

➔ TODAY'S VERSE

Psalms 1:1-3 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.



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What makes Greg Conner smile? "My kids and a packed Forest Park Aquatic Center on a hot sunny summer day," said the 39-year-old Noblesville resident, who was found at the Aquatic Center readying for the 91st summer season at the Noblesville pool. He invites the community to a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 2 p.m. today at the Aquatic Center for its new LED video board. The video board is believed to be the largest of its kind at an outdoor aquatics center in the country. (The 2021 Olympic qualifying diver Tyler Downs will cut the ribbon.) Conner is president of the board of directors for Friends of Central Pool, a nonprofit that operates the pool and consists of dedicated volunteers like Conner. Conner was born and raised in Noblesville and graduated in 2001 from Noblesville High School and in 2005 from Purdue University. He was a competitive swimmer in high school. He met his wife, Lisa, at Purdue, where she attended on a swimming scholarship. At Purdue, he was involved in student government, wrote sports for the Purdue Exponent and was a member of Theta Chi fraternity. He and Lisa have four kids, Blake, 13; Bryce, 10; Drew, 9; and Nora, 4. "Our family loves outdoor activities, especially golf and swimming. He said, "Growing up in Noblesville, my summers were spent at the Forest Park Aquatic Center, training and competing as a member of the Noblesville Swim Club. Our community is incredibly fortunate to have such an amazing amenity. Honestly, there are only a handful of outdoor facilities of its caliber in the United States." Growing up, he was lifeguard, head guard, assistant manager and director of operations at the Noblesville pool and is also on the Noblesville Adult Swim Team Inc. He is vice president of corporate development and marketing for Carmel-based Bastian Solutions (a part of Toyota Industries Co.), where he started as a project engineer after college, was in outside sales and part of the management team and later invited to be an owner of the company. Forest Park Aquatic Center is open for the summer pool season noon to 8 p.m. Saturdays, noon to 6 p.m. Sundays and noon to 7 p.m. weekdays. Admission is \$6, with memberships and new donor-level memberships available. The Aquatic Center, this season for the first time, will offer free sunblock daily. "There are not many communities like ours that can say they have had a public pool since 1931." For more, visit <https://www.forestparkpool.org/>. Read more about today's ribbon cutting in today's edition of The Times.

And Another Thing...

The Senior Citizen Organization of Noblesville will hold a bake sale at the Farmers Market at Federal Hills Commons from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on June 25. Members will be selling homemade cakes, cookies, candy, breads and other goodies, all reasonably priced. They will be set up in the grassy area at the east end of the public restroom building.

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See Ferraris on the Square during the 19th annual free Ferrari Festival from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday on the east side of the Courthouse Square in downtown Noblesville.

Friday Movies, Ferraris, Concerts, Plays, Summer Sledding, Shred Day and More



BETSY REASON
The Times Editor

Noblesville Parks & Recreation kicks off its summer concert series at Federal Hill Commons and Dillon Park, Main Street Productions and Carmel Community Players present plays on stage, Hamilton County offers Shred Day, and Conner Prairie has Art on the Prairie.

Here, we offer our Times readers 30 things to do this weekend and beyond:

1. Noblesville Parks offers Food Truck Fridays, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. today, June 10 and 24, July 8 and 22, at Federal Hill Commons in Noblesville.
2. Jim Wafford's Hamilton

County TV presents the 11th annual free summer movie series at 9:15 p.m. Fridays, 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 are invited. Tonight's movie: "Groundhog Day."

3. Main Street Productions presents "Rumors" comedy by Neil Simon, at Basile Westfield Playhouse, through Sunday, directed by Jen Otterman, with tickets at www.westfieldplayhouse.org.

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Noblesville's Forest Park Aquatic Center to Cut Ribbon on Videoboard



The Forest Park Aquatic Center is hosting a formal ribbon cutting ceremony for its new LED videoboard. The event will

take place at 2 p.m. today, Friday, June 10th. Representatives from USA Swimming, Indiana Swimming, USA Diving, AAU Diving, and the City of Noblesville are just a few of the many dignitaries who will be in attendance. 2021 Olympic qualifying diver Tyler Downs will cut the ribbon.

The videoboard, which was

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Hamilton County Lawmakers Support Special Session to Provide Inflation Relief to Hoosiers

Area legislators provided the following statements yesterday after Gov. Eric Holcomb announced his plan to call state lawmakers back to the Statehouse for a special session to provide inflation relief to Hoosier taxpayers:

"Inflation is having real and negative effects on everyday

Hoosiers, whether it's record gas prices or rising grocery and energy bills. That's why I fully support the governor's call for a special session to put more money directly back into taxpayers' pockets. By issuing another round of automatic taxpayer

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Reimagined Inlow and Meadowlark Parks Now Open

Inlow Park, located at 6310 E. Main Street, and Meadowlark Park, located at 450 Meadow Ln., are now open for the public to enjoy. As part of Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation's Reimagining Parks initiative and the Clay Township Impact Program, these parks received a complete refresh in order to meet the needs of the growing local community.

Ribbon-cutting ceremonies with local officials and dignitaries will be held at a later date. Updates to Meadowlark Park and Inlow Park were made possible by the Clay Township Impact Program.

Inlow Park

Inlow Park features an all-new splash pad, year-round restrooms, pickleball courts, an expanded parking lot, and two new picnic shelters.

Splash pad:

The new splash pad is open daily from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

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Noblesville PD Debuts Online Reporting Site

The Noblesville Police Department has an online non-emergency incident reporting system to make reporting more accessible and instant for Noblesville residents. The department can now accept online report submissions at www.cityofnoblesville.org/online-reporting.

The new website allows Noblesville residents to submit a form to request a report for damage or stolen property, identity theft, and lost or stolen property. The online portal is intended for incidents where there is no suspect information.

"If you have an incident where an officer is not needed, online reporting allows residents to use their computer or mobile device when it is convenient in their busy schedule to report issues," NPD Chief John Mann said. "The website is not monitored in real time, so we urge residents to call 911 if the incident is an emergency or an officer is needed to respond immediately."

The goal of the online portal is to make it easier for our

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➔ OBITUARIES

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



➔ HONEST HOOSIER

Somewhere over the rainbow Judy Garland is celebrating what would have been her 100th birthday today!



➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Don't watch TV before going to sleep – the bright light and activity may keep your brain awake. Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Times and online at www.thetimes24-7.com.



➔ TODAY'S QUOTE

"Very often, a change of self is needed more than a change of scene."

- A.C. Benson

➔ TODAY'S JOKE

The world has changed so much. You can't even go to a concert. Too much sax and violins.



How to Read a Redhead!



DICK WOLFSIE
Funny Bone

My wife is a redhead. We went to New York last month and several strangers commented about how thick and beautiful her hair is. Sometimes when I ask Mary Ellen what she is planning for the next morning, she'll say, "Washing my hair." Then I say, "Okay, how about tomorrow afternoon?" And she says, "Drying my hair." Because I have less hair (way less), I can achieve both of those tasks in about 90 seconds. Mary Ellen will admit that she has a few gray hairs on her head. I also have a few gray hairs, but that's all I have.

Are redheads different in temperament and personality? Research conducted at a Kentucky university reports that women with red hair required more drugs to alleviate pain and more anesthesia for surgeries. The study was tough to carry out because it is difficult to tell when a person is fully anesthetized. It's also difficult to determine

who is a natural redhead.

Why would anyone study something like this? Where would they get the idea that hair color has anything to do with what determines someone's personality? Gee, the next thing you know, some jerk will start telling jokes about blondes.

The researchers asked brunettes and redheads to voluntarily allow themselves to be hooked up to electrodes so scientists could shock them with a gradually increasing intensity while at the same time allowing the subjects to increase the dosage of pain relievers being self-administered.

This experiment, which I thought had been outlawed by some international treaty after WWII, apparently proved that redheads did, in fact, require a lot more meds to withstand the pain. Either that, or they enjoyed the high they were getting, and they saw no reason to end the session. Both groups—but brunettes even more so—were grumpy and vocal about the pain. This was not reported by the scientists because they didn't want to give electric shock experiments a bad name.

I didn't share the article with my wife, since I wanted to do a little independent study of my own. My friend's wife is a brunette, so he and I came up with some test situations. Based on an entire

weekend of exhaustive research, we discovered some differences between redheads and brunettes...at least from the husband's standpoint.

According to our findings, a man with a redheaded wife:

1. Requires a 20-percent more expensive restaurant to get out of the dog house.

2. Needs 15 percent more pleading to play Pickleball on the weekend.

3. Will be 12 percent later for the symphony.

4. Is 14 percent more likely to say the wrong thing at a party.

5. Will tell 80 percent fewer jokes about people with freckles.

6. Will spend 35 percent more time saying to clerks at Christmastime: "My wife can't wear that color."

7. If he's smart, is 100 percent less likely to accuse her of being "fiery" when she gets angry.

I have not shown these results to Mary Ellen, but I plan to mention them briefly over breakfast tomorrow. No, wait—she won't have time to look at them. Tomorrow's the day she washes her hair.

- 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.

St. Michael's Strawberry Festival on Noblesville Square, June 18th

It's Strawberry Shortcake time again. St. Michael's Episcopal Church is hosting its 44th annual Strawberry Festival on the Noblesville Square from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 18, (while supplies last). They will be joined on the Square by the Nickel Plate Arts Maker Faire and a Noblesville Juneteenth event.

The Strawberry Festival is a Noblesville tradition, bringing families and friends back each year for homemade shortcake topped with strawberries, ice cream, and whipped topping. Profits are donated to local non-profits as a way

for the patrons and the St. Michael's congregation to make a difference in the community. In 2021, the Strawberry Festival raised \$9,000 for Family Promise of Hamilton County.

"It's a real labor of love, and an opportunity for us to work together to support our neighbors.", according to Rick Conner, Senior Warden. "St. Michael's is all about building community, through faith, fellowship, and giving back. There's something special about working side by side to make this event happen." St. Michael's also has a donation garden at the

church, providing fresh produce each week to the White River Food Pantry.

This Strawberry Festival is held in conjunction with the Nickel Plate Arts Maker Faire, featuring local artisans, makers and crafts. This year, more than 70 makers and artisans will showcase their wares. The Juneteenth Celebration will include educational activities, music, and entertainment brought to you by local inclusion and equity groups in the region. The entire Downtown Square will be filled with activity and celebration, bringing the community together for a very special day.

News Briefs

Make plans to attend Wayne-Fall Lions Club's Fundraiser Rummage Sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 18 at Wayne-Fall Lions Club, in partnership with Bridge

of Hope Church. Special \$5 per bag sale 2:30-3:30 p.m. Proceeds benefit the Lions Club. Donations are being accepted, including clothing in good repair, now through June

15. Contact Debbie at 317-441-3964 to arrange for donation drop-off or possible pickup of donations. Lions Club is at 11940 E. 191st St., Noblesville.

Meeting Notice

TriCo Regional Sewer Utility

TriCo Regional Sewer Utility will hold a joint Board of Trustees/Personnel and Benefits Committee meeting, Monday, June 13, 2022, at 4:30 p.m. at 7236 Mayflower

Park Drive, Zionsville, IN 46077.

TriCo Regional Sewer Utility will hold a Board of Trustees Executive Session, Monday June 13, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. to discuss possible litigation with its legal counsel this meeting is not open to the

public at 7236 Mayflower Park Drive, Zionsville, IN 46077.

TriCo Regional Sewer Utility will hold a Board of Trustees meeting Monday, June 13, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at 7236 Mayflower Park Drive, Zionsville, IN 460377.

Thanks for reading The Times, Hamilton County!

PUBLIC NOTICES

Meeting Notice

THE CICERO PARKS DEPARTMENT IS UPDATING ITS FIVE-YEAR PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN. THERE WILL BE A PUBLIC INPUT MEETING AT RED BRIDGE COMMUNITY BUILDING ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22ND AT 6:30 PM. RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE.

CANNOT MAKE THE MEETING OR PREFER TO ATTEND VIRTUALLY? A ZOOM MEETING WILL BE HELD THE FOLLOWING EVENING (6/23) AT 6:30 PM. THE ZOOM MEETING LINK IS <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81271234280?pwd=Ylphc2RQM003VU9vQ3lGNFQ3eU5ldz09> AND WILL BE AVAILABLE APPROXIMATELY 5 MINUTES PRIOR TO SCHEDULED START TIME.

FOR QUESTIONS CONTACT AUSTIN HOCHSTETLER, ASSISTING CONSULTANT, AT AUSTIN@ZEECHTINSIGHTS.COM. PLEASE MENTION CICERO MASTER PLAN IN YOUR EMAIL. TL19177 6/10 1t hspaxlp

HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS AND RECEIVE COMMENTS ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY REGIONAL UTILITY DISTRICT

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 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Courtroom in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 N. 8th street, 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.hamiltoncounty.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.
Robin M. Mills
Auditor

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HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING NOTICE

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners will meet on Thursday, June 23, 2022 at 10:00 a.m., in Conference Room 1A located in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana 46060. The meeting is to discuss the American Rescue Plan Act and other county business as needed. Meeting may be accessed virtually by dialing 1.219.225.8177 Conference ID 310698863#

/s/ Robin M. Mills
Hamilton County Auditor

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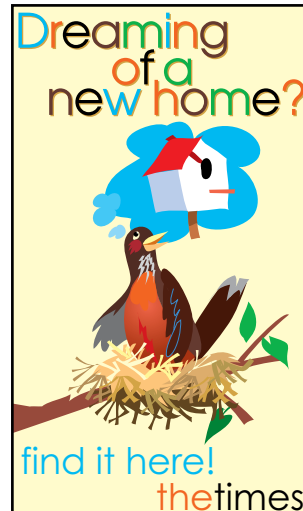


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Lion Stanley (Steve Craig) thanking guests (both photos)

Noblesville Lions Club Pork Chop and Chicken Dinner Weekend a Total Success

Lions Gordon and Jeannie Resler chaired this event this year, and it was a successful event. Most of the Lion Club membership were involved in this event. The Noblesville High School Leos Club, and their sponsor Lion John Smith, also helped with the afternoon

activities.

Some expenses are still coming in, and it looks like the club will finish with around \$6,500 Net for the weekend. The Silent Auction brought in \$1,538. Having the chicken option this year was a success, as the club sold out of chicken. The



Photo courtesy of the Noblesville Lions

Decorated lions with the Lions Club vest

Noblesville Lion Club President Promoting Pork Chop Dinner

The home of Noblesville Lions Club President, Bill Lynch, was decorated to promote

the past Pork Chop Dinner. The event was a success for the Lions Club.

Senator Young, Senator Rosen Introduce Bill to Strengthen Cybersecurity for Medical Devices

U.S. Senators Todd Young (R-Ind.) and Jacky Rosen (D-Nev.) recently introduced their bipartisan Strengthening Cybersecurity for Medical Devices Act to require the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to review and update medical device cybersecurity guidelines and suggestions to ensure devices are protected from possible hacking and cyber attacks.

“Medical devices are increasingly connected to the Internet or other health care facility networks to provide features that improve the ability of health care providers to treat patients,” said Senator Young. “Our bill helps ensure medical devices are protected from cyberattacks and used safely and securely



Senator Todd Young

in order to reduce risks and vulnerabilities for patients.”

“In light of increased cyber threats, we must strengthen the security of our health care system’s cyber infrastructure,” said Senator Rosen. “This bipartisan bill I introduced with Senator Young will ensure that



Photo courtesy of the Noblesville Lions

Lions Steve Shaw, Steve Morgan, and Gene Beck creating pancakes



Photo courtesy of the Noblesville Lions

People lined up being served at Friday’s lunch

pancake breakfast on Saturday brought in around \$1,000. The Lions also provided hot dogs during

the duck race festivities. The Lions Club thanks the area citizens for their support.



Photo courtesy of the Noblesville Lions

Kate Baker (left) and Lion VP Kim Luckey

Noblesville Lions Host Kate Baker

On Wednesday evening, the Noblesville Lions hosted Kate Baker, Noblesville Main Street Executive Director. Kate gave the club an outline of Mainstreet’s activities and projects; and then answered many questions.

After college, Kate spent time performing with the group “Up With People” and then 8 years in the entertainment industry in California.

After joining Main Street in October, 2021 she has been keeping busy. She mentioned that the Farmer’s Market has over 100 vendors this year. The duck race this past weekend was a success, and she appreciated the collaboration with the Boys and Girls Club and Lions Club. Her challenge is to continue to develop working with community partners.

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 Community Development Block Grant (EN-357)
Until: 9:00 A.M., local time, Tuesday, June 28, 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 Community Development Block Grant
Bid Opening: Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud by the City of Noblesville at the Council Chambers, Noblesville, Indiana 46060, at 9:00 A.M., local time, Tuesday, June 28, 2022.
Pre-Bid Meeting: A mandatory Pre-Bid meeting for interested parties will be held on Wednesday, June 22, 2022, at 10:30 A.M., local time at Noblesville City Hall – Room A213. For special accommodations for individuals planning to attend the Pre-Bid meeting or public bid opening, please call or notify the City of Noblesville at (317)776-6330 at least forty-eight (48) hours prior thereto.
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 “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 the construction of approximately 800 square yards of concrete sidewalk, 60 square yards of ADA ramps, and 300 square yards of concrete driveway, remove and replace.
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 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 June 13, 2022. Interested Bidders may obtain electronic Bidding Documents by sending an email to arodewald@noblesville.in.us and 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 Thursday, June 23, 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
City of Noblesville – Project Manager
Fax: 317-776-6322
Email: arodewald@noblesville.in.us
Carbon Copy Question To:
Deon Ochoa
City of Noblesville – Construction Manager
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Bidders shall assure that they have obtained complete sets of Bidding Documents and the Project Manual and shall assume the risk of any errors or omissions in Bids prepared in reliance on incomplete sets of Bidding Documents or Project Manual. Bids must be submitted on the forms contained in the Project Manual and must contain the names of every person or company interested therein.
Bid Security:
Each Bid shall be accompanied by bid security in the form of a Bid Bond as provided in the Project Manual in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total Bid amount, including alternates with a satisfactory corporate surety qualified to do business in the State of Indiana or by a certified check made payable to the City of Noblesville, on a solvent bank in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the amount of the total Bid including alternates. The Bid Bond or certified check shall be security that the successful Bidder will, within ten (10) calendar days or such other time specified by Owner from the acceptance of the Bid, execute the Agreement and provide the required Payment and Performance Bonds, included in the Project Manual and Certificate of Insurance.
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The Contractor shall provide a Payment Bond with a good and sufficient surety as required by the Owner on Form provided in the Project Manual, in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Sum. The Payment Bond is binding on the Contractor, its subcontractors, and their successors and assigns for the payment of all indebtedness to a person for labor and services performed, material furnished, or services rendered. The Payment Bond must state that it is for the benefit of the subcontractors, laborers, material suppliers, and those performing services. The surety of the Payment Bond may not be released until one (1) year after the Owner’s final settlement with the Contractor.
All out-of-state bidder corporations must have a Certificate of Authority to do business in the State. Application forms may be obtained by contacting the Secretary of State, State of Indiana, Statehouse, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.
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Profiling Purdue’s Indiana Football Hall of Fame Inductees, from A - L

Purdue’s membership in the Indiana Football Hall of Fame is growing by three in 2022 with the election of former NFL players Bruce King and Kyle Orton along with the late Alex Yunevich.

The primary criteria for induction is contributing in a significant manner to the game of football in Indiana from the youth level to professional football.

This week we’ll profile inductees whose names range from Adams to Letnich. Hall of Famers whose names begin with M through Z will be profiled next week.

Norb Adams – Four-year starter who came to Purdue from Hammond Clark High School. Adams played every minute of all 10 games in 1945 at halfback and defensive back. He was part of the only Purdue trio of running backs (Harry Szulborski, John Kerestes) to gain 100 yards in the same game, a victory over Marquette on Nov. 12, 1949.

Mike Alstott – The Joliet, Ill., native is Purdue’s career rushing leader (3,635) and career touchdowns (42). Alstott played 12 seasons in the NFL with Tampa Bay.

Otis Armstrong – The Chicago native still holds Purdue single-game rushing record with 276 yards against Indiana in 1972. Rushed for 3,315 yards in three seasons as a Boilermaker. Big Ten MVP and All-American in 1972. Played eight seasons in the NFL with Denver.

Mike Augustyniak – Turned down by Indiana, Ball State, Indiana State and Saint Joseph’s College after starring at Leo High School, Augustyniak went from walk-on to starting fullback on Purdue’s Peach and Bluebonnet Bowl teams. He then played three seasons in the NFL with the New York Jets.

Erich Barnes – An All-State defensive back at Elkhart High School, Barnes was a three-year starter at end/defensive back for Purdue. He was a six-time Pro Bowl



KENNY THOMPSON
Columnist

cornerback during his 14-year NFL career with Chicago, the New York Giants and Cleveland.

Tony Berto – A three-year halfback/safety for Purdue following his service in World War II, the Clinton, Ind., native won a record 203 games as head football coach at Delphi High School.

Darrel “Pete” Brewster – The Portland, Ind., native didn’t intend to play football at Purdue, having played the sport just one season in high school. Brewster, a basketball standout as well at Purdue, played nine seasons in the NFL and won two championships with the Cleveland Browns in 1954 and 1955. Brewster also is a member of the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame.

Don Brumm – An All-American defensive end, the Hammond native was a first-round draft pick of the St. Louis Cardinals in 1963. Brumm played nine seasons in the NFL.

Elmer Burnham – Coach of the undefeated 1943 Big Ten Conference champions, three of whom also went on to successful coaching careers: Hank Stram, Alex Agase and Bump Elliott.

Bart Burrell – The receiving half of Purdue’s “Carmel Connection” with Mark Herrmann, Burrell caught 140 passes for 2,126 yards and 14 touchdowns.

Frank Bykowski – The South Bend Central graduate was Purdue football’s MVP in 1939 and a College All-Star in 1940. Played with Pittsburgh in his lone NFL season (1940).

Jim Carter – One of Purdue’s “Touchdown

Twins” in the 1930s with Duane Purvis, the Indianapolis Washington graduate rushed for 1,547 yards as a Boilermaker.

Bill Combs – Long before he became Purdue’s team physician, the Lowell native was team MVP in 1941. Combs was honored in 1966 by Sports Illustrated, which selected a 26-man Silver Anniversary team. He played one season for the Philadelphia Eagles.

Len Dawson – “The Golden Boy” came from Alliance, Ohio to lead the NCAA with 15 touchdown passes in 1954. Dawson was the first player in Big Ten history to lead the conference in total offense and passing three consecutive years.

The Pro Football Hall of Fame quarterback was MVP of Super Bowl IV.

Bob DeMoss – The patriarch of Purdue’s Cradle of Quarterbacks was a four-year starter who gained national attention by leading the Boilermakers to victory at No.4 Ohio State as a freshman in 1945. Played one season in the NFL before returning to serve as an assistant coach/head coach from 1950 to 1972.

Boris “Babe” Dimancheff – The running back from Indianapolis Washington transferred from Butler to Purdue just in time to play for the 1943 undefeated Big Ten champions. In two seasons Dimancheff rushed for 1,399 yards and was an All-American in 1944 after leading the conference with 12 touchdowns. He played seven seasons in the NFL.

Ed Ehlers – Also a member of the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame, the South Bend native held a rare distinction of being drafted by three pro teams in three different sports (Boston Celtics, Chicago Bears, New York Yankees).

David Ellison – An All-State player at Michigan City Elston, Ellison was chosen Purdue’s Most Improved Player as a senior and played in the 1963 East-West Shrine Classic.

His Southwestern High School teams (now part of McCutcheon) never lost a conference game in Ellison’s nine seasons (44-0-1).

Jim Everett – What’s a man from Albuquerque, N.M. doing in the Indiana Football Hall of Fame? That’s how good he was in a Purdue uniform. Everett’s powerful throwing arm set numerous Purdue records as a two-year starter in 1984-85. With the Los Angeles Rams, Everett twice led the NFL in touchdown passes.

Bernie Flowers – Recruited to Purdue from Erie, Pa., Flowers was a three-year starter at end with 82 receptions for 1,015 yards and eight touchdowns. Earned All-American honors in 1952 after helping Purdue share Big Ten title. Played one season with the Baltimore Colts.

Abe Gibron – Played two seasons at Purdue after transferring from Valparaiso in 1946. The Michigan City Elston product earned All-Big Ten honors as a guard before enjoying four Pro Bowl seasons with the Cleveland Browns from 1952-55.

Bob Griese – Arriving from Evansville Rex Mundi an unpolished passer, Griese developed into the Big Ten’s Most Valuable Player in 1966 and All-American in 1965-66. Led the Miami Dolphins to two Super Bowl championships and earned a berth in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Bob Hadrick – Somehow lured to West Lafayette from South Bend Washington in 1962, Hadrick was a three-time All-Big Ten selection as Griese’s top receiver. Retired from the FBI after 27 years of service.

Mark Herrmann – Two-time All-State quarterback at Carmel, Herrmann led Purdue’s turnaround in the late 1970s. Graduated as the NCAA’s all-time passing yards leader (9.946) to go with 71 touchdowns. Most Valuable Player in Peach, Bluebonnet and Liberty bowl victories.

Played 11 seasons in the NFL with Denver, San Diego Chargers, Los Angeles Rams and Indianapolis Colts.

Roy Horstmann – An All-American fullback in 1932, the Mishawaka native played two seasons in the NFL for the Boston Redskins and Chicago Cardinals.

Lou Karras – Eldest of three brothers to play in the NFL (Alex, Ted), Karras was Purdue’s MVP in 1949 following a stellar high school career at Gary Emerson. Karras, a defensive tackle, played for Washington from 1950 until a career-ending eye injury in 1952.

Dustin Keller – After leading the state with 114 receptions to go with 1,804 yards and 22 touchdowns in 2002, Keller made the short journey from Lafayette Jeff to Purdue. Converted to tight end, Keller would go on to be Purdue’s Most Valuable Player as a senior. A first-round draft pick by the New York Jets in 2008, a catastrophic knee injury ended his NFL career after five seasons.

Leroy Keyes – Voted Purdue’s greatest player by Boilermaker fans, the Newport News, Va., product was an All-American in 1967 and 1968.

Those same years he finished third and second, respectively, in the Heisman Trophy balloting. He left Purdue with 2,090 rushing yards and 1,204 receiving yards. Played five seasons in the NFL with Philadelphia and Kansas City.

Bruce King – An All-State running back from Heritage Hills, King spurned Michigan and Ohio State to play at Purdue. King helped Purdue reach the Peach Bowl in 1984 before a three-year NFL career with Kansas City and Buffalo.

Noble Kizer – Old-time Purdue fans used to wonder what might have been if Kizer hadn’t had to give up coaching in 1937 due to a kidney ailment that would kill him three years later at age 40. Kizer was a right guard under Knute

Rockne at Notre Dame before coming to Purdue as an assistant coach in 1925. As the head coach, Kizer went 42-13-3 with two Big Ten Conference titles.

Glenn Knecht – From being a center/linebacker for the 1952 Big Ten Conference co-champions to mayor of Crawfordsville. Quite a journey for the Cincinnati native, who went 100-60-7 during his high school coaching career. Most of that was spent with Crawfordsville High School (1959-75) before becoming the city’s mayor from 1976 to 1987.

Joe Kodba – The Yugoslavia native, via South Bend Washington, began his football career at Butler but played his final two seasons at Purdue after his discharge from the Army in 1945. A center, Kodba was a College All-Star before his lone pro football season with the Baltimore Colts of the All-America Football Conference in 1947.

Steve Letnich – A first-team All-State quarterback at Valparaiso High School, Letnich began his college career at Air Force before playing his final two seasons at Purdue. Letnich was used as a quarterback, wide receiver and punt returner by coach Fred Akers.

Lamar Lundy – Before becoming the first African-American to receive a football scholarship to Purdue (1953), Lundy was a high school All-American in football and basketball at Richmond High School. Three-year starter at offensive and defensive end for the Boilermakers. Only man in Purdue history to win MVP honors in football and basketball. Spent 13 seasons with the Los Angeles Rams as a member of the “Fearsome Foursome.”

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Senators Young, Brown Bipartisan Resolution Passes the Senate to Recognize the Work of Child and Youth Advocates Across the U.S.



Senator Todd Young

U.S. Senators Todd Young (R-Ind.) and Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio) announced the passage of their bipartisan resolution recognizing specially trained volunteers who advocate in courtrooms and other settings on behalf of child survivors of abuse, neglect, and abandonment, which passed the Senate at the end of May.

The CASA Volunteers’ Day Resolution honors Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) and Guardian Ad Litem (GAL) volunteers for their life-changing work with children experiencing abuse or neglect. This resolution recognizes June 6th as “CASA/GAL Volunteers” Day.

“Indiana is lucky to have CASA/GAL volunteers serving 88 Hoosier counties to give every child the opportunity to thrive. It’s our job to make sure these volunteers are supported so they can continue to positively change the lives of our nation’s most



Senator Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio)

vulnerable children,” said Senator Young.

“Every young person deserves a safe and stable place to call home— and so many more have that home now, thanks to the work of Ohio’s CASA/ GAL volunteers. Even in the midst of a pandemic, volunteers in Ohio served almost 10,000 children last year and continue to play a vital role by helping protect and support foster youth every single day. We must honor them, and continue working to ensure they have the resources to uplift the voices and needs of children in their communities,” said Senator Brown.

“We are grateful to Senators Sherrod Brown and Todd Young, as well as Representative Katie Porter, for their bipartisan support in recognizing today as the 2nd annual CASA/GAL Volunteer’s Day through resolutions in the Senate and House. Together with our valued collaborator, Unbeliev-

ably Resilient, we seek to amplify the voices of youth with lived experience in the foster care system and hope that today people nationwide will have the chance to better understand the critical role a CASA/ GAL volunteer plays in the lives of young people. We are proud to serve over half of the children and youth in foster care but aspire to reach every child in need of a CASA/GAL volunteer’s services. As we celebrate 40 years of impact in 2022, we hope many more people will be inspired to join the ranks of almost one million volunteer advocates who have supported children and youth as they navigate dependency court and the child welfare system over the past four decades,” said Tara Lisa Perry, CEO of the National CASA/ GAL Association for Children.

Court Appointed Special Advocates and Guardians Ad Litem operate in 49 states and the District of Columbia. Their network includes 950 state and local programs that support more than 93,000 volunteers and 242,000 children.

In addition to Senators Young and Brown, the resolution was cosponsored by Senators James Lankford (R-Okla.), Jacky Rosen (D-Nev.), Michael Braun (R-Ind.), Ron Wyden (D-Ore.), Cory Booker (D-N.J.), Jeanne Shaheen (D-N.H.), and Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa).

Sens. Braun, Marshall Introduce Bill to Allow COVID Relief Funds to Be Used to Harden Schools



Senator Mike Braun

Yesterday, U.S. Senator Mike Braun joined Sen. Roger Marshall, M.D. and Representative Mike Garcia (CA-25) in introducing the the Safe Schools Act, legislation to allow COVID relief dollars allocated to schools through the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund to be used by schools to harden themselves with physical security measures, such as locks, panic buttons, individual room security systems, video surveillance, and hiring and paying the salaries of armed school resource officers. The legislation will exempt expenses for school security improvements from current ESSER guidelines that require expenses to be related to COVID-19. Senators Tim Scott, Thom Tillis, Steve Daines, Rick Scott, Chuck Grassley, Todd Young and Jerry Moran have cosponsored the legislation.

“Too often our schools are tragically viewed as ‘soft targets.’ The remaining ‘COVID relief funds that have been largely unused or mismanaged would be well spent protecting our children by hardening



Senator Roger Marshall (R-Kan.)

schools and bolstering school security,” said Senator Braun.

“While we made some progress in previous legislation to make our schools stronger, harder, and safer, certainly there is more that can and must be done immediately to protect kids,” said Senator Marshall. “What happened in Uvalde was a horrific tragedy. While many have been quick to play politics, one thing we can all agree on is that Congress must act to harden schools. For these reasons, I am introducing this legislation that allows the abundance of unused COVID relief dollars to be allocated to secure schools in Kansas and throughout the nation.”

“Now more than ever, we must be proactive in securing our schools. All Constitutional options need to be examined to ensure our children are safe in the classroom. I’m proud to join Senator Marshall in introducing the Safe Schools Act, a common-sense bill that would allow schools to spend leftover COVID relief funds on crucial security improvements to protect

students from harm,” said Congressman Garcia.

Background:

- The Indiana Department of Education spent less than half of the funds awarded under the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund.
- Nationwide, of the \$189.5 billion of COVID money awarded under ESSER, State Education Agencies have yet to spend \$150.1 billion (79.2%).
- There were 67 disrupted plots against K-12 schools from 2006-2018 – 66% of the schools had no system for alerting officials to concerning or threatening.
- Recommendations from the Trump Administration’s 2018, “Final Report of the Federal Commission on School Safety” included:
 - o School security strategies should use a layered approach that incorporates multiple, reinforcing echelons of policy, programs, and protective measures.
 - o Entry control measures limit the number of access points, allow access only to those who should be on the campus, and provide an opportunity to conduct searches of suspicious items or persons.
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4. Carmel Community Players presents “Medley of Murders,” directed by Tanya Haas, a night of three one-act plays starring youth ages 18 and younger, opening tonight and continuing weekends through June 19, at Carmel Friends Church, with tickets at <https://carmelplayers.org/>.

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

6. Noblesville Farmers Market is open for the season 8 a.m. to noon Saturday at Federal Hill Commons in downtown Noblesville. Parking is offered at the nearby Mexican restaurant that was torn down, at BlueSky Commerce, both just west of the park, and at the park’s Green Room parking lot, which will be restricted to vendor spaces

at Simon Moon Park in Westfield with help from Westfield Fire Department.

9. Carousel Corner is open at Forest Park in Noblesville from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily through July 31, then weekends Aug. 6-Oct. 23, with \$2 carousel rides and \$3 mini golf.

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

11. Concerts at the Commons kick off 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. this Saturday and continue select Saturdays through September at Federal Hill Commons. Concert schedule: June 11, Southern Accents, (Tom Petty Tribute) and Groove Smash; June 25, REO Survivor (REO Speedwagon Tribute) and Aela; July 9, 16 Candles (’80s variety) and Roughhouse; July 23, Britbeat (Beatles tribute) and Rhino

Westfield and 8:30 a.m. the first Wednesday, through June at Strawtown Koteewi Park in Noblesville.

13. Shine up your Ferrari for the 19th annual free Ferrari Festival from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday on the east side of the Courthouse Square in downtown Noblesville. Enjoy an authentic Italian lunch buffet, for \$45 per person, with a glass of sparkling wine, as well as reserved parking in front of Matteo’s Ristorante Italiano, with reservations at 317-774-9771.

14. Stop in for a Book Signing of “When the Hart Speaks,” by Janet Hart, 4-5:30 p.m. Sunday at Thistle & Thyme Home Store in downtown Noblesville.

15. Hamilton County Artists Association’s annual Kids Art Camp, morning and afternoon seasons, June 13-16, HCAA’s Birdie Gallery

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

18. Noblesville Parks’ Summer Concert Series kicked off Thursday with Endless Summer Band and continues Thursdays at Dillon Park in Noblesville. Here’s the schedule: June 16, Cosmic Situation; June 23, The Big 80s Band; June 30, Jambox; July 7, Roughhouse Indy; July 14, Toy Factory; and July 21, Dave & Rae.

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

20. Join Hamilton County Parks & Recreation on the lawn at Cool Creek Park for the kickoff of the Cool Creek Concert Series, at 7 p.m. select Friday, with \$5 admission, free to ages 12 and young-



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Carmel Community Players’ “Medley of Murders,” comedy, directed by Tanya Haas, a night of three one-act plays starring youth ages 18 and younger, opens tonight and continues weekends through June 19, at Carmel Friends Church.

ing in good repair, now through June 15. Contact Debbie at 317-441-3964 to arrange for donation drop-off or possible pickup of donations. Lions Club is at 11940 E. 191st St., Noblesville.

22. Join the teams of Reggie’s Motorworks and Fueled for School for an annual open house and car show from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 18 at Noble Auto Service on South 10th Street in Noblesville. Just a \$10 entry for vehicles goes to Fueled for School, spectators free.

23. It’s Strawberry Shortcake time, and St. Michael’s Episcopal Church is playing host to its 44th annual Strawberry Festival on the Noblesville Square from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 18. The event is coordinated with Nickel Plate Arts Maker Faire and a Noblesville Juneteenth event. The Strawberry Festival offers homemade shortcake topped with strawberries, ice cream, and whipped topping. Profits are donated to local nonprofits. The Nickel Plate Arts Maker Faire will feature local artisans, makers and crafts. The Juneteenth Celebration will include educational activities, music, and entertainment brought to you by local inclusion and equity groups in the region.

24. Legacy Keepers Music kicks off the annual StringTime on the Square Courthouse Concert Series at 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. June 18 in downtown Noblesville. The free, family-friendly, lawn-chair friendly, bluegrass concert is a tradition that this year moves to the northwest

corner of the Square.

25. Bring your dad or son out to the annual Father’s Day Car Show at Forest Park, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 19, with \$10 entry for vehicles, free to spectators. All on grass and mostly in the shade, with food, restrooms and all proceeds to benefit brain-injured children and Normal Life of Sheridan residential facility.

26. Westfield continues its Movies in the Plaza series at dusk June 20., featuring “PAW Patrol the Movie” on the Great Lawn at Grand Junction Plaza, with more movies every fourth Friday through October.

27. 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-theatre.org.

28. 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.

29. Experience Indiana’s rural landscape with a ride on the Nickel Plate Express Caboose Rides, June 25-July 30.

30. 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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and handicapped parking only during the weekly market.

7. Conner Prairie and the Fishers Arts Council welcome guests Saturday 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.

8. Beat the heat during Simon Summer Sledding from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday

Down; Aug. 13, Motor City Revue (Motown Tribute) and BBI; Aug. 27, Nightrain (Guns & Roses tribute) and The Cosmic Situation; Sept. 9, The Eagles Project (Eagles Tribute) and The Toons; Sept. 24, Trippin Billies (Dave Matthews Tribute) and Sam King.

12. 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

in Noblesville, \$45 each. Grades 1-8, reservations call Karen Fehr at (317) 896-3754 or email karen-fehr45@gmail.com.

16. Hamilton County Parks offers Wednesday night free Cool Creek Campfires at Cool Creek Park, at 7 p.m. Wednesdays, through July 27. Special programs each week: June 15, Nocturnal Animals; June 22, Hedgehog Hannah; June 29, Reptiles with Rex Morrell; All-American Animals, July 6; Baby! It’s Wild Outside, July 13; Hoosier Owls, July 20; Really Dangerous Animals, July

er. Concert schedule: June 17, The Flying Toasters; June 24, Fleetwood Gold; July 1, Toy Factory; July 15, The Nauti Yachtys featuring Josh Kaufman; July 22, Stella Luna and The Satellites; Aug. 5, 45RPM

21. Make plans to attend Wayne-Fall Lions Club’s Fundraiser Rummage Sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 18 at Wayne-Fall Lions Club, in partnership with Bridge of Hope Church. Special \$5 per bag sale 2:30-3:30 p.m. Proceeds benefit the Lions Club. Donations are being accepted, including cloth-

the concrete foundations. The videoboard’s steel structure was fabricated and installed by Fishers-based Sign Craft Industries. Noblesville’s Gaylor Electric completed all the electrical and network wiring. The actual LED videoboard itself was provided by California-based Vivil-LED.

Noblesville Mayor, Chris Jensen added, “Our City is extremely fortunate to have such an incredible amenity in the Forest Park Aquatic Center. This amazing videoboard further enhances what is already an amazing facility. I can’t compliment enough the work the Friends of Central Pool have done over the past 25 years preserving and enhancing the Forest Park Aquatic Center.”

The Forest Park Aquatic Center opened on June 18, 1931 and is located at

1077 Cicero Road, Noblesville, IN 46060. The facility is one of the largest outdoor competition swimming and diving facilities in the Midwest. The competition pool can be configured to feature ten 50 meter long swimming lanes as well as twenty-two 25 yard long swimming lanes. The facility is one of the only remaining outdoor facilities in the Midwest to have Olympic regulation diving platforms. The facility also has a large water slide, climbing wall, AquaZip’N, basketball goal, splashpad and zero entry toddler pool.

In 1997 the not-for-profit group, The Friends of Central Pool was formed to operate the facility on behalf of the City of Noblesville. This relationship has proved to be an incredibly successful public/private relationship.

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installed this past spring, is believed to be the largest of its kind at an outdoor aquatics center in the country. The videoboard measures 31.5’ long by 12.5’ tall and is positioned 15’ off the ground.

The new videoboard will serve as a scoreboard for swimming, diving and water polo competitions. It will also allow for enhanced daily programming including “Flix ‘N Float” events where movies will be shown.

Greg Conner, President of The Friends of Central Pool, the not-for-profit entity that has operated the facility since 1997, stated, “We’re beyond excited about this new videoboard and everything it will bring to our community. It will allow us to host future national and international competitions that will draw thousands of visitors to Noblesville. During the

summer season it does not get dark until after 9:30 p.m. which is not an ideal time to bring your family out to watch a movie in the pool. This amenity will allow us to show movies during the daytime which is something no other outdoor pool in central Indiana can do. This is truly a game changer for us!”

The new videoboard was 100% financed through private contributions.

“I can’t say enough about the support we have received from the community to make this project happen,” said Conner. We’ve received so many extremely generous gifts from both corporations as well as individuals and families.”

The site and civil engineering work was provided by Indianapolis-based American Structurepoint. Boggstown’s Beaty Construction completed

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refunds, we can provide quick and substantial relief while maintaining the state’s prudent reserves and providing budget flexibility moving forward. We’ll work with the governor and our Senate colleagues

on scheduling a special session, so we can return to the Statehouse and do what’s right by Hoosiers,” said House Speaker Todd Huston (R-Fishers).

“As D.C. Democrats continue to drive our national debt and inflation through the roof, taxpayers deserve some much-needed relief. Issuing another round of taxpayer refunds could give a boost to hard-working Hoosiers and I look forward to joining my fellow legislators to do just that,” said State Rep. Tony Cook (R-Cicero).

“Because Indiana continues living within its means, paying down debt and wisely investing in our state’s future, we are in a strong economic position to issue another taxpayer

refund. We have a strong record of giving Hoosiers back their money, and I support the governor’s call for a special session to provide inflation relief,” said State Rep. Chuck Goodrich (R-Noblesville).

“Despite failed Democrat policies at the federal level, our state’s economy is running strong and revenue continues to outpace our expectations. Indiana’s incredible fiscal health puts us in a position to help everyday Hoosiers who are struggling under the weight of record inflation and gas prices,” said State Rep. Chris Jeter (R-Fishers).

“Our state has a strong reputation for not spending more than we take in while still funding essential services, and now we’re in

a position to return more money back to Hoosiers who earned it. I support the governor calling for a special session, and providing relief to all Hoosier taxpayers,” said State Rep. Donna Schaibley (R-Carmel).

“We have a long track record of returning money to taxpayers. This year, we passed a \$1 billion tax-cut package to lower income taxes and utility costs. We also returned \$545 million through an automatic taxpayer refund. I look forward to working with my colleagues to make sure we provide relief, especially as Hoosiers continue to feel the squeeze at the grocery store, gas pump and beyond,” said State Rep. Jerry Torr (R-Carmel).

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through Labor Day. Splash pad features can be activated using the hand or foot activation panels. Click here for splash pad safety and FAQs.

Pickleball courts: The park sports two outdoor pickleball courts that are open from sunrise to sunset. Play is first come, first serve and there is no charge to use the courts.

Shelters: The two new shelters will be available for rent beginning in 2023.

Meadowlark Park Located west of the Monon Greenway and Arts & Design District just off Main Street, Meadowlark Park is a hidden gem that is destined to become a popular destination in the core of the city. While portions of the park remain under construction, some of the most exciting features are now open for the public to enjoy, including all-new playground equipment, pickleball courts, an accessible boardwalk, year-round restrooms, picnic shelters, and an expanded parking lot.

Reimagined play experience:

- The new "tree-tastic" playground equipment accommodates play for ages 2-12. With cues from the natural surroundings, the custom-designed play

structures were crafted to look like artistic renderings of trees and shrubs.

Pickleball courts: • Pickleball courts will open on Friday, June 10. The park sports four outdoor pickleball courts that will be open from sunrise to sunset. Play is first come, first serve and there is no charge to use the courts.

Boardwalk & restored wetlands:

- The accessible boardwalk threads throughout the wetland area and allows park guests to get an up-close look at the animals and plants living here. Over the next 2-5 years the wetlands will come to life. Once established, the wetland will create a robust habitat for a variety of reptiles, fish, birds, and other creatures.

Coming soon:

- A wheelchair-accessible fishing pier and trails on the west side of the park are currently under construction. A portion of the trails on the east side of the park near the boardwalk will be installed soon. Please respect all closure signage and fencing as we finish up this project.
- Shelters will be available for rent beginning in 2023.
- Full-court basketball court.

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residents to notify the police department on incidents that may normally go unreported. This will allow the Noblesville Police Department to direct patrols in specific problem areas as well as assist residents with getting a report for insurance and reimbursement purposes.

“Online incidents will be handled and investigated like issues reported if a police officer had responded to your residence or business and

could result in follow-up contact from the police department. The goal is to make this more accessible for the public,” Mann said.

Once the report is submitted through the portal, an officer will review the information and complete the report or contact the submitter directly if more information is needed. For more information or to submit a report online, visit www.cityofnoblesville.org/online-reporting.

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Hoosier Net To Create Statewide Fiber Network In Indiana

Hoosier Net, LLC, a consortium of service providers, announces its formation today. Hoosier Net is set to launch a multi-year, multi-million-dollar network across Indiana to boost capacity, internet access, and reliability. The company's formation comes at a critical time for Indiana, as federal and state authorities prepare to distribute billions of dollars in broadband grant funds under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act's Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program.

"Having statewide connectivity is critical for economic development because it allows broadband providers to offer faster speeds, more bandwidth, and lower latency, which will truly benefit Indiana," said Scott Hiatt, Hoosier Net Board Member and CFO of Ninestar Connect.

Hoosier Net will attain statewide scale and enable broadband development by leveraging integrated and complementary assets. "Hoosier Net and its current owner-member fiber systems span thousands of miles across Indiana, and they are well-positioned to enable the expansion and extension of Indiana middle-mile infrastructure to lower the cost of connecting unserved and underserved areas," said John Greene, Chairman of Hoosier Net, LLC and CEO of New Lisbon Telephone Company.

Hoosier Net will focus on offering high-speed fiber-optic backbone capabilities to owners, telecommunications providers, and direct commercial clients such as hospitals, schools, and government institutions. "As a middle-mile network that connects 27 ISPs in Ohio, Independents Fiber Network is pleased about investing and working with Indiana Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers (ILECs) and Rural Electric Membership Corporations (REMCs) to develop Hoosier Net," said Rob Shema, CEO of Hoosier Net and CNI. "Being in Western Ohio, we see the need to reach beyond state lines and develop a regional network to support educational institutions, businesses, and surrounding communities, all of which would benefit

from Hoosier Net's increased speed, bandwidth, and reduced latency."

The Indiana fiber network will partner with INDATEL, a national network dedicated to providing fiber-optic telecommunications services in rural and urban areas. "INDATEL provides us with the competitive advantage we require, whether buying or selling transportation. It is the common link that provides Hoosier Net – and its member firms – with access to fiber that allows us to build our business," said Dave Fox, Hoosier Net Board Member and General Manager of Sweetser Telephone Company. "We are glad to see that most Indiana Local Exchange Telephone Companies are reestablishing a statewide network in Indiana and will engage with us," said Mel Wagner Jr., CEO of INDATEL Services. "We're thrilled to be working with Hoosier Net to help them monetize and grow their network."

New Paris Telephone, a member of Hoosier Net, serves a highly competitive fiber IP market. "We sell and buy IP transport of all types. INDATEL helps our customers connect to branch locations across the country. INdigital – an affiliated public safety company – creates complex, highly reliable networks in multiple states and relies on local fiber networks to make that happen," said Mark Grady, Hoosier Net Board Member and CEO of New Paris Telephone and INdigital.

"Hoosier Net's Executive Committee has decades of combined industry expertise," said Tim Miles, Hoosier Net Board Member and Fiberhawk CEO. "I'm excited for Hoosier Net's member-owners and this leadership team's continued efforts to bring new and specialized solutions to our customers."

"As a founding member of Hoosier Net, I am happy about the company's progress and look forward to maintaining that success with the Executive Committee as we execute our growth and expansion goals," said Tony Clark, Vice Chairman of Hoosier Net and CEO of SEI Communications. "It's a fantastic group."

INDATEL Services provides fiber connectivity utilizing its unique independent member-owned network. INDATEL's members represent more than 400,000+ fiber optic route miles and over 1.5 million serviceable buildings primarily focused on rural and suburban America. INDATEL serves its customers through its national aggregation PoPs, reaching over 700 independent providers currently operating in 47 states. For more information about INDATEL Services, visit www.indatel.com.

Hoosier Net, LLC's founding companies, are Central Indiana Communications, Inc., Citizens Telephone Corporation, Craigville Telephone Company, Inc., Daviess-Martin County Rural Telephone Corp. d/b/a RTC Communications, Geetingsville Telephone Company, Inc., Hoosier Net Holdings, LLC., Monon Cooperative Telephone Company, Inc., Mulberry Cooperative Telephone Company, Inc., New Lisbon Broadband and Communications, LLC., New Paris Telephone, Inc., Perry Spencer Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Pulaski-White Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. d/b/a LightStream, Rochester Telephone Company Inc., SEI Data, Inc. d/b/a SEI Communications, Swayzee Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a Fiberhawk, The Northwestern Indiana Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a NITCO, and The Sweetser Rural Telephone Company, Inc.

Hoosier Net is owned by 17 service providers that offer state-of-the-art services in their respective communities. Hoosier Net's fiber-optic backbone services are available to telecom operators and direct commercial customers. Hoosier Net and its owners are responsible for thousands of miles of fiber-optic network across Indiana. Hoosier Net also provides commercial service throughout the United States through INDATEL. Visit www.hoosiernet.com or email sales@hoosiernet.com for additional information.

More Than \$225,000 Still Available In Energy Bill Assistance For Duke Energy Indiana Customers

More than \$225,000 in financial assistance is still available to Duke Energy Indiana customers who may be struggling to pay their energy bills.

"Hoosiers are paying more at the grocery store and gas pump and may also be noticing higher energy bills, as rising fuel costs impact the price of electricity," said Stan Pinegar, president of Duke Energy Indiana. "We know that higher bills can be a hardship for many, and we want to connect our customers with financial assistance and resources to help. So far this year, we have been able to support approximately 450 households with more than \$100,000 in assistance."

The funding is made possible through Duke Energy's Share the Light Fund, which brings together customers and communities to help individuals and families struggling to pay their energy bills. Duke Energy works in partnership with the Indiana Community Action Association to distribute the company's assistance funds.

Qualifying Duke Energy customers who are struggling to pay their electricity bills can receive up to a \$300 credit annually on their account. Customers should contact their local community action agency to take advantage of funds available locally.

Duke Energy offers a number of tools and resources to help customers take control of their energy use and save money. To learn more about these programs, visit duke-energy.com/HereToHelp.

Duke Energy Indiana, a subsidiary of Duke Energy, provides about 6,300 megawatts of owned electric capacity to ap-

proximately 870,000 customers in a 23,000-square-mile service area, making it Indiana's largest electric supplier.

Duke Energy (NYSE: DUK), a Fortune 150 company headquartered in Charlotte, N.C., is one of America's largest energy holding companies. Its electric utilities serve 8.2 million customers in North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky, and collectively own 50,000 megawatts of energy capacity. Its natural gas unit serves 1.6 million customers in North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Ohio and Kentucky. The company employs 28,000 people.

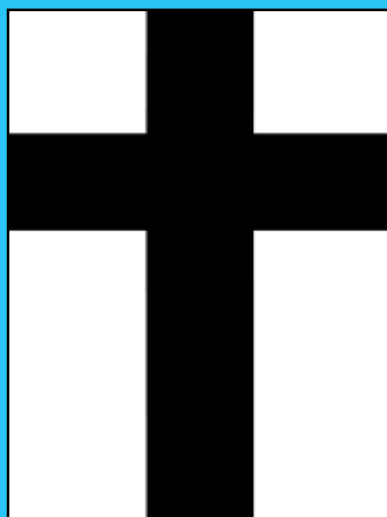
Duke Energy is executing an aggressive clean energy transition to achieve its goals of net-zero methane emissions from its natural gas business and at least a 50% carbon reduction from electric generation by 2030 and net-zero carbon emissions by 2050. The 2050 net-zero goals also include Scope 2 and certain Scope 3 emissions. In addition, the company is investing in major electric grid enhancements and energy storage, and exploring zero-emission power generation technologies such as hydrogen and advanced nuclear.

Duke Energy was named to Fortune's 2022 "World's Most Admired Companies" list and Forbes' "America's Best Employers" list. More information is available at duke-energy.com. The Duke Energy News Center contains news releases, fact sheets, photos and videos. Duke Energy's illumination features stories about people, innovations, community topics and environmental issues. Follow Duke Energy on Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram and Facebook.

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While Argument Rages, Innocents Die

I have written several times about school shootings in the past. If there is a more heinous crime in today's world, I do not know what it is – and that's saying something.

What I fail to understand is the outcry every time for more gun control laws.

STOP!

Before you take me behind the woodshed for being another gun-rights activist, please understand I am not.

I haven't fired a gun in decades. I am not a member of the NRA. My point is not about how America will be a better place with guns . . . or without. I do have some views on that, but could we save that argument for another day so we don't confuse the issue?

The issue is what's wrong with our society?

The issue is how far we have fallen from the nation that didn't see the slaughter of innocent children as often as we do today.

The issue is stronger prison sentences, even death penalties.

The issue is a lack of discipline in the home – and how can you blame mom and dad for not spanking their kids when they fear some sort of consequences from some governmental alphabet agency somewhere.

The issue is the degradation



TIM TIMMONS
Sagamore News Media CEO

of our society.

Here's a question for you: If we eliminate guns, will that eliminate the killing of children? I think not. Sick people are sick people. If it's not a gun it'll be something else.

Disagree? Then shouldn't we be doing away with cars to stop drunk driving and prevent morons from running people over on purpose? Do you hear anyone suggesting that?

For God's sake, we keep talking about the method and not the reason behind it.

Truth to tell, there are plenty of answers, but we don't seem to have the will, or perhaps the stomach, to implement them. The government could indeed help the family unit get stronger. How? Change taxes, change a lot of things so that

every household doesn't have to have two incomes. Maybe give tax credits for one parent being a full-time homemaker.

And I'm sick of politicians telling us they can't do something. They seem to have found ways to hold office for decades and increase their personal wealth at the same time. They have helped create tax laws that take up volumes and are so complicated not even they understand them. If those hired hands wanted to give the family a true tax break, they could figure it out.

What else?

Bring the churches back into the fold. Stop outlawing the mention of God in our schools.

Speaking of schools, give teachers the authority to discipline without fear of being sued.

Lastly, change the damn laws. If someone wants to do something wrong, make the penalty a true deterrent.

Look, I have never claimed to be the smartest guy in the room. But there are some things painfully obvious here.

We (and I don't care if you have been part of the following or not – last I looked “we” are still all Americans and supposedly on the same team) have been calling for the defunding of police for a few years now. We have become so soft as a

nation that you can't tell someone they're wrong or disagree without the risk of sending them into counseling. We have lowered standards left and right to the point where people don't have to work hard to achieve anything anymore. And when they fall short, the government bails them out.

We have turned into a nation foolishly chasing utopia. We let the exceptions guide us while leaving the majority out of consideration. If there is one act of police brutality, mayors in metropolitan cities from one coast to another call for defunding the police. If one gay person is discriminated against, there's a national outcry on the 6 o'clock news.

If we're all being honest, we can agree that in a perfect world there would be no such thing as police brutality, racism and bias. In a perfect world, I would weigh 225 and have 5 percent body fat. In a perfect world, I'd be laying on a beach and you'd be reading someone else's work right now. But you know what?

It. Ain't. A. Perfect. World. Idiots will be idiots. Bigots will be bigots. Perhaps we can influence a few to grow in their humanity, but we'll never change them all.

We all know that, yet we all keep going down the same path

of letting the exception rule the day.

Let's get back to the current argument. The left screams to eliminate guns – yet anybody want to bet what security guards for the Hollywood elite carry under their blazer? Conservatives scream that the right to bear arms can't even be discussed or the whole country will fall apart.

Do any of them look for common ground? Do any of them acknowledge that both sides have some valid points? Are any of them looking for real answers, or just for their side to win? Do any of them stop to consider that while they spend all their time making political statements and grandstanding more kids have died?

ENOUGH!

A friend sent me an e-mail the other day with a simple message: We are no longer accepting things we cannot change. It is now time to change the things we cannot accept.

It's well past time. But what are we going to do about it?

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Pondering Weighty Matters

His warning shattered the pre-dawn tranquility. I couldn't see him, but his cry blasted through the fading fog like the air horn on an 18-wheeler, traveling too fast to stop in time for a red light.

“Wait!” he said. “Don't pull that handle!”

Too late. I had already squeezed the trigger at the end of the black hose leading to hundreds of gallons of what Phillips Petroleum calls their “Performance Gasoline”. Now, a translucent stream of fuel was rushing into my tank with a cavernous echo.

“He's right,” said another voice to the left, approaching me out of the mist. “You're not going to get your money's worth at that pump. It's going to cost you nearly 15.3 cents more to fill up there.”

Joe, the source of the first voice, stepped from behind the gas pump that obscured him. “At least he's not getting premium, Robert,” who nodded at his colleague's observation. “Premium is even worse.”

Aside from the general feeling that I was standing in



JOHN O. MARLOWE
The Good Sport

the middle of a Bob and Ray comedy sketch, I was curious. Who were these two greying gentlemen? Both seemed quite certain I was experiencing a form of highway robbery -- as assuredly as if I had been clobbered over the head, and waylaid on the gas island, somewhere between the trash can and the receptacle that holds the murky water used for scrubbing windshields.

“We work for the county's Weights and Measures Division,” said Joe. He began drawing a sam-ple out of the pump.

I should have guessed. However, it's very seldom that I encounter anyone in county government that seems to enjoy their jobs as much as Joe and Robert. It's even more rare that I find anyone concerned that I was potentially overspending 15.3 cents.

“That's our job,” said Joe. “We go from gas station to gas station measuring the performance of each pump on the premises. We make sure the pumps are calibrated correctly, to ensure the public is paying for exactly the amount of fuel they are pumping.”

“These are machines,” said Robert. “It's not unusual that through use they require adjusting. Sometimes the variance might be intentional, but more likely, the measurement is just off through lack of maintenance.”

I watched as Joe now sampled the middle grade pump. He pulled the hose to the back of a trailer, hanging from the hitch

on the white county service truck. He started the flow, and the pump began to sing a low hum as the liquid reached its outlet.

“About five gallons is enough to get a good reading,” said Joe.

I watched as the fuel snaked its way through the glass tubing on the centermost tank of his roll-ing laboratory. His rig consisted of three giant stainless steel cauldrons glistening in the glint of the morning sunrise -- one for each grade of fuel. They looked an awful lot like the tank on Helen Hunts' storm chaser truck in the movie Twister, if you'd add a funnel hat that Dorothy's Tin Man wore.

Joe turned some dials and leveled the trailer, then consulted a chart of numbers to account for the variation of gasoline density in different temperatures.

“Just what I thought,” said Joe. “Go get the manager, Robert.”

“He's with a customer right now.”

“Remind him that we have the authority to shut down the whole station,” said Joe, and

then said to me with a wry smile, “That's the part I like.”

By the time I walked back to my vehicle, Joe and Robert were packing up their equipment, and almost ready to roll. “Off to another gas station?” I asked.

“Nope,” said Robert, “we are going to the high school.”

I learned that Weights and Measures in each county are responsible for the integrity of all kinds of measuring devices, including grain mills, scrap yards, fuel trucks -- any gadget where consumers purchase a product sold by weight, measure, or count.

But the high school? “We are inspecting the scales the wrestlers use to weigh in.”

“After that,” said Robert, “we are going to the deli counter at Kroger's.”

“You're kidding me,” I said. “What if those scales don't pass inspection?”

“That's no baloney,” said Joe.

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Spreading The News

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 writ-



ing 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 condiment 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.

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Ask Rusty – Can My In-laws Get Supplemental Security Income?

Dear Rusty: I am wondering what the income limit is for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) eligibility. My in-laws are in their 70's, both drawing Social Security, and each has a pension from jobs they retired from. I am wondering if they are eligible to collect SSI. They have income from all sources that is over \$2100 per month, they are on Medicaid, but they have no savings and few assets. I have been told by a random family member that they are eligible for SSI, but with their income I have my doubts. All of my online hunt and peck research has made this as clear as mud. Any insight you can offer would be



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greatly appreciated.
Signed: Helpful Daughter-in-Law

Dear Helpful Daughter-in-Law: Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a separate (non-Social Security) federal supplemental assistance program for low income seniors over 65 and for disabled or blind people

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of any age, but there are income limitations to qualify for SSI benefits and restrictions on assets as well. Overall eligibility requirements for SSI are quite complex, especially for those with earnings from working (it's also notable that only legal US residents can get SSI). Although some types of income

and assets are not counted, only those with very low countable income and very few countable assets can get SSI assistance. Countable income must be less than the federal SS benefit amounts for federal SSI benefits to be paid. If your in-law's current countable income is over \$2100 per month, that alone may

disqualify them for SSI because their countable income is more than the federal SSI benefit of \$841 per individual, or \$1261 per couple.

As mentioned, some types of income aren't countable, but pensions and Social Security benefits do count (after a small \$20 exclusion). So if most or all of your in-law's monthly income is from those two sources, they almost certainly won't be eligible for additional assistance through SSI. Something else to be aware of is that any SSI benefit they might be eligible for would be offset by their Social Security payment, so if each of their individual Social Security payments are more than \$841/month, then there

would be no additional benefit from the SSI program. Here is a link at which an explanation of what types of income count, and don't count, toward the SSI income limitation: www.ssa.gov/ssi/text-income-ussi.htm.

From the information you've shared about their current Social Security and individual pension benefits, it does not appear that your in-laws will be able to gain any additional benefit from the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program. The income restrictions for Medicaid eligibility are more generous and, since they're in their 70s, your in-laws are obviously both on Medicare as well to help with their healthcare expenses.

Congress Is Going After the Alleged Price Gougers – Again

By Dr. Mark W. Hendrickson

As Yogi Berra, baseball's preeminent wit and philosopher, would say, "It's déjà vu all over again." Fifteen years ago, I wrote in this space about an attempt by Congress to impose additional taxes on oil companies at a time of high gasoline prices.

Last Thursday, the U.S. House of Representatives did it again. It passed "The Consumer Fuel Price Gouging Prevention Act" by a vote of 217-207. Four Democrats and every Republican voted against the bill. The bill would empower the federal government – specifically, the Federal Trade Commission – to fine oil companies if they increase prices in an "excessive" or "exploitative" way (without, in typical congressional vagueness, bothering to define what constitutes "excessive" or "exploitative").

It is sad that members of Congress who voted

for this bill are raging against oil companies when what is really causing the problem is the inexorable economic law of supply and demand. Gasoline prices are uncomfortably high now, not because oil companies are headed by unusually greedy individuals, but because supply is not keeping up with demand.

Consider, if you will, another big market in the U.S. economy – the housing market. The media are full of reports of soaring prices for houses in various parts of the country, often explaining that the price explosion is because supply is not keeping up with demand. What would you think of a federal law imposing a tax on homeowners who take advantage of current market conditions to sell their house for what would have been considered a ridiculously high price just a year ago? You would rebel in righteous

indignation, I hope.

After all, it is your house, your property, and you should be free to sell it at whatever price you can get in the marketplace. Are homeowners who are receiving top dollar for their houses behaving "exploitatively?" Of course not. That is just the way the real estate market is right now. How is that different from what is happening in the oil market? It isn't different at all; it's simply the law of supply and demand at work. The only difference is that some members of Congress believe they can get away with taxing oil companies, whom they routinely demonize, while they know that if they tried to tax homeowners on windfall profits derived from the sale of their homes, they would be voted out of office.

One tactic that the anti-price gouging crowd in Congress is employing against oil companies is to

accuse them of deliberately keeping production low and supplies tight. Rep. Katie Porter (D-CA), one of the co-sponsors of the fuel price gouging bill, asserted, "Big Oil is threatening our entire economy by keeping supply low and jacking up prices at the pump." Similarly, Rep. Frank Pallone (D-NJ), the chair of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, said, "The problem is Big Oil is keeping supply artificially low so prices and profits stay high."

In the first place, nobody has the right to dictate to a business how much they should produce (well, not in a free-market system based on property rights; under socialism, government does in fact issue such commands). But what makes blaming oil companies for cramped supplies so offensive here is that the Biden administration is in the forefront of efforts to curtail the

production of oil.

I wrote twice last year (here and here) about specific anti-oil production policies that the Biden administration has adopted, and those policies haven't changed a bit. In fact, just a few days before Reps. Porter and Pallone tried to blame oil companies for tight oil supplies, the administration canceled oil leases in the Gulf of Mexico and Cook Inlet. Existing leases are being held in regulatory purgatory by bureaucrats refusing to approve a green light for actual production. A few days ago, Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) commented that 16 months after the Biden administration announced a pause on granting new oil exploration leases, "we still have no new leases," and, "it has become crystal clear that the 'pause' is in fact a ban."

With President Biden accompanying his aggressive anti-fossil fuel

policies with equally aggressive rhetoric about sharply reducing, if not ending, Americans' consumption of fossil fuels within the next decade or so, one can understand why oil companies might be hesitant to spend billions to ramp up production. Why should they risk huge losses if that production is going to be shut down not too long from now? Without commenting on if or how fast the U.S. economy should shift from fossil fuels to various "green" modes of energy, the present question is whether the current government policy of impeding the production of oil is hurting us more than it is helping. What do you think?

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More Mass Killings, What Is The Answer?

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Do parents in America want to spend every school day hoping and praying their children will not be heinously murdered? Do children want to spend their days constantly looking up to see who might be entering their room with an assault weapon? Do you want to walk the grocery store aisles wondering if someone has picked your store and this day to shoot at you? Do you enjoy sitting in a house of worship knowing that if a crazed gunman enters your location the exit doors are very few. Movie theatres are anticipating a major boost in attendance this summer. Can you go in peace knowing that your life could be in danger if someone enters with a



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semi-automatic weapon or an AR-15?

The list of possibilities is almost endless as restaurants, sporting events, concerts, shopping malls and more are targets of those who plot evil rampages against innocent people.

Uvalde, Texas and Buffalo, New York are the recent locations of horrific killings of the very young

and elderly American people doing everyday life – going to school and buying groceries.

When will this happen at your school, grocery store, house of worship or any place else? At one time, Americans never imagined such horrors as many of us have lived to see. One mass shooting has led to another and another. Your school or church or whatever the event is must plan for an attack every time you gather. If we do not try to protect the people at such events and gatherings, then we are throwing caution to the wind and subjecting people we love to the possibilities of being killed.

What is the answer? The Buffalo grocery had an armed guard. This was

not enough for a gunman who had strategized and outgunned the security guard who gave his life trying to save others. One major problem is such an evil person has the element of surprise. They have surveyed the location. Innocent people are caught off guard. People may even be carrying weapons but might not even have the time to draw their weapon because the rapid fire of the attacker's weapon takes that person's life before he or she can reach for their weapon. What is the answer? Do we equip every teacher in America with a semi-automatic weapon? Should teachers and grocery store shoppers and ministers carry assault weapons at all times? Do you want to

put on your Sunday dress and then strap on your assault rifle so you might have a chance of defending yourself?

State and federal lawmakers continue to wrestle with what to do. One suggestion is to take away all the guns. This might be okay until Russia or China invades us and we all have to fight.

The local villain may find a way to order all the parts he needs online to assemble an assault weapon and you have no way to defend yourself. This possibility must be made illegal.

Evil finds a way to release hate and fulfill deranged fantasies. This does not mean we give up. Limiting assault weapons to people 25 and older,

strict background checks, waiting periods and licenses is possibilities. Limiting all gun purchases to people over 21 is another possibility. Eighteen-year-olds use guns in the military but are trained and strictly supervised.

Do Americans really need assault type weapons? Would we be willing to ban them if it would save an elementary school of children from a murderous rampage?

It's all too late for Uvalde, Texas families and so many more. State and federal government must make some real decisions. In the meantime, we have to protect ourselves.

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