

➔ **TODAY'S VERSE**

Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.



➔ **FACES OF HAMILTON COUNTY**
People who call our community their own.

What makes Quintyn Harrington smile? "Having fun, going to birthday parties, hanging out with people, seeing good things," said the 17-year-old. After finishing his freshman year at Noblesville High School, he moved to Carmel and is a junior at Carmel High School. Today's feature is a look back at one of The Times' previous Faces of Hamilton County. He was found in summer 2020 working at Forest Park Aquatic Center in Noblesville. "It's my first day of working here at Forest Park pool. It's pretty fun. I've met a lot of people that are pretty fun. It was a good day. It was pretty busy. I really like it." He might like to be a lifeguard someday. "I have two siblings (Elysa, then 18, and Anna, then 20) that are lifeguards here at the pool." He is the son of Adam and Shalina Harrington. Favorite pastime? "I really like fishing. It's a big thing for me." Plans for high school? "Getting good grades. My grades, they were alright this year, but I really want to improve them." Plans for the future? "I want to be a firefighter or a police officer." Forest Park Aquatic Center will open for the season on Saturday, with hours noon to 8 p.m. Saturday, noon to 6 p.m. Sunday and noon to 7 p.m. Monday, Memorial Day, and again the following weekend, June 4 and 5. Starting June 6, weekday hours will also be noon to 7 p.m. Admission is \$6, with memberships and donor-level memberships available. The Aquatic Center, this season for the first time, will offer free sunblock daily just as soon as the shipment of the sunblock arrives. To read more about this season's new amenities, including an LED video board, new foosball and table tennis and more, read the Betsy Reason column in the Wednesday, May 25, edition of The Times.

➔ **And Another Thing...**

Governor Eric J. Holcomb is directing flags in the State of Indiana to be flown at half-staff to honor and remember the victims of the horrific tragedy in Uvalde, TX.
Per President Biden's order, flags should be flown at half-staff immediately until sunset on Saturday, May 28. Gov. Holcomb is asking businesses and residents in Indiana to lower their flags.

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The Times photo by Betsy Reason

Take a Noblesville Schools online community survey and give your feedback about a possible future referendum at www.nobsurvey.com with a deadline of this Friday.

School Survey Leads to Referendum Questions



BETSY REASON
The Times Editor

It's the first time since 2015 that Noblesville Schools has gathered comprehensive feedback from the community. Since the district's community survey launched on April 11, Noblesville Schools has already gathered feedback from many residents. However, there is still time to complete the survey before its deadline, at 11:59 p.m. Friday at www.nobsurvey.com. The online survey says it takes about 10 minutes to complete, but I found it took longer especially since responding to some essay questions. The survey measures the district on

academics, leadership, safety, communication, finances and more. Plus, the survey leads into questions about voters' support for a referendum. Here are the questions in the survey:
1. Grades are often given to denote the quality of student work. Thinking about Noblesville Schools and their overall mission of educating Noblesville children for the world of tomorrow, what grade would you assign? A= Significantly exceeds expectations; B=Ex-

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Noblesville Parks and Rec Announces 2022 Concert at the Commons Schedule



The Noblesville Parks and Recreation Department has announced its 2022 Concert at the Commons schedule. The free concerts will take place from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday nights starting in June at Federal Hill Commons. The series, presented by Myers Construction

Management, Inc. is in addition to the previously announced Thursday night Summer Concert Series taking place at Dillon Park.
"Our sixth season at Federal Hill Commons will be one of our best seasons yet with a variety of music including tributes to the Beatles, Motown, the 80's and other bands from across

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Get Fit with Westfield Welcome and the Westfield YMCA This Summer



Westfield Welcome will continue special programming at Grand Junction Plaza this summer. In partnership with the Westfield YMCA, Workout

Wednesdays is a series of fitness classes taking place at the Plaza. Workout Wednesdays will be offered each Wednesday beginning June 1 through August 3 in the Wetland Amphitheatre at Grand Junction Plaza (225 S. Union Street) from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. There will be three different types of classes offered through the summer including

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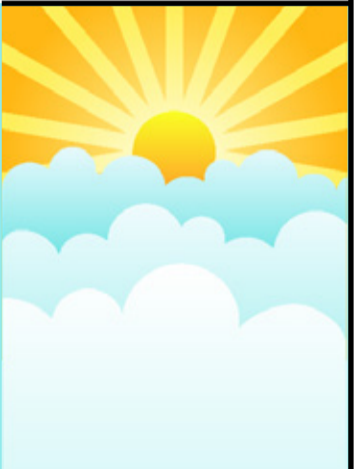
Memorial Day Closures Around Hamilton County

With Memorial Day approaching, The Times has compiled a summary of office and school closures around the county. Hamilton County government offices, including the Judicial Center in downtown Noblesville, as well as many of the extension offices around the county. The Sheriff's office will remain available to respond to emergencies. For questions about any closure exemptions, call the office in question directly. Contact information is available on the county website at <https://www.hamiltoncounty.in.gov/847/Visit-Us>.

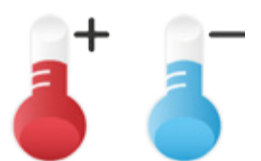
The City of Noblesville offices will be closed on Memorial Day, as well as Fishers City Hall, Westfield City Hall, Carmel City Hall and Sheridan Town Hall. City emergency services, including Police, Fire and EMT, will still be available. All Post Offices around the county will also be closed on Memorial Day.
Noblesville Schools, Hamilton

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The Daily Almanac



Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 6:20 a.m.
SET: 9:02 p.m.



High/Low Temperatures
High: 79 °F
Low: 67 °F



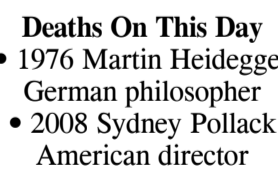
- Today is...**
- Ascension
 - Sally Ride Day
 - World Redhead Day



- What Happened On This Day**
- 1896 The Dow Jones Industrial Average is first published
 - 1908 Engineers make the first major oil find in the Middle East
 - 1972 The Soviet Union and the United States sign the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty



- Births On This Day**
- 1907 John Wayne American actor, singer, director, producer
 - 1926 Miles Davis American trumpet player, composer, bandleader



- Deaths On This Day**
- 1976 Martin Heidegger German philosopher
 - 2008 Sydney Pollack American director

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➔ **OBITUARIES**

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➔ **TODAY'S HEALTH TIP**

Eating 100 less calories a day will prevent yearly weight gain in most people.
Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Times and online at www.thetimes24-7.com.



➔ **HONEST HOOSIER**

I still miss Jim Nabors singing Back Home Again, but Jim Cornelson does a fine job!



➔ **TODAY'S QUOTE**

"Magic is believing in yourself. If you can make that happen, you can make anything happen."
- Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe

➔ **TODAY'S JOKE**

The girl entered a sun tanning contest. But she only got bronze!

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



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63/85 PARTLY CLOUDY WED	67/79 SHOWERS & THUNDER THU	60/67 HEAVY RAIN FRI	54/76 HEAVY RAIN SAT	55/84 BREEZY AND WARMER SUN	65/89 PARTLY CLOUDY MON	70/90 PARTLY CLOUDY TUE
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OBITUARIES

Mary Carol Myers Heywood August 31, 1935 - April 29, 2022

Mary Carol Myers Heywood passed away unexpectedly on April 29, 2022.

She was born to Chauncey Elihu and Edna Mae (Kenyon) Myers on August 31, 1935.

She proudly grew up in Carmel, Indiana, and spent her childhood riding horses, farming with Percheron draft horses, raising Chester White pigs on her family farm, and participating in 4-H club competitions at county and state fairs. Mrs. Heywood graduated from Carmel Schools in 1953 and attended Earlham College, where she graduated with a degree in biology in 1957. At Earlham, she met her husband, Dave, whom she married on June 22, 1958.

Mrs. Heywood enjoyed recounting fond memories of her childhood in Indiana and though she spent most of her adult life living in Washington State, she always felt most at home on the farm in Indiana. Her favorite stories included "beating the boys" in a pony race and driving a team of horses as she helped her father around the farm. She enjoyed taking her children and grandchildren for summer visits to "the farm."

Mrs. Heywood and her husband moved to Bellevue, Washington, in 1964 and to Kirkland, Washington, in 1970, where she and Dave raised their children and where Carol remained living in their family home for almost 52 years. She maintained a lifelong connection to horses, riding on trails in nearby Bridle Trails State Park for over 40 years with her children and, later, grandchildren. The Heywoods were also longtime members of Eastside Friends Meeting, a Quaker organization in Bellevue, Washington.

Mrs. Heywood was a proficient downhill skier, a sport she learned as an adult, and enjoyed spending weekends skiing at Steven's Pass with her family. She was a skilled teacher and, after retiring from school teaching to raise her children, took up ski instruction at Steven's Pass for many years. She and Dave also traveled widely through Europe and to Australia, New Zealand, Costa Rica, the Galapagos, Kenya, and China. Most recently, she enjoyed returning to Alaska with her extended family.

Her grandchildren were her true joy and they are grateful to have been raised with "Gramma's" devoted care and attention. As a grandmother, Mrs. Heywood instilled in her grandchildren the importance of clear handwriting and excellent grammar in lessons she referred to as "Gramma's Grammar." She especially loved doing puzzles and playing word games with her grandkids. Mrs. Heywood and her husband were also known to be the most dedicated fans at their grandchildren's wide array of sport competitions and musical performances. In recent years, she developed a passion for Gonzaga University basketball while two of her grandchildren attended the school.

Mrs. Heywood was the keeper of the family history, recording and remembering all birthdays, on both sides of the family. She will be missed by her family and friends, particularly for her wisdom, countless stories, and many talents as a gardener, seamstress, and baker, as well as her loving devotion to her family.

Survivors include her brother Alan (Barbara) Myers; her three children, sons Steve (Carolyn) and Alan (Marianne) and daughter MaryAnne (Lee) Standeford; and eight grandchildren John, Julia, Paul (Cori), Joanna, Louisa, Anne Marie, Kimberlee and Krista.

She was predeceased by her husband, David ("Dave") Heywood (1933-2017); and sister Alice Myers DeBlase.

Two memorial services are scheduled to be held. The first service is scheduled to begin with a visitation from 1 to 3 p.m., followed by the service at 3 p.m., on Saturday, June 4, 2022 at Gray Friends Church, 4810 E 146th Street, in Noblesville, Indiana. The second service is scheduled to be held at 12 p.m. on Sunday, June 26, at Eastside Friends Meeting, 4160 158th Ave SE, in Bellevue, Washington.

Remembrances can be made to Eastside Friends Meeting, Bellevue, WA (quakercloud.org/cloud/eastside-friends-meeting); Bridle Trails Park Foundation, Kirkland, WA (bridletrails.org); or Gray Friends Church, Noblesville, IN (grayfriends.org)

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

Lonnie Lee Compton

September 5, 1948 - May 21, 2022

Lonnie Lee Compton, 73, of Noblesville, passed away on Saturday, May 21, 2022 at Harbour Manor Care Center in Noblesville.

He was born on September 5, 1948 to the late Garland and Lela (Godby) Compton in Noblesville, Indiana.

Mr. Compton proudly served his country in the United States Army, serving 2 tours in Vietnam in the Big Red 1, 101st Airborne. He was awarded several Purple Hearts. He worked in Acquisitions at Fort Benjamin Harrison. Mr. Compton was an avid motorcycle rider and Abate instructor. He enjoyed fishing and camping, and was known for his "Lonnie-style" campfires.

Survivors include his companion Becky Singleton and her family; two brothers Chuck (Pat) Compton and Mark Compton; as well as his niece and two nephews, Jason, Kenneth and Candace.

Visitation is scheduled to be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with services scheduled to begin at 1 p.m., on Saturday, June 4, 2022 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan Street, in Noblesville. The Rev. Stanley R. Sutton will officiate. Inurnment will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758516, Topeka, KS 66675 (www.support.woundedwarriorproject.org).

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



Elizabeth (Betty) Rose Cottingham

May 9, 1916 - April 30, 2022

Elizabeth (Betty) Rose Cottingham, 105, of Noblesville, passed away on Saturday, April 30, 2022 at River-view Health in Noblesville.

She was born on May 9, 1916 in Detroit, Michigan, the only child of Richard McDonald Burton and Rose (Bauml) Burton.

Mrs. Cottingham worked in the trust department for Manufactures National Bank, Oakland Trust Office in Birmingham, Michigan. She was a member of the Twelve Oaks Chapter of the American Business Women's Association of Royal Oak, Michigan and was awarded the Business Women of the Year in 1980. In Englewood, Florida, she was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation for her valuable contribution to FISH of Englewood, Florida. Mrs. Cottingham was a member of Trinity United Presbyterian Church in Venice, Florida. She enjoyed knitting and traveling, and loved playing bridge and doing crossword puzzles. In her earlier years, she enjoyed dancing and golfing.

Survivors include her daughter Nancy Elizabeth Kinzie; three grandchildren Lisa Patricia Baldwin, Jodi Lynn (Christian) Albert and Brian Douglas (Mariella) Kinzie; three great-grandchildren Christian Douglas Carlyle Albert, Vivienne Elizabeth Kinzie Albert and Bianca Elizabeth Kinzie; stepson Joel (Barb) Cottingham; three step-grandchildren Tammy (Michael) Ternes, Michael (Trisha) Cottingham and Jason (Adrienne) Cottingham; and seven step-great grandchildren, Lauren, Ryan, Julian, Andréa, Landyn, Grant and Sydney.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her first husband John H. Baldwin; second husband Albert W. Cottingham; son, John H. Baldwin II; and granddaughter Jennifer Leslie Baldwin Martin.

Funeral services are scheduled to be held at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 28, 2022 at the Rosa Parks Chapel, Woodlawn Cemetery, in Detroit, Michigan.

Please consider sending a donation to St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 444 South Harbour Drive, Noblesville, IN 46062; or your favorite charity that supports the Ukrainian people.

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



Ruth Ann Hollingsworth

February 11, 1934 - May 20, 2022

Mrs. Ruth Ann Hollingsworth, 88, passed away peacefully on Friday, May 20, 2022, in Lakeland, Florida.

She was born in Lebanon, IN on February 11, 1934, a daughter of the late Charles Glenn Peabody and Mildred R. (Ek) Peabody.

Mrs. Hollingsworth was united in marriage to Jim Hollingsworth on June 12, 1953 at the Old Union Church, rural Jamestown, IN. They celebrated sixty loving years together before his passing on June 21, 2013.

Raised in Boone County, she was a graduate of Pinnell High School, class of 1952. She had performed secretarial duties at various businesses in and around Boone County. She had owned and operated Hollingsworth's Trading Post in Elizaville, Indiana, was an Avon lady in Boone County for more than ten years and worked at Biddle Screw Products in Sheridan and Indiana Mills and Manufacturing in Westfield before retiring in 1998. Mrs. Hollingsworth and her husband also worked part-time at Myers Mortuary before moving full time to Florida. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star in Sheridan and served as Grand Ruth for the Indiana Grand Chapter. The Hollingsworths also enjoyed square dancing and were members of the Happy Hoppers in Boone County. Mrs. Hollingsworth was named Mrs. Personality (Congeniality) in the 1971 Mrs. Boone County Pageant.

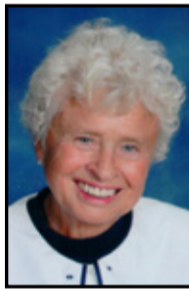
Survivors include her three sons Vince (Sharon) of Lebanon, Victor of Lakeland Florida and Vance of Woodland, Texas; five grandchildren Steven Hollingsworth, Tyler Hollingsworth, Alexandra Hollingsworth, Gabrielle Hollingsworth and Caleb Hollingsworth; one great grandchild Kamila Wollak; two sisters-in-law Bee Peabody and Madelyn Peabody, both of Lebanon; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two grandchildren Kristin Wollak and Kreigh Hollingsworth; four brothers John L. Peabody, Harold E. Peabody, David Peabody and Glenn Robert; and a sister, Dorothy Jean Meenach.

Funeral services are planned for 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 28, 2022, at Myers Mortuary, 1502 North Lebanon Street, Lebanon, Indiana. Visitation is scheduled to be held from 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday May 27 at the funeral home with Eastern Star rites scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. Interment will follow services at Old Union Cemetery in Jamestown, Indiana.

Memorials may be directed in Ruth Ann's memory to Old Union Church or Gideon's, Boone County Chapter.

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



Meeting Notice

Hamilton County Local Emergency Planning Committee

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Local Emergen-

Meeting Notice

Hamilton County Emergency Management Advisory Council

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Emergency

cy Planning Committee will meet at 9:30 a.m. on May 26, 2022, at 18100 Cumberland Road Noblesville, Indiana. The purpose of this meeting is for discussion of Local Emergency Planning projects.

Management Advisory Council will meet at 9 a.m. on May 26, 2022 at 18100 Cumberland Road Noblesville, Indiana. The purpose of this meeting is for discussion of Emergency Management projects.

What Kind of World? Fill in the Blank



TIM TIMMONS
Sagamore News Media CEO

We live in a (fill in the blank) world today. Sure, I can give you some options, but I'll bet you've already come up with several of your own . . . some of which might even be suitable for a family newspaper.

One slightly weird thing that may (or may not) surprise the eight or nine of you who regularly follow these ramblings . . . in the late '60s, I was a big fan of heavy metal groups like Steppenwolf, Iron Butterfly, Black Sabbath and the like. A decade later I had long hair and thought I would play tennis for a living.

How things change. Today, what little hair I have left keeps falling out and the last time I was on a tennis court I think Ronald Reagan was telling Gorbachev where he could place that wall.

I digress. Everyone seems to rely on the Internet today, but that's a place where nothing is simple and certainly not all is accurate. Even things you would think are no-brainers. Do a search on how many sexes there are and up jumps a whole lot more options than you might think.

It's a (fill in the blank) world.

Back to the eight or nine regulars, you know that I don't wear my religion on my sleeve in these weekly missives. I believe strongly and am not ashamed or embarrassed to say so. My wife was raised Lutheran and I went to grade school at Our Lady of Grace - even graduated, which I think was a pleasant surprise to Fr. Graham. Today, I still go to mass and we "attend" weekly services on the Internet watching Pastor Allen Jackson - no, not the country singer.

Recently, he has been talking about the world and the path we're on. I won't do him the disservice of trying to tell you

what I think he said, but it resonated with me.

In short, we have been trained over the years to not discuss two things in polite company, religion and politics. Well, ever since Donald Trump came on the scene (and even before), we threw away the concept of not talking politics. But we still don't go much for religion.

Why? Look, this isn't a column recruiting you to my beliefs, nor any others. Not at all. At the end of the day, we're all going to be responsible for our life choices. If you are an atheist and you turn out to be right, then I'm wrong. If God is indeed up there like I think, then I'll be held accountable for all my decisions, some of which I'm not looking forward to explaining.

We each make our choices. We each live with the outcome.

But for the first 50 or 60 years of my life, it seems like what we all believed wasn't as diverse and peculiar (sorry, that was the politest term I could think of) as some of the stuff going around today. What was considered extreme a decade or three ago would pass as vanilla today.

My point? I don't know, maybe I'm just getting old. Maybe I'm turning into the old man who yells at kids to get off his lawn. But I truly believe that something has to give. I truly believe it has to start at home with moms and dads. It's not up to schools or governments or companies. Values, morals, ethics, beliefs come from the heart or perhaps a church. They certainly shouldn't come from the ballot box or the blackboard.

I'll end with this. The changes in our world, our society, are happening so fast that if we as individuals and families don't step up and do something about it soon . . . well, remember that part about what was considered extreme? What do you think that'll look like in five years?

- 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.

Meeting Notice

Hamilton County Council Highway Committee

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Council Highway Commit-

tee will meet at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, May 31, 2022 at the Hamilton County Highway Department, 1700 S. 10th Street, Noblesville, Indiana. The purpose of this meeting is for discussion of highway projects.

Meeting Notice

Hamilton County Council Finance Committee

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Council Finance Commit-

tee will meet at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 31, 2022 at Big Woods Hazel Dell, 14741 Hazel Dell Xing, Noblesville, Indiana. The purpose of this meeting is for discussion of county finances.

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

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Special Abilities



RIX QUINN
Quinn Summary

I've always been jealous of people who discover their talents early.

There was this kid in my middle school class named Karen. She drew still nature scenes better than anybody.

Any time the school needed pictures of flowers, vegetables, baked goods - or even background scenery for school plays - they called on Karen.

Sadly, she left school because the family moved back to their home state.

We often asked ourselves: Why did she have to leave? Did she branch out into other types of art?

Then, there was the big question: If she specialized in painting bread only, could she make a lot of dough?

A guy named Charlie could swallow air, then burp for up to 45 seconds (we timed him). He saved his most spectacular outbursts for the cavernous auditorium. The sound echoed throughout the seats, and students broke into applause.

Charlie even bet several people that he could recite the alphabet in one burp. He mostly won, but occasionally ran out of gas at "w."

Dan - who moved out

of town in fifth grade - brought his pet parakeet Gertrude to show-and-tell. He asked the bird questions, and Gertrude replied with short answers.

Dan even entered her in the talent show, which Gertrude won by singing "Surfer Bird." But during that performance, a teacher noticed that the bird's mouth never moved.

It turned out the real Gertrude had flown away, and this bird was a silent imposter. Dan spent so much time training the parakeet, he became a first-rate ventriloquist.

The judges disqualified the bird imposter for singing. But, they awarded Dan a special recognition for Fowl Sounds.

- Do you have a story idea for Rix? E-mail him at rix@rixquinn.com.



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Aspire Announces New Chief Culture Officer



Dr. Gina Forrest



Dr. Gina Forrest has joined Aspire Indiana Health in its new position of Chief Culture Officer (CCO), where she will oversee building the nonprofit healthcare provider's standing as an inclusive and welcoming organization to its employees and the people and communities it serves. Forrest is a veteran ed-

ucator, trainer, researcher and thought leader who has been focusing on inclusivity issues for many years. She previously served as Chief Diversity Officer of the Indiana Supreme Court, lecturer and Director of Workforce Development and Community Engagement at Indiana University and Executive Director of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion at Butler University. She also has experience as a clinic manager and health educator.

"My role aligns with the mission, vision and values of Aspire because it is all about people, health, wellbeing, transformation and innovation. As the CCO, I will be able to ensure we are supporting our staff who are supporting our clients who live in our communities," Forrest said.

"I see my job as being able to 'touch' everyone in the organization. My role is to focus on our culture - our shared

language, our norms, our values."

Her duties also include supervising Aspire's human resources, training and marketing departments. Forrest has a bachelor's degree in general studies, a master's in public health and a doctorate in philosophy, all from Indiana University.

Aspire President & CEO Barbara Scott and the board of directors have led a transformation of the company's approach to diversity, equity and inclusion issues as societal awareness of systemic racism has risen in recent years. Leaders from every level have undergone bias awareness and other training, formed cultural education committees and set personal goals to work to make Aspire a place of welcoming and belonging.

"We are so excited to have someone with Dr. Gina Forrest's credentials joining our team," Scott said. "Hiring her for the

new position of Chief Culture Officer represents neither the beginning or the ending of our DEI efforts, but an important waypoint in the ongoing journey to make Aspire an inclusive workplace that serves all with dignity and cultural awareness."

Aspire Indiana Health is a fully integrated nonprofit health system serving central Indiana that addresses behavioral health, primary medical care, substance use disorders, infectious diseases, deaf services, veteran programs, abused/neglected children and social drivers of health such as housing and employment. Aspire is supported by a strong network of community organizations, state/federal entities and generous benefactors. Those interested in partnering with Aspire in making health and well-being a reality in central Indiana are encouraged to contact us at info@aspireindiana.org.

Olivet Nazarene University Announces Dean's List for the Spring 2022 Semester



Olivet Nazarene University announced its Dean's List yesterday, and six former Hamilton County students were named. To qualify for inclusion on the Dean's List, a student must have been enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student and must have attained a semester grade point average of 3.50 or higher on a 4.00 grading scale.

- Lyle Beam of Westfield
- Kyle Byers of Carmel
- Connor Harrison of Fishers
- Hannah Taggart of Indianapolis
- Payton Tindal of

Noblesville
• Mykenna Toungate of Fishers
Olivet Nazarene University is an accredited Christian, liberal arts university offering more than 140 areas of undergraduate and graduate study, including the Doctor of Education in ethical leadership. Olivet's 275-acre park-like main campus is in Bourbonnais, Illinois, 45 miles south of Chicago. Additionally, Olivet offers online graduate and continuing studies programs with offices and meeting spaces throughout Chicagoland and the Midwest. From Oxford to Tokyo, hundreds of Olivet students also experience the global classroom each year through study abroad opportunities, internships and worldwide mission trips.

Hamilton County Students Named to Trine University President's, Dean's Lists in Drove



Trine University students yesterday were named to the Dean's and President's Lists for the Spring 2022 term, and former Hamilton County students dominated appeared in droves on both lists. To earn President's List honors, students must complete a minimum of 12 hours and have a grade point average of 3.750-4.000.

- Nathaniel Brooks of Carmel
- Daphne Bush of Fishers
- Jessica Carroll of Fishers
- Andrew Dixon of Fishers
- Grace Dubec of Fishers
- Michaela Eells of Westfield
- Kyle Kirtley of Noblesville
- Isaac Krueger of

- Fishers
- Jamie Le of Carmel
- Darren Lloyd of Carmel
- Grace Moyer of Sheridan
- Nikolas Pensyl of Westfield
- Corey Phillips of Westfield
- Gary Rice of Noblesville
- Konner Schieman of Fortville
- Mekhi Simmons of Carmel
- William Slover of Carmel
- Brooklyn Sosinsky of Carmel
- Ashley Spirrisson of Fishers
- Kayla Stoeffler of Fishers
- Collin Stonebraker of Indianapolis
- Ashley Swartout of Westfield
- Justin White of

Carmel
To earn Dean's List honors, students must complete a minimum of 12 hours and have a grade point average of 3.500-3.749.

- Brett Baker of Noblesville
- Brian Beerbower of Fishers
- Nathan Goossen of Indianapolis
- Austin Hensley of Noblesville
- Kelsie Kimbrough of Indianapolis
- Luke Kimmel of Noblesville
- Price Knowles of Arcadia
- Valerie Obear of Fishers
- Mitchell Ratekin of Carmel

Trine University, an internationally recognized, private, co-educational, residential institution, offers associate's, bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in the Allen School of Engineering & Computing, Ketner School of Busi-

ness, College of Graduate and Professional Studies, College of Health Professions, Franks School of Education, Jannen School of Arts & Sciences and Rinker-Ross School of Health Sciences. Trine is a member of the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association and offers 37 intercollegiate sports, 27 of which compete in NCAA Division III. Its golf program includes the university-owned 18-hole championship Zollner Golf Course. Founded in 1884 and accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org), Trine operates a 450-acre main campus in Angola, Indiana, and the College of Health Professions in Fort Wayne, with education centers in Detroit, Michigan, and Phoenix, Arizona, and programs available worldwide through TrineOnline.

Letters

Reader: It's the Drugs, Not Guns

Dear Editor,

Another mass shooting happened. This time, in Uvalde, Texas. The mainstream media and some politicians are blaming guns. But guns are the problem - not guns.

In 1975, my grandfather was murdered by a man who took FDA approved anti-depressant drugs. I was the only grandchild who saw and smelled the bloody scene of my grandfather's death. So, I know the pain that such shootings cause.

Semi-automatic rifles and pistols have existed since at least World War Two. But I don't remember any mass shootings until the Columbine school shooting in 1995. Now, such events happen more frequently. Why? The FDA approved anti-depressant drugs that induce homicidal and suicidal thoughts.

The news media is not

mentioning this in stories of these shootings because the drug making companies spend so much money on advertising in the media. The media ignore the fact that drugs are causing some people to become very dangerous. A few years ago, I read about a woman who took FDA approved anti-depressant drugs and then drowned her children in a bathtub.

It is the drugs that are causing the problem. The FDA is responsible for unleashing dangerous anti-depressant drugs into our society. The FDA and the drug manufacturers should be investigated and stopped from allowing drug companies to profit from those drugs. The FDA and the drug making companies should be held financially responsible for these mass shooting deaths.

Woodrow Wilcox
Dyer, Indiana

Hamilton County Students Complete Degrees at Trine

17 former Hamilton County students were among those Trine University students who completed their degrees at the end of the Spring 2022 semester. They are:

- Jessica Carroll of Fishers
- Lauren Connerton of Noblesville
- Michaela Eells of Westfield
- Jackson Haug of Indianapolis
- Alexander Ibey of Indianapolis
- Sushanth Kallem of Fishers
- Kelsie Kimbrough of Indianapolis
- Luke Kimmel of Noblesville
- Sophia Kreag of Carmel
- Grace Lockwood of Noblesville
- Grace Moyer of Sheridan
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Senator Young Issues Statement on Biden Nomination of Indiana Judge to Federal Appeals Court



Senator Todd Young

Senator Todd Young issued the following statement regarding President Joe Biden's announcement that he is nominating U.S. Magistrate Judge for the Southern District of Indiana Doris L. Pryor to the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals: "Judge Pryor is a public servant of the highest caliber. Her legal experience and expertise would make her an asset to the Seventh Circuit. I

look forward to introducing Judge Pryor to my colleagues and supporting her nomination once it comes to the Senate floor."

The Federal District Court for the Southern District of Indiana is split into four Divisions: Indianapolis, Terra Haute, Evansville and New Albany. Both Hamilton and Marion Counties fall within the Southern District's jurisdiction.

Meeting Notes

Noblesville Schools Board of School Trustees Special Session

1
Wednesday, June 8, 2022 at 6 p.m.
Educational Services Center Board Room
18025 River Road,
Noblesville, Indiana

The items on this agenda are being addressed with the best interests of Noblesville Schools' students as the prime consideration.
1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Moment of Silence
4. Reports
A. Superintendent
Contract Presentation
1. Andrew Manna - Church, Church, Hittle &

Antrim
5. Public Comment
The board provides an opportunity for members of the public to address the board with current meeting agenda items only, pursuant to Policy 0167.3 Public Participation at Board Meeting
6. Adjournment
A. The school board president asks for a motion to adjourn.

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BBB Scam Alert: Spotting a Phony Discount When Buying CBD Online



Cannabidiol (CBD), an active ingredient of cannabis, is now legal in many US states. BBB warns consumers to do their research before purchasing these products. BBB Scam Tracker received dozens of reports from frustrated consumers who thought they bought discounted CBD online but ended up with hundreds of dollars in credit card charges.

How the scam works:

You see an ad for CBD on social media or in an online search. A company is offering new customers a significant discount on CBD gummies. For example, one common scam offers a buy-one-

get-one free deal. Unfortunately, if you order the discounted gummies, the scammers now have your credit card number.

Victims report being charged for extra products or an on-going monthly subscription to which they never agreed. One Indianapolis person reported losing more than \$130 after attempting to purchase CBD gummies from a fake website.

Other victims experienced being charged random amounts for products they never received.

Once scammers have your credit card information, cancelling is not easy! Consumers report that scammers used numerous excuses to avoid issuing refunds. They claimed everything from trouble with the computer system to it being outside the cancellation window. Many victims also told BBB Scam Tracker that the charges continued even after they cancelled their subscription.

Tips for avoiding this scam:

- **Research the com-**

pany online. See what other people are saying about the company's free trials. Complaints from other customers can tip you off to "catches" that might come with the trial. Check the business's BBB Rating and see if there are any alerts.

- **Understand what happens after the free trial ends.** Always read the terms of the offer before signing up. Numerous victims of the CBD free trial con reported not seeing the terms and conditions. This is a huge red flag. If you can't find them or can't understand to what you're agreeing, don't sign up.

- **Be skeptical of celebrity endorsements.** Resist being swayed by the use of a well-known name. Scammers often fake celebrity endorsements.

- **Report losses to credit card companies.** If you pay with a credit card, you can dispute fraudulent charges. Keep an eye on your monthly statements and notify your credit card company of any suspicious charges.

For more information:

Read BBB's special report on free trial offer scams. Learn more about scams on social media advertising.

Stay one step ahead of scammers by subscribing to BBB's weekly Scam Alert emails.

If you've been a victim of free trial offer scam, please report your experience at BBB.org/Scam-Tracker. By doing so you can help others to avoid falling prey to scammers.

The Better Business Bureau has empowered people to find businesses, brands and charities they can trust for over 110 years. In 2021, people turned to BBB more than 200 million times for BBB Business Profiles on 6.3 million businesses and Charity Reports on 25,000 charities, free at BBB.org. Local, independent BBBs can be found across the United States, Canada, and Mexico, including BBB Serving Central Indiana, which was founded in 1916 and serves 46 counties.

Meeting Notice

Noblesville Council Wastewater Committee

The Council Wastewater Committee meeting sched-

uled for Monday, June 6, 2022 at 1 p.m. has been changed to 12:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Utility Administration conference room at 197 Washington Street.

Meeting Notice

Hamilton County Commissioners

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Ind. Code § 13-26-2-2.5(a) that the Hamilton County Commissioners shall convene a public meeting to discuss and receive comments regarding the establishment of the Hamilton County Regional Utility District ("Regional Utility District"). The meeting shall be held on June 27, 2022 at 7 p.m. in the Commissioners Court Room in the Ham-

ilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 N. 8th St, Noblesville, IN 46060. The plans for the Regional Utility District and boundaries are available for review at the Hamilton County Commissioners Office and on the Hamilton County website: www.hamilton-county.in.gov.

Each freeholder within the proposed district shall receive notice via first class United States mail, postage prepaid, to the mailing address on the tax rolls of Hamilton County.

Meeting Notes

Noblesville Schools Board of School Trustees Special Session 2

Meeting Agenda Wednesday, June 8, 2022 at 6:15 p.m.

Educational Services Center Board Room 18025 River Road, Noblesville, Indiana

The items on this agenda are being addressed with the best interests of Noblesville Schools' students as the prime consideration.

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Moment of Silence
4. Public Comment

The board provides an opportunity for members of the public to address the board with current meeting agenda items only, pursuant to Policy 0167.3 Public Participation at Board Meeting

5. Consent

By single motion, the board approves/adopts the following items or actions which reflect application of Board Policy and Indiana Code. Any items marked

"Consent" may be moved from the list at the option of a board member or the superintendent and acted on separately.

- A. Donations
- B. Overnight Trips
- C. Personnel

6. Action

By individual motions, the board approves/adopts the following items or actions which reflect application of Board Policy and Indiana Code.

- A. Purchasing Agent
- B. Approval of Contracts

7. Policy Consideration
 - A. Policy 3170, Substance Abuse (classified staff)
 - B. Policy 3217, Possession of Firearms and Weapons by Certified Staff
 - C. Policy 4170, Substance Abuse (certified staff)
 - D. Policy 4217, Possession of Firearms and Weapons by Classified Staff
 - E. Policy 6330, Approval of Contracts
 - F. Adjournment

- A. The school board president asks for a motion to adjourn.

BETSY

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ceeds expectations; C=Meets expectations; D=Meets few expectations; and F=Fails to meet expectations.

2. Using the same grading system, please grade Noblesville Schools on each of the following:

- Caring for kids
- School leadership (principles, assistant principals, counselors)
- Responsiveness to student needs
- Instructional techniques
- Responsiveness to parents/community
- Safety
- Providing engaging learning opportunities
- Innovation
- Addressing mental health issues
- District leadership (superintendent, school board)

3. The online form also asks the community to write in feedback with opinion.

4. Evaluate Noblesville Schools on the following, rating each item on a scale of Excellent to Poor:

- Maintaining appropriate class sizes
- Keeping taxes affordable
- Spending tax dollars effectively
- Providing services for our students
- Providing opportunities for extracurricular activities
- Staying current with integrating technology
- Ensuring students and staff from all walks of life feel welcome, respected and supported (race, socio-economic status, sexual orientation, religious beliefs, special needs)
- Providing safe transportation services to and from school

5. Please read the following statements and rate each on a scale of 5 to 1 where 5=Strongly agree, 3=Neither agree nor disagree, 1=Strongly disagree.

- I'm willing to continue to support Noblesville Schools financially through taxes to make sure the quality of our district remains competitive with other area school districts and competitive nationally.
- It's very important that teachers are paid competitively so we don't lose them to other higher paying districts.
- Supporting public schools is essential to protect the investment we've made in our homes.
- People move into Noblesville because of the reputation of our schools.
- I can't afford to continue to support Noblesville Schools financially through referendum taxes, no matter how good the cause.
- Noblesville Schools provides the same or better quality education as other Hamilton County school districts.
- State standardized testing scores and school rankings are an important part of my evaluation of a school's quality.
- It is important to maintain state funding for public schools.
- Noblesville Schools has created a learning culture that is beyond what other Hamilton County school districts are doing.
- Noblesville Schools is one of the best school districts in the state of Indiana
- It is important to ensure students and staff from all walks of life feel welcome, respected and supported (race, socio-economic status, sexual orientation, religious beliefs, special needs).
- We get excellent value for a Noblesville Schools' education relative to the taxes we pay for our school district.
- The success of Noblesville Schools directly impacts economic development, job creation, property values and quality of life in Noblesville.
- Noblesville Schools is now better equipped to address mental health issues today than it was prior to the 2018 school shooting.
- Noblesville Schools are safer now than they were prior to the 2018 school shooting.

6. Indiana funds private and charter schools more generously than most other states, which can put state funding for public schools at risk. How concerned are you about the impact state funding of private and charter schools has on public schools? Response choices: Extremely concerned, very concerned, somewhat concerned, not very concerned, not at all concerned.

7. The next question, there are two options, Option A: School districts' educational priority should be to focus on real world learning to set up students for success in whatever path they choose. Option B: School districts' educational priority should be to teach to the standardized test to set up students for success on those tests and improve school rankings.

8. Where are you most likely to get your school information? Select your first choice: Noblesville Schools website, from district employee, social media, HCTV online, from students, local print publications, meetings, emails from school/school district, school electronic newsletter, word of mouth, other.

9. The next few questions are about a potential referendum vote followed by questions to determine how representative this survey is to the Noblesville community. A referendum covers the shortfall of state funding by providing additional funds to schools and is voted on by the community. Noblesville School' current operating referendum is set to expire in the next few years.

- If you were to vote today, would you support continuing the operating referendum at its current tax rate?
- What if Noblesville Schools proposed an operating referendum at a tax rate lower than the current one? Would you support continuing the operating referendum at a lower tax rate?
- Let's assume No-

blesville has a variety of needs, but not enough money to meet all of its needs. Would you support a referendum, and vote yes, if funding was needed? Support a referendum to provide academic programming for STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics), arts, literacy? Support a referendum to maintain safety and security? Support a referendum to provide professional development for our teachers? Support a referendum to keep technology up-to-date? Support a referendum to provide facilities to meet future growth? Support a referendum to provide safe bus service to and from school? Support a referendum to pay our teachers a competitive salary? Support a referendum to provide extracurricular opportunities for sports, performing arts and clubs? Support a referendum to maintain appropriate class sizes?

10. Are you currently registered to vote in the Noblesville School District?

11. How likely are you to vote in the 2022 elections, considering the items on the ballots would include a statewide primary, general election and school board elections?

12. Do you have any children under the age of 18? What schools are your children attending? How likely are you to continue to enroll your child or grandchildren in Noblesville schools? The questionnaire also asks your age range, gender, last grade of school completed, if you're employed by the district, and how long you've lived in your home in Noblesville. So if you're a parent of a Noblesville Schools student, this is your opportunity to give feedback. Be honest. State your opinion. Then also ask yourself what you think about a possible referendum.

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

contact Kristi Spehler at (317) 776-6350 or kspehler@noblesville.in.us.

For more information about Noblesville Parks' events and programs, visit www.noblesvilleparks.org.

The Noblesville Parks and Recreation Department manages over 876 acres of parkland in the City of Noblesville, including seven developed parks, 109 acres of undeveloped properties and 127 miles of trails, connector sidewalks and greenways throughout the community, in addition to two golf courses and the Noblesville Soccer Fields. For more information, visit www.noblesvilleparks.org.

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- July 9 - 16 Candles

(80's Tribute)

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- August 13 - Motor City Revue (Motown Tribute)
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- September 10 - The Eagles Project (Eagles Tribute)
- September 24 - Trippin Billies (Dave Matthews Band Tribute)

Trolley service will be provided free of cost from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. during the Concerts at the Commons series. The trolley will make a continuous loop around downtown Noblesville collecting passengers.

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Southeastern Schools, Sheridan Community Schools, Guerin Catholic High School and University High School will all be closed for Memorial Day. Hamilton Heights, Carmel Clay Schools and Westfield Washington Schools will all finish classes prior to Memorial Day.

All Hamilton County Library locations, including both East branches and both North Branches, along with Carmel Clay Public Library, will be closed for Memorial Day.

All Hamilton County BMV locations will also be closed on Memorial Day.

GET FIT

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Welcome to our website at westfieldwelcome.com/gjp-programming.

Workout Class Schedule:

- June 1 - HIIT
- June 8 - Flow
- June 15 - Cardio
- June 22 - Flow
- June 29 - Cardio
- July 6 - HIIT
- July 13 - Flow
- July 20 - Cardio
- July 27 - Flow
- August 3 - HIIT

Public parking for the event is available in the gravel lot directly east of Grand Junction Plaza, in the parking lot at the southwest corner of Poplar Street and Park Street and in designated on-street spots. A parking map can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/2p9av5db>

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.

HIIT which is an effective and quick total body workout, Cardio which is a fun, fast paced class combining cardio exercises with body weight, and Flow combines yoga, Tai Chi and Pilates to help build flexibility and leaves the participant centered and calm.

"Our team continues to look for ways to engage with the community through different programming at Grand Junction Plaza. When we asked for feedback through a survey earlier this year, fitness offerings continued to be a program that people were interested in. We are excited to partner with the Westfield Y to provide these classes free of charge," said Kayla Arnold, Director of Westfield Welcome.

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1. What percentage of people live in Seymour? \geq
2. How old is Jackson County? \leq
3. How many more people live in Seymour than Brownston? \geq
4. What is the population density of the county? \leq

Answers: 1. About 41.3% 2. 203 Years
 3. Around 14,556 People 4. 82 / sq. mi. $\%$

Did You Know?

- Jackson County was founded in 1816 and named after General Andrew Jackson.
- Brownstown, the county seat, has a total population of 2,947 residents.
- The county has the second longest 3-span covered bridge in the world; The Medora Covered Bridge.
- The largest city in the county, Seymour, is 12.1 square miles and has 17, 503 residents.
- The county is 513.91 square miles and has a population of 42,376 residents.

Got Words?

Every year the Pepsi Plunge, a competitive swim event, takes place at the Shield's Park Pool in Seymour. The event attracts thousands of competitive swimmers. How do you think events such as the Pepsi Plunge impact small communities?

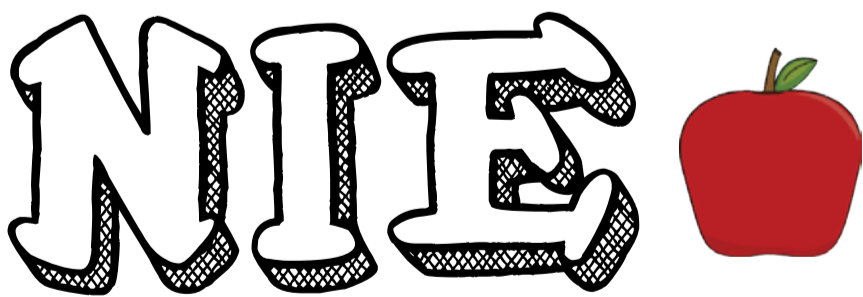
Word Scrambler

Unscramble the words below!

1. ONTNWORSB
2. OEDCEVR IEBRDG
3. MSEYRUO
4. SEPIP NPUGLE
5. OKCSJNA YUOCTN

Answers: 1. Brownstown 2. Covered Bridge 3. Seymour
 4. Pepsi Plunge 5. Jackson County

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Indiana American Water Releases Annual Reports On Water Quality

Indiana American Water announced yesterday that results published in the company's latest annual water quality reports available online indicated excellent water quality throughout its 22-county service area. Also known as Consumer Confidence Reports, these reports are annual performance measures of the drinking water supplied by Indiana American Water in comparison to compliance standards established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management.

"Indiana American Water has an exceptional track record when it comes to delivering high-quality drinking water, and these reports are a testament to the hard work, dedication and expertise of our employees," said Indiana American Water President Matt Prine. "Our customers expect and can remain confident that we continue to supply clean, safe tap water to help keep their lives flowing, and we

encourage them to find out for themselves through these latest reports."

The water quality reports, which are issued for each of the company's public water systems and searchable by zip code on the company's website, provide information on where the water comes from, water tests conducted, substances detected in water and the levels of those substances. Commonly asked questions and associated answers concerning drinking water are also included.

"Our team continues to serve as a leader on a state and national stage for our consistent water quality and extensive source water protection efforts," Prine continued. "We have the expertise of our employees, the right technologies and techniques in use, and a demonstrated commitment to upgrading our infrastructure on an ongoing basis. Last year alone, we invested more than \$145 million in our infrastructure across the state.

"Just as important, we place a strong focus

on acting as stewards of our environment," Prine continued. "We participate in activities and outreach that help communities protect their watersheds and educate customers on how to use water wisely. We are also committed to acting sustainably by reducing our greenhouse gas emissions, recycling our precious resources, including water, and protecting the biodiversity of local waterways.

All five of Indiana American Water's surface water treatment plants received Directors Awards for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Partnership for Safe Water. The program recognizes water providers who voluntarily implement measures to optimize treatment plant performance and distribution system operation, resulting in the production and delivery of superior quality water. As part of meeting the Directors Award requirements, water treatment plants must meet certain criteria and provide water service that, in some cases, sur-

passes what is required by federal and state drinking water standards.

Indiana American Water, a subsidiary of American Water (NYSE: AWK), is the largest investor-owned water utility in the state, providing high-quality and reliable water and wastewater services to approximately 1.3 million people. With a history dating back to 1886, American Water (NYSE:AWK) is the largest and most geographically diverse U.S. publicly traded water and wastewater utility company. The company employs more than 6,400 dedicated professionals who provide regulated and regulated-like drinking water and wastewater services to more than 14 million people in 24 states. American Water provides safe, clean, affordable and reliable water services to our customers to help keep their lives flowing. For more information, visit amwater.com and follow American Water on Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn.

Indiana DOR To Host In-Person And Virtual Annual Public Hearing

The Indiana Department of Revenue (DOR) will host this year's annual public hearing on May 26, 2022, at 10 a.m. The public hearing provides customers with a general overview of the agency's progress and provides a forum for the agency to hear directly from its customers and stakeholders.

"This hearing is a chance for Hoosiers to share their valuable feedback, helping us embody our core value of continuous improvement and deliver best-in-class service," stated DOR Commissioner Bob Grennes. During the hearing, the Commissioner will be providing a brief update on major DOR initiatives.

Interested customers and stakeholders may attend the hearing in-person, or choose to attend online.

To attend in-person:

The hearing will be held in Conference Room B in the Indiana Government Center South Building located at 302 W. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN 46204.

To attend virtually:

To watch live online, visit dor.in.gov/news-media-and-publications and select "Annual Public Hearings." Online viewers can log in to the meeting starting on May 26, which will begin promptly at 10 a.m.

To provide comment:

Individuals wishing to attend in-person and speak during the hearing should email their request to Bizoutreach@dor.IN.gov by May 23 to reserve a speaker slot. In addition, individuals attending in-person or watching online may submit comments to DOR prior to the meeting by emailing Bizoutreach@dor.IN.gov.

Wabash And Purdue Online Form Educational Partnership Aimed At Digital Transformation

The business of manufacturing, logistics and transportation, like a lot of businesses, is undergoing a data-driven digital transformation, and Wabash, an innovation leader for engineered solutions in those fields, intends to stay ahead of the curve.

Wabash, formerly Wabash National, has a hometown advantage in working to achieve its goal. Just across the Wabash River from the company, which is based in Lafayette, Indiana, lies Purdue University, routinely ranked as one of the most innovative universities in the U.S.

In December 2021, Wabash and Purdue announced a five-year research and development partnership that could apply cutting-edge knowledge in areas ranging from advanced engineering and quantum computing to materials science and electric vehicles to challenges facing the company and its customers, among them the exploding growth of e-commerce and home delivery and a growing emphasis on sustainability and automation.

Now, Wabash is working with Purdue Online in an educational partnership to train employees to better lead and implement digital transformation measures to match the accelerating pace of change in the industry. To start, Wabash is putting selected employees through Purdue's online Data Science in Finance and Data Storytelling courses and five certificate programs – in Data Science, Applied Data Analytics, Business

Analytics, Information Management and Cybersecurity. The company pays for tuition, fees and books.

"At Wabash, our purpose is to change how the world reaches you, said Dave Teeter, senior director, talent and organizational effectiveness. "We understand as a forward thinking organization that this can be powerfully enabled in significant part by digital transformation. It is critical that we enhance our collective organizational understanding of the concepts within this space and utilize them to move our business forward and create additional value for our customers."

"In addition to Purdue University being a critical and valued partner to Wabash across multiple areas, they are also a recognized leader in delivering this type of learning and education," Teeter said. "They have worked with us collaboratively to meet our learning needs and deliver in a way that benefits our dynamic workforce."

Nile Gilmanov, an IT security engineer who's worked at Wabash for nine years, is taking Purdue's Cybersecurity Certificate series with modules covering Secure Foundations and Secure Applications. He said the program is enhancing his skills – and enhancing the security of the company's digital assets in the process.

"It's filling in some gaps for me, and it's also refreshing things I knew but may have forgotten," Gilmanov said. "It helps me make better decisions

and helps me apply more best practices in making decisions."

Amanda Garman, manager of talent, learning and development, said Wabash sees the educational partnership with Purdue only expanding in the future.

"This first cohort of students is a pilot," Garman said. "We have a small subset of employees utilizing the program now, with the expectation that we grow participation exponentially over the coming years."

The educational partnership aligns with the research partnership with Purdue, Garman said, and it fits with Wabash's culture, which emphasizes employees having a growth mindset, being curious and always learning.

"We really see it as an investment in our employees," Garman said. Senior company leaders strongly back the program. Teeter and Chief Financial Officer Mike Pettit are even part of the initial student cohort. Both are enrolled in Purdue's Data Storytelling course.

"Whether it is our highly rated online master's degrees in engineering or individual courses and certificate programs, Purdue is building a strong portfolio of offerings attractive for working professionals and taught by faculty who are recognized leaders in their fields," said Dimitrios Peroulis, Purdue's Michael and Katherine Birk Head and Reilly Professor, Elmore Family School of Electrical and Computer Engineering, and special advisor to the

dean of engineering on online learning.

That the Purdue courses are 100% online gives busy people like Pettit, Teeter and other employees the flexibility to fit their learning into their schedules and also makes the learning opportunity available to Wabash employees in other parts of the country. Wabash has employees from Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin enrolled in the first cohort.

Purdue Online did more than just provide the courses, Garman said. Purdue Online staff members were "thought partners" in putting the program together and have been readily available to help get it going.

"One of the goals of Purdue Online is to work with corporate partners to meet their employees' training and reskilling needs, which can range from connecting them to and packaging courses and programs Purdue already offers to working with them to design tailored programs," said Gary Bertoline, senior vice president for Purdue Online and Learning Innovation. "The educational partnership with Wabash fits perfectly with that goal."

Wabash already had a good feel for what an educational partnership with Purdue could provide. The company regularly hires interns and full-time employees from Purdue.

"Really, it's a no-brainer," Garman said. "When you have a top university just across the river you have to use it."

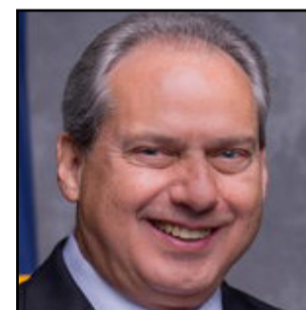
Sen. Boots Talks Mental Health Awareness Month

In an effort to spread awareness and fight stigmas surrounding mental health, May is recognized as Mental Health Awareness Month. This month serves as an opportunity for us to come together and discuss mental health care and how to support individuals struggling with their mental health.

This session, my colleagues and I supported new laws that will expand access to mental health care and help us gather more data on the issue.

I was proud to support a measure to expand Indiana's network of community behavioral health clinics. These facilities provide a wide array of mental health and addiction services while partnering with local institutions like schools, hospitals or law enforcement agencies to ensure those in need of treatment have that option readily available to them. These programs have shown promise and I look forward to seeing more of them across Indiana.

I also supported Senate Enrolled Act 84, which requires the Indiana Department of Health to produce a report that tracks the number of suicide and substance abuse-related fatalities. This monthly report



Sen. Phil Boots

will be done by county and track the demographics of each victim, as well as the method of suicide or overdose. In doing so, the state will receive better data that will help us make informed public policy decisions in an effort to curb suicide and overdose-related fatalities and better help individuals in need of mental health care.

Mental health struggles may seem like a never-ending battle, but there are resources available. If you or someone you know is in need of support, call 221 or visit <https://bewellindiana.com/mental-health-resources/>.

- Sen. Phil Boots represents Montgomery, Fountain, Parke, Vermillion and Warren counties and a portion of Boone County. He is one of the shareholders of The Paper of Montgomery County.

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