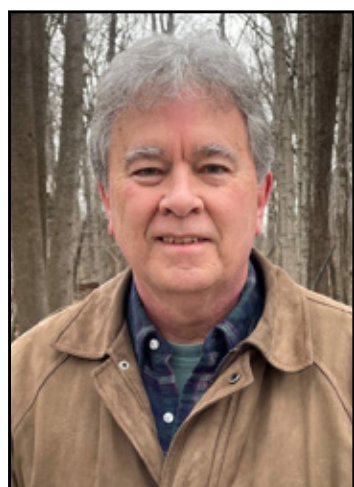


TODAY'S VERSE

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



FACES OF HAMILTON COUNTY

People who call our community their own.

What makes Phil Cartwright smile? "I enjoy the solitude when I come out and walk the trails (at Blatchley Nature Study Club). We live three miles away so I come here a lot in the evening after work ... It's amazing to think you're right in the middle of Noblesville and all of this suburban activity and can enjoy this nature. I like it when I can see the owls. We have a fox den on the property that sometimes we'll see the fox ... and sometimes will see kits but not this year so far. And I like the people, who have similar nature inclinations," said the 69-year-old Noblesville resident. He was found leading Blatchley's cleanup day in April in preparation for the 100th anniversary Spring Wildflower Walk and Centennial Celebration with guided wildflower walks in April. He joined the club 16 years ago when he and his wife, Sherry, moved to the area. His wife, Sherry, is involved with the club also, "but not when it's cold weather and wintery outside," he said during the mid 30s F cleanup day. She's also a member of North Harbor Garden Club and does bits of work with the Blatchley club. Both are outdoor people and do a lot of hiking. "We're really into butterflies. We have a 2,500-square-foot prairie in our backyard. We raise butterfly chrysalis." They belonged to a similar club when they lived in Mishawaka, Wis. So when they moved here, they looked for a nature club to join. "We happened to wander by the same day they were having their wildflower walk," Cartwright said. Also, both are Master Gardeners. The Hamilton County Master Gardeners' 24th annual spring Plant Sale is 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds in Noblesville. The sale takes up the entire 10,000-square-foot Exhibition Center. Admission is free. Go early to find the best plants. Bring a wagon. And your shopping list. Read more about the Master Gardeners sale in today's edition of The Times.

And Another Thing...

Amidst a month full of activities and festivities, don't forget to stop and smell the peonies this Saturday, May 21st, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Noblesville's Seminary Park! More than 50 vendors offering peony-inspired art, décor, food and beverages as well as plants and stems will be positioned throughout the park. A shuttle bus will run continuously to designated lots around Noblesville, including the Levinson Building (868 Maple Ave.) and the Hamilton County Parking Garage (225 N. 9th Street). For any questions, answers are available on the Indiana Peony Festival's FAQ page at <https://www.indianapeonyfestival.com/faq>.

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Noblesville Superintendent Niedermeyer Honored with Sagamore of the Wabash

Noblesville Schools announced yesterday that superintendent Dr. Beth Niedermeyer is the recipient of Indiana's Sagamore of the Wabash award.

Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen commented, saying, "Beth has been instrumental in making Noblesville Schools one of the best districts in the state."

He went on to say, "As a parent, I appreciate everything she has done inside the classrooms and as mayor she has been a critical partner on numerous initiatives, events and projects that the city and schools have partnered on over the eight years she has led the district. She will be greatly missed, but it is my honor to present her the Sagamore of the Wabash Award on behalf of Gov. Eric Holcomb for her years of service in education and the thousands of students she has positively impacted."

Created in the 1940s, the Sagamore is one of the highest honors in the state of Indiana, awarded by the governor as a personal tribute to those who have rendered distinguished



Photo courtesy of Noblesville Schools

Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen and Noblesville Schools superintendent Beth Niedermeyer pose after the superintendent was awarded the Sagamore of the Wabash, one of the most prestigious awards handed down by the state of Indiana. The award represents one of the crowning achievements across Dr. Niedermeyer's four-decade career in education. She announced earlier this year that she will retire in June.

service to the state through their wisdom, public commitment, and concern for the well-being of others.

Issued by Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb, the award was

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Master Gardener Plant Sale is This Saturday Morning



BETSY REASON
The Times Editor

Gardeners, it's time to shine up your little red wagons, make your plant lists and head for this weekend's plant sale.

If you haven't attended Hamilton County Master Gardeners' plant sale, you need to go, particularly if you like gardening.



The Times photo by Betsy Reason

Hamilton County Master Gardener Helen Seibel (right) of Noblesville leads a work day in the iris garden at the 4-H Fairgrounds with fellow Master Gardeners Craig Wind (front, from left), Terri Ribley and Barbara Kiernan; and Beth Alexander (standing, from left) and Mimi Merchun, in preparation for Master Gardeners' annual Plant Sale.

The 24th annual spring Plant Sale is 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds in Noblesville. The sale takes up the entire 10,000-square-foot Exhibition Center.

As many times as I've attended, I'm still always amazed

when I walk in the door. So many plants. So many volunteers. So much work by our county's Master Gardeners.

More than 15,000 plants -- all grown by Master Gardeners who, during more than two doz-

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Crouch, IHCDLA Launch Crowdfunding Campaign for Downtown Arcadia



Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch and the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDLA) today announced a crowdfunding campaign to build public restrooms in downtown Arcadia.

Arcadia residents will soon have a new public restroom if this crowdfunding campaign reaches its goal of raising \$15,000 by June 30, 2022. If successful, the project led by Town of Arcadia will receive

a matching grant as a part of IHCDLA's CreatiNg Places program.

Funds from this campaign will be used to create public restrooms. These restrooms will be located downtown near the recently developed Arcadia Splash Pad, another successful CreatiNg Places project.

"I'm so excited for this next phase of our downtown improvements," said Arcadia Clerk Treasurer, Jennifer Pickett. "Public restrooms are critical to our growth and suc-

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Arrowood Extolls HHSC Teachers and Students



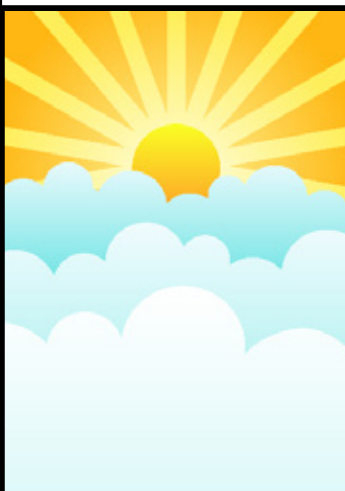
Dr. DEREK ARROWOOD
HHSC Superintendent



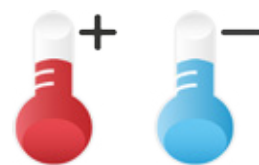
Beechler (HHMS), and Elisa Garcia (HHHS). One of these educators will be selected to represent Hamilton Heights at

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The Daily Almanac



Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 6:24 a.m.
SET: 8:57 p.m.



High/Low Temperatures
High: 90 °F
Low: 70 °F



Today is...

- World Bee Day
- Endangered Species Day
- NASCAR Day



What Happened On This Day

- 1873 Blue jeans are patented
- 1927 Charles Lindbergh takes off on the first solo non-stop transatlantic flight
- 1940 The first prisoners arrive at Auschwitz concentration camp



Births On This Day

- 1946 Cher American singer-songwriter, actress, producer, director
- 1971 Tony Stewart American race car driver

Deaths On This Day

- 1506 Christopher Columbus Italian explorer, discovered the Americas
- 2012 Robin Gibb English singer-songwriter, producer

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OBITUARIES

Paul McClay

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

HONEST HOOSIER

Talented TV food and wine connoisseur Ted Allen, a 1983 CHS grad, was born on this day in 1965. Happy birthday, Ted!



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

"People who wonder if the glass is half empty or full miss the point. The glass is refillable."

- Unknown

TODAY'S JOKE

Two windmills are talking about their favorite kind of music. They both agree they're big metal fans!

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OBITUARIES

Paul McClay

November 25, 1931 - March 17, 2022

Paul McClay, age 90, formerly of Sheridan, Indiana, passed away on Thursday, March 17, 2022, at his daughter's home.

He was born November 25, 1931, the son of the late Paul L. "Mouk" and Ona Jane (Barrickman) McClay.

Mr. McClay loved playing basketball during his years at Sheridan High School. After graduating with the Class of 1950 he hired on with Delco Remy in Anderson as a utility operator. He retired in 1987 after 37 years of service with the company. In addition to his responsibilities at Delco, he was a fixture at the Pickett's Point Service Station in Sheridan. For 50 years Mr. McClay was a familiar face that you came to expect when you went to The Point. In those days it was a full service station, and part of the "full service" was talking to him while he gave your vehicle a little TLC. Mr. McClay enjoyed visiting with his customers; for some, he was the source for what was going on around town. Over the years Pickett's Point saw many changes, but he was one of the constants that the residents of Sheridan came to rely on.

He was a proud member of UAW Local 662.

When Mr. McClay had the time, he loved traveling and camping with his family. He also enjoyed escaping the cold Indiana winters. He and Wilma quickly adopted the snowbird lifestyle and spent 13 years wintering in Florida. He loved spending as much time as he could with his family, especially when it came to his grand and great grandchildren. He was extremely proud of each and every one of them.

Survivors include his loving wife of 50 years, Wilanna (Hoover) McClay; nine children Debra Haugen of Temple, Texas, Kathy (Jess) Eckard of Round Rock, Texas, Sherry (Lewiss) Lares of Katy, Texas, Larry (Debbie) McClay of Westfield, Jeff (Mary) McClay of Macomb Twp., Michigan, David (Janice) Johnson of Westfield, Penny (Mike) Nicholson of Indianapolis, Lori Dame of Kokomo and Polly Johnson Waggoner of Ewing, Virginia; 21 grandchildren; 22 great grandchildren; brother Bob McClay (Linda) of Sheridan; and two nieces Pam Jones and Rhonda (Rick) Bohuk, both of Sheridan.

A Celebration of Life is scheduled to take place at 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 21, 2022, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th Street, Sheridan, Indiana, with Visitation scheduled to be held from 2 p.m. until the time of Service.

Mr. McClay will be laid to rest at Spencer Cemetery in Sheridan, Indiana at a later date.

Meeting Notes

Riverview Health Board of Trustees

Meeting Agenda
Monday, May 23, 2022
at 5 p.m.

Hospital Conference
Room A & B

1. Call to Order: Board Chairman
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes
A. April 25, 2022

Regular Session

B. April 25, 2022

Executive Session

4. Report of the Medical Staff: John Howard, M.D., President, Medical Staff

A. Medical Staff Credentials

B. Medical Staff Rules and Regulations

C. Medical Staff Bylaws

5. Report of the President: Seth Warren, President/CEO

A. Operations Report

6. Report of Chief Financial Officer: Jayna Friend, VP/CFO

A. April 2022 Statistical & Financial Report

7. Committee Report

A. Personnel & Finance/Building & Grounds

8. New Business

A. Resolution Regarding Line of Credit

9. Adjournment

Meeting Notes

Riverview Health Personnel & Finance/Building & Grounds Committee

Meeting Agenda
Monday, May 23, 2022
from 4 - 5 p.m.

Hospital Conference
Room A & B

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes

A. April 25, 2022 Personnel & Finance / Building & Grounds Committee

3. Requests for Information Only

A. Insurance Renewal Review - Larry McSpadden, Inguard

4. Requests for Approval

A. None

5. Construction Dashboard: Scott Tripp, Operations Director

Noblesville Lions Pork Chop & Chicken Dinner
Where: Noblesville Square, under the big tent
When: Friday, June 3rd from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.
How much: Adults - \$10 (with ticket) or \$12 at the door; kids - \$5

Pancake Breakfast and Duck Race Hot Dogs
Where: Under the big tent (Breakfast) and Logan Street Bridge (Hot Dogs)
When: Saturday, June 4th, 7 - 11 a.m.; 12 - 3 p.m.
How much: Breakfast: \$5 per person; Hot Dogs: \$3 per person

Contact any Lions Member to pre-purchase tickets

Cutting Remarks



DICK WOLFSIE
Funny Bone

I see women in my neighborhood mowing their lawns. My wife doesn't mow our lawn. I don't think she will ever mow the lawn. Lawn mowing season is here and it just kinda drives me crazy trying to figure out why she won't mow the lawn.

I want to ask her about this, but I am afraid she'll assume I want her to mow the lawn. This couldn't be farther from the truth. If she started mowing the lawn, that would jeopardize our relationship by altering the delicate balance

between her independence and her femininity.

If she really wanted to mow the lawn, I wouldn't stop her.

Don't misunderstand. I am not accusing my wife of being lazy. She takes on a great deal of responsibility. She is in charge of all the family finances, is on several boards, does all the shopping and prepares dinner for me almost every night. She also monitors both of our medical appointments.

I'm just really curious to know the reason she won't mow the lawn.

When I married Mary Ellen, it didn't matter that she had no interest in mowing. After all, she was intelligent, beautiful, sensitive and caring. It was all a man could want. I just assumed that if shove came to push she'd mow the lawn.

The first year we were married, we lived in an apartment and she really had no opportunity to hone

this skill. Then we moved to a condo and the lawn was cut for us. When we moved to our first house, the lawn was pretty big and that's when our son was born, so expecting her to mow and bottle feed at the same time would have been asking too much.

To be honest, I probably wouldn't enjoy seeing my wife out there huffing and puffing and sweating. Of course, I wouldn't have to watch. And when she finished, she could just freshen up before dinner.

There are some days, especially in the summer, when I'd like to just sit on a lounge chair and sip lemonade, but instead I have to mow the lawn. That's where a wife who's willing to mow comes in really handy. Not that I'd want her to.

It's really chauvinistic for a man to make his wife mow the lawn. On the other hand, it's also chauvinistic for a man to assume that a woman can't

or won't mow the lawn, so I guess I should at least ask her. Maybe she really wants to mow but is afraid I won't let her.

And maybe she thinks she's not strong enough. But those new mowers kind of guide themselves. They require very little strength. I'm sure that if she just knew the state-of-the-art technology available, she'd jump at the chance to mow the lawn.

Now, my friend, Jeff—his wife mows the lawn. He was over the other day and he asked me why Mary Ellen never mows the lawn. I was as honest with him as I could be...

"I don't know, Jeff. I never really thought about it."

- 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.

Fishers PD Arrest Man in Connection With Shooting

Shortly after 6 p.m. on May 16, 2022, Fishers police responded to a report of shots fired in the area of 106th Street and Lantern Road. A witness told officers she observed a dark colored passenger car and a white pickup truck stopped in the roadway. The witness observed the driver of the passenger car fire a handgun in the direction of the other driver. Both vehicles immediately left the area.

Later that evening, the driver of the pickup truck contacted police to report he was the victim of a shooting. He further reported driving northbound on Interstate 69 when a dark colored passenger car forced him to exit at 106th Street. Once on 106th Street both he and the other driver stopped in the roadway and began arguing. During verbal altercation the suspect pointed a handgun at the victim and fired two times in his direction. Officers located

damage to the driver's side of the victim's pickup truck believed to be from the shooting. The victim suffered minor abrasions to his left elbow and left shin from the shrapnel.

On May 18, 2022, Fishers Police Detectives obtained a search warrant for a residence in the 8400 block of Whiporwill Drive in Indianapolis. As officers were preparing to enter the residence a suspect, later identified as the shooter, was seen throwing a handgun from the balcony of the residence into a nearby retention pond.

The Fishers Police Dive Team recovered a handgun from the retention pond. Also seized, from the residence, were two rifles, a second handgun, thirty-one pounds of marijuana, and more than seven thousand dollars in cash. The suspect was taken into custody and transported to the Hamilton County Jail without incident.

Noblesville Student Gives Back, Volunteers at Gleaners Food Banks

Indiana Connections Academy's National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) chapter recently completed a day of service at Gleaners Food Bank. Students, including Lucas Gorman from Noblesville, Ind. packed 300 family food boxes, enough food to feed 1,020 members of the community.

The National Junior Honor Society includes students in grades six - nine who have demonstrated the five pillars of the NJHS. Qualifications for membership include:

- Scholarship**
 - Per national guidelines, students must have a cumulative GPA of 85, B, 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, or equivalent standard of excellence.
- Service**
 - This involves voluntary contributions made by a student to the school or community, without compensation.

Leadership
• Leadership experiences can be drawn from school or community activities while working with or for others.

Character
• The student of good character is cooperative; demonstrates high standards of honesty and reliability; shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others; and generally maintains a clean disciplinary record.

Citizenship
• The student who demonstrates citizenship understands the importance of civic engagement; has high regard for freedom and justice; respects democracy; respects the law for all citizens at the local, state, and federal levels; and demonstrates mature participation and responsibility in activities such as scouting, community organizations, or school clubs.

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With the NFL Draft Behind Us, Kenny Looks at 2023 Prospects

Now that the 2022 NFL Draft is history, it didn't take long for national media to start thinking about prospects for 2023.

A lot of guesswork goes into these projections. Which incoming juniors will make the jump like Purdue's George Karlaftis and David Bell? Which seniors will improve enough from their junior years to become prospects? Which players will give up their free COVID year of eligibility to take their shot at pro football?

The Athletic recently selected one NFL prospect from each Big Ten school. Linebacker/safety Jalen Graham was the choice to represent Purdue.

"Graham's a hybrid defender with a lot of coverage upside, which makes him unique and valuable at the next level. The Detroit Cass Tech product is built with a linebacker frame (6-3, 220) but has safety skills and room to grow. Graham plays with a lot of length, which allows him to eat up a ton of ground in coverage."

Cornerback Cory Trice, who missed most of the 2021 season due to injury, was also mentioned by The Athletic as a draft candidate because of his size (6-3, 215). Wide receiver Milton Wright was also regarded as a prospect but goldandblack.com and jconline.com have reported that Wright is no longer with the Boilermakers for academic reasons.

Thanks to the NCAA's gift of a free eligibility season to those on rosters in 2020, both Graham and Trice could return in 2023.

Frankly, The Athletic didn't dig deep enough into Purdue's prospective NFL Draft candidates. There was one egregious oversight, in fact.

Maybe it's because he's not mobile like a Lamar Jackson or Kyler Murray but sixth-year



KENNY THOMPSON
Columnist

senior quarterback Aidan O'Connell has the arm and the ability to win big games that you'd think NFL teams would value.

The former walk-on earned second-team All-Big Ten honors behind the much more touted C.J. Stroud of Ohio State in 2021 after throwing for 3,712 yards and 28 touchdowns. O'Connell obliterated David Blough's school record for completion percentage, connecting on nearly 72 percent of his passes.

Tennessee may not have had the best defense Purdue faced in 2021 but O'Connell impressed with leading scoring drive after scoring drive when it seemed the Vols would take control before a home state crowd in the 2021 Music City Bowl. Scouts had to have taken notice that O'Connell threw for 534 yards and five touchdowns.

Another draft candidate overlooked by The Athletic is tight end Payne Durham, who also has eligibility for 2023 if he chooses.

Durham probably will be O'Connell's top receiving option in 2022 with the departure of Bell to the Cleveland Browns and the academic ineligibility of Wright.

Durham is the top returning receiver statistically with 45 catches for 467 yards and five touchdowns. Don't be surprised if Durham joins Brycen Hopkins, now with the Los Angeles Rams, as the winner of the Big Ten Kwalick-Clark Tight End of the Year award.

Let's rank the rest of Purdue's 21 scholarship seniors (a high for the Jeff Brohm era) in order of NFL Draft chances.

Branson Deen - His size (6-2, 280) may not fit the ideal NFL mold for a defensive tackle but his 26 tackles and 4.5 sacks in 2021 indicate playmaking ability. He possesses eligibility for 2023.

Cam Allen - The 6-1, 195 safety just makes plays. He's Purdue's No. 2 returning tackler with 65 and led the Boilermakers with four interceptions in 2021. Allen has 2023 eligibility available.

Reese Taylor - The former Indiana Mr. Football from Ben Davis is a graduate transfer defensive back who compiled career statistics of 74 tackles and two interceptions for Indiana after being converted from quarterback. If Taylor can crack a veteran secondary that includes Trice, Allen, Jamari Brown, Chris Jefferson and Sanousi Kane, his athletic ability could get him noticed by scouts.

Broc Thompson - The offensive MVP of the Music City Bowl underwent surgery on both knees following the game and missed spring practice. A senior academically, the wide receiver has 2023 eligibility.

Lawrence Johnson - He has the size (6-3, 310) scouts covet for a defensive lineman. Johnson probably has to increase his 2021 totals of 34 tackles and 4.5 tackles for loss. Even though this is Johnson's fifth season as a Boilermaker, he possesses 2023 eligibility thanks to redshirting in 2018 and the 2020 COVID free pass.

Jamari Brown - The Kentucky transfer stepped up when Trice was lost for the season, recording 32 tackles and an interception. The 6-3, 205-pound Brown possesses 2023 eligibility.

Chris Jefferson - The safety transferred from Division II Findlay and proved he belonged in the Big Ten with 47 tackles in 2021. Fifteen of those came in the Music City Bowl against Tennessee. His initial hit of Vols running back Jaylen Wright on fourth down in overtime bought time for Jamari Brown and Kieran Douglas to come in and stop Wright short of the goal line.

Kieran Douglas - Purdue's leading returning tackler with 67 last season. The 6-2, 240-pound linebacker began his college football career with Army in 2017.

Semisi Fakasiieki - The 6-2, 230-pound linebacker was granted a sixth year of eligibility after missing 2021 with a knee injury. He had been a projected starter before the injury.

Jack Sullivan - The early favorite to replace George Karlaftis at defensive end, Sullivan stepped in for the NFL first-round draft pick in the Music City Bowl and came away with a sack among his four tackles. Sullivan had 22 tackles and 2.5 sacks in 2021.

Scotty Humpich - The defensive end from Murray State is making the jump to the Big Ten as a graduate transfer. He has two seasons of eligibility.

King Doerue - Purdue's rushing leader in 2021 with 533 yards and two touchdowns. Doerue has 2023 eligibility available.

Sampson James - Although listed as a senior on Purdue's 2022 roster, the former four-star running back from Avon has sophomore eligibility thanks to COVID and sitting out 2021 after transferring late from Indiana.

Mitchell Fineran - Arguably had the best season of Purdue's 2021 transfer class. The former All-American from Samford just missed

matching Ben Jones' school record (25) with 24 field goals in 29 attempts.

D.J. Washington - The 6-3, 310-pound Washington has played both offensive and defensive tackle.

Eric Miller - The 6-7, 305-pound offensive tackle has 2023 eligibility.

Austin Burton - The presumptive backup quarterback to O'Connell completed 5 of 7 passes, his first for Purdue after coming from UCLA as a graduate transfer, for 44 yards.

NBA post-lottery forecast

Now that the Indiana Pacers have had their usual bad luck in the NBA Draft lottery (drew the No. 6 slot after having the fifth-worst record in 2021-22), it looks like they will be out of luck if Purdue star Jaden Ivey was their favorite.

Jonathan Givony of ESPN.com has Ivey going fifth to Detroit.

"Ivey is the most electric prospect in the class, possessing the type of extra gear-changing speeds in the open floor that few NBA players possess," Givony writes. "Ivey's size, frame and length, along with the strides he has made as a shooter, will allow him to slide into a variety of lineup configurations, making it easy for him to find his way onto the floor, especially as his defense and decision-making improve."

Givony also has Purdue center Trevion Williams going to Minnesota with the 50th overall selection. Williams was not in the draft forecast of The Athletic's Sam Vecenie, who has Ivey going to Sacramento with the No. 4 pick.

"Picking Ivey this high is all about his upside," Vecenie writes. "He's the best athlete in the class and was extremely productive this year at Purdue. He has a

lightning-quick first step, can power through defenders on the move and finish with explosive leaps at the hoop. The way he uses his speed to create driving lanes and transition opportunities resembles No. 1 pick John Wall early in his NBA career.

"Ivey's main issues are his non-existent midrange game and sub-elite passing skills, both essential skills for an NBA lead guard. If he can't improve those areas, it will be hard for him to take on a primary offensive role consistently. But if those parts of Ivey's game come together, he could end up as the best player in this class."

Former Carmel star to Purdue

Cole Brevard, a two-time all-state defensive tackle for Carmel, announced Monday on Twitter that he is transferring to Purdue from Penn State.

The former four-star prospect redshirted in 2020 and played in one game this past season, leaving him with four seasons of eligibility at Purdue.

Brevard joins sophomore running back Dylan Downing as Carmel alumni on the Boilermaker roster. Brevard is the ninth transfer to join the Boilermakers for the 2022 season, joining wide receivers Tyrone Tracy (Iowa) and Elijah Canion (Auburn), defensive end Scotty Humpich (Murray State), cornerbacks Reese Taylor (Indiana), Tee Denson (Kansas State) and Bryce Hampton (Adams State) plus offensive linemen Sione Finau (Florida International) and Daniel Johnson (Kent State).

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

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Flea Market, Peony Fest, Fish Fry are This Weekend



BETSY REASON
The Times Editor

This weekend is all about flowers and plants and gardening and sprucing up with flea market finds.

So here I offer the 25 Things to Do in The Times this week:

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

2. Noblesville Farmers Market is open for the season 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.

3. Noblesville Preservation Alliance's third annual Flea Market on Logan and Clinton streets will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. Residents can be vendors at their home for \$25 donation per

household.

4. Make plans to attend the free Indiana Peony Festival, in its second year, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at Seminary Park in Noblesville. Also, a VIP ticketed event, Peonies in the Park, will be 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. today in Seminary Park, with peony-inspired dishes and drinks from 10 local eateries, for \$100 for VIP tickets. There is also a Brunch & Blooms brunch crawl on Saturday for \$6. For more on the Peony Festival, visit <https://www.indianapeonyfestival.com/>

5. A used bicycle sale and donation day will be 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, 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.

6. Come out for the Wayne-Fall Lions Club's Fish Fry from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday at the club, on 191st Street east of Noblesville, at the intersection of Deshane and Victory Chapel Road. Menu features Good North Atlantic cod fish, fries, baked beans, coleslaw and drinks, for \$12 for adults, \$6 for under age 12, with coney dogs and desserts also available. Carryout or dine in. Goodwill donations also taken.

7. 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.

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

9. Carmel Arts & Design District presents "Art of Wine" from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, for ages 21 and older, with unlimited wine tastings from participating wineries for \$30. Tickets at eventbrite.com

10. The Noblesville High School Music one-day-only Mattress Sale Fundraiser is 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday at Noblesville High School. Music students earn dollars toward their music fees when shoppers buy a mattress with a referral.

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

12. 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.

13. Binding the Wounds of War workshop to help understand the invisible wounds of war will be offered 9 a.m. to noon May 26 at Bethel Lutheran Church in Noblesville, featuring trained counselors from Fort Wayne-based Lutheran Military and Families Ministries.

14. Join the Midtown Anniversary Celebration from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. May 27 at Midtown Plaza in Carmel, with live entertainment, face painters, balloon artists, strolling magician, prize giveaways and more.

14. 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. June 20: PAW Patrol the Movie.

15. 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.

16. Join the Amazing Miller Race, a Noblesville-themed scavenger hunt, a family-friendly virtual event with interactive missions that explore the history and culture of Noblesville. Your team can play the game on your phone and complete the missions to earn points. You will be competing with other groups around

Noblesville during the three days. Top teams will earn prizes. The teams are \$30 each. All missions will be Noblesville based. Most are walkable to downtown, but some involve driving to businesses and parks. The goal is to complete the most missions you can to earn the maximum points. The Goosechase app we use will have leaderboards so you can see the competition throughout the weekend. This fundraiser supports the Noblesville Schools Education Foundation which supports all 10 Noblesville schools. Email adriann_young@nobl.k12.in.us, 317-773-3171 ext 10431)

16. Main Street Productions presents "Rumors" by Neil Simon, at Basile Westfield Playhouse, June 2-12, directed by Jen Otterman. Buy a \$5 Rubber Duck from Noblesville Main Street and watch to see if it's the first duck to cross the finish line and win \$1,000 in the annual Duck Race on White River on June 4.

17. Auditions are June 5-6 for Main Street Productions' "30 Reasons Not To Be in a Play," by Alan Haehnel, at Basile Westfield Playhouse, directed by Tanya Haas, on July 28-Aug. 7. Info at westfieldplayhouse.org

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. The next Shred

Day will be 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. (or until trucks are full) June 11 at Hamilton County Household Hazardous Waste Center in Noblesville.

20. Beat the heat during Simon Summer Sledding from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 11 and 12 at Simon Moon Park in Westfield with help from Westfield Fire Department. Enjoy pancakes and airplanes during a Noblesville Chapter of Experimental Aircraft Association's Fly-In and Breakfast 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. June 25 at Noblesville Airport, with free admission and donation for breakfast.

22. Roy Reynolds, known for his Elvis tributes, will sing from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. June 11 at the Noblesville Jim Dandy.

23. Save the date: Put on your dancing shoes for the mid-July return of Noblesville Main Street's Noblesville Street Dance on July 23 on the Courthouse Square.

24. The Belfry Theatre presents "Drinking Habits" June 24-July 3 at Ivy Tech Hamilton County in Noblesville, with Nancy Lafferty directing, with reservations at thebelfrytheatre.org.

25. Enjoy pancakes and airplanes during a Noblesville Chapter of Experimental Aircraft Association's Fly-In and Breakfast 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. June 25 at Noblesville Airport, with free admission and donation for breakfast.

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

WWPL Ready to Launch Summer Reading Program

Registration for the Westfield Washington Public Library Summer Reading Program is now open. The eight-week program officially starts on Wednesday, June 1st. All ages are encouraged to participate.

"We're encouraging everyone to dive into reading with this year's theme Oceans of Possibilities," says Sara Reitmeyer Perry, a library assistant in the Children's Department. "Not only will we offer a host of ocean-themed storytimes, crafts, and trivia, but we're bringing in some must-see, hands-on activities."

The Whalemobile, a 43-foot-long model of a real humpback whale off the coast of Massachusetts, will be at the library on Saturday, June 18th. Kids will be allowed to walk through the whale and learn about its biology, sounds, and natural history. Space is limited and registration is required.

The library will also play host to an Oceans of Foam Party on Thursday, July 7th. Participants will

be allowed to "swim" in a dance floor covered in foam with live music and games. The hypo-allergenic foam, similar to baby

a drawing for the grand prize which includes an underwater sports action camera. Prizes will also be distributed to participants



Photo courtesy of WWPL

The Whalemobile in action.

shampoo, is safe for kids and biodegradable. Again, space is limited, and registration is required. Event registration can be made on the library's event page.

Registration for the Summer Reading Program can be found at <https://wwpl.beanstack.org>.

Anyone who reads at least 40 hours between June 1st and July 31st will be automatically entered into

throughout the program when they hit specific reading milestones.

"We hope to see hundreds of kids at the library this summer," says Sheryl Sollars, director of the Westfield Washington Public Library. "Summer break is a fun time to use the library and develop a lifelong habit of reading. Plus, reading over the summer helps young readers keep their skills up."

Attorney General Todd Rokita Warns Hoosiers Be Vigilant Ahead of Indy 500



Attorney General Todd Rokita

Attorney General Todd Rokita warns Hoosiers of crafty scammers before heading to the greatest spectacle in racing. During large sporting events, con artists are exceptionally prevalent and can fool even the most experienced fans.

"As Indiana prepares to welcome tens of thousands of people to the Indianapolis 500, I encourage Hoosiers to exercise caution before buying tickets, paying for parking, or

making any online reservations," Attorney General Rokita said. "If you believe you've fallen victim to any type of scam, please contact my office to file a complaint."

Many counterfeit passes and tickets look authentic, but track staff can spot a fake right away. In the past, race fans have made it all the way to the gate only to be turned away for fake parking passes or tickets. If the deals sound too good to be true, it usually is.

Attorney General Rokita offers the following tips to avoid scams during this year's race:

- Purchase items directly from IMS whenever possible.
- Consider your source. Know the difference between a professional ticket broker (a legitimate and accredited reseller), a ticket scalper (an unregulated and unlicensed ticket seller) and a scammer selling scam tickets.

- Know the refund policy. You should only purchase tickets from a ticket reseller that provides clear details about the terms of the transaction.

- Use payment methods that come with protection. Always use a credit card so you may have some recourse if the tickets are not as promised.

- Call the hotel directly before your trip to let them know you're on the way.

- Check the reviews for the hotel or wherever you're staying.

- Look for warning signs, like prices that seem a little too low or website addresses that seem odd.

- Get email confirmations for all reservations and tickets.

Hoosiers are encouraged to contact the Office of the Indiana Attorney General regarding any suspected scams or scam attempts. You can file a complaint online by visiting indianaconsumer.com or by calling 1-800-382-5516.

Conner Prairie to Host Community Mural Event as Part of Fishers 150th Birthday Celebration



During a collaborative project between artist Jeannette Pomeroy Parssi and Conner Prairie, the community will have the opportunity to recreate a painting from the Conner Prairie archives in celebration of the Fishers Sesquicentennial.

Conner Prairie will host a creating party on August 13 and 14 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Come and be a part of history by recreating a 12"x12" piece of the 10'x8' mural in your own style and flare. Art supplies will be available for you, your family and friends to draw, glue, cut and color as you interpret a small piece of history. The project is free to the public with Conner Prairie admission. This homegrown, engaging and educational project will allow the community to come together to create a whole.

How It Works
An historical painting, created between 1837-1876 by George Winter, one of Indiana's best-known artists, will be enlarged to a 10'x8' decal. The painting will be divided into 80, 12"x12" sections. Each participant will create their interpretation of a section of the painting. Once finished, that small piece of art will be placed in its

corresponding position on the mural. The mural will be on display through September 11, 2022.

As a recipient of a 2021 Fishers Arts + Culture Commission grant, Pomeroy Parssi saw firsthand how people of all ages enthusiastically embraced this sort of effort during "The Ema Project" at Ignite Studio at the Hamilton East Public Library's Season of Gratitude. "The joy that comes from offering encouragement to others while being given total artistic freedom is both satisfying and rewarding for everyone involved."

This project is funded by a grant from the City of Fishers through the Fishers Arts + Culture Commission, part of a program aimed at nurturing creative partnerships within the Fishers arts community.

Spanning more than 1,000 wooded acres in Central Indiana, Conner Prairie welcomes more than 400,000 visitors of all ages annually. As Indiana's first Smithsonian Institute affiliate, Conner Prairie offers various outdoor, historically-themed encounters and indoor experiential learning spaces that combine history and art with science, technology, engineering and math

to offer an authentic look into history that shapes society today. Conner Prairie is a 501(c)3, nonprofit organization - accredited by the American Alliance of Museums - that relies on grants and philanthropic donations from individuals, corporations, and foundations for sustainability and growth. For more information visit www.connerprairie.org.

Jeannette Parssi found her path in 1994 when she left the corporate world to pursue art. The Ohio native has lived in Chicago and South Florida, recently returning to the Midwest. In addition to being a professional artist, Mrs. Parssi is a teacher, a mentor and a supporter of the local arts scene.

From 2004-2017, she founded and ran Art-Start, an arts education non-profit organization, delivering programming to underserved areas of Palm Beach County. Currently, in the Indianapolis area, she works as a drawing & painting instructor at Nickel Plate Arts. She was awarded the 2020 Nickel Plate Arts Educator of the Year. She continues to lead workshops at Ignite Studio in Fishers, where she was the artist-in-residence in 2019. Mrs. Parssi teaches privately from her studio. She also teaches painting and drawing, in-person and online, at Interlochen Center for the Arts in Michigan. www.jparssi.com



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Travel Expert Warns Hoosiers Can Expect ‘Flightmare’ of Delays Starting May 30th

With Memorial Day quickly approaching, so is the unofficial start of summer... For many Hoosiers, this upcoming summer will be the first time they're planning vacation getaways since the start of the pandemic – and consequent travel restrictions were implemented – more than two years ago. Many restrictions have since been lifted, however, with COVID still very much present today, it has a continuing effect on aspects like airline, airport, and hospitality industry staffing shortages, alongside the increased demand for these kinds of travel services.

Heightened demand for travel is typically accompanied by an increase in ticket costs. In airports across The Hoosier State, the average price of a domestic flight ticket is \$337.82, which is higher than the national average of \$327.13. Before the pandemic, in periods of higher ticket prices, people would be

less likely to splurge on traveling, however, after two years of restrictions, many have saved up for the moment they're able to resume these leisure activities – such as over summer vacation this year. However, it also means that this upcoming peak season, airports in Indiana are predicted to experience increased air traffic, as well as foot traffic from passengers passing through. A combination of these pandemic-related factors may lead to trip disruptions, delays, postponement, or even cancellations for travelers this upcoming season...

Rose Ackermann, Executive Editor at FamilyDestinationsGuide.com warns that the surge in passenger numbers following the easing of travel restrictions will have an impact on waiting times between checkpoints like check-in counters, security screening, and baggage collection. “While it is great news that travel has fully opened up and

families can finally have proper vacations, the combination of increased demand and staff shortages have the potential to cause significant delays and an overall sub-par travel experience.”

The TSA reports air passenger traffic is expected to be more concentrated over peak periods, with volumes anticipated to match (and occasionally exceed) those in previous years for the first time since the pandemic began and travel restrictions were implemented. With an influx of passengers returning to modes of air travel, it may mean staff (which are already short in number) are overwhelmed with duties and passengers eager to get to their summer destinations. Airports Council International (ACI) released 2021 rankings of busiest airports across the world and the top 7 were all located in the U.S., with Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport topping the charts in #1 place

(75.7 million passengers in 2021, which was a 76% increase from 2020).

1. Atlanta (ATL): 75.7 million passengers, a 76% increase from 2020
2. Dallas/Fort Worth (DFW): 62.5 million passengers, a 59% increase from 2020
3. Denver (DEN): 58.8 million passengers, a 74% increase from 2020
4. Chicago O'Hare (ORD): 54 million passengers, a 75% increase from 2020
5. Los Angeles (LAX): 48 million passengers, a 67% increase from 2020
6. Charlotte (CLT): 43.3 million passengers, a 59% increase from 2020
7. Orlando (MCO): 40.4 million passengers, an 87% increase from 2020

FamilyDestinationsGuide.com has compiled a list of tips for summer vacationers over the upcoming to help ease travel concerns they may have when moving through hubs during the pandemic:

1. Aim for flights that depart early in the day

By doing this, if there is a potential last-minute flight cancellation, it may increase your chances of being rebooked on another flight the same day. This will also help reduce the risk of larger-scale impacts on the rest of your travel plans if things do happen to go awry.

2. Anticipate delays and plan your time accordingly

Lengthier-than-usual waiting times at travel checkpoints and airline counters can emerge without warning, therefore, making sure you're even earlier than being 'on time' can help reduce the severity of these delays on the rest of your plans. Anticipating these delays means you can add an extra few minutes between stops onto your itinerary and even if this additional time isn't needed, you could always stop for a coffee or snack to make up for it.

3. Review your travel insurance policy

In a time where travel can be unpredictable due to the changing pandemic landscape, it's a good idea to look into the best possible travel insurance for you and your party. There is an abundance of different options to suit budgets and varying timelines; and taking out a travel insurance policy ahead of time can help minimize financial stress and further delays caused by potential flight, transport, or accommodation cancellations.

4. Try exercise patience when dealing with airport and airline staff!

It's easy to get caught up in the excitement of traveling, especially if it's been a while since your last trip. Remember that many industries are still attempting to recover from the economic turmoil caused by the pandemic, so processes may be a little slower as compared to traveling in previous years before the virus was a concern.

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en scheduled workday digs at Master Gardeners' homes -- are prepared for this sale.

Most of the plants come from county Master Gardeners' yards and are well-acclimated to thriving in this area. They pot the plants and keep them on hand at their homes, watering, weeding and encouraging them to grow.

When the doors open at 8 a.m. Saturday for the plant sale, expect a line.

And you'll be better prepared if you bring your own wagon.

While many Master Gardeners donate the use of their own wagons for this sale, there aren't enough wagons to meet the demand. So what's the best way to prepare for the sale? Do an inventory of your garden. Check which plants are coming back and which plants need replacing. Also, take a moment or two and consider what additions or new garden areas would be fun for this year.

Then, make your shopping list. Some miniature plants for your fairy garden? Hostas for your shady area? An array of tomato varieties for your table? How about eggplants and herbs? Native plants, vegetables, annuals and perennials? Or small trees and shrubs? You'll find it all at Saturday's

plant sale.

What other advice? Take your time and browse. Most all plants have a descriptive sign with a picture of the plant in bloom and good information as to proper planting.

And don't make the mistake of just shopping in the Exhibition Center. Go outside. Find dig-to-order bearded iris and daylilies. Or the adjacent O.V. Winks Building and find good-sized containerized trees that are small enough to haul in an SUV.

Customers may also use a holding area to accumulate plants without having to haul them around as they shop.

Got a question? Then ask a trained Master Gardener. The sale is about gardening education as much as selling plants. About 100 Master Gardeners are on hand to help you find just the right plant and are happy to give gardening advice. One educational stop is the tomato plant section, where volunteers discuss nearly every variety they sell, from the size of the fruit to the expected arrival.

Usually, the Master Gardeners can find an answer to anything horticulturally related. If the Master Gardener you originally ask doesn't have the answer, he or she will

locate a long-term Master Gardener on hand for difficult questions. And if your questions stump them all, they will take your name and phone number, research the question and get back to you.

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Then make your purchase with ease with an automated checkout system that's faster and more efficient. Also, express lines usually serve customers purchasing six plants or less.

While cash and checks are eagerly accepted, plastic is also accepted. Then expect curbside pick-up and help loading plants into your vehicle.

The best part about the sale is being assured that all of the plants are acclimated to Indiana's climate. And that all proceeds support scholarships for students in Hamilton County interested in horticulture-related careers.

Want to become a Master Gardener? Just ask any Master Gardener who is volunteering at the sale. Most Master Gardeners love gardening, love plants

and love digging in the dirt. Also, gardeners tend to be lovely people, and fun to work with and with whom to share a passion.

Once you get home with your plants, you may still have more questions. Don't fret. Trained Master Gardener volunteers are available in person, by phone, or by email at the Master Gardeners' Education Center, open 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays. To contact the Education Center, call 317-776-0854 or email HamiltonGardenline@gmail.com.

Another upcoming event is Master Gardeners' Rose Committee, in partnership with Indianapolis Rose Society, will play host to a seventh annual Rosefest, at 9 a.m. June 11 in the Exhibition Center, 2003 E. Pleasant St., Noblesville. Admission is free to the public, and activities include: tour of rose garden, rose-related workshops, educational displays and more. There will also be roses and rose products for sale.

For more details about Master Gardeners, visit <https://extension.purdue.edu>. For more about Rosefest, visit www.IndianapolisRoseSociety.com.

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presented to Niedermeyer in honor of her retirement by Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen.

The term "sagamore" was used by the American Indian tribes of the northeastern United States to describe a great man among the tribe to whom the chief would look for wisdom and advice. The award states that the honoree is distinguished by their humanity in living, loyalty in friendship, wisdom in council, and inspiration in leadership.

Niedermeyer recently announced that she will retire at the end of June after 38 years in public education.

During her tenure in Noblesville, she led several significant achievements including:

- State and national academic and extracurricular honors
- Safety enhancements following the district's school shooting
- Strong fiscal and facility growth management
- An expanded focus on creating a school environment where all students

can best learn

- The creation/expansion of community outreach and engagement initiatives

In addition to her leadership responsibilities with the district, Niedermeyer also serves on the board of directors for the Boys and Girls Club of Noblesville, Noblesville Chamber of Commerce, Noblesville Youth Assistance, Noblesville Diversity Coalition and Noblesville Middy Rotary.

Niedermeyer has received other honors and awards over the course of her career including Central Indiana Superintendent of the Year, Indiana Principal of the Year, Fort Wayne Community Schools Teacher of the Year, Aerospace Science Teacher of the Year, Excellence in Education awards, and a Distinguished Education Alumna Award from Indiana Purdue University Fort Wayne.

The school board expects to name a new superintendent in the coming weeks.

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Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch

cess and I know our community will help us once again.”

The CreatINg Places program began in 2016, projects have raised more

than \$6.2 million in public funds and an additional \$5.2 million in matching IHCD funds.

The program is available to projects located in Indiana communities. Non-profit entities (with 501c3 or 501c4 status) and Local Units of Government are eligible to apply.

Eligible projects must have a minimum total development cost of \$10,000, where the recipient will receive \$5,000 in IHCD matching funds should it successfully raise \$5,000 through Patronicity. IHCD will provide matching grant funds up to \$50,000 per project.

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at the Indiana Teacher of the Year competition in the fall. The winner will be named at the End of the Year Breakfast for staff on June 3. In addition, our honorees for the Building Level Support Staff Member of the Year are Toby Etchison (HHES), AJ Robinson (HHMS), and Erin Bildeback (HHHS).

These annual recognition programs acknowledge and celebrate some of our district's most exceptional educators and support staff. Their commitment to student success exemplifies all that is good in our public schools. What makes these awards so special is that the winners are selected by their colleagues, who see the impact these individuals have on students and families — in and out of the classroom every day. These amazing honorees represent education at its best at

Hamilton Heights and we are grateful to have this caliber of professionals in our district. Congratulations!

Fourteen Business Professionals of America (BPA) students traveled to Dallas, Texas to participate in the National Leadership Conference and eight received top medals including Corbin Landrey who won the National Torch Ambassador of the Year and placed 8th in Payroll Accounting. Amber Lane was awarded a \$1,000 BPA scholarship and also placed in the Top 9 in Desktop Publishing and Database Applications. Elianna Watson, Devyn Taylor and Melissa Lovell, who comprised the Global Marketing Team, placed in the Top 10. Ben Wolfgang, Jenn Houser, and Lydia Lytle with the Adobe XD Experience also placed in the Top 10. Well done! Heights' Robotics

Teams also had a great experience in Dallas. They were among more than 20,000 students from 36 countries to compete at this year's VEX Robotics World Championship. We had teams make it to the finals, and one team won one of only 10 Sportsmanship Awards for the entire event! Congratulations!

I want to give a shout out to the members of the Northern Hamilton County Chamber of Commerce and all those who helped make the second annual Sheridinner a success! The proceeds from this fundraising event benefit the business programs at Hamilton Heights and Sheridan Community Schools. Thank you for your partnership and positive impact.

Speaking of a positive impact, better broadband could be coming to our area soon. To ensure we can get reliable broadband

connection where it's needed, accurate data is needed. By participating in the Indiana Speed Test, you will help create a real-time map that will help plan improvements to internet availability in our county. Click here to take the test. It's anonymous, and the address entered is converted to a GIS location for privacy purposes. Thank you in advance for your time and input.

As a reminder, this Friday, May 20, is our last e-Learning Day. Our last student day is Thursday, June 2, and Friday, June 3 is the last day for teachers. Thank you for working together to finish the school year strong by putting our best selves forward in support of our staff, students, and one another! #WeAreHuskies

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



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Support Small Business

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/smallbusiness.



FRIDAY Voice of our PEOPLE

Three Cheers For Sen. Mike Braun

While questioning Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra recently, Indiana Sen. Mike Braun said this: "I think the government shouldn't be pushing kids toward irreversible sex change therapy. We're moving into territory we've never been in as a government. These kids are having a hard time and we should be focusing more on mental health and not surgeries for kids that are totally irreversible. You're promoting things that are out of sync with most of America and I think it would be wise to back up a little bit."

Three cheers for the junior Indiana senator.

Let's be clear. I'm not a big fan of Mike Braun. Not a hater either. He survived a pretty ugly 2018 race with Todd Rokita and Luke Messer. Some called it the nastiest and most expensive senate primary of all time, and that's saying something. Some of Braun's ads weren't as clean and professional as I'd like. But hey,



TIM TIMMONS
Sagamore News Media CEO

his campaign didn't ask me, so what do I know? What I do like about Braun is he's a business guy. He understands bottom lines and the fact that businesses should bring in more money than they spend (what a novel concept MoCo politicians!). He seems to be applying sound economic principles and even sounder common sense to government. I like that a lot.

But when it comes to this topic, I simply could not agree with Braun more.

According to a document* entitled "Gender-Affirming Care and Young People" put out by the Office of Population Affairs, a part of the Department of Health and Human Services, "for transgender and nonbinary children and adolescents, early gender-affirming care is crucial to overall health and well-being as it allows the child or adolescent to focus on social transitions and can increase their confidence while navigating the healthcare systems."

I wish I was making this up.

Our federal government is actually talking about children - typically defined as little folks who haven't reached the age of puberty yet - and care that can involve drugs to help block puberty, hormone therapy and even gender-affirming surgeries. Oh, this can include adolescents, too. Those little bigger folks who

have gone through puberty but haven't reached adulthood yet. You know, the same young people our government deems too young to vote, smoke or drink.

Yet that same government thinks they have the maturity to make momentous decisions on what sex they are or are not.

How is this not criminal?

Look, we as a society can agree to disagree on sexual mores, stances and tendencies. I have my beliefs, you have yours. That's what a free society is all about. Braun says the HHS folks are out of sync with most of America. I agree with that, but others don't. Fine. I hope we haven't completely lost the ability to disagree and still respect each other.

But when it comes to kids, especially the really young ones, can't we all agree that there are limits? Can't we all agree that there are boundary lines? Can't we leave them out of the

argument and protect them from all this until they really are old enough to make their own decisions wisely and maturely?

Our government, the same one that came up with this vile and obscene stance, says we absolutely can when it comes to the aforementioned topics like drinking, smoking, gambling and serving in the military. The Health and Human Services director apparently thinks different.

I pray we all prove him wrong.

*Want to see the document for yourself. Go to <https://opa.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/2022-03/gender-affirming-care-youth-gender-march-2022.pdf>

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Breakup On Aisle 12

I always feel like quirky things happen to me more than they happen to other people. A chance encounter this week should eliminate any doubt.

I was walking casually through Aisle 12 of a grocery giant I seldom shop. I noticed a couple striding toward me. The two appeared to be about 30, although I've been fooled in the past, five years either way.

The dark-haired young man was an athletic six feet tall. He was struggling to keep up with his mate. His arms were laden with various discoveries that his partner had gleaned from the shelves on the couple's trek through the store. He was Tenzing Norgay to her Edmund Hillary.

The man had a distressed, almost pleading, look on his face. I took that to mean that some deeper dynamic was playing out in front of me. This was more than a stressful shopping trip. The bigger clue was the doghouse he was dragging, which I was certain was to be his new quarters upon returning home. She was perturbed.



JOHN O. MARLOWE
The Good Sport

The woman was stunning. At 5'10", she walked confidently. She looked better suited for floating down the red carpet as to ambling past the baking powder toward the marshmallow whip. Her expression was undeviating. She had waist-length hair, the color of the angel hair pasta that her fella was juggling, that billowed in the store's air circulation system.

Suddenly, her pace quickened and her expression brightened. A big grin spread across her face. What really struck me was that the young lady was walking straight toward me.

"Alex? Is that you?" she asked eagerly, focusing her gaze directly upon me. "It's me! Jessica!"

I might know a Jessica or two, but without a doubt this Jessica was not anyone I knew. I was certain that villainy was afoot. It was confirmed a half-second later when I caught a surreptitious wink launched in my direction, concealed when her boyfriend's eyes were diverted while readjusting his payload.

She surged into my body without slowing, and I am certain had not my spine been in the way, she would have walked right through me. My arms instinctively engulfed her narrow waist, and I wasn't the least bothered that the force crushed the loaf of Aunt Millie's Whole Grain Bread I was carrying into bread crumbs.

Our momentum spun us around, during which time she planted a swift, gentle kiss under my right ear. We leaned away

from each other, but not before I nabbed each hand in mine.

"Jess!" I exclaimed, as much from general surprise as it was play-acting. I sensed her plan to make her boyfriend wonder about me, but intentionally gave back the lead to her, not knowing how big my role should be.

"Oh my goodness! You look terrific! Like always!" I said, genuinely admiring her body.

"You look great, too," she said. Then, calming the scene slightly said, "Just a little more gray hair than last time."

I joined in her laugh, and returned serve.

"I know. How long has it been? Monaco?, I asked.

"No, I'm sure it was Saint Moritz."

"Yes! Still the best time I've ever had in the snow," I said with a lush grin.

The sham conversation dwindled to a close, but not before she introduced me to her mind-blown boyfriend. His name was John, an irony that only I caught. John had his back to me the entire time, and I was disappointed that I never saw his reaction.

"It was wonderful seeing you again, Alex," she said with amazingly believable earnest. I gave her my card and said, "Call me next time you are in town."

I stood motionless, and watched Jessica, with both hands on his left biceps, escort a dazed and staggering, almost lock-kneed John away from me. Just before they turned, Jess glanced back, with eyes sparkling. She mouthed an exaggerated "Thank You" behind John's back.

I grinned and winked. I couldn't help thinking that this would not be the last time the two will walk together down an aisle.

I was still deep into the whole experience, when the check-out cashier broke into my thoughts.

"You'll have to insert your credit card again, Mr. Marlowe. For some reason, the machine doesn't know who you are."

"Understandable," I said. "I'm considering changing my name to Alex."

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Let Me Sleep On It

I recently got tested to see if I had sleep apnea. Sleep disorders can be serious, but my overnight stay in a "sleep lab," had a few lighter moments.

Before leaving that evening, Mary Ellen helped me lay out a few things we thought were important to take with me, like extra underwear, a toothbrush, glasses and a good book. She also suggested I take my own pillow, just to make my experience feel more like home.

When I arrived at the medical building, I took the elevator to the third floor. The office was windowless and the door was locked, so I rang the buzzer.

"Can I help you?"



asked a man's voice through the intercom. "Yes, I am here to go to sleep." I felt strange saying that, like I had just stumbled drunk into Motel 6.

Stewart came out to greet me and to take me to my room, which as nice as any Holiday Inn.

I thought I'd lighten the mood so I asked Stewart where the ice machine was. Noting his reaction, I decided that would be my last joke of the night. That's called reading the room.

Stewart asked: "Does your wife say you snore?"

"She has no idea because she sleeps in another room...maybe because I snore."

"Mr. Wolfsie, then how do you know you snore?"

"I get a lot of complaints from the neighbors."

I opened my little suitcase and took out the items I had brought with me. "I hope I'm not the first patient to bring his own pillow," I said.

"No, but you are the first senior citizen to bring his blanket."

Stewart attached about 40 electrodes to my head, chest and legs. My doctor wanted to know if I was breathing properly when I slept. Did I have restless legs? Did I toss and turn all night? As you can see on my Facebook page, I was really wired. Even more than usual.

I asked Stewart how people fall asleep with all those attachments. He handed me a remote and said, "This should help." I tried to turn the TV to the History Channel, which always makes me sleepy. The TV did not go on, but the mattress got firmer. It was a remote

for the Sleep Number bed.

Stewart explained to me that his job was to sit in a nearby room, observe me sleeping for six hours and record all the data. That's a long time to watch me on a screen. For 30 years my segments on WISH-TV were only three minutes long and that was more than enough for most people.

If I had to go to the bathroom in the middle of the night, which happens to me only 100 percent of the time, I simply had to wave at the camera and Stewart would come into the room to unhook me. Then I needed to take the entire box with the attached wires into the bathroom with me. It

was like carrying a time bomb. Stewart waited in the hall. Way too much pressure on me! I have enough trouble in Lucas Oil Stadium bathrooms when six guys are waiting impatiently behind me at the urinal.

The next morning, Stewart shook my hand and said: "It was a pleasure meeting you." It would have crept me out if he had said: "It was a pleasure watching you."

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Ask Rusty - Will Paying the IRS Quarterly Raise My Social Security?

Dear Rusty: I waited to sign up for Social Security until I turned 70 last month so I would qualify for the maximum benefit. I have been the pastor of a small church for the last 15 years & they didn't take out deductions, so I paid in quarterly at the advice of my accountant so I would have an amount built up when the time came for me to sign up for Social Security. I received my first SS payment in March for \$1757.00 after Medicare was deducted. I have been told that once you turned 70 you get the maximum SS benefit, but my accountant thought that I can still pay in quarterly to boost that \$1757. I don't want to pay in anymore if it's not going to increase my amount (other than cost of living increases), so what do I tell my accountant? He's waiting to hear from me before



ASK RUSTY
Social Security Advisor

he completes my income tax return. Signed: Inquisitive Pastor

Dear Inquisitive: By "pay in quarterly" I assume you mean that your earnings from the church are reported on IRS form 1099 and that you pay quarterly estimated income taxes to the IRS to avoid a penalty when you file your annual taxes. The primary reason to pay quarterly estimated taxes is to avoid an IRS penalty - paying your taxes quarterly doesn't

Social Security Matters by AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor Russell Gloor

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matter to Social Security because they will use your annual income (regardless of when you pay the IRS) to see if your benefit should be increased. And whether your current income from the church will increase your Social Security benefit depends on your lifetime earnings history of paying into the Social Security program.

The Social Security benefit you're now receiving is based on your lifetime earnings history, specifically the 35 years

over your lifetime in which you had the highest earnings (adjusted for inflation). Social Security always uses a 35 year window to compute your benefit amount, choosing the highest earning years from among all your earning years. If you have fewer than a full 35 years of earnings, they will add enough "zero" years to make it 35 to compute your benefit. What that means is that if you have fewer than 35 years of SS-covered earnings, your earnings

now from the church will eliminate one of those "zero" earning years, which would result in a small increase to your Social Security benefit. However, if you already have at least 35 years of SS-covered earnings, then your current earnings will only increase your SS benefit if your recent earnings are more than any of those in the 35 inflation-adjusted years used to compute your age 70 benefit. Social Security will make that determination whether you pay quarterly estimated income taxes to the IRS or not, and they will automatically increase your monthly benefit if your current annual earnings from the church call for it.

How you pay the IRS won't factor into Social Security's determination, but not paying estimated taxes quarterly may affect your total income tax obligation for the tax

year, which is what your accountant should be able to tell you. And if your tax return is filed as a self-employed taxpayer, you'll need to pay into Social Security via self-employment taxes, whether you pay the IRS quarterly or not.

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