

**➤ TODAY'S VERSE**

2 Timothy 2:7 Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things.



**➤ FACES OF HAMILTON COUNTY**

People who call our community their own.

What makes Dave Marsh smile? "The seasons of the year, when the song birds come," said the 84-year-old Noblesville resident. The Noblesville Lion was found volunteering at the Lions' annual Pork Chop Dinner in 2021. "I helped them set up, helped with food preparations and cleaned tables." He has been a member of the Lions for 10 years and is involved with the Noblesville High School Leos. He was born and raised in Portland, Ind., and taught three years of school in Huntington. He spent a year stationed in France in the U.S. Air Force in 1961. He and a couple of GIs set up their own touring service and bought a car and sold seats and went all over Europe. He came to Noblesville to coach athletics in 1964, coaching football and track. He started out under Bill Nevitt, then assisted Jim Belden in football and assisted Dale Snelling in track until he left, then became head track coach. Marsh taught industrial arts, teaching electronics, drafting and woodworking and retired in 1995 when the new high school opened. For the Lions, he has been event coordinator for the annual Dodgeball tournament, which in 2021 was its third year. He loves people and travel, so he worked in the travel business and still does. He has three children, eight grandkids and eight great-grandkids. Also making him smile is when he built music boxes for his five great-granddaughters, and used the "Let It Go" song from Disney's "Frozen." This year's Lions Club Pork Chop Dinner, which has added chicken for the first time, will be served 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. today in their tent on the Courthouse Square Lions Club. (The annual Darlington Bed Race is 7 p.m. today on the Square benefiting the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville.) Lions will serve pancakes and sausage 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday and hot dogs, chips and drink noon to 3 p.m. Saturday (Noblesville Main Street Duck Race activities are noon to 3 p.m. Saturday). Also on Friday, catch a Nickel Plate Express Caboose ride near the Carousel in Forest Park, ride around the park, and over the White River to the Noblesville Square, for events on the Square, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, with tickets \$5 per person round trip.

**And Another Thing...**

This year, Fishers Farmers Market is expanding to a second location. What was formerly the Saxony Market will now be the Fishers Farmers Market at Saxony, presented by IU Health Fishers. This market will take place every Wednesday from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. It began on June 1, and ends September 28. Much like its Saturday counterpart, this market will host a variety of great vendors and will be pet-friendly.

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## Carmel Christkindlmarkt Announces New Market Hours for 2022 Season



Carmel's Christkindlmarkt has become one of the most popular annual holiday attractions in Hamilton County. In order to accommodate more visitors and give everyone access to the wonderful features and shops, the market has announced expanded hours for 2022.

In 2022, the Market will be open November 19 through December 30. Generally, the Market will remain closed on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, as well as Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. You can see the full hours below:

**General Hours:**

- Monday - Closed
- Tuesday - Closed
- Wednesday - Closed
- Thursday - 4 p.m. - 9 p.m.
- Friday - 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.
- Saturday - 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.
- Sunday - 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.

**Holiday closures:**

- Closed - Thursday, November 25 for Thanksgiving Day
- Closed - Saturday, December 25 for Christmas Day

**Special Holiday Hours:**

- **OPEN:** Wednesday, No-

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## Noblesville Pastor Retiring, Prepares Church for Younger, More Diverse, New Leadership



**BETSY REASON**  
The Times Editor

Noblesville First United Methodist Church lead pastor Jerry Rairdon is retiring after 42 years of ministry.

"I have been with Noblesville First UMC for seven years and believe I have accomplished all that I am capable of for Noblesville First," he said.

"I think it's time for younger leadership that will be more able to reach future generations," said Rairdon, a Noblesville resident, who turned 65 on May 13.

Rairdon will share some of his proud accomplishments when he preaches his last sermon on Sunday morning, at the 8:15 a.m. outdoor service at Teter Retreat & Farm, at the 9:45

a.m. traditional service in the UMC Sanctuary and at the 11 a.m. contemporary service in Celebration Hall.

He will also be honored during a Faith Filled Farewell from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday in Celebration Hall, with the public invited to attend.

Rairdon grew up in Plainfield and served on Indianapolis' eastside before coming to Noblesville, and before that spent 16 years serving in New Albany. He graduated from Plainfield High School and University of Indianapolis and a seminary in Ohio. He plans to move to Evansville to be near two daughters and grandchildren. "I will be taking a position with a lot less responsibility," said Rairdon, who will become the director of development for Wesselman Woods, a nonprofit nature preserve, "which happens to be the largest urban old-growth forest in the country."

He thanks UMC director of music Jeff Wright, the church choir, his family, wife Nancy, the congregation and the community. (Noblesville First UMC, located at 2051 Monument St., has 1,200 church members with Sunday attendance of about 500 in-person and online.)

Six months ago, Rairdon announced his intention to retire,

## Hamilton County is Now Accepting Grant Applications

The Hamilton County Commissioners and Councilors are now accepting grant applications from Hamilton County not-for-profits for funding in 2023. The Grant Program is intended to furnish funding to organizations that provide services in furtherance of County goals and without the providing of these services the County may need to consider the development of such programming.

Awards are provided based on application score and funding available. Any funds awarded must be supported by other funding sources or documented in-kind services and may only be distributed to Hamilton County based organizations. Complete information including eligibility criteria can be found on the application. <https://www.hamiltoncounty.in.gov/1682/Non-profit-Grant-Application>.

Applications are due Monday, June 20th by 4:30 p.m. Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted. Award recipients will be notified on or after Monday, November 14th and funds will be distributed in January.

For additional questions not answered in the application, please contact either County Councilor Sue Maki at Sue.Maki@HamiltonCounty.in.gov or Director of Administration Dan Stevens at Dan.Stevens@HamiltonCounty.in.gov.

## The Daily Almanac

**Sunrise/Sunset**  
RISE: 6:16 a.m.  
SET: 9:08 p.m.

**High/Low Temperatures**  
High: 78 °F  
Low: 54 °F

**Today is...**

- Chimborazo Day
- Love Conquers All Day
- National Egg Day

**What Happened On This Day**

- 1973 The world's first supersonic airliner crashes
- 1982 The Israeli ambassador to the U.K. is shot
- 2013 The trial against whistleblower Chelsea Manning begins

**Births On This Day**

- 1926 Allen Ginsberg American poet
- 1986 Rafael Nadal Spanish tennis player

**Deaths On This Day**

- 1924 Franz Kafka Czech/German writer
- 2016 Muhammad Ali American boxer

## Reflections and Updates with Dr. Arrowood



Pastor Jerry Rairdon

setting in motion the work to prepare his congregation for new leadership. "As much as I love this congregation, I came to the conclusion that I had done all I could do to grow this faith community," he said. "I knew if we are to reach the next generation, it was time to shake things up and that would require younger leadership."

He said, "I've shed a few tears the past six months thinking about what we are leaving, the relationships that we have built, the impact we have made on this community, the sacred times we have shared together."

During his leadership, Noblesville First UMC earned the award for Volunteer Organization of the Year by Noblesville Main Street, the choir has continued to be a critical part of



**Dr. Derek Arrowood**  
HHSU Superintendent



As our school year draws to a close and we prepare to celebrate the 57th graduating class of Hamilton Heights, I can't help but think about the school shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas last week. A community is devastated, and families are in mourning because of this senseless act of violence.

Our nation has experienced several traumatizing and tragic

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**➤ OBITUARIES**

**Patricia Males**

**➤ HONEST HOOSIER**

I don't know how much it costs to fill up my car now. The pump shuts off at \$100.



- Garrison Keillor

**➤ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP**

Keep up-to-date on vaccines that are recommended for your age group.

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](http://www.thetimes24-7.com).



**➤ TODAY'S QUOTE**

"Some luck lies in not getting what you thought you wanted but getting what you have, which once you have got it you may be smart enough to see it is what you would have wanted had you known."

**➤ TODAY'S JOKE**

What do you call a cow with no legs?  
Ground beef.

The Times appreciates all our customers.

Today, we'd like to personally thank **KEITH LEES** for subscribing!



**13 WTHR 7 DAY FORECAST**

75 CLOUDY THU	58/68 AREA OF RAIN FRI	51/75 BREEZY SAT	60/83 BUNNY AND PLEASANT SUN	66/88 BERRY AND WARM MON	68/90 HAY, HOT & HUMID TUE	70/91 HAZY HOT & HUMID WED
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## OBITUARIES

### Patricia Males

April 23, 1932 - May 31, 2022

Patricia Males, 90, of Lapel, passed away Tuesday, May 31, 2022 at Rawlins House in Pendleton, Indiana.

She was born April 23, 1932 in Fishersburg, Indiana, to Leslie Teeters and Lela (Martin)Teeters.

Mrs. Males graduated from Lapel High School in 1948. She retired from Guide Lamp, division of General Motors. She also was very involved in the Lapel Public Library and was instrumental in bringing it to town. Mrs. Males was a long time member of Ford St. United Methodist Church.

She married Jimmie Males who passed away in 1984.

Survivors include her daughter Betsy (Dave) Vest, of Anderson; four grandchildren Brandi (Phillip) Baker of Pendleton, Mandi (Shane) Kemerly of Lapel, Jessica (Chris) Ricci of Perkinsville and Kamesa King of Anderson; 11 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson.

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; and her daughter Teresa (Males) Wilson.

A funeral service is scheduled to be held at 1 p.m. on Monday, June 6, 2022 at Ford St. United Methodist Church, 925 Ford St., Lapel, Indiana, with Pastor Glenn Knepp officiating.

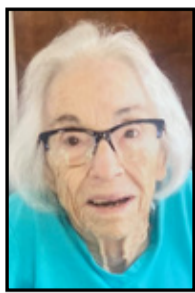
Visitation is scheduled to be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday at the church.

Burial will follow at Grovelawn Cemetery in Pendleton at a later date.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Lapel Food Pantry or the Ford St. United Methodist Church.

Funeral Arrangements have been entrusted to the Hersberger-Bozell Funeral Home, Lapel, Indiana.

Online Condolences may be shared at [www.hersbergerbozell.com](http://www.hersbergerbozell.com)



## Westfield Fire Department Breaks Ground on New Fire Station and Headquarters



The Westfield Fire Department broke ground on June 1st for its new 12.8 million dollar, 36,000 square foot Fire Station and Headquarters. Station 81 replaces the current fire station and headquarters at Westfield's Public Safety Building. Located at the Southeast corner of 171st street and Ditch Road, Station 81 will feature 8 bays, a new training tower, physical fitness facilities, living quarters, fleet services and administrative offices.

Westfield Fire Chief Rob Gaylor, explained the need for replacing the current station and headquarters. "We started this process in 2019 to relocate the headquarters. Our cur-

rent Public Safety Building opened in 1997 and the Fire and Police Departments have outgrown that facility. We are out of space with people using closets for offices. It's also in need of significant repairs."

The Westfield Public Safety Building houses the entire Westfield Police Department, the fire department's headquarters, along with personnel and equipment for Station 81.

Westfield has three fire stations. The last one built was Station 83 on Grassy Branch Road. It opened in 2012. "Westfield's population continues to grow and so do demands for fire and EMS services," said Mayor Andy Cook. "The need for a new Police Department is also great. As our city grows, we are adding additional officers and the current headquarters is no longer suitable for the Police Department's needs," said Mayor Cook.

Fire Station 81 is scheduled to open in 2023.

## Spreading the News



**DICK WOLFSIE**  
Funny Bone

Whenever I read a newspaper article that begs to become the basis of my next humor column, I cut it out and save it. Then I forget where I put it. (I also do that with car titles, birth certificates, and my life insurance policy.) But here's one rich article I did find on my desktop...

In Boise, Idaho, police thought they might have solved a year-long condiment spree. Authorities say a 74-year-old woman was arrested after pouring mayonnaise in a library book drop box. She may be connected to nine other condiment-related crimes.

I should have sent the Boise police a thank-you note for practically writing my column for me. You could watch every old Twilight Zone episode, read every Sherlock Holmes short story ever written and see every Coen Brothers movie, and I'm tellin' you, the words "condiment-related crimes" are not going to pop up.

I'm basically an honest guy, so I don't spend a lot of time thinking about what I would do if circumstances had led me to a life of crime. However, I've seen enough bad-guy movies to know that when you're looking for shifty ways to make a living, the answer does not lie in a select variety of sauces.

I resisted a childhood influence to be a crook. My mother was an unrepentant Sweet 'n Low thief, so I saw firsthand (and with sleight of hand) how easy it was to score big at White Castle or Steak 'n Shake. Mom seemed like a very nice person to some people, but those close to her knew that her sweet disposition was artificial.

The woman who defiled the books walked around with a backpack that concealed her two sandwich spreads of choice. The police could not legally stop and search her without a warrant or they would have violated her fourth amendment rights. It's a pretty sad day when it's legal to own a Glock, but a squeeze bottle of mayonnaise is suspect. The woman accused the police of profiling her, but when she left a trail of Gulden's Mustard packets behind her, it served as probable cause. She was once detained at an airport for having more than two ounces of vinaigrette in her carry-on. She tried to avoid trouble by flirting with the TIA agents, but she was then arrested for being too saucy.

Pouring mayo down a book slot at a library is a serious offense, but judges should be able to use discretion in sentencing. Hellmann's on Hemingway is clearly a punishable crime, but mustard on Mein Kampf? Any judge worth his salt should overlook that breach.

Other than mayo in the return slot, the police were reluctant to reveal the other nine condiment capers she committed—for fear, I suppose, that a wave of food-topping, copy-cat crimes would sprinkle the country. The woman did not use Worcestershire sauce during the commission of any felonies. The folks at Lea & Perrins could capitalize on this. Since their product is high in sodium, they could brag about how low it is in crime rates.

The woman was released and put on probation. The judge thought she might be a flight risk, and sure enough, at last report she was on the lam. I bet she had some mint jelly in her purse.

- 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](mailto:Wolfsie@aol.com).

## Phillip and Michelle Nunn Recognized as Home Helpers Home Care Brand Champions



Home Helpers Home Care is pleased to recognize Phillip and Michelle Nunn, the Home Helpers Home Care franchisees in Carmel, with one of the company's prestigious Brand Champion Awards. Only seven of the hundreds of Home Helpers Home Care franchisees were recognized as Brand Champions this year.

"Our Brand Champion Award highlights franchisees who have shown exceptional leadership, dedication and consistency while supporting the brand

locally and nationally. Brand Champions continue to be a vital part of our growing Home Helpers Home Care community. We are thrilled to be able to recognize Phillip and Michelle with this award this year. They are an important part of our Home Helpers Home Care community and the Carmel community," Emma Dickson, CEO & President of Home Helpers Home Care.

In addition to being examples in their local community, each Brand

Champion provides support and guidance to new franchisees. They understand that having a strong brand helps each office. Their enthusiasm about the brand and insight into what it's really like to own a Home Helpers Home Care franchise is invaluable to the franchise network.

Home Helpers Home Care offers the industry's leading model for comprehensive care with its unique care program, Cared-4SM, which provides the four necessary components to living independently. This includes Personal Care and Companionship, Nutrition and Well-Being, Safety and 24-Hour Monitoring, and Wellness Calls. The Nunn's team works

in Avon, Brownsburg, Carmel, Cicero, Fishers, Indianapolis, Lebanon, Noblesville, Plainfield, Westfield, Whitestown, Zionsville and the surrounding communities.

"It's an honor to be recognized as a Brand Champion by the Home Helpers Home Care leadership team. Part of being a franchise owner is recognizing the opportunity to grow the company in a positive direction by helping your fellow franchisees and the national office and I'm pleased to be able to help whenever I can," Nunn said.

To learn more about Home Helpers Home Care, visit <https://www.homehelpershomecare.com/carmel-in/>.

## Meeting Notes

### Noblesville Schools Board of School Trustees Special Session

Educational Services Center Board Room  
18025 River Road,  
Noblesville, Indiana  
Wednesday, June 15,  
2022 at 6 p.m.

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
  - A. 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. 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. Approval of Superintendent and Contract
    - B. Additional Appropriation 2022 Budget
    - C. Policy Adoption
  - 7. Adjournment
    - A. The school board president asks for a motion to adjourn.

**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

Thanks for reading The Times!

**12703 Sunrise Drive Noblesville • \$514,900**  
**SOLD!**

Perfect 4 BR, 2.5 BA w/loft and full basement, stunning kit w/walk-in pantry + huge island, LVP hardwoods on main level, beautiful primary suite, walk-in closets in all bedrooms. 3rd car tandem garage with 220 amp outlet. BLC#21848722

**15293 Dunrobin Drive Town • \$644,900**  
**SOLD!**

Spectacular home in Estates of Lockhaven, 5 BR, 5 BA, w/finished walk-out basement, 2-story great room w/gas fireplace, gourmet kitchen w/granite & large pantry, screened porch and much, much more. BLC#21852114

**19347 Potters Bridge Road Noblesville • \$389,900**  
**SOLD!**

Custom all brick ranch with full finished basement, 4 BR, 2 BA in beautiful Potters Woods. Great room has gas fireplace and is open to dining area and kitchen, 3-car finished garage. Being sold to settle estate. BLC#21844861

# The market is still hot! Time for a new home!

## Speak to Deak!

**Jennifer**

**Peggy**

**Speak to Deak.com**

**317.439.3258 Peggy or 317.695.6032 Jennifer**

# Previewing the Upcoming Boilermaker Football Season with Kenny

The arrival of June means one thing to sports fans. No, not the NBA Finals or another month of losing for the Cubs and Reds.

It's time for the first college football season preview magazines to reach your local book store, pharmacy or favorite online retailer.

Athlon Sports has released its All-Big Ten Conference teams, as well as rankings of the transfer classes in the Big Ten and a preseason Top 25. Mildly surprising to me, Purdue is not ranked coming off one of its best seasons in the 21st century and returning 14 starters. More on that later.

Apparently not wanting to leave anyone out, Athlon released not just a first-team All-Big Ten list but a second, third and fourth team. For some reason, Athlon has a 12-player offense, a 12-player defense and four specialists. That's 112 players on Athlon's honor roll.

Reigning Big Ten champion Michigan leads the way with 17 selections, one more than Ohio State. Purdue and Minnesota share fifth place with nine players chosen. Indiana, coming off a winless conference season in 2021, has six players on the honor roll. That total matches Northwestern and Rutgers for fewest selections.

Purdue sixth-year



**KENNY THOMPSON**  
Columnist

senior quarterback Aidan O'Connell and probably his top receiving target in 2022, senior tight end Payne Durham, are on the second team offense. Redshirt junior defensive tackle Branson Deen also was chosen to the second team.

O'Connell threw for 3,712 yards and 28 touchdowns in 2021. If he approaches those numbers in his final season, O'Connell will rank among the top five quarterbacks in Purdue history.

Drew Brees (11,792) and Curtis Painter (11,163) are out of reach for O'Connell but Kyle Orton (9,337) and David Blough (9,734) aren't out of the question. It would take a 4,000-yard season for O'Connell (5,729 career yards) to catch Blough for fourth place in Purdue's record books. Painter owns the single-season passing yards record with 3,985.

Durham is likely to see his 2021 numbers of 45 receptions for 467

yards and six touchdowns increase with the departures of David Bell to the Cleveland Browns and Jackson Anthrop.

Deen had three sacks among his 26 tackles a year ago.

Cornerback Tiawan Mullen is the lone Hoosier on Athlon's second team. A first-team All-American as a sophomore, Mullen suffered a foot injury as a junior that limited him to six games.

Purdue linebacker Jalen Graham, listed by Athlon as a safety, is part of the third team. The senior intercepted two passes, returning one for a touchdown, and recorded 64 tackles in 2021.

Indiana safety Devon Matthews joins Graham on the third team defense. The sixth-year senior earned third-team All-Big Ten honors in 2021.

Music City Bowl MVP Broc Thompson, junior center Gus Hartwig and offensive tackle Spencer Holstege represent Purdue on the fourth team offense. Defensive end Kydran Jenkins and cornerback Cory Trice complete the Boilermakers' honor roll.

Playing on two knees that would need surgery in the offseason, Thompson caught seven passes for 217 yards and two touchdowns during the bowl victory against Tennessee. Jenkins had five sacks among his 35 tackles as a freshman. Trice missed most of the

2021 season with a knee injury.

Indiana is represented on Athlon's fourth team by offensive lineman Matthew Bedford, linebacker Cam Jones, kicker Charles Campbell and punt return specialist D.J. Matthews. Jones made 63 tackles last season, and Campbell was 13 of 18 on field goals. Matthews missed much of the 2021 season after tearing an ACL against Western Kentucky.

One glaring omission on Athlon's list was Purdue kicker Mitchell Fineran, who was 24 of 29 on field goals including the game-winner against Tennessee in overtime. The 24 field goals fell one shy of Ben Jones' school record set in 2003.

Another is the reigning Rodgers-Dwight Big Ten Return Specialist of the Year Charlie Jones. Media reports have the former Iowa standout considering Purdue as a graduate transfer.

Staying on the subject of transfers, Athlon rates Indiana's newcomers third among Big Ten schools. Purdue's incoming transfers rank sixth but that could rise if Jones indeed comes to West Lafayette.

Missouri transfer quarterback Connor Bazelak and running backs Josh Henderson (North Carolina) and Shaun Shivers (Auburn) could boost what was an anemic Indiana offense in 2021.

"After a 2-10 record, it's no surprise the Hoosiers hit the portal hard for instant help on both sides of the ball," Athlon's Steve Lassin writes. "Bazelak could win the starting quarterback job, with Shivers and Henderson likely to handle the bulk of the carries at running back. Six transfers were added to the defensive front and all should see major snaps in '22."

Former Hoosiers Sampson James and Reece Taylor, along with former Iowa wide receiver Tyrone Tracy, head Purdue's transfer class. Former Auburn wide receiver Elijah Canion, offensive lineman Sloan Finau (Florida International) and cornerback Tee Denson (Kansas State) also hope to crack Purdue's lineup.

"Tracy and Canion are important acquisitions to restock the receiving corps with David Bell and Jackson Anthrop off to the NFL," Lassin writes. "James should add some pop to a ground game that managed only 2.8 yards per carry in '21. Finau started 15 games at FIU. Denson and Taylor will be counted on to compete for snaps at cornerback with Dedrick Mackey off to the NFL."

To the surprise of absolutely no one who has followed college football for any length of time, Alabama and Ohio State are 1-2 in Athlon's

projected Top 25. Athlon's rankings are based upon where its writers believe teams will finish after the national championship game.

Michigan at No. 6 is the second Big Ten team in the rankings, followed by Michigan State (14th), Wisconsin (19th) and Penn State (25th). Iowa, Minnesota and Purdue earned honorable mention.

In yet another example of the name on the front of the jersey, Wisconsin is getting a large benefit of the doubt despite having the Big Ten's fewest number of returning starters (8). But until someone (Purdue?) proves otherwise, the Badgers remain the perennial West Division favorite.

Even if Wisconsin extends its winning streak over Purdue to 16 games, the Boilermakers are still a good bet to finish in the top 25 if they avoid major injuries and find a way to win the season opener against Penn State in Ross-Ade Stadium.

A schedule that doesn't feature Michigan, Ohio State and Michigan State enhances the Boilermakers' chances of recording the second 10-win season in school history.

*- 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.*

## The Times

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**Catch a Nickel Plate Express Caboose ride near the Carousel in Forest Park, ride around the park, and over the White River to the Noblesville Square, for events on the Square, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. today, with tickets \$5 per person round trip.**

## Bed Race, Duck Race, Pork Chops, Pancakes, Comedy, Free Movies

It's finally Race Week-end here in Noblesville, with the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville's Darlington Bed Race tonight and the Noblesville Main Street Duck Race on Saturday afternoon.

Here, we offer our Times readers 25 things to do this weekend and beyond:

1. Make plans to attend the annual Noblesville Lions Pork Chop Dinner, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. today on the Courthouse Square with all-you-can-eat pancakes 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday, and hot dogs, chips and drinks, noon to 3 p.m. Saturday on Logan Street Bridge. Silent auction and donations go to Lions' charities.

2. Catch a Nickel Plate Express Caboose ride near the Carousel in Forest Park, ride around the park, and over the White River to the Noblesville Square, for events on the Square, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. today, with tickets \$5 per person round trip.

3. Get your team together for the 7 p.m. today Darlington Bed Race in downtown Noblesville to benefit Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville.

4. Jim Wafford's Hamilton County TV kicks off 11th annual free summer movie series at 9:15 p.m. Fridays, today through June 24, with movies in your car on Friday nights in June at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds in Noblesville. Lawn chairs, blankets and picnicking invited. Opening-night movie is

"Encanto."

5. Conner Prairie 2022 History on Tap, celebrating its 10th anniversary, is 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. today at Conner Prairie in Fishers, with dozens of local brewers, live music from Old Coyote and the Indy Annies.

6. Join the Amazing Miller Race, a Noblesville-themed scavenger hunt, a family-friendly virtual event June 3-5 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. Participants 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](mailto:adriann_young@nobl.k12.in.us), 317-773-3171 ext 10431

7. Main Street Productions presents "Rumors" by Neil Simon, at Basile Westfield Playhouse, today through Sunday and June 9-12, directed by Jen Otterman, with tickets at

[www.westfieldplayhouse.org](http://www.westfieldplayhouse.org).

8. 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 Blue-Sky 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.

9. 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 Saturday. Duck race activities are noon to 3 p.m. with ducks released by Nickel Plate Express.

10. 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.

11. Auditions are noon to 2 p.m. Saturday and 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Sunday for Main Street Productions' summer youth production, "30 Reasons Not To Be in a Play," by Alan Haehnel, at Basile Westfield Playhouse, directed by Tanya Haas, on July 28-Aug. 7. Open to school-aged children to age 19. Info at [westfield-playhouse.org](http://westfield-playhouse.org)

12. Auditions for Noblesville Cultural Arts Commission's 30th annual Shakespeare in the Park's "Hamlet," directed by Jen Otterman, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at Noblesville Emmanuel Methodist Church, with performances July 27-30 at Federal Hill Commons in Noblesville, with free admission.

13. Deb Castino Memorial Golf Outing is Tuesday at Harbour Trees to benefit Boys & Girls Club.

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

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

16. 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.

17. Conner Prairie and the Fishers Arts Council welcome guests June 11 to a beautiful afternoon outdoor event for Art on the Prairie. Browse and shop the creations of local artists and artisans, enjoy live music, and more from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

18. 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



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**Noblesville Main Street had the honor of dumping about 3,000 yellow rubber ducks into the White River during a previous Duck Race in downtown Noblesville. This year's Duck Race activities are noon to 3 p.m., with Nickel Plate Express dumping the ducks.**

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.

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

Lawn at Grand Junction Plaza, with more movies every fourth Friday through October.

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



Photo courtesy of Indy Ghost Light Photography

**The cast of Main Street Productions' production of "Rumors" by Neil Simon, rehearse at Basile Westfield Playhouse for the show, which opened Thursday and continues weekends through June 12, directed by Jen Otterman of Noblesville.**

Noblesville Jim Dandy.

20. Hamilton County Artists Association's annual Kids Art Camp, morning and afternoon sessions, June 13-16, HCAA's Birdie Gallery in Noblesville, \$45 each, Grades 1-8, reservations call Karen Fehr at (317) 896-3754 or email [karenfehr45@gmail.com](mailto:karenfehr45@gmail.com).

21. Bring your family to the Touch-a-Truck event, open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 17 at Grand Park in Westfield.

22. Westfield continues its Movies in the Plaza series at dusk June 20, featuring "PAW Patrol the Movie" on the Great

theatre.org.

24. 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.

25. 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.

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## Runners Convene on Monument Circle for the Indianapolis Monumental Mile



The 9th running of the Indianapolis Monumental Mile took place Wednesday evening on Monument Circle to celebrate Global Running Day and promote a healthy and active lifestyle in Indianapolis and surrounding communities. Recreational runners, families, dogs and their owners, and elite runners alike challenged themselves on the new one-mile course that concluded at the Soldiers & Sailors Monument with refreshments, food, and celebration.

During the festivities, Beyond Monumental recognized 2021-2022 school year donations totaling \$65,000 through its Apex Benefits Monumental Kids Movement to three local school districts; Indianapolis Public Schools, MSD of Lawrence Township, and MSD of Pike Township. In 2021, thirty-three local schools and 884 local youth participated via the program that educates young people on the benefits of exercise, proper diet, and healthy living. More than 15,500 students have participated and nearly 1.4 million dollars has been donated since the program's inception.

In addition, the winners of the Monumental Corporate Cup were crowned. The Monumental Corpo-

rate Cup is an employer-based wellness initiative where companies compete with other similar sized companies for bragging rights, a travelling trophy and a donation to their preferred charity. The winning companies are:

- The Runners Forum (small business category)
- Apex Benefits (medium business category)
- CNO Financial Group (large business category)

### 2022 Indianapolis Monumental Mile Race Results:

The final two (of 10) races of the evening brought excitement to Monument Circle as champions were crowned in the Men's and Women's Elite Race Divisions. Benjamin Nagel was victorious in the men's elite mile. Benjamin's winning time of 4:10.92, edged Raymond Magut's runner-up posting of 4:15.61. Mary Munanu finished with a time of 4:40.16 to claim the women's elite mile title, beating out Berenice Cleylet Merle with a time of 4:41.52.

### Division winners:

- Youth Male: John Turnbull, 4:46.86
- Youth Female: Taylor Traggesser, 5:31.36 (new event record)
- Open Male: Mark Guyer, 4:24.46
- Open Female: Abbey

Warth, 5:20.33 Master's Male: Jesse Davis, 4:34.68 (new event record) Master's Female: Kim Novick, 5:31.06

Lance Nelson and his pup captured the first ever Doggie Dash win in 5:33.96. The Doggie Dash benefited Indianapolis Animal Care Services. Beyond Monumental will donate \$5 of every Doggie Dash registration to Friends of Indianapolis Animal Care Services.

Beyond Monumental's main event, the CNO Financial Indianapolis Monumental Marathon, will have its 15th running this year on Saturday, November 5, 2022. Registration is open at [monumentalmarathon.com](http://monumentalmarathon.com).

Beyond Monumental provides the Indianapolis community with a complement of activities built around their premiere event that promotes healthy living & fitness for all ages. Beyond Monumental gives back to the Indianapolis community by supporting youth programming that reinforces healthy lifestyles for young people, with an emphasis on working with urban students and Indianapolis Public Schools, donating nearly \$1.4 million in 13 years. The CNO Financial Indianapolis Monumental Marathon is a top 15 marathon in the US and is nationally recognized by Runners' World as one of "Ten Great Marathons for First Timers". The 15th annual running is scheduled for Nov. 5, 2022. [www.beyondmonumental.org](http://www.beyondmonumental.org).

## Indiana Chamber Taps IURC Commissioner David Ober as New VP Of Taxation

The Indiana Chamber of Commerce has hired former state legislator and current Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) Commissioner David Ober to join its lobbying team. Ober starts his new position as vice president of taxation and public finance in late June.

The Indiana Chamber is the largest, broad-based business advocacy group in the state, representing businesses of all types and sizes throughout Indiana. Organization president and CEO Kevin Brinegar offers praise for Ober.

"David is one of the most intellectually curious and thorough individuals in the public policy and rulemaking arena. Couple that with his firsthand knowledge of the General Assembly and experience with state fiscal matters and he is an ideal fit for this role," he remarks.

"We couldn't be more pleased to welcome him on board to lead our efforts to further enhance the state's business tax climate."

Ober is one of the state's five IURC com-



missioners; collectively they hear cases and render decisions in the public interest regarding utility practices.

Prior to his IURC appointment by Gov. Eric Holcomb, Ober served House District 82 in the Indiana House of Representatives representing Allen, Elkhart, LaGrange, Noble and Whitley counties from 2012 to 2018.

Throughout his tenure in state government, Ober held a variety of leadership positions including assistant majority whip for the House Republican Caucus and chairman of the House Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications Committee. He also was a member of the top fiscal body, the House Ways and Means Committee.

"The Indiana Chamber

leadership and public policy team has some of the best minds working to shape the future of commerce and the economic environment in our state," Ober says. "I am looking forward to expanding on the great work already being done, and I'm eager to continue building the Chamber's reputation with policymakers and stakeholders."

Ober holds a bachelor's degree from Purdue University Northwest in Hammond and a master's degree in business administration from Ball State University.

A native of Albion in Noble County, he and his wife, Maggie, currently reside in Zionsville.

Ober will replace long-time Indiana Chamber executive Bill Waltz, who retires mid-July.

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**BETSY** From Page A1

**Want TO GO?**

**What:** Faith Filled Farewell honoring retiring pastor Jerry Rairdon of Noblesville, with the public invited to attend. **When:** 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. **Where:** Noblesville First United Methodist Church, Celebration Hall, 2051 Monument St., Noblesville, **What else:** Jerry Rairdon will give his final sermons this Sunday, at 8:15 a.m. outdoor service at Teter Retreat & Farm, at 9:45 a.m. traditional service in the UMC Sanctuary and at 11 a.m. contemporary service in Celebration Hall. **Good to know:** The Farewell event on Sunday afternoon will also honor other retiring staff or those who are moving on or have moved on during the pandemic and didn't receive a proper farewell. **Info:** www.noblesvillefirst.com.

the community's Christmas tradition and UMC partnered with Janus Developmental Services for a new Christmas tradition. The church's Teter Retreat was transformed into an organic farm, now providing more than 25,000 servings of fresh produce to Hamilton County food pantries this year. The Respite Night for children with special needs has met a serious need, and the Teter Adventure Club for kids is off to a good start. Bonnie Zickgraf, the

church's hospitality coordinator, said, "What I learned from Pastor Jerry is about deep faith and listening to what God has to say in our lives. Pastor Jerry helped to mentor so many others, including myself, from writing prayers to talking about topics openly and to be softly bold. He encouraged others to view our church family as a safe place to be, whether as a kid or an adult. He befriended, and was also a friend, to many." She will

give her first sermon at 8:15 a.m. June 12 at Teter Farm and at 9:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary. "This opportunity came from the faith Pastor Jerry had in me," Zickgraf said of being put on the June 12 sermon schedule.

UMC associate pastor and director of contemporary music, Matt Hantelman, who has been at UMC since he was invited to youth group in 1999, is also retiring from the church due to his daytime job. He recently received a major promotion at his work.

Zickgraf said, "What I learned from Pastor Matt, He could sing with a booming voice during our contemporary service and follow up with a gentle caring tone during Holy Communion. His sermon topics usually made sense to me, but he could carry a topic to meet any person at any place in their spiritual journey. His famous motto is: "God is love. Everything else is debatable."

The Rev. Jill Moffett, an associate pastor who came to UMC in 2020,

and who will remain an associate pastor, said, "From Jerry, I have learned the importance of being a loving and prophetic voice for justice and inclusion. I have also learned the importance of making connections in the community as a church leader. I wish him all the best in his future endeavors. I know he will continue to be in ministry in other capacities."

On Aug. 1, the Rev. Nicole Caldwell-Gross will become the new lead pastor for Noblesville First UMC. She will be the first female lead pastor and first African-American pastor for Noblesville First UMC.

As a child, she loved sitting in the front pew of her grandparents' church in Detroit, and after high school attended Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, Mass., where she earned a bachelor of arts degree in Politics in 2007 and went on to Princeton Theological Seminary (not affiliated with Princeton University) in Princeton, N.J., to earn a Masters of Divinity in 2010 and was

awarded the George L. Rentschler prize in speech communication. She is an ordained minister, gifted storyteller of the gospel, published author and is currently pastor of mission and mobilization at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Indianapolis, where her husband, the Rev. Dr. Jevon Caldwell-Gross, is pastor of teaching and guest experience.

"We are very proud of the ground work we have laid to make this cross-cultural appointment possible," Rairdon said. "Nicole has a passion for community outreach, so we believe she will continue many of the community partnerships we have cultivated the past few years."

The word "we" takes on special significance with the change in leadership, he said.

Rairdon said, "Noblesville First has become a leader in our community because we have been willing to talk about tough issues ... We believe we have to be a voice for those our society ignores." He said the church's ad-

ministrative board -- Steve Baker, Pam Boyd, Rob Crandall, Jim Foote, Julia Kozicki, Heidi Mangus, Pastor Jill Moffett, Jerry Montag, Katy Rogers, Bill St. Dennis, Barb Weaver and Norm Williams -- and staff have read together the book, "Biased," by Jennifer Eberhardt, "who presents racial bias in a nonthreatening way." He said when Pastor Nicole arrives, "It will be good to talk about it (racial bias) and have it out in the open instead of pretending that we are color blind."

He said Pastor Nicole has a warm personality and folks will be inspired by her preaching. "She is a very gifted individual who will be a blessing to this congregation and to this community."

Rairdon said, "I think Noblesville First has a unique opportunity to be that special 'we' in this community that proclaims proudly that we will be a fully inclusive community that embraces all people without exceptions."

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**ARROWOOD** From Page A1

events of late. These tragedies are a painful reminder that we come together as a community to ensure the safety and well-being of everyone in our district. As a school superintendent and a parent, I ask myself, are we doing enough? We are doing everything we can and will do everything in our power to keep our students and staff safe on our campus. We are continually working to strengthen our safety and security procedures and over the summer we will be reviewing our emergency response protocols and safety measures currently in place.

As I continue to process my own thoughts and feelings regarding this unspeakable tragedy, let's all keep the victims and their families whose lives are forever changed by this terrible event in our thoughts and prayers.

As you may be aware,

a new Indiana law, part of HB 1093, limits Indiana school corporations to three asynchronous e-Learning days a year effective July 1. This recently passed legislation prohibits schools from conducting more than three "virtual student instructional days" that consist of more than 50% asynchronous learning (i.e., self-paced virtual learning that can occur at different times and in different places that are particular to each student.) This required us to update our 2022-23 academic calendar. The changes include one synchronous (i.e., instruction delivered live and in real time to a student by the student's teacher) and three asynchronous e-Learning days.

We moved the May 2023 e-Learning Day to December 2022 as a test run for synchronous e-Learning. Inclement

weather days are tentatively slated as synchronous e-Learning days. In addition, two flex days have been incorporated into the calendar, if needed. In 2023, Spring Break will be a week and a half beginning on Wednesday, March 29. It will return to a two-week break in 2024. The updated calendar was approved by the HHSC School Board of Trustees on May 18. Click here to download a copy of the revised school calendar for 2022-23 and here for 2023-24.

Congratulations to Gary "Iron Bear" Myers, Hamilton Heights High School Wrestling Coach, who was voted 2021-22 IHSAA Regional Coach of the Year by the Regional Coaches. I also want to share a shout out to Kari Beery, Erin Goodman, Rebecca Guthrie, Jill Landers, Emily McClelland, Claudia Scott, Amy Soder,

and Caty Weigman, who successfully completed the HHMS Teacher Leadership Academy with Dr. Byron Ernest. Thank you for investing in yourselves and your students through this immersive learning and development experience.

On behalf of the Board of School Trustees and the faculty and staff of HHSC, I would like to congratulate the graduating Class of 2022 for their many accomplishments, academic achievements, civic-mindedness, and contributions during their tenure. They have left a lasting impact on our schools, district, and community. We wish them all the best as they embark on this next chapter of their lives. #WeAreHuskies

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

**MARKET** From Page A1

December 23: 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
• **OPEN:** Monday, December 19: 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
• **OPEN:** Tuesday, December 20: 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
• **OPEN:** Wednesday, December 21: 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
• **EXTENDED HOURS:** Thursday, December 22: 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
• **SPECIAL**

**HOURS:** Saturday, December 24: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
• **OPEN:** Monday, December 26: 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
• **OPEN:** Tuesday, December 27: 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
• **OPEN:** Wednesday, December 28: 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
• **EXTENDED HOURS:** Thursday, December 29: 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**CITY OF NOBLESVILLE NOTICE TO BIDDERS**  
Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received:  
By / At: City of Noblesville, Indiana  
Office of the Clerk  
16 S. 10th Street  
Noblesville, Indiana 46060  
Project: 2022 Street Rehabilitation - Contract II - EN-350-02  
Until: 09:00 A.M., local time, June 14th, 2022  
Receipt of Bids: Bids received after the stated time will be returned unopened.  
Bids are to be submitted on the Bid Form as provided in the Project Manual and on Indiana State Board of Accounts Form No. 96 (revised 2013) as required by the statutes of the State of Indiana. Bidders shall submit financial data, statement of experience, proposed plan for performing the Work and the equipment the Bidder has available for the performance of the Work, along with a properly signed Affidavit of Non-Collusion as required by Form No. 96. Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope, marked with the name and address of the Bidder, and clearly identified:  
**SEALED BID: 2022 Street Rehabilitation - Contract II - EN-350-02**  
Bid Opening: Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud by the City of Noblesville at the Council Chambers, Noblesville, Indiana 46060, at 09:00 A.M. local time, June 14th, 2022.  
Qualification of Bidders: Bidder, or Sub-Contractor performing work type, must be on the most current Indiana Department of Transportation Pre-Qualified Contractors list at the date of the Bid Opening for the types of work involved with this project, including, but not limited to "Placing Asphalt Pavement", "Asphalt Pavement Milling", "Traffic Control: Pavement Markings", and "Surface Masonry and Misc. Concrete."  
The Work: The Work shall be completed by certified / qualified Contractor(s) and Subcontractor(s) for the Project all as required by the Bidding Documents which have been assembled into a bound Project Manual and consists of:  
Base bid for which proposals are to be received is for the construction of approximately 130000 SY of HMA street rehabilitation, including ADA curb, ramp, and sidewalk replacement, patching, mill, wedge and level, and 1.5" HMA overlay; approximately 8400 SY of HMA alley reconstruction; and approximately 1800 SY of PCCP sidewalk replacement.  
Contract Award: Any Bid may be withdrawn prior to the deadline for receipt of Bids, but no Bidder shall withdraw its Bid within sixty (60) days after the opening of the Bids. If a contract is awarded, it will be to the "lowest responsible and responsive bidder" in accordance with Indiana Code 36-1-12-1 et seq. The Owner, however, reserves the right to reject and/or cancel any and all Bids, solicitations and/or offers in whole or in part as specified in the solicitation when it is not in the best interests of the Owner, and waive any informalities, discrepancies, omissions, variances, or irregularities in bids received in its sole discretion. The Bid Bonds and certified checks of unsuccessful bidders will be returned upon selection of the successful Bidder, execution of the Agreement, and provision of the required Performance and Payment Bonds and Certificate of Insurance.  
Bid Documents: Copies of the Specifications and Contract Documents may be obtained on or after May 31, 2022. Interested Bidders may obtain electronic Bidding Documents by sending an email to [arodewald@noblesville.in.us](mailto:arodewald@noblesville.in.us) and [dochoa@noblesville.in.us](mailto:dochoa@noblesville.in.us) requesting instructions to download project documents.  
Submit all bid questions in writing to City of Noblesville - Engineering Department prior to 12:00PM, local time on June 9, 2022. Questions will only be accepted from firms on the official Plan Holders list. A written response will be emailed to the address on the official Plan Holder's list that is required to be completed at the time the plans are purchased. No questions will be answered by telephone. The contact person for questions is:  
**Andrew Rodewald, PE**  
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## Indiana Launches Semiconductor Industry Task Force To Leverage Indiana's Advanced Manufacturing Expertise To Solve Global Chip Shortage

During the inaugural Indiana Global Economic Summit, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) joined industry leaders and stakeholders from around the state to announce the launch of the Accelerating Microelectronics Production & Development (AMPD) task force. AMPD, created to bolster the state's efforts to become the leading state in the semiconductor industry, will accelerate and support microelectronics research and innovation in Indiana by securing commercial semiconductor and federal funding opportunities.

"Indiana has a deep advanced manufacturing DNA and capitalize on this important industry of the future," said Indiana Secretary of Commerce Brad Chambers. "In the coming years, the AMPD task force is focused on supporting this critically important industry in the state."

Comprised of industry experts, Indiana's leading universities and public institutions, AMPD will leverage Indiana's advantages to attract significant investments by connecting semiconductor companies with local resources and assets, including skilled talent, prime real estate and competitive investment packages. The IEDC has seeded the initiative with \$2.7 million of state funding for the task force to design and execute a strategic outreach and marketing plan to secure commitments from established sector leaders

and disruptive companies over the next two years to create a vibrant cluster in Indiana.

Sec. Chambers and Jimmy Costa, senior vice president of innovation and semiconductor strategy for the IEDC, will lead the taskforce to provide leadership and insight. Prior to joining the IEDC, Costa worked for Analog Devices Inc., where he was responsible for the global engagement with a large strategic customer. He began his career as a design engineer for Delphi Automotive Systems before moving into multiple positions within the overall semiconductor ecosystem, including business development, account management and design services. Costa's expertise will cement Indiana's focus on becoming a leader in the international microelectronics landscape.

Other task force members include:

- Ajit Manocha, CEO, SEMI
- Alan Seabaugh, director, Notre Dame Nanoscience and Technology
- Amy Schumacher, CEO, The Heritage Group
- Dave Roberts, executive vice president of entrepreneurship and innovation, IEDC
- Dr. Scott Kirkpatrick, associate professor of physics and optical engineering, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
- George Scalise, CEO of George Scalise Semiconductor Innovation Center and former SIA president;

• Joe Carley, director of economic development, Indiana University

- Kenneth Johnson, executive vice president, Hunt construction Group;
- Mark Lewis, executive director of the Emerging Technology Institute;
- Mark Lundstrom, professor of electrical and computer engineering, Purdue University;
- Rich Ravas, industry veteran consultant and former Global Chief Engineer, Delphi Electronics
- Sue Smith, vice president of technology and applied science, Ivy Tech Community College
- Todd Hillman, senior vice president and chief customer officer, Midcontinent Independent System Operator.

Additionally, two leading global strategic consulting groups have been retained to ensure AMPD is equipped with the best information and strategy for engaging the industry.

Indiana's strengths in logistics and advanced manufacturing combined with collaboration between its world-class businesses, research universities, philanthropic institutions and government entities allows the state to have advantages over competing states. Indiana also has an established ecosystem for semiconductor research and the state's centralized manufacturing hub and strong semiconductor supply chain makes the state ideal for this type of investment.

## BBB Scam Alert: How To Spot 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 company 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:

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## Voice of our PEOPLE

### What Kind Of World? Fill In The Blank

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 liked 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 Mr. Gorbachev where he could place that wall.

I digress. Everyone seems to rely on the Internet today, but that's a



**TIM TIMMONS**  
Sagamore News Media CEO

place where nothing is simple and certainly not all is accurate – even things you think are no-brainers. Do a search on how many sexes there are and up jumps a whole lot more options than I thought possible.

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 grew up in a Catholic church. 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?

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### Remembering Evan Whatshisname

Wouldn't you know it! I've forgotten Evan's last name. It really aggravates me, because Evan is very important to me.

He brings me food. Every Sunday, while young parents and kids are pulling into Applebee's for that special after-church meal, or while grandpa and grandma saunter into the cafeteria for "mush food" (chewing is optional), I have a different ritual.

Much too routinely, I show up at the drive-thru window of my local Arby's. Yes, I know. I'm al-ways blaspheming fast food, and yet here I am. I'm sure not going to put a pot roast in the oven for just me.

Without fail, I pull to the window and hand Evan Whatshisname my money. Without fail, Evan Whatshisname hands me my food. I wish now that he had handed me his uniform's name plate.

Evan really is not forgettable. He stands approximately 6'4". I say approximately, because he has to crouch under the frame of the drive-thru window to hand me my food. That's all I've got to go on, because I've never seen Evan from the thighs down. He could easily be 4'11" standing on a crate of frozen potatoes.

I became interested in Evan



**JOHN O. MARLOWE**  
With the Grain

on his very first day. I placed my order through the raspy micro-phone -- menu item No. 12, if you at home are keeping score -- and back through the speaker came this amazing, unclouded deep voice echoing those immortal words, "Would you like Horsey Sauce with that?"

Now, I've got nothing against horseradish, but that was the least of my worries. I was concerned why this professional voice artist was so obviously underemployed. His dulcet basso speech thundered like the poor kid had swallowed

a subwoofer with his Cheerio's. It shuddered my car so vigorously that I noticed both of my shoelaces had become untied.

Imagine, if you will, part James Earl Jones, part elevator shaft . . . or, what God's little brother would sound like, if he needed a part-time job at Arby's.

"You've got to get into radio," I exclaimed, pulling to the window.

"I know," Evan said. "Everyone tells me that."

"I'm serious!" I said. I explained that I'm no casual complimenter. My family has a rather significant history using the voice professionally. "You've at least got to start a podcast."

"Maybe someday, sir," Evan said. Then, I could almost see the young man snap to attention. "I'm joining the Navy!"

My first impulse was to think what a terrible waste. A voice like that only comes along once in a generation. Although I'd pay money to hear Evan yell, "Damn the torpedoes!", I couldn't help thinking we could hire any squeak-voiced young kid to paddle boats around the ocean.

Then I noticed the pride in his staunch dispose.

John, I thought solemn-

ly. This is his passion. He WANTS to serve.

"I'm honored to know you, young man," I said.

"Sir?"

I explained to Evan that, in this day of 24/7/365 news, satellites, cell phones, and the internet -- we can no longer veil, behind the swashbuckling and the bravado, the realities of the profession he is choosing. Dangers exist. They can be catastrophic, and they are real.

Sure, the career opportunities, the camaraderie and the adventures are tantalizing. Equally en-during, however, are the risks: the fear, the confusion, even the asinine.

Yet, our young people are still willing to serve -- WANTING to serve a higher calling.

"This already makes you a hero in my book," I told Evan Whatshisname, who returned an em-barrassed smile. That's Evan.

Now that I think about it, it's not important that you know Evan's last name. Every community has one, maybe several -- if you make the effort to look for them.

Like Evan, he (or she) is a leader. He volunteers. He is on his high school's student council. He is an Honor Society member. He plays the trom-

bone in the marching band. He is captain of his robotics team.

Evan wants to be an engineer. He has offers from prestigious universities. Nope, not for Evan.

It's ironic, really. The day after Memorial Day, Evan gives up his drive-thru window for a nuclear warship, yet never surrenders his eagerness to serve.

I will have one more Sunday to get Evan's last name right. When he tells me his name, I'll write it down. I won't bother telling you.

Instead, on this Memorial Day, walk the silent ranks of your local cemetery. Pay special attention to the graves with flags on them. If you look closely, regardless of the name chiseled in stone, you will see an Evan.

Stand quietly over them and say a little prayer. Prove me right. I told Evan Whatshisname, that whatever the future holds, those who serve will never be forgotten.

\*\*\* Fair winds and following seas, my friend! Yes, that was a Diet Coke.

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

### More Cutting Remarks

Mary Ellen is insightful enough to know that in most of my columns I'm poking fun at myself. Take last week, for example. Wait, that's not a good example. You see, last week, I gently chided my loving wife in my column for having no desire to mow the lawn. It was not one of her favorite columns.

"Let me ask you a question, Dick. Which is better, me not mowing the lawn, or you doing a lousy job of it?"

"Hold up! You think I'm bad at mowing the lawn?"

"Yes, you are terrible at it. I should write a column about that. Here's what I'd say: Your rows aren't



straight; you get bored and change directions; you leave grass clippings all over the driveway and sidewalk; you cut the grass far too short; and then you wear your dirty shoes into the house. Not only that, you don't put in the right mixture of

gas and oil, so the mower is always smoking. Now how does it make you feel when I make fun of you for a change?"

"A little emasculated." "Which reminds me: The blades need sharpening, too."

"Anything else you'd write a column about?"

"How about the way you make a bed? Last night the sheets hung way over on one side, and the pillows were twisted in the pillowcases. And then you tucked the bedspread in. You know, Dick, when we got married, your mother warned me you had very little experience in the bedroom, but that's not the

kind of disappointment I expected."

"Don't stop now. You're on a roll. What else would you write about?"

"Okay, you have no clue how to load the dishwasher. You don't scrape the food off; you put the glasses in completely upright so the bottoms collect water; you put the Tupperware on the bottom level; and worst of all, you put the forks where the spoons should be and spoons where the forks should be. That could be a whole column right there."

"I must admit, you have me pegged. I hope that's all you could write about."

"Nope. Your whistling. You whistle all the time.

When you are downstairs working on a column, I hear you whistling. Who whistles while they work?"

"Actually, I can think of seven people. Sleepy, Grumpy, Bashful..."

"Oh, that's right, I forgot to comment about your friends."

"Last chance: zing me one more time. Don't hold back."

"You have no sense of direction; you never read a manual when you buy a new product; you can't follow a movie without asking a million questions; you never lock the doors when you leave the house; you leave the lights on in your office, and you stand up when you

eat lunch. You also stand in front of the fridge with the door wide open for five minutes, looking for something to snack on, like it's going to suddenly appear."

"Mary Ellen, I have already written about every one of those topics. Don't you read my columns?"

"Of course I read them. I was just reminding you of my favorites."

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# FRIDAY

## Voice of our PEOPLE

### Ask Rusty – Must I Pay Income Tax on Social Security Benefits?

*Dear Rusty:* I do not recall the rules on my income tax obligation for Social Security benefits. Can you please explain these rules to me?  
*Signed: Senior Taxpayer*



**ASK RUSTY**  
Social Security Advisor

**Dear Senior Taxpayer:** I'll be happy to review the rules about income tax on Social Security benefits for you. If your combined income from all sources is low enough, your Social Security benefits aren't subject to being taxed by the IRS. But some of your Social Security benefits will become taxable if your combined income from all sources exceeds certain thresholds, and the thresholds are dependent on your tax filing status (single or married).

If you file your income tax as "married-filing jointly" and your combined income from all sources (both taxable and non-taxable income) is less than \$32,000, then

your Social Security benefits aren't taxable. But if your combined income as a married couple is between \$32,001 and \$44,000, then half of the SS benefits you received during the tax year becomes part of your taxable income. And if your combined income as a married couple exceeds \$44,000 then up to 85% of the SS benefits you received during the tax year becomes part of your taxable income. Those SS benefits will simply be

#### Social Security Matters

by AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

**Russell Gloor**

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included as part of your taxable income and taxed at whatever your normal IRS tax rate is.

If you file your income tax as a "single" the thresholds at which Social Security benefits become taxable are different. Single filers with a combined income of \$25,000 or less pay no income tax on their benefits. But single filers with combined income between \$25,001 and \$34,000 will have half of their SS benefits received during

the tax year become taxable, and single filers whose combined income exceeds \$34,000 will see up to 85% of their Social Security benefits become taxable. These single filer thresholds apply also to those filing as Single Head of Household or Qualifying Widow(er), and to those filing as "married-filing separately" if they lived apart for the entire tax year. But the threshold is zero dollars for married couples who file separately but

lived together at any time during the tax year.

To clarify what "combined income" is – the IRS uses something called your Modified Adjusted Gross Income, or "MAGI," to determine if your Social Security benefits should be taxed. Your MAGI is your normal Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) from your tax return, plus any non-taxable income you may have had, plus 50% of the Social Security benefits you received during the tax year. If your MAGI is over the thresholds described above, a portion of the SS benefits you received during the tax year will be included in your taxable income. If it is not, you pay no income tax on your benefits.

To be sure you're aware, when you file as "married/jointly" income from both partners counts when determining your MAGI for income tax

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### The Abortion States Of America

By Dr. Paul Kengor

Roe v. Wade and so-called "abortion rights" are facing challenges unlike any time before. The chances of abortion being sent back to the states are higher than ever. As that prospect looms, pro-lifers are being treated to a tragic spectacle: "pro-choice" leaders nationwide are stepping forward to do everything within their power to protect unrestricted abortion.

Leading the charge at the state-level are the likes of New York's new pro-choice governor, Kathy Hochul, who succeeded New York's old pro-choice governor, Andrew Cuomo, and Governor Gavin Newsom of California.

Hochul and Newsom stand as poster-girl and poster-boy for this new abortion front. Vigorously supported by an activist pro-choice president, Joe Biden, they are battling the Texas effort and any others seeking to limit abortions to the time of the unborn child's heartbeat. The Texas action outraged Joe Biden, who promised to throw the "whole of government" against the Texas bill, enlisting his "best lawyers" at the Department of Justice and at Health and Human Services. The Texas action infuriated Governors Hochul and Newsom, who have responded by offering their states as destination centers for women of Texas and elsewhere to come for abortion.

"Abortion access is safe in New York," Hochul ensured, "the rights of those who are

seeking abortion services will always be protected here. To the women of Texas, I want to say I am with you. Lady Liberty is here to welcome you with open arms." She vows: "We will help you find a way to New York and we are right now looking intensely to find what resources we can bring to the table to help you have safe transport here and let you know there are providers who will assist you."

The New York governor was careful to include "birthing persons" in her invitation: "I am proud that New York is leading the fight to ensure that every woman and birthing person has access to abortion care."

As for Gavin Newsom, he vows to make California a "reproductive freedom state." "These are dark days," says Newsom, "I don't think one can underestimate the consequential nature of the moment that we are living in. It becomes of oversized importance that California assert itself."

What's happening with states like California and New York is something that many of us have long expected, namely: if Roe v. Wade is reversed or curtailed by the U.S. Supreme Court—as it should be, given that Roe from the outset was a constitutional absurdity—abortion will be turned over to the states.

This is not the place to take a deep dive into the obvious unconstitutionality of Roe v. Wade, but I'll offer just a few lines:

Roe was creatively albeit absurdly based on a

"right" to an abortion invented and extended from a so-called "penumbra" or "shadow" of a "right to privacy" lurking somewhere in the arcane recesses of the Constitution. In fact, neither abortion nor even the word "privacy" is mentioned in the Constitution—no, not one time—even as the rights and protection of "life" is mentioned three times (in the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments).

Yes, shocking but true. One can certainly argue that when the framers mentioned life, they were not thinking of abortion. No doubt that is correct. But still, a pro-lifer looking for a right to "life" in the Constitution clearly has a little more to grab on to than a pro-choicer looking for a right to abortion or even "privacy."

Roe v. Wade is a legal abomination that any sane jurist not poisoned by ideology would concede is utterly without foundation in the U.S. Constitution. The legal "logic" behind Roe is such a farce that one ought to fall over laughing at it, if not for the fact that it was tragically employed to make possible the legal termination of over 60 million unborn babies since 1973.

The reality is that the Constitution is silent on abortion, which is why the federal government should never have enshrined it. It should have been left to the states.

This was something that Judge Robert Bork tried to explain to Senators Joe Biden and Ted Kennedy and feminists and liberals everywhere over 30 years

ago, and for which Bork was called everything from a misogynist to a gargoyle. But there's a very good chance that's exactly where we're now headed.

If so, what will happen to abortion in America? Well, some states will embrace it far and above others. Which states? The answer is pretty simple and predictable: Go to political maps of presidential elections and look at the so-called blue states vs. red states; that is, Democrat states vs. Republican states. The firmly Democrat states, especially on the West Coast and northeast, from the very left-wing Oregon to the monolithically liberal Massachusetts, will become America's Abortion States. They will roll out the red carpet. (So will the District of Columbia, where Attorney General Karl Racine issued a press announcement welcoming abortion-seekers to DC. "In the District we value reproductive rights," says Racine, "and we are open for care to those who live here and those traveling from other states.")

A telling piece published at CNN.com cites a report by the Guttmacher Institute estimating that if the high court overturns Roe, 26 states "are certain or likely to ban abortion almost immediately."

That brings us back to New York and California, which will fly the Roe flag as premier destination centers for abortion.

Franciscan University Professor Anne Hen-

dershott recently wrote an excellent piece titled, "The Return of Abortion Tourism," where she noted: "we are already witnessing the return of the pre-Roe era of 'abortion tourism.'" She writes of Kathy Hochul's New York:

It is likely that once again—as in the early 1970s—New York City will be the deadly destination of choice for women seeking abortion outside of their home states....

Promising to provide "safe passage" for women, Hochul is resurrecting the very lucrative pre-Roe abortion tourism for abortion seekers from all over the country. Replete with abortion packages including airfare, limo rides from New York City's airports to abortion facilities, pre-and post-abortion hotel stays, and surgical services....

Abortion tourism emerged in 1970, during the years prior to Roe v. Wade, when New York State repealed all laws criminalizing abortion. By 1972, more than 100,000 women traveled to New York City for abortions; more than half of them traveled more than 500 miles from their home states to terminate the lives of their unborn children. New York quickly became the national destination of choice for abortion.

Hendershott underscores the "financial windfall" that this will provide to abortion providers in states like New York: "The financial benefits to the abortion industry—and to their

pro-abortion politician enablers—in New York State will be tremendous."

This process has already begun. The governors of New York and California are eager and excited about the abortion possibilities for their citizens.

To that end, one wonders how the emergence of these Abortion States will affect pro-life residents of those states. Could some be so appalled as to feel compelled to relocate to other states? Could they in good conscience support this outrage with their tax dollars?

Either way, that is where we seem to be headed: the Abortion States of America. A beauty of federalism is that you need not live in one of them.

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