We are extremely grateful for the numerous organizations and local businesses that support the veterans and members of our organization and its mission. Wabash College and Bon Appetit have been some of our biggest supporters, while ensuring we have been able to serve amazing food for many of our events."

Under the leadership of Mary Jo Johnston, Chef Jason Anderson and Sous Chef Liesel Townsend, Bon Appetit has catered many events at the Brian Bowman Post, including as Black said, "some on very short notice." The VFW leaders also praised

Jason Rush, Travis Felix and Susan Janssen, who have all been involved in Bon Appetit's work at the VFW.

"Every single one of these amazing individuals has shown their support and unwavering dedication, while providing incredible service to us during our efforts to support the veterans, their families, and our community," Black said.

The new popcorn machine will be used at the College's on-campus pub, Wally's, during much of the year, but will pop double-duty in the W. Club Lounge at Little Giant Stadium during football season.

"We're grateful for this amazing donation," Johnston said. "It will make a great addition to Wally's and the W. Club. Now that things are getting back to normal, we hope the community will return to Wally's as a gathering space on our campus."

# Rokita Files Suit Against Black Lives Matter GNF

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita filed a lawsuit this week against the Black Lives Matter Global Network Foundation as a part of his ongoing investigation. This legal action seeks compliance with an investigative demand previously served on BLM as part of the same investigation. Specifically, the Office of the Attorney General filed a Petition to Enforce a Civil Investigative Demand, which seeks an order requiring BLM to respond to a Civil Investigative Demand issued to the organization

in February.
"Protecting Indiana consumers from this house of cards is critical," Rokita said. "There are concerning patterns of behavior from this organization, and we will do what it takes—including this lawsuit—to get to the bottom of it."

In February, Rokita opened an investigation into BLM's use of funds donated by Hoosiers. In a 2020 report published by BLM, the organization stated it raised over \$90 million in 2020, while it distributed approximately \$21.7 million to 30 local organizations and affiliated chapters, including an affiliated chapter in South Bend. However, an IRS filing by BLM for the first half of 2020 listed the organization had \$0

in revenue, expenses, and assets held by BLM for the time period.

Rokita issued a Civil Investigative Demand to BLM in order to determine if the organization's actions constitute a violation of either the Indiana **Deceptive Consumer** Sales Act or the Indiana Nonprofit Corporation Act. The Civil Investigative Demand seeks information and documents held by the entity relevant to the ongoing investigation to ensure transparency to donors and guarantee funds donated by Indiana residents are used for their intended purpose and not for the personal benefit of BLM directors.

Under Indiana law, failure to comply with the civil investigative demand could result in sanctions against the entity, including barring the entity from any future fundraising in Indiana, among other possible remedies.

"There are many Indiana stakeholders and donors who have been impacted by these allegations," Rokita said. "This lawsuit will allow for a court to swiftly and efficiently resolve the state's request for information."

Hoosier donors who believe they have been impacted are encouraged to file a consumer complaint at www.indianaconsumer.com.

#### Purdue Day Of Giving 2022 Raises Record \$68.2 Million

history.

The ninth annual Purdue Day of Giving, held Wednesday, April 27, invited donors to power the university's next giant leap, and they responded with a resounding \$68.2 million in contributions, outstripping last year's \$52.5 million and setting a record for most dollars raised for higher education through a single-day campaign.

The 24-hour online, social media-driven event inspired a record 26,726 gifts and brought Purdue Day of Giving's cumulative total, since 2014, to \$309.7 million. (See YouTube thank-you video.)

"When the Purdue family comes together, amazing things happen," said Purdue President Mitch Daniels. "So I'm thrilled – but not surprised – by this record-setting outpouring of generosity. We are grateful to everyone who donated for supporting our persistent pursuit of the next giant leap."

The fundraising event featured participating units across the West Lafayette, Fort Wayne and Purdue Northwest campuses and Purdue Global, the online university tailored to working adults. Local

county Extension offices also participated, allowing each county in Indiana to raise funds for Extension programming. New participants for 2022 included the Krach Institute for Tech Diplomacy at Purdue, the Office of Engagement and the Purdue Military Research Institute.

Through 30 hourly challenges and six #IGave challenges, 74 academic and nonacademic programs competed for cash prizes. In addition, 259 student organizations participated in a giving challenge specifically for them, and students and staff took part in an on-campus carnival that featured a 60-foot-tall Ferris wheel, yard games, a photo booth, food trucks and more.

Gifts ranged from \$10 to \$6 million, supporting a range of programs and academic initiatives. Among the gifts made:

- \$6 million from Jim and Jeannie Chaney to the College of Pharmacy.
- \$2 million from Beth Brooke, divided among the School of Management, the LGBTQ Center and Intercollegiate Athletics, in honor of Sharon Versyp as the winningest women's

basketball coach in Purdue

- \$1.5 million from an anonymous donor to fund undergraduate scholarships and a professor of practice position in the Davidson School of Chemical Engineering.
- \$1 million from Brian and Irene Binash: \$500,000 for the Stewart Center renovation and \$500,000 to create a matching-gift opportunity for the Emerging Leaders Scholars program.
- A \$25,000 pledge commitment from Jackie Bayer in support of The Jacqueline Maynard Bayer Scholarship in Liberal Arts in Honor of James R. and Marilynn Bottomley Dammon Endowment.
- \$20,000 from Chris Esquire to endow, in honor of his mother, the S.J. Esquire Memorial Scholarship for a student in Purdue Global's cybersecurity degree program.
- \$111 from Alina Alexeenko to the Ukrainian Student Association.
- \$10 from Molly Grotjan, a senior in agribusiness, to the College of Agriculture.

"For eight out of the past nine years, Purdue has set the record for dollars

raised through a higher education day of giving," said Matt Folk, president and CEO of the Purdue for Life Foundation and vice president of university development and alumni engagement for Purdue University. "We are very grateful to the thousands of students, alumni, friends, faculty and staff of Purdue who support this university so generously. The dollars raised through this event have helped keep frozen tuition in place for 11 years and students in the classroom throughout a pandemic. Through Purdue Day of Giving, the Purdue family is granting opportunity and building for the future, together. As an alumnus, I am so proud of our Purdue family."

The Purdue for Life
Foundation helps friends
and alumni of Purdue
University stay connected,
get involved and give back.
Created in March 2020, the
foundation deepens alumni
ties to Purdue, drives and
coordinates all alumni-related activities across the
Purdue family's postgraduation lives and works
with alumni and friends
to garner support for the
University.

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