

➔ TODAY'S VERSE

Matthew 7:2 For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.



➔ FACES OF HAMILTON COUNTY

People who call our community their own.

What makes Sarah Osterhout smile? "A lot of things, mostly being around kids, getting portraits with them. I babysit in my free time. Animals make me smile. Being around friends, being around family, being around people, helping out," said the 18-year-old Noblesville resident, a senior at Noblesville High School. "I enjoyed doing the banquet tonight," said Osterhout, who happened to be the "youngest" in attendance at the alumni banquet and received an engraved Noblesville High School Alumni Association key chain as her prize. Plans for photography in her future? "Photography is more of a hobby of mine." After high school? She plans to earn her associate's degree and determine at that time what she wants to do. But for now, she's going to Florida. Her oldest sister had a baby a year ago, and her other sister is expecting a baby in September. "I'm going to go help them out." The daughter of Tim and Jennifer Osterhout, she is one of five siblings, two brothers and two sisters. "I'm the oldest, youngest and in the middle and I am an only child. I am my dad's youngest, of his daughters; my mom's oldest; with my two brothers, I'm in the middle; with my two parents, I'm an only child." In high school? She takes AP Photography, Bible Literature class and Ceramics art class and does Cadets with Noblesville Police Department, peer tutoring in art class and helps deliver passes in Student Services. As a NPJ Cadet, she said, "We help out when we have games or when they need help with school carnivals, and we help direct traffic." She loves to sing, "in the car or the shower, but I can't sing in front of an audience," she said. She was found Saturday night wearing a "Frozen" T-shirt, mentioning that she and her dad went to see the Broadway musical in Florida. What else? "I am so excited to go to Prom. I picked out my dress. It changes colors in the lighting, it goes from a blue to a pink. And I have Vans to go with it. I'm excited to go with my boyfriend -- his name is Logan -- and a group of friends." Read about the 2022 NHS Alumnus of the Year, named Saturday night, in an upcoming edition of The Times.

And Another Thing...

Beginning on Monday, May 9, 2022, 106th Street just east of Allisonville Road will be under lane closures in both directions, one at a time, for bridge deck patching through May 10, 2022. These closures are expected to last throughout the day, opening back up to all traffic by 4 p.m. each day. Flaggers will be in place directing traffic. Use extreme caution while driving through this construction zone.

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Photo courtesy of Friends of Mark Hall

Mark Hall, with his wife, Lisa Hall, pose for a photo during a victory celebration of winning the Hamilton County Council District 3 seat, on Tuesday after the Primary Election, unseating 20-year incumbent Steve Schwartz.

2nd Time Around, Mark Hall Celebrates Victory



BETSY REASON
The Times Editor

Mark Hall stood outside the Noblesville Elks Lodge on Ninth Street Tuesday night smoking a "victory cigar." Wearing yellow and black

"Mark Hall" T-shirts, he and his wife Lisa were still pinching themselves in disbelief.

But Hall now knows that "common people can win."

Giving his victory speech, the Noblesville resident confidently said, "We unseated a five-term incumbent."

They did what some believed could not be done.

Hall unseated Hamilton County Councilman Steve Schwartz in Tuesday's Primary Election by 1,296 votes. Hall earned 58.44 percent, or 4,487 votes -- while Schwartz earned 41.56 percent, or 3,191 votes -- to win the Hamilton County Council District 3 seat, which includes Noblesville, Jackson and White River townships. Schwartz, running for his sixth four-year term on the council, was first elected in 2002.

As Tuesday's voting results started slowly being released at 6:30 p.m. by the Hamilton County Election Office, the numbers immediately looked good in Hall's favor.

But it wasn't until the final results came in, at 8:59 p.m., that the Halls started celebrating.

They poured champagne. They hugged. They cried.

Their celebration took place in the upper level of the Elks Lodge, where the Halls are members.

"The voters of Hamilton County have spoken, and the results of the primary are a clear mandate for change," Hall said.

"I look forward to the challenges ahead along with completing the domestic violence shelter and working on afford-

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Teacher Appreciation Week and Upcoming HHSC Events



Derek Arrowood
Columnist



This is Teacher Appreciation Week. A week hardly seems like enough time to recognize our educators for all they do and the incredible impact they have on a child's life. Teaching has never been more important or challenging.

I can't say enough about how grateful I am for the caliber of

educators, principals, instructional assistants, and support staff at Hamilton Heights and their unwavering commitment to our students and the learning process. The success of our district is dependent on the quality of instruction given to our students. We are extremely fortunate to have a district full of innovative, caring, passionate, and effective individuals dedicated to inspiring a lifelong love of learning, discovery, and curiosity. Our teachers are among the true superheroes who prepare every student with the foundation, knowledge, and skills to be successful in an ever-changing global society. Thank you for the positive difference you make in the lives of our students each day.

I would like to give a shout out to our high school Academic Team members who recently competed at the Area Academic Super Bowl. They include Kaelin Zirkle, Andrea Ward, Anne Petty, Allyson Dinwiddie, KateLynn Bishop, Grace

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NCL Crossroads Chapter Announces 2022 Scholarship Winner, Recognizes Moms, Daughters for Community Service

The Crossroads Chapter of National Charity League (NCL) held its annual awards ceremony to recognize its 2022 scholarship winner along with mothers and daughters (grades 7-12) for their community service efforts, which culminated in the chapter donating 4,530 volunteer hours over the past

year.

The chapter awarded Abigail Thomas, a Lebanon High School senior, as the 2022 scholarship recipient. Thomas was awarded the \$500 NCL Crossroads scholarship for her consistent involvement in

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Fishers Farmers Market and Agripark Open This Week for Summer Season

Summer fun kicks off early in Fishers with the return of Fishers Parks' Fishers AgriPark and the Fishers Farmers Market at NPJ AMP, which both open to the public this week.

When: Fishers AgriPark will be open Tuesdays - Wednesdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., and Thursdays - Saturdays from

10 a.m.-6 p.m.

The 33-acre urban farm featuring public fields and gardens, managed by Fishers Parks, is now open. The farm offers livestock encounters and u-pick opportunities once produce is in season for Fishers residents. From educational se-

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➔ OBITUARIES

Arthur A. Bruns

The Times appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank **GEORGE CLARK** for subscribing!



➔ HONEST HOOSIER

Another month of May at the Speedway. I love the tradition and the connection we have with the famed oval!



➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Kids need a minimum of 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity daily.

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

"When you have airplanes with precision weapons striking hospitals in Aleppo and slaughtering innocent men, women and children, you're committing a war crime. So we need more sanctions against Russia. We should not relax them."

- Sen. John McCain, 2017

➔ TODAY'S JOKE

What do you say if the Easter Bunny needs a ride? Hop in!

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WINDY AFTERNOON	RAIN AND SOME STORMS	SHOWERS EARLY, COOL	BREEZY AND WARMER	BREEZY AND WARM	HAZY AND WARM	SUNNY AND WARM



OBITUARIES

Arthur A. Brun

July 15, 1945 - May 4, 2022

Arthur A. Brun, 76, of Noblesville, passed away on Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at Ascension St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis.

He was born on July 15, 1945 to Arthur John and Elizabeth Genevieve (O'Neil) Brun in Inglewood, California.

Mr. Brun proudly served in the United States Army. He worked 32 years at GTE, now Verizon, in a sales role. He was a member of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, was an avid reader, and enjoyed muscle cars.

Survivors include his wife Geraldine Brun; son Joseph (Emily) Brun; two grandchildren William and Emma Brun; and sister Elizabeth Bills.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Brun was preceded in death by his brother, William Joseph Brun.

Mass is scheduled to be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 9900 East 191st Street in Noblesville. Visitation is scheduled to be held from 9:30 a.m. to the time of service at the church. A private family burial will be held at a later time.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Vincent de Paul, 1391 Greenfield Avenue, Noblesville, IN 46060, www.SVdPNoblesville.org.

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



Upstairs Downtown, Farmers Market Opens, Attic, CCP Plays on Stage



BETSY REASON
The Times Editor

Noblesville Main Street's First Friday tonight and the kickoff of the Farmers Market is a good sign for warm weather to come. Also, enjoy other activities with today's list of 20 things to do in The Times.

1. Noblesville Main Street's First Friday event is Upstairs Downtown, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. today, featuring tours of the Lacey Building (former location of Kirk Hardware), hard-hat tours of The Lofts on Tenth Street and the Sheriff's Residence and Old Jail, Gordon Building and more. Tour headquarters is Adler Building at Ninth and Maple. Tickets for guided (\$20 for adults and \$10 for ages 17 and younger at 5:15 p.m. and 7:15 p.m.) and (\$10 for adults and free for ages 17 and younger) unguided tours at https://bit.ly/3P288O7

2. The Attic Theatre presents "Sense & Sensibility" play, directed by Bill Smith, through Saturday with shows at 7 p.m. today and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday at The Ivy Tech Auditorium in Noblesville.

3. Carmel Community Players presents "The Fantasticks" musical, through Sunday, directed by Rich Phipps, at The Cat Theatre in Carmel, with show times at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets at https://carmelplayers.org/

4. Noblesville Farmers Market kicks off for the season at 8 a.m. to noon Saturday at Federal Hill

Commons in downtown Noblesville. Parking is offered 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 only during the weekly market.

5. 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, through June at Strawtown Koteewi Park in Noblesville.

6. Enjoy a Mother's Day Brunch on Sunday at Conner Prairie in Fishers.

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

8. The Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville's 36th annual Auxiliary Auction, themed '80s Prom style," is 6:30 p.m. May 14 at Harbour Trees Golf Club, sponsored by the Tocash Family, at \$175 per person, with live and silent auction with donations still being accepted through Thursday, and live music by Greta Speaks and hors d'oeuvres buffet, proceeds to the club.

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. Make plans to



Photo courtesy of Indy Ghost Light Photography

Carmel Community Players – Kevin Caraher (left) as The Girl's Father, Bellomy, and Kevin Shadle of Fishers, as The Boy's Father, Hucklebee, rehearse for "The Fantasticks" musical, which continues through Sunday, directed by Rich Phipps, at The Cat Theatre in Carmel, with show times at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets at https://carmelplayers.org/

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

12. 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.

13. 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

14. 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.

15. Westfield continues its Movies in the Plaza series at dusk tonight, featuring "Inside Out"

on May 27 on the Great Lawn at Grand Junction Plaza, with more movies every fourth Friday through October.

16. 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, 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.

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

18. Deb Castino Memorial Golf Outing is June 7 at Harbour Trees to benefit Boys & Girls Club.

19. Carmel Community Players presents "Medley of Murders," directed by Tanya Haas, June 10-19, at Carmel Friends Church.

20. Hamilton County Parks' Koteewi Aerial Adventure (Edge Adventures), K- Trails Equestrian Adventures, Koteewi Range Sport & Target Archery Center and Koteewi Lake are all open for the season.

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

Ala Carte



DICK WOLFSIE
Funny Bone

On the Wolfsie refrigerator, next to a photo of me hugging Goofy at Disney World (I was a mere 57 years old at the time) is Mary Ellen's list of items to be purchased on her next trip to the supermarket. Needless to say, there is frequent updating, like if we consume the last of the mayonnaise or the dog got into the pantry and gobbled up all the raisin bran. Our beagle did that frequently. The good news is that it made him very regular.

Mary Ellen's list is a model for all Americans who want to eat healthy. There's skim milk, low-fat cottage cheese, broccoli, skinless chicken breasts, and granola. Here's the question: If that's pretty much what the list always looks like, how did all the other crapola we eat end up in our kitchen? Who smuggled in the chips, the hard salami, the doughnuts and the creamed spinach soufflé—which contains an alarming 27 grams of fat? I am the culprit, of course, and that is why I avoid food shopping with my wife. When we do go together, I'm on a very short leash and the chances of getting any treats are zero, even if I beg. I wish my wife would treat me more like a dog. I deserve it.

We used to go to the store together all the time. She was confusing its significance with the aisle we walked down 40+ years ago. But there's a huge difference: After I said "I do" in 1980, Mary Ellen didn't say, "I don't think

this is good for you," or "Are you sure this is what you really want?" and when we kissed during the service, she definitely didn't say: "You still have plenty of this back home."

I'm second-guessed about everything I put in the shopping cart. Here are some of Mary Ellen's favorite expressions:

No one still living eats white bread.

Yes, we do need baked beans, if you don't count the 24 cans on top of the pool table.

Why are you buying low-fat trail mix bars? You know you're not going to eat them.

Why are you buying cheese puffs? You know you're going to eat them.

Mary Ellen has junk-food radar and more often than not, she'll locate my hidden cache with just a glance. I try to sneak things into the basket, but it's tough to hide a large Tombstone pizza under a can of peaches. Having to put an item back on the shelf is the most humiliating thing that can happen to a guy—at least in public.

Recently I ran into a friend at the grocery. "Hey, Dick, doing a little reverse shopping, are you? You must be here with the wife."

To avoid future embarrassment, I told Mary Ellen that this week I was going to go to the store alone. She said that was fine, and Saturday morning she handed me a sheet of paper.

"Thank you, Mary Ellen, but I don't need a shopping list."

"Oh, it's not a shopping list. It's a permission slip."

- 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.

Aunts, Uncles, and Cousins



RIX QUINN
Quinn Summary

My friend Mel just got back from an uncle's funeral, where he met family members he did not know he had.

Personally, I've met more relatives at funerals than I have at weddings... but maybe it's because weddings require an invitation.

Last month, my uncle told me that my third cousin had died. No, two cousins didn't die before her. She was my third cousin because our great-grandmothers were sisters. Confusing, huh?

The word "removed" just means a different generation. So, my first cousin's children would be my first cousins once-removed.

I had not met the deceased, but her obituary photo looked just like my uncle...but without the beard.

But I went to her

memorial service so I could mingle with familiar relatives, plus meet new ones. As one of my buddies says, "You need to know cousins in several states, so you can travel cross-country for free."

The deceased cousin was 97, and she had lived a busy life. She'd been married four times, each one an upgrade from her prior spouse.

At one time she'd also been a softball umpire. Maybe that's why she married so much. When a husband disputed her decision, she just called him "out."

Since the funeral was at the grave site, attendees then walked to a nearby large tent for a reception. I've never seen so many familiar-looking folks whose names I didn't know.

I talked to several second cousins, third cousins, and even one old guy who looked like he'd wandered over because he smelled coffee.

He might have been a great-uncle. Who knows?

After the event, I remembered what an old friend told me: "Any time an event serves food outdoors, you'll see lots of aunts."

- Got a subject you'd like Rix to talk about? E-mail him at rix@rixquinn.com

Grand Run Returns on Memorial Day



Runners and walkers can once again lace up their shoes for Westfield Welcome's 8th annual Grand Run presented by Centier Bank on Memorial Day. Grand Run boasts a 5k, 10k, half marathon and a special kid's fun run at Grand Park Sports Campus.

Participants will run on Westfield's expansive trail system winding through Grand Park and half marathon participants will enjoy a northern scenic stretch of the Monon Trail. The kid's fun run will take place inside the Grand Park Events Center.

Online registration is open now and pricing varies per race. The kid's fun run is free to par-

ticipate but registration is required. Prices will increase on race morning. Donations received from Grand Run directly support Helping Veterans and Families (HVAF) which is an organization dedicated to ending homelessness among veterans.

"Grand Run continues to become a Memorial Day tradition for runners, walkers and their families. We appreciate participants that take time out of their holiday weekend to benefit such a noteworthy cause that can better the lives of veterans," said Kayla Arnold, Director of Westfield Welcome.

Details including race route maps can be found at westfieldwelcome.com/grand-run.

Westfield Welcome focuses on community engagement and hospitality for residents, businesses and visitors. As a department of the City of Westfield, Westfield Welcome hosts more than 25 annual events and provides hundreds of volunteer opportunities each year.

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One Man's Ranking of Purdue Football's Previous First Round Draft Picks

George Karlaftis became the 24th Purdue football player taken during the first round of a professional football draft, going 30th overall to the Kansas City Chiefs last week.

His selection ended an 11-year first-round drought for the Boilermakers, whose last first-round pick was another All-American defensive end: Ryan Kerrigan.

Those 23 first-round selections include three Pro Football Hall of Fame members, seven Super Bowl/NFL champions and four members of the Cradle of Quarterbacks. Here's one man's ranking of the previous 23 first-round picks.

1. Rod Woodson – It takes a special talent to be named to the NFL's 75th anniversary team as an active player and remain there as a part of the 100th anniversary celebration in 2020.

There were four other active players selected to the NFL's 75th anniversary team in 1994. You may have heard of them: Jerry Rice, Joe Montana, Reggie White and Ronnie Lott.

Woodson went 10th to the Pittsburgh Steelers in the 1987 NFL Draft, the only player among the top 10 picks who someday would be elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Playing cornerback and safety in the NFL, Woodson was the NFL Defensive Player of the Year in 1992. His 11 Pro Bowl selections are a record for a defensive back.

Woodson earned a Super Bowl ring with the Baltimore Ravens, one of four teams he played for during a 17-season career. He entered the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2009 with 71 interceptions, including an NFL record 12 for touchdowns. His 1,483 interception return yards were also an NFL record, since surpassed by Ed Reed.

2. Bob Griese – The late Bob Collins of the Indianapolis Star once opined that Griese lost the 1966 Heisman Trophy because consensus opinion was that the winner, Steve Spurrier of Florida, was the better pro prospect.

The San Francisco 49ers thought so anyway, trading three players to Atlanta to secure the No. 3 pick and Spurrier in the 1967 NFL Draft. Spurrier never beat out John Brodie in San Francisco, starting only 38 games in a 10-year career that ended with the winless Tampa Bay Buccaneers in 1976.

Griese went one pick later to Miami, whose fans were dreaming of Spurrier leading their second-year franchise to glory. Instead it was Griese who guided the Dolphins to two Super Bowl victories and three consecutive AFC championships.

In Don Shula's run-first offense, Griese still threw for 25,092 yards and 192 touchdowns in 14 seasons.

Griese was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1990 and the College Football Hall of Fame in 1984.

3. Len Dawson – The fifth overall selection in the 1957 draft by the Pittsburgh Steelers, Dawson didn't blossom as a pro quarterback until reuniting with his Purdue quarterback coach Hank Stram with the AFL's Dallas Texans in 1962.

Dawson led the Texans to their first AFL championship that year and was named the AFL Player of the Year. The Texans moved to Kansas City in 1963 and won another AFL championship in 1966 and the final AFL title in 1969.

Dawson was the Most



KENNY WILLIAMS
Columnist

Valuable Player of Super Bowl IV, leading Stram and the Chiefs to a 23-7 upset of the Minnesota Vikings.

Lauded by Stram as "the most accurate passer in pro football," Dawson threw for 28,711 yards and 239 touchdowns in his 18-year career. He was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1987.

4. Dave Butz – The first of a record three Purdue players going in the first round of the 1973 draft, Butz went fifth overall to the St. Louis Cardinals.

Typical of decades of poor management, the Cardinals lost Butz to free agency after two seasons when a mistake was discovered in his rookie contract. It cost Washington and coach George Allen two first-round picks and a second to sign Butz. For the next 14 years, the 6-foot-8, 300-pound Butz played in three Super Bowls and recorded 59.5 career sacks. He retired as the oldest starting player in the NFL in 1988 at 38.

Butz was selected to the NFL's 1980s All-Decade Team and was chosen one of the 70 greatest players in Washington history.

5. Cecil Isbell – A legendary passer overlooked not just in Purdue football history but the NFL as well, Isbell was born too soon. Instead of a 10-15 year career like today's star quarterbacks, Isbell's pro career only lasted from 1938-1942.

The seventh overall selection by Green Bay in 1938, Isbell was so talented as a passer that he was named to the NFL's All-Decade Team of the 1930s with just two seasons under Isbell's belt. Isbell was even better in the 1940s, earning All Pro honors in 1941 and 1942 after leading the NFL in passing each season. The Associated Press' first All-Pro Team in 1940 included Isbell.

As a rookie, Isbell was fourth in the NFL in rushing and fifth in passing. In 1939, Isbell helped the Packers win the league championship. By 1942 Isbell had become the first player in NFL history to surpass 2,000 passing yards and set a record with 24 touchdown passes.

Isbell retired following the 1942 season at age 27 to take the backfield coach's job at Purdue. He left with a streak of 23 games with a touchdown pass. That mark stood until Johnny Unitas broke it in 1958. Brett Favre broke his Packers record in 2003.

Isbell died in 1985 at age 69.

6. Otis Armstrong – Taken ninth overall by Denver in 1973, Armstrong led the NFL in rushing with 1,407 yards in 1974. He rushed for 1,008 yards in 1976 and the next season helped the Broncos reach Super Bowl XII.

Armstrong rushed for 4,453 yards and 25 touchdowns before his career was cut short by a neck injury in 1980. He was elected to the College Football Hall of Fame in 2012 and died at the age of 70 in 2021.

7. Jim Everett – Purdue had three players taken third in the NFL Draft and the most successful was Everett, who earned Pro Bowl honors with the Los Angeles Rams.

The Rams acquired

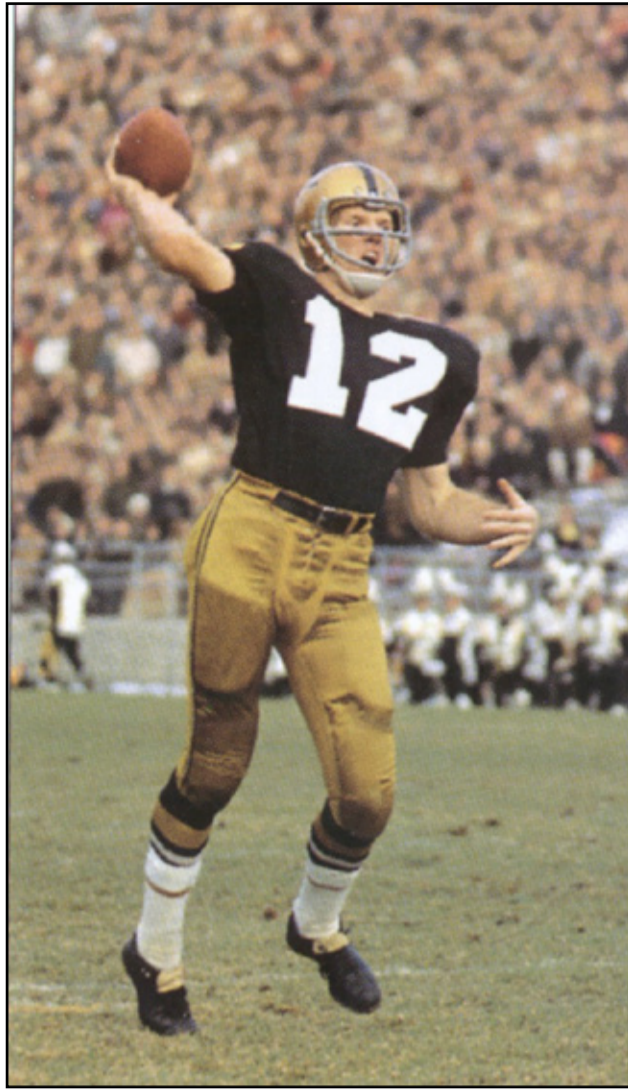


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Bob Griese was drafted fourth overall by the Miami Dolphins in the 1967 NFL Draft. He went on to lead the Dolphins to two Super Bowl victories and three consecutive AFC Championship games. He was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1990.

Everett from the Houston Oilers, who already had future Hall of Famer Warren Moon at quarterback. Two first-round picks and a Pro Bowl guard was among the cost for the Rams.

Everett guided the Rams to three playoff berths, going all the way to the 1989 NFC title game. In 12 seasons that also included stops in New Orleans and San Diego, Everett passed for 34,837 yards and 203 touchdowns. He led the NFL with 31 TD passes in 1988 and 29 in 1989. "I'm most proud that I had the guts, determination, to live out a dream," Everett told therams.com in 2021.

8. Johnny Drake – Purdue's first NFL No. 1 draft pick was the first ever choice of the expansion Cleveland Rams with the 10th overall selection in 1937. The Rams went 1-10 in 1937 but in his second season Drake earned the first of three consecutive NFL All-Star berths and was a first-team All-Pro in 1940.

Drake led the NFL with nine touchdowns each in the 1939 and 1940 seasons. He retired in 1941 with 1,700 yards on 525 carries with 24 touchdowns. Drake died in 1973 one day shy of his 57th birthday.

9. Abe Gibron – Long before he became coach of the Chicago Bears in the 1970s, Gibron was such a highly regarded lineman that he was taken in a secret draft.

Today it's impossible to think any professional draft could maintain secrecy but the league executing that plan – the All-America Football Conference – was fighting for survival against the juggernaut the NFL had become by 1949.

The Buffalo Bills, not today's Bills which were founded in 1960, took Gibron in the first round with the sixth overall pick. He earned AAFC Rookie Lineman of the Year honors.

Alas the secret draft would be the last for the AAFC, which disbanded following the 1949 season. Before the dissolution, Gibron ended up joining the kings of the AAFC, the Cleveland Browns, Paul Brown's team, along with the San Francisco 49ers and the first Baltimore Colts merged with the NFL in 1950.

With Gibron in the starting lineup, the Browns won NFL titles in 1950, 1954 and 1955. He earned two All-Pro selections and four Pro

Bowl berths. Gibron died in 1997 at 72.

10. Mike Pruitt – Another Cleveland Browns legend, Pruitt quickly showed why he went seventh in the 1976 NFL Draft.

Four times in five seasons starting in 1978, Pruitt rushed for more than 1,000 yards. Injury prevented him from making it five seasons in a row.

Pruitt earned Pro Bowl honors in 1979 and 1980. When Pruitt departed for Buffalo in 1985, his 6,450 yards only trailed Hall of Famers Jim Brown and Leroy Kelly in Browns history.

11. Ryan Kerrigan – Washington got an \$8.72 million bargain when it selected Kerrigan 16th in the 2011 draft.

For the next eight seasons, Kerrigan started every game at outside linebacker. He intercepted a pass and returned it for a touchdown in his debut, the first of three times he would return an interception for a score during his career.

Kerrigan left Washington after the 2020 season for Philadelphia, taking with him the franchise record for sacks (95.5).

12. Darryl Stingley – Picked 19th overall by the New England Patriots in 1973, he had 110 receptions for 1,883 yards and 14 touchdowns over five seasons.

Stingley's career was ended by a paralyzing hit from Oakland Raiders safety Jack Tatum during a preseason game in 1978. Stingley died in 2007 at the age of 55 of heart disease and pneumonia, both complications of his quadriplegia.

His grandson, LSU standout cornerback Derek Stingley Jr., was drafted third overall last week by the Houston Texans.

13. Anthony Spencer – The Fort Wayne native became an instant starter at outside linebacker after being taken 26th in the 2007 NFL Draft by the Dallas Cowboys.

His best season came in 2009, with a career-best 67 tackles and six sacks. Spencer had an almost identical season in 2011 with 66 tackles and six sacks.

Spencer reached the Pro Bowl in 2012 before injuries eventually led to his retirement in 2015. He finished with 33 sacks and 384 tackles.

14. Tom Bettis – Green Bay before Vince Lombardi was the Jacksonville Jaguars of their time when the Packers drafted Bettis fifth



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Rod Woodson was drafted 10th overall by the Pittsburgh Steelers in the 1987 NFL Draft. His sterling career included a Super Bowl win with the Baltimore Ravens in 2001, a record 11 Pro-Bowl selections, 1993 NFL Defensive Player of the year and election to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2009. His 12 touchdowns from interceptions are an NFL record, and his 32 fumble recoveries are a record for defensive players. He was named to the NFL's 75th Anniversary team while still active and was subsequently named to the NFL's 100th Anniversary team in 2020.

overall in 1955.

Bettis became a starting linebacker and held on to the job until future Hall of Famer Ray Nitschke took over late in the 1960 season. Bettis earned an NFL championship with the Packers in 1961 before being traded to Pittsburgh. Bettis added a second NFL title with the Chicago Bears in 1963 and a third as an assistant coach to Purdue graduate Hank Stram with the Kansas City Chiefs in Super Bowl IV.

Bettis died at the age of 81 in 2015.

15. Don Brumm – Taken 13th overall by the St. Louis Cardinals in 1963, Brumm played 10 seasons in the NFL as a defensive end.

He was selected to the 1968 Pro Bowl after recording nine of his 41 career sacks.

16. Leroy Keyes – The greatest player in Purdue football history never really got a chance to shine in the NFL thanks to injury.

As the third overall pick in the 1969 draft by Philadelphia, Keyes played running back, cornerback and safety. In 1971, Keyes (6) and fellow Eagles safety Bill Bradley (11) combined for 17 interceptions.

Keyes spent the final season of his five-year NFL career in Kansas City. A College Football Hall of Fame selection in 1990, Keyes died at the age of 74 in 2021.

17. Mike Phipps – The Cleveland Browns traded future Hall of Fame wide receiver Paul Warfield to Miami for the rights to Phipps, who was drafted third overall in the 1970 draft.

That move immediately got Phipps off on the wrong side of an opinionated Browns fan base and things never improved. Phipps became the Browns' starting quarterback in 1972 and guided Cleveland to a playoff berth. A separated shoulder in 1976 led to his trade to the Chicago Bears in 1977 for a first-round pick, who turned out to be another future Pro Football Hall of Famer: Ozzie Newsome.

Like so many Bears quarterbacks after Sid Luckman, Phipps never excelled in Chicago and the arrival of Jim McMahon in 1982 spelled the end of his career.

Phipps was elected to the College Football Hall of Fame in 2006.

18. Dustin Keller – The New York Jets made the Lafayette Jeff graduate the 30th overall pick of the 2008 draft. Luckily for Keller, his first quarterback in the

NFL was Brett Favre and the two hooked up for 48 receptions, 535 yards and three touchdowns.

Keller led the Jets in receptions in 2010 (55) and 2011 (65). Signing with the Miami Dolphins in 2013, Keller's career ended with a serious knee injury suffered in a preseason game against the Houston Texans.

19. John Charles – The Rose Bowl MVP went 21st overall to the Boston Patriots in the 1967 NFL Draft. The defensive back played eight seasons in the league including a stop in Minnesota, where he was sent as compensation for the Patriots signing quarterback Joe Kapp in 1970. Charles spent his final four seasons in Houston, where he died in 2019 at the age of 76.

Leroy Keyes remembered Charles as a hard hitting defensive back who "if he had a chance to bring some heat, he would do it with no hesitation. He was a leader, but he led by example as opposed to leading by a loud voice."

20. Larry Burton – An Olympic 200-meter sprinter in 1972 and former world record-holder in the 60-yard dash (5.9 seconds), Burton converted his All American season in 1974 into being selected seventh overall in the 1975 draft by New Orleans.

Burton spent five seasons in the NFL with the Saints and San Diego Chargers, compiling 804 yards and seven touchdowns.

21. Jerry Shay – An All-American defensive tackle, Shay was drafted seventh overall by the Minnesota Vikings in 1966 and fourth overall by the AFL Denver Broncos.

In addition to two seasons in Minnesota, Shay also played two seasons for Atlanta and two for the New York Giants. His best seasons were in 1968 with the Falcons when he recorded 6.5 sacks and in 1970 with the Giants when Shay collected six sacks.

22. Karl Singer – The third overall pick in the 1966 AFL Draft, the offensive tackle spent three seasons with the Boston Patriots.

23. Ken Novak – An All-American defensive tackle in 1975, Novak went 20th overall to the Baltimore Colts in 1976. He played two seasons with the Colts.

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HSPA Executive Director and General Counsel Amelia McClure Begins Tenure



Amelia McClure

Amelia Dieter McClure begins her tenure this week as executive director and general counsel for the Hoosier State Press Association. HSPA represents 142 daily and weekly paid-circulation newspapers across Indiana. The trade association was founded in 1933. It lobbies on behalf of the state's newspapers, provides legal informa-

tion, training and other services to its members.

"I have big dreams and high hopes for how this body can drive our profession, but I do not take the helm without recognizing the myriad challenges that lay ahead for all of us," McClure said in an email message this week to the state's newspaper publishers and editors.

McClure replaces Stephen Key who retired at the end of April after 29 years with the organization.

HSPA's Board of Directors selected McClure to head the association after a search that included more than 50 candidates. Since December 2021, she has served as HSPA's government relations counsel and worked with Key during the last legislative session.

When McClure was hired, Larry Hensley, HSPA Board president and general manager with Gannett newspapers, said the board was excited to have McClure join the HSPA team.

"Her vision and desire to lead our organization will provide our members the resources to succeed in the future, and her commitment to protect our rights will endear her to all journalists in the state," Hensley said.

McClure comes to HSPA from Indiana University where she served as assistant director for government relations and compliance for two and a half years. Prior to her time at IU, she was manager of government relations for Hosparus Health and a practicing attorney. She lobbied the state legislature on

behalf of the university and Hosparus Health, successfully shepherding a bill allowing Indiana to join an interstate nursing compact through its passage in 2019.

McClure said among her first orders of business is to get to know members and listen to their thoughts. "This summer I am planning to visit you to see your newsrooms, learn your community and hear your needs," McClure said in the email to publishers and editors.

"The purpose of an association is to service its members and I cannot do that without knowing and understanding the unique circumstances that Indiana newspapers face," McClure said.

HSPA's office is in Indianapolis. McClure can be reached at admccclure@hspa.com.

IndyCar Ministry Planning 'Month of Ministry' Events

The calendar has flipped to the Month of May, and you can feel the excitement building in Indy. With the Indianapolis 500 Presented by Gainbridge less than one month away and the GMR Grand Prix of Indianapolis next week, the Month of May is buzzing for the INDYCAR community. Behind the scenes, IndyCar Ministry continues to serve those within the IndyCar community through prayer, counseling, encouragement and much more during this special time. This May, they've created a new initiative dubbed the 'Month of Ministry' which will be alive and present.

"We are obviously really excited about the Month of May in Indy but also for the Month of Ministry," explained Chaplain Jason Holt. "Beginning Sunday, May 8, we will be doing a prayer initiative focused on the various members, departments, and positions within the IndyCar community. Not only will this raise awareness of who they serve but this also invite others to be a part of making an impact within the community."

"We have a big month of racing ahead of us, and a big month for the IndyCar Ministry," added Chaplain Chuck Lessick. "We are working hard to bring you some videos and content from behind the scenes. Talk to drivers and crew and get their take on IndyCar, their faith, their families and what they do inside the sport. It is going to be a great month."

As part of the "Month of Ministry," ICM is working towards engaging people through their giving. The Ministry is solely

funded through donations from those within the motorsports community and is a 501(c)3 accredited organization. By inviting people to join in through financial partnership will enable IndyCar Ministry to be at every event and continue to serve those in our racing community, in spite of the increased travel costs they are facing.

During the AMR Grand Prix, IndyCar Ministry will have a major presence in the Road to Indy program as well as their normal initiatives. As a naming partner in the Indy Pro 2000 Presented by Cooper Tires rounds five, six and seven, IndyCar Ministry logos will be present on all competitors' cars throughout the event weekend.

Lessick continued, "By partnering with Andersen Promotions and the Road to Indy, we receive pace car rides, gentleman start your engines and the opportunity to wave the green flag for the weekend's festivities. We will be putting those items up in an online auction with all proceeds going directly to the expenses of IndyCar Ministry."

IndyCar Ministry would also like you to visit Garage #19 throughout the Indianapolis 500 festivities. With a show car on display as well as services being offered throughout the month, Garage #19 will be the place to be for IndyCar Ministry.

Stay tuned to their social media channels for more on the 'Month of Ministry', how to get involved and how to donate.

IndyCar Ministry is a 501(c)3 Non-Profit Corporation and is funded entirely by your donations.

Grants Available for Recycling Markets, Manufacturing Capacity and Job Creation

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) today announced the availability of grant funding for recycling projects from the Recycling Market Development Program. Eligible candidates may seek a grant ranging from \$50,000 to \$500,000. Proposals are accepted now through June 15, 2022.

Public and private businesses, local government, solid waste management districts, and nonprofit organizations located and doing business in Indiana are eligible to submit pro-

posals for funding. Proposals must show a need, an increase in recyclable material collection or consumption, a reduction in municipal solid waste shipped for final disposal, or improved partnerships with communities, including economic impacts and increased public awareness of recycling opportunities through tangible outreach and education efforts.

Projects should demonstrate sustainability and an understanding of the changing economy for recyclers and look at where monies can be used most

effectively to increase statewide recycling.

Final funding determinations will be made this fall. To apply, visit idem.IN.gov/recycle/2358. For additional information, please contact 800-988-7901 or RMDP-Grants@idem.IN.gov.

The Recycling Market Development Program operates under the Recycling Market Development Board as established by IC 4-23-5.5. The grant money for the program comes from the Recycling Promotion and Assistance Fund, an account gener-

ated by a per-ton fee on solid waste disposed at Indiana landfills. The fund supports source reduction, reuse, recycling and composting to prevent solid waste from permanent disposal.

IDEM (idem.IN.gov) implements federal and state regulations regarding the environment. Through compliance assistance, incentive programs and educational outreach, the agency encourages and aids businesses and citizens in protecting Hoosiers and our environment.

CollegeChoice 529 Plans Launches Faces of 529 Day Contest, May 29th



Kelly Mitchell

Treasurer of State Kelly Mitchell is announcing the CollegeChoice Faces of 529 Day Contest to celebrate National College Savings Plan Day on May 29. CollegeChoice 529 will award one winner with a \$529 CollegeChoice account contribution for sharing a photo with a caption of who they are saving for during the month of May.

To enter the contest, a participant must upload a photo of their beneficiary with a caption and complete the form at www.collegechoicedirect.com/529day by 11:59 p.m. on May 29. One individual will be randomly selected from all eligible entries to win a \$529 CollegeChoice 529 account deposit.

"Faces of 529 Day is an opportunity to put the focus on our beneficiaries of all ages," said program Executive Director Marissa Rowe. "Each year, we receive great photos and captions, and we cannot

wait to award the \$529 account deposit to a family. Not a photographer? Don't worry - the winner is selected at random."

CollegeChoice 529 provides families with flexibility and choice when it comes to saving for education after high school. Funds can be used at any eligible school or qualified apprenticeship program, both in- and out-of-state. Accounts grow tax-deferred and distributions are tax-free as long as the money is withdrawn to pay for qualified education expenses like tuition, books, computers, equipment, and fees.

Indiana taxpayers may also be eligible for an annual state income tax credit of 20 percent of contributions to their CollegeChoice 529 accounts, worth up to \$1,000 each year (\$500 for married couples filing separately).

For full contest rules and to enter, visit www.collegechoicedirect.com/529day. For more information about CollegeChoice 529 Savings Plans, visit www.collegechoicedirect.com/

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Senate Votes to Support Sens. Young and Hassan's Bipartisan Provision to Strengthen Research, Development



Todd Young

On Wednesday, the U.S. Senate voted on priorities for the upcoming conference committee on the U.S. Innovation and Competition Act, a bill led by Senator Todd Young (R-Ind.). In an overwhelmingly bipartisan vote of 90 to 5, the Senate passed a bipartisan motion offered by Senators Young and Maggie Hassan (D-N.H.) to promote American research and development.

The motion supports expanding the research



Maggie Hassan (D-N.H.)

and development tax credit for small businesses and preserving the ability of innovative U.S. companies to fully deduct R&D investments.

In remarks on the Senate floor, Senator Young said, "We cannot compete with China without robust domestic R&D. A company investing \$100 in R&D in China this year would get a \$200 deduction. In America? That company investing \$100 would only get to deduct \$10 this year. We must not lose out on

innovation and production to China."

Senator Hassan also spoke on the Senate floor and said, "The research and development tax credit gives critical support to the small businesses and start-ups that power our economy. By strengthening the R&D tax credit for startups and preserving other tax incentives for research here in America, we can outcompete countries like China."

Wednesday evening's motion follows Senators Young and Hassan's ongoing efforts to support research and development. They previously introduced the bipartisan American Innovation and Jobs Act to restore incentives for long-term R&D investment by ensuring that companies can continue to fully deduct R&D expenses each year. The bill would also double the refundable R&D tax credit and expand it to more startups and small businesses.



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able housing in Hamilton County. I thank Councilman (Steve) Schwartz for his service and running a good campaign and look forward to serving with the Council and Commissioners should I prevail in the fall," he told me.

At their victory party, the Halls reminisced about their campaign, looking back to when Mark Hall successfully came out of open-heart surgery, 22 weeks ago to the day. "He said, 'I want to finish strong. I want to beat Schwartz,'" Lisa Hall recalled him telling her at the hospital. "He did. This is a dream come true. We could not have done it without all of you. We love you all, and thank you..." Lisa Hall told supporters.

Mark Hall chimed in, "Glory goes to God, first and foremost."

In 2018, Hall ran for public office for the first time, against Schwartz, and lost by 940 votes. Schwartz earned 54.95 percent with 5,218 votes, and Hall earned 45.05 percent with 4,278 votes.

But Mark Hall wasn't ready for a repeat. He was determined, this time around, to win.

His strategy?

Mark and Lisa Hall set out 700 Mark Hall political signs, in various sizes, at select locations throughout the district.

"Our campaign strategy this election focused on direct-voter contact," Mark Hall said.

"Lisa and I knocked on 2,000 doors, and campaign supporters knocked on hundreds more."

Mark Hall said he couldn't have knocked on doors without the support of his wife of nearly 43 years. "We would walk, and she would tell me where to go ... and would be patient and kind and loving with me, and help navigate."

He also attributed his win to his faith-based community, his friends, and "a whole bunch of people."

In District 3, there are 65,208 registered voters and, of those, 25,481 vote Republican, according to Hamilton County Election Administrator Beth Sheller. In the May Primary, 7,678 voters voted in the District 3 race.

"We took our message of transparency and real fiscal oversight directly to the voters," Hall said.

"We incorporated direct mail (this journalist re-

ceived at least a half-dozen mailers promoting Mark Hall's political campaign), email, television, digital and print messages directly targeting over 20,000 District 3 voters," he said. He also had an interview on WIBC radio on the morning of April 27.

The incumbent, Schwartz, first came into office in 2002, when Schwartz received 54 percent or 3,097 votes to unseat Brad Beaver, who came into office in 1994 and who received 46 percent, or 2,587 votes in the Republican Primary. Schwartz was unopposed in the 2006, 2010 and 2014 May Primaries. Beaver returned when he ran for County Council At-Large and earned one of three seats, also won by Jim Belden and Rick McKinney, in 2008 and in 2012; Beaver won along with Belden and Jeff Hern in 2016; and Beaver won along with Hern and Sue Maki, in 2020, and are the current At-Large Council members, along with Ken Alexander, District 4; Amy Massillamany, District 2; and Fred Glynn, District 1 (who unofficially won the Primary Election for State Rep. District 32 by 30 votes, with 44.6

percent, or 1,776 votes but results won't be final until May 13), to make up the seven Council members. (Tim Griffin was elected to fill Glynn's open seat in 2023.)

On a more personal level, the Halls have three daughters, Amber, Ashley, and Alyssa, and seven grandkids and three Australian shepherds and two cats. Mark Hall is most proud of his family and those he has "influenced to do good" and "amazing things." He said, "We came to Hamilton County because we love the small-town feel, and the people are so warm and genuine."

What else? Mark Hall sings in his church choir at Harbour Shores Church (where he is a deacon, teaches Sunday school and he and his wife teach a marriage class) and has sung in choirs since age 4. He cut a music CD of his singing several years ago. He played Apostle John for 15 years in the local Easter production of "Behold the Lamb," as narrator and "had the only speaking role."

His daytime gig? Mark Hall owns three companies and employs more than 3,000 people annually.

"We get a chance to help all of those folks feed their families and with that use company money to build (food) pantries and buy food for people that are hurting." Hall has appeared in two documentaries about "recruiting" and "ethical behavior in business."

How does he help the community? The Halls couple created Feeding Families Hamilton County in April 2020 and in summer 2020 rebranded the nonprofit's name as the Feeding Team or www.Feedingteam.org. The nonprofit provides more than 7,000 perishable meals a month through outdoor, no-questions-asked food pantries. The Halls have placed 33 little yellow outdoor food pantries (built by local students and groups) all over the county since creation, and the pantries use the motto, "Take what you need, give what you can."

Mark Hall is past CEO of two different nonprofits, one that launched a school in the Dominican Republic and one a national faith-based CEO training and development group called Truth at Work.

He coached college soft-

ball, one year at Indiana State University and three years at IUPUI. Before that, he coached young women's softball (he was the first 18U coach for Indiana Shockwaves) for more than 10 years and helped 30 players get scholarships.

In 2019, he facilitated Activate Indy, teaching local nonprofit leadership and growth techniques.

His passion? "I'm wired to serve, help and organize others in need."

Still on his bucket list: to write a book. "My view is that the point of life is how many people you can positively impact."

The stars seemed to be aligned this week for Mark Hall. Not only did he win the Hamilton County Council District 3 seat on Tuesday, he won the Noblesville Elks Lodge' big draw Jackpot on Wednesday night with a Queen of Hearts. His jackpot take-home winnings of just under \$19,000, he said, will go to the Feeding Team to buy food for the pantries.

Mark Hall said, "It's been a good week."

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community service, leadership, and cultural activities. She will attend the University of Arizona to study Marketing.

Community service is at the heart of the NCL scholarship and in the heart of Thomas. One of the most meaningful ways that she has made an impact was through her multiple mission trips through Trinity Lutheran Church and said the following, "I was able to give back tangibly through landscape, roofing and other projects as well as intangibly through the connections made with those we helped." Abigail has also received several other awards including: National Merit Scholar 2021; Key Clubber of the Year 2021; Rising Star of Indiana 2021; National Honor Society 2020-2022; Outstanding Academic Athlete in Girls Tennis 2019; and Outstanding Academic Excellence 2019-2021.

The last focus of the scholarship criteria is cultural involvement. Abigail was able to be fully immersed in the local

culture during her mission trips and was able to share her own experiences as well as learning from the community she was welcomed into.

Ella Lowery (Class of 2024) from Westfield High School, received the chapter's Modelette Award. This award is given to a girl each year who best models the three pillars of the NCL mission: community service, leadership development and cultural experience.

Hannah Paterson (Class of 2026) received The Merci Award symbolizing the most philanthropic hours served in a Chapter given through the year for volunteering 57.5 hours.

The Yellow Rose Bud Award for donating 50 hours of service to NCL philanthropies.

- Hannah Paterson (Class of 2026)
- Lexi Swinford (Class of 2027)
- Isabella Norris (Class of 2024)
- Alana Raymond (Class of 2023)

- Leadership Awards - "Be Your B.E.S.T. Award"
- Abby Harrington (Class of 2027)
- Caliegh Kessler (Class of 2026)
- Bridget Mick (Class of 2025)
- Tessa Wolfe (Class of 2024)
- Alana Raymond (Class of 2023)
- Julia Bohr (Class of 2022)

The chapter also recognized twenty six mother-daughter pairs for volunteering 25 hours together over the past year. The Mother/Daughter Award was given to:

- Andrea and Emily Lesniewski (Class of 2022)
- Stacie and Ryan Barrett (Class of 2023)
- Melissa and Allison Beckwith (Class of 2023)
- Kimberly and Anna Harvey (Class of 2023)
- Heather and Izzy Monger (Class of 2023)
- Heather and Alana Raymond (Class of 2023)
- Stacey and Brenna Willis (Class of 2023)
- Abby and Rachel Kovacs (Class of 2024)
- Andrea and Molly Lesniewski (Class of 2024)
- Suzanne and Sydney Mefford (Class of 2024)
- Kimberly and Isabella Norris (Class of 2024)
- Anne and Sophie Peters (Class of 2024)
- Lisa and Mary Kate Sloan (Class of 2024)
- Charla and Tessa Wolfe (Class of 2024)
- Stacie and Reese Barrett (Class of 2025)
- Rebecca and Victoria Fanter (Class of 2025)
- Mary and Cameran Lancaster (Class of 2025)
- Melanie and Lauren Pickett (Class of 2025)
- Laura and Sydney Young (Class of 2025)
- Heather and Catherine Costlow (Class of 2026)
- Rena and Caleigh Kessler (Class of 2026)
- Michelle and Hannah

Paterson (Class of 2026)

- Gretchen and Kiersten Wetschurack (Class of 2026)

- Jodi and Emily Blevins (Class of 2027)
- Kim and Abby Harrington (Class of 2027)
- Amy and Lexi Swinford (Class of 2027)

NCL is the nation's most distinctive, well-respected mother-daughter membership organization committed to community service, leadership development, and cultural experiences. NCL Crossroads is the first NCL chapter in Indiana. NCL promotes civic awareness by considering the local community's needs and selecting appropriate non-profit organizations to serve. Each chapter then supports its philanthropic partners through hands-on volunteer activities. NCL, Inc. is unique because of its multi-generational membership and its mission-focused program, "The NCL Experience," which inspires and empowers women and their daughters to become confident, well-rounded, and socially aware contributors in their communities. For more than 90 years, NCL, Inc. has been developing women leaders through volunteerism and supporting philanthropies in local communities throughout the nation. NCL, Inc. was established in Los Angeles, California in 1925 and incorporated in 1958.

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series to agricultural-themed summer camps, public programming at the Fishers AgriPark is rooted in farm operations and agriculture in our community, the state, and the United States. Learn more at playfishers.com/FarmersMarket.

Free parking in the Flats at Switch parking garage east of Fishers City Hall (1 Municipal Drive), the Police Station garage (5 Municipal Drive) and Spark Apartments garage (8780 North Street). View a parking map here.

Ranked one of the top farmers markets in the region, the Fishers Farmers Market at NPD AMP, presented by IU Health Fishers, showcases 65 vendors from Central Indiana that offer fresh produce, baked

goods, honey, specialty food items, meats, coffee, plants, and more. This year's market takes place every Saturday through September 24. Learn more at playfishers.com/FarmersMarket.

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The new Fishers Farmers Market at Saxony (13578 E. 131st Street) begins June 1 and takes place on Wednesdays from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. through September 28.

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Anderson, Landon Day, Grant Cavanaugh, Luke Hilton, Kal Colter, Aiden Helm, and Daniel Collier. Under the leadership of Niki McCann, HHHS Academic Team Coach, the team brought home a first place in our district for Math and second place in the district for English, Fine Arts, Interdisciplinary, Science, and Social Studies. Congratulations!

While I am on the topic of the high school, our FFA is hosting its annual plant sale now through this Saturday, May 7. The community is invited to browse through a wide

selection of vegetables, hanging baskets, and annuals at High School Greenhouse between the hours of 3:30 and 5:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 noon. All proceeds support the Hamilton Heights FFA program. Thank you for helping to support, inspire, and grow the next generation of leaders in the agriculture industry!

Our latest HHSC Monthly Video Update was released last week. Highlighted in this edition is our new Unified Track Team, a special award for

HHHS, several exciting building projects coming up quickly, and where our students may or may not have been traveling over the past month. If you haven't seen it yet, check it out here. All updates and these bi-monthly messages can also be found on our website at www.hhschus-kies.org.

Joey Alvis, HHSC Speech Pathologist, will be performing in the role of Mrs. Dashwood in the Jane Austin Classic, Sense and Sensibility, May 5 - 7, in the Ivy Tech Auditorium in Noblesville. Show times and ticket informa-

tion can be found here. Break a leg!

As a reminder, our Food Pantry will be open on Monday, May 16 4 to 6 p.m. at the high school. Enter through Door A.

Please join me in showing appreciation in some way to our educators this week and every week. Thank you for your support and for your investment in the future of our students and community. #WeAreHuskies

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

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BBB Warning: Work From Home Reshipping Scam Is Targeting Job Seekers



Reshipping scams have reappeared many times in the past few years as job seekers are looking to work from home. Now, we are once again seeing it resurface as Better Business Bureau (BBB) is receiving an increased number of Scam Tracker reports related to a work from home reshipping scam.

Victims across the U.S from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Florida and Texas report being scammed by Shipowners Team, LLC a company allegedly located in Anderson, Indiana.

The reports indicate the victim's résumé were posted on job boards seeking employment and were approached by a recruiter. Then after a brief interview process, they were hired, and received a W2 form and are asked to fill it out completely, including their social security numbers. Once they submitted the personal information requested, they began receiving packages to ship, but after some time, they never received a paycheck, raising concern.

How the scam works You receive an email offering a job at a shipping service. The company is hiring "agents" to package items and mail them overseas. The position reimburses "agents" for their expenses and pays a monthly stipend. It sounds like easy money, so you accept the job. You hand over personal information to get signed up and on the payroll.

Soon, your first assignment arrives. You are asked to ship something – often electronics, but sometimes other goods – to an address overseas. You send off the items, but your payment never arrives. You've been conned, and you may have just helped scammers move illegally

obtained goods.

Clarence, a victim in Pennsylvania reached out to BBB to report his experience with this scam: "[Shipowners Team, LLC] used my name and address as a delivery point for potentially fraudulent items, then had me remail out items to nonexistent addresses."

Another woman located in New Jersey reported to BBB that she filled out the fake W2 form for Shipowners Team, LLC which included her social security number. She questioned her "supervisor" about not receiving a paycheck and they cut off communication.

Watch out for variations on this scam, such as requests that could open you up to ID theft.

Some victims reported sending a copy of their driver's license with their "job application," which gave scammers their name, address and photo. A 2020 BBB report found that 65% of fake online job postings are related to becoming a "warehouse distribution coordinator" or a similarly-titled position involving package re-shipment.

How to spot a reshipping scam

- Be very cautious of any job that asks you to share personal information or hand over money. Scammers will often use the guise of running a credit check, setting up direct deposit or paying for training.
- If a job looks suspicious, search for it on-

line. If the result comes up in many other cities with the exact same job post, it is likely a scam.

- Check out the business' website. Scammers often falsely use the names of real businesses. Check on the business's site or give them a call to confirm the position exists.

For More Information To find out more about reshipping and employment scams, check out BBB.org/employmentscam.

To learn more about scams, go to BBB.org/scamtips. If you've been targeted by this scam, help others avoid the same problem by reporting your experience on the BBB Scam Tracker.

Purdue Engineer Focuses On The Future Of Microelectronics Now

Secure microelectronics and a future workforce capable of providing them are essential to the U.S. economy and security, says a Purdue University engineer.

Peter Bermel, the Elmore Associate Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, is focused on both sides of the equation. He directs efforts at Purdue to create a future microelectronics workforce and researches cyberphysical security gaps in the field.

"There is a rapidly developing workforce need in microelectronics

and an increasing need for the U.S. to catch up compared with other countries," Bermel said. "It's a priority that we ensure students coming out of universities are motivated to work in specific microelectronics areas to drive the U.S. economy and security forward in the future."

Purdue is a national leader in microelectronics devices and packaging research, spanning the semiconductor ecosystem in software and hardware.

Bermel leads the SCALE (Scalable Asym-

metric Lifecycle Engagement Microelectronics Workforce Development) program, which brings faculty across the Purdue College of Engineering together with faculty from 16 universities, the U.S. Department of Defense, NASA, the Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration labs, and the defense industry to create a microelectronics workforce focused on national security needs.

Bermel has developed an advanced secure electronics software and hardware platform

servicing a broad range of potential users. He also successfully demonstrated new electronics capable of extended lifetimes under extreme conditions.

Associated Press members with access can find an explainer video on microelectronics from Bermel. Another video is available via the Associated Press of Bermel discussing the future of microelectronics workforce.

More information about Bermel

- Bermel recently spoke during a panel

discussion regarding SCALE and Purdue's microelectronics efforts.

- Bermel researches improving the performance of microelectronics, photovoltaic and thermophotovoltaic systems via nanophotonics, the optics subarea of nanotechnology.

About Purdue University

Purdue University is a top public research institution developing practical solutions to today's toughest challenges. Ranked in each of the last four years as one of the 10 Most Innovative

universities in the United States by U.S. News & World Report, Purdue delivers world-changing research and out-of-this-world discovery.

Committed to hands-on and online, real-world learning, Purdue offers a transformative education to all. Committed to affordability and accessibility, Purdue has frozen tuition and most fees at 2012-13 levels, enabling more students than ever to graduate debt-free. See how Purdue never stops in the persistent pursuit of the next giant leap at <https://stories.purdue.edu>

6 Ways To Help Businesses In Your Community Thrive

(Family Features) Small business owners faced the challenges of the past couple of years head-on. Nearly all re-evaluated their operations to accommodate new ways of doing business amid changing safety standards and local protocols, and many plan to make these changes permanent.

Over the past year, pandemic-related operational challenges, combined with a surge in physical and verbal attacks, have been uniquely difficult for a group of small business owners.

Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) businesses comprise nearly 10% of small businesses in the United States. Among them, 92% faced difficulties keeping their businesses open and operating amid the pandemic, according to Bank of America's 2021 AAPI Business Owner Spotlight.

"While almost all AAPI entrepreneurs said the pandemic created additional stress around running their businesses,

they remain determined and resilient," said Carol Lee Mitchell, head of small business strategy at Bank of America. "Even as they faced immense obstacles, AAPI business owners took steps to move their businesses and communities forward."

Local companies, including AAPI businesses, have proven to be fundamental to strong, healthy economies and inclusive communities. These entrepreneurs remain solution-oriented, quickly adopting new tools and strategies; however, they require support from customers and community members to thrive.

Consider these ways you can support small businesses, including AAPI owners and the community at-large, from the experts at Bank of America:

Choose to Shop Local and Small

Small businesses are ingrained in many local communities. When you choose to purchase from a small business, you're directly supporting neighbors, friends

and the people in your community. This support isn't taken for granted by entrepreneurs; more than half of AAPI small business owners noted the importance of community support amid the pandemic. Also consider leaving a generous tip when you receive exceptional service – it can make a big difference for small business staff.

Gift Local

Keep the impact that your support could have on local community businesses in mind when shopping for gifts, whether they're for loved ones near or far. For locals, a gift card to a nearby eatery or business such as a spa, salon or recreation center makes for a welcome gift that keeps your money local. When gifting those who live farther away, you can still benefit small businesses in your community by purchasing a thoughtful gift and packaging locally then shipping it with the help of a business in your area.

Help Spread the Word Small businesses don't

usually have the means to invest in big marketing programs, so referrals and word of mouth can make a major difference. However, in today's world, a great deal of consumer research happens online. That means you can be most helpful by taking your stories of great service and quality products to the internet, too. Seek out your favorite small businesses and write reviews on their social media channels. Take it a step further and give them a shoutout (with tags, if possible) on your own social media accounts where your friends and family are more likely to notice.

Help Fill Open Positions

The job market has shifted noticeably over the past year, and local businesses have been struggling to find the talent they need to continue to serve their communities. Small business owners recognize this and are shifting benefits for their employees, allowing for more flexible schedules and additional

paid time off.

Since these business owners are looking for employees to help fill some of the uptick in demand, you can help by tapping into your own network and recommending people for different positions you see, whether it be through "Help Wanted" signs or based on the needs you hear from the businesses you patronize.

Be Mindful of Business Challenges

Finding a work-life balance can be difficult for small business owners even in non-pandemic times because they wear so many hats within their businesses, from CEO and salesperson to human resources and everything in between.

Business owners were more conscious of their mental health over the past year, as nearly all AAPI business owners acknowledged additional stress and more than half set aside specific time for self-care and mental wellness.

As a consumer, it's important to be mindful

of the fact that business owners are both short-staffed and dealing with supply chain issues. Take an understanding approach and work with local businesses to make sure they know they are supported by their community.

Check In on What's New

Just as you've changed your consumer habits and needs, small businesses have adapted in dozens of ways. That could mean you have access to new services or options you never considered. For example, your favorite yoga studio may offer streaming classes or a favorite breakfast cafe you haven't visited in a while might have an all-new menu. Take time to stop in and learn how your favorite businesses are changing with the times and see how those changes may suit your needs.

Look for additional resources designed for small businesses at bankofamerica.com/small-business.

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Primary Over, Time to Move Forward

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 mud-slinging that is prevalent in many places.

Thanks goodness!
But we can do better.



TIM TIMMONS
Sagamore News CEO

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 everyone 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, too.

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.

I Suspect Fowl Play

Let's get the bad news out of the way, right off the top: Ed is dead.

I am devastated. Ed came into my life unexpectedly, last Thanksgiving. The fact that he showed up at my house when he did was astonishing, so much so that I devoted my entire column to his unconventional and dramatic entrance. (With the Grain, November 30, 2021)

Even more remarkably, once he was here, Ed showed little inclination to moving on. He seemed to really like our community, even though nothing in our surrounds would make you think that he would be drawn to us.

Ed seemed happy here. Through the weeks, Ed and I carved out a strong interpersonal relationship. We greeted each other each morning. Most days, I'd invite Ed to join me for lunch on my back deck. Without fail, day in and day out, Ed stopped outside the window of my home office, just to poke his head against the pane to say



JOHN MARLOWE
With the Grain

of body displays and gestures, yet it wasn't difficult to figure out what Ed wanted to convey.

Trust me, I wanted to talk with Ed. I wanted desperately to know what was on his mind. However, as much as I searched, I could never find anyone offering a "Peacock as a second language" course.

That's right, Ed is a peacock. Was a peacock.

On Easter morning, neighbors found in their back yard, evidence of a Herculean struggle for life or death. Green and gold feathers, adorned with the

hello.

Well, he didn't really "say" hello, I guess. He

communicated nonverbally. He used a series

of body displays and gestures, yet it wasn't difficult to figure out what Ed wanted to convey.

Further exploration indicates that Ed was outfoxed by, well ... by a fox.

We do have a female fox in the neighborhood, and she's raising a skulk of kits. True, she's the biggest fox I've ever seen easily the size of my neighbor's Dalmatian. Yet, I never thought she'd go after Ed.

Ed was too big, I thought. Too flamboyant. His crowned head towered over the hood of my car, and I'm not sure I could get my arms around Ed's corpulent body, even if I had tried. And I didn't try. Ed was certainly not a cuddler. He stayed aloof, brandishing human hand-sized talons to ward off those of us who ventured too close.

Yet, Ed never bothered anyone. Well, we do have one

neighbor who hoped somehow Ed would go away. I grant you, having Ed around your yard could be quite messy. It was a lot like owning a feathered St. Bernard.

Nevertheless, to most, Ed evoked joy not irritation.

There is something spiritual about having a peacock. He arrived on Thanksgiving, during a year when I wasn't particularly grateful. He departed on Easter, when I needed reminding of the meaning of new life.

Early Christians, in fact, considered the peacock to be the symbol of the resurrection. Many Asians consider it the symbol of rejuvenation.

I called the peacock Ed, because the only other person that I knew with a peacock was a farmer named Ed. Ironically, Ed – the farmer – passed away one week before Ed – the bird – showed up in my driveway. Makes one think, doesn't it?

I really loved telling people that I had a peacock, not that he was ever mine. He belonged to

all of us, maybe to even something greater than us.

The children in the neighborhood called the peacock "Blue," because of his bright blue feathers. His death has been particularly hard on the kids. For most, this is their first experience. Together, we stood around Ed's grave in an impromptu funeral ceremony.

The children wanted it. I'm glad they did. It helps us all understand life.

The kids placed spring flowers of violets and cherry blossoms on the soft dirt, and they asked me to say a few words. I've done a few eulogies through the years, but never for a peacock. I decided to end the service with a familiar hymn.

All things bright and beautiful
All creatures great and small
All things wise and wonderful
'Twas God that made them all

- John O. Marlowe is an award-winning columnist for Sagamore News Media.

Not Even Remotely Funny

You're probably familiar with the newest TV remote control technology. No longer do you have to "enter" the channel on the device: in many cases you can simply say what channel you want into the remote and voila! There it is on the screen. Of course, most times you will be asked to repeat yourself, because the high-tech gadget failed to understand you. As Mary Ellen noted, quite aptly, "I might as well ask you to switch channels, Dick. You can't hear me half the time, either."

And why are functions only on the remote, and not on the giant TV itself? Why jam all those buttons



onto something the size of a stapler? They could have put them on the set, as well. Absent-minded as I am, I have never lost a TV screen...and then found it in my sock drawer. I try to look on the bright side. If I didn't have to tear my couch

apart at least twice a month and dive into the dark side beneath those cushions to look for the remote, I wouldn't have \$235.89 worth of change in a cookie jar and I'd still be wondering what happened to my wedding ring, my extra set of keys and 17 ball-point pens.

No one can argue that a remote control is third only to movable type and the Squatty Potty for the world's greatest inventions. I became so paranoid about losing the remote that I wrapped a long piece of dental floss around it and then tied the line to the leg of the coffee table. I never lost the remote...and I remembered

to floss 45 percent more often. And only once did I get caught on the floss and sprain my ankle.

One company may have solved the disappearing remote problem. They will soon introduce a new flat-screen television that obeys commands based on hand and body movements. This technology is called gesture recognition. (It's a concept we are all familiar with when we cut someone off on 465.) "The TV has a camera and will recognize you if you are in front of it," says the manufacturer. This intrigued me, because I've been in front of a camera for 40 years, and I'm still having a heck of a

time being recognized.

The premise is that you can wiggle your fingers, point up or down or make various other motions and the TV will respond. It's like sign language—no remote needed. Let's say my wife and I are about to retire for the evening. As she watches me flex my fingers and rotate my palms, she wonders if I'm about to give her a romantic massage. "Ooh, Dick, are you trying to turn me on?"

"No, I'm trying to turn on Stephen Colbert. What's the sign for CBS?"

Advances will not stop with the TV remote. One day all this technology

will also be introduced in the kitchen. With the proper hand signals, we'll be able to operate the convection oven, the stove, the microwave, and the air fryer.

Truth is, I don't do any food preparation, so these hands-free innovations will have little effect on me. When it comes to cooking, I have no interest in lifting a finger.

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Ask Rusty - I'm Working; Why Hasn't My Social Security Benefit Increased?

Dear Rusty: I will be 72 in July. I started taking my Social Security at age 64 after a job loss and other items that came up. So, my plan to wait past 68 evaporated, but I have continued to work since that time at a considerably smaller amount. I have contacted Social Security about increasing my "entitlement" since my earnings of late are considerably more than my first few years of earnings. Using the formula of the highest earnings over the last 35 years divided by 420 my monthly increase would be about \$500. I've contacted Social Security several times about this. Their standard reply is that they evaluate all accounts every October



ASK RUSTY
Social Security Advisor

and if any adjustments are to be made, they will be made in March of the following year. Nothing has changed with regards to this as I've continued to work. Does the fact that I claimed my benefit at age 64 take me out of the equation? **Signed: Working Still at 72**

Social Security Matters
by AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor
Russell Gloor
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Dear Working: The Social Security representatives you spoke with they told you correctly – they examine your recent earnings every year and will automatically adjust your benefit if it is appropriate to do so. But the dollar values they look at to see if you should get a benefit increase may not be what

you think.

When you claimed your SS benefits at age 64, they computed your benefit using the highest-earning 35 years you had at that time, but they "indexed" those earnings (adjusted them for inflation) for the year you turned 60 and earlier. That means that

to arrive at your age 64 benefit, they increased your historical earnings by an inflation percentage for each year, to pay your benefit in current dollars. For example, if your 1985 earnings were \$25,000, that would be about \$62,000 in today's dollars and that is the amount they used to compute your benefit. But that is also the amount you would need to exceed today to have your current earnings increase your monthly benefit amount.

So, unless your most recent earnings exceed the inflated dollar amounts used to compute your benefit at age 64, your monthly benefit won't change. Keep in mind too that Social Security uses only the 35 years over your lifetime in which you earned the most, so years with lower earnings (for example, when you first started working) probably aren't included in the computation.

In any case, rest assured that claiming at age 64 didn't disqualify you from getting a bigger benefit if you're entitled to one because your current earnings exceed the inflation-adjusted amounts originally used. Everyone who works and earns, even if they are already collecting Social Security, will have their earnings record reviewed every year to see if their current earnings entitle them to a bigger benefit. If so, it is automatically given.