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TODAY'S VERSE

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What makes Howard Oberst smile? "My grandkids," said the 68-year-old Noblesville man. He has a wife, Luanne, two kids, Jay and Sarah, and five grandkids. He was found at the Central Indiana Vintage Vehicles' annual Father's Day Car Show in Forest Park and also drove Monday in the Noblesville July 4 Parade. "When I was in high school, I had a '68 Camaro. It was a blue hardtop, automatic. Then I grew up. Now I'm 68, and I decided it was time to get my car back. But I couldn't get that one back, so I bought a '67 (Camaro SS Coupe) convertible (yellow with black stripes and a front plate that reads "Bumblebee.") He said, "That was my high school car." The car is a 327 4-speed. He's owned the car for three or four years. "I'd been looking for years. I didn't have any garage space to store one. So when we built our last house, we have three garages, so I finally have a place for one." The convertible is his only antique car. "The car I wanted was a '69 GTO Judge, but it's just far too expensive." How often does he drive the car? "I probably don't use a whole tank of gas in the summer. Take it out, pick up grandkids and get ice cream." He has also driven in the Fishers parade and has taken his car to the Courthouse Square. He is a retired DEA (Drug Enforcement Administration) Special Agent with more than 30 years of combined local and federal law enforcement experience. He is a native of Wisconsin and was a police officer there, and in 1985 was hired by the Federal Government's Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), then came to Indianapolis for 15 years, then transferred DEA headquarters, Office of Investigative Technology in Lorton, Va., near Washington, D.C. in 2000 for six years, then to Chicago, then returned to Indiana, where his kids had stayed. He has earned many awards during his career, including DEA Exceptional Performance award twice, U.S. Department of Justice Award and U.S. Attorney's Award. He has a 50-year high school reunion this summer. Look for Oberst again in the next parade or car show. See a photo of Howard Oberst driving his '67 Camaro in the Noblesville July 4 Parade in today's edition of The Times.

And Another Thing...

Westfield Youth Professionals are hosting a coffee and networking event next Tuesday, July 12 from 9 a.m.-10 a.m. The event will be held at Springhill Suites in Westfield. Register at <https://web.westfieldchamberindy.com/events/JulyYP%20Coffee%20%20Networking-3208/> details.

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Noblesville July 4 Makes Kids Smile



BETSY REASON
The Times Editor

What makes kids smile? The Noblesville Fourth of July.

Kids were smiling everywhere on Monday during the Noblesville July 4 Fireworks Festival & Parade.

Despite the heat, there were more people who came out to watch the parade than I have seen in a long time. Families lined the streets with kids holding out bags collecting candy handed out by the many parade entries.

The July Fireworks Festival was just as well attended, enjoying inflatables in a kids zone, dining from food trucks, listening to a live band and finding a wide-open place to watch the fireworks that were set off over the beautiful Forest Park.

Families were also enjoying



The Times photo by Betsy Reason

Brothers Gabriel Carney (left) and Graham Carney of Noblesville enjoy the Noblesville July 4 Fireworks Festival at Forest Park.

the many amenities of the park, from playground and basketball courts to sand volleyball and riding the carousel.

I caught up with some families at the Festival, and asked the kids what was most fun about their day. Here is what they said:

Grayson Crafton, 12, Noblesville, a seventh-grader at Noblesville East Middle School, said he enjoyed the sports zone at the Festival. Most fun about July 4? "Spending time with family and watching fireworks." He is the son of Shallen and Casey King. What makes him

smile? "My mom and my little sister (Journey King, 11 months)."

Braeden Crafton, 12, Noblesville, who is 11 months older than brother Grayson, and also a seventh-grader at NEMS, said he enjoyed jumping on a trampoline and watching the parade. Most fun about July 4? "Getting to see the fireworks and spending time with my family." What makes him smile? "My little sister, my mom, my dad and my brother."

Braxton Craig, 3, Noblesville,

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Truth or Tall Tale? Former Local Students Chosen for Fulbright U.S. Student Program



PAULA DUNN
From Time to Thyme

Up for a quiz? We haven't had one for a while.

I'm calling this "Truth or Tall Tale?" I'll give you a historical situation and you have to decide if it's something that really happened, or a piece of fiction.

Let's see how you do.

1. John Dillinger spent time in the old Hamilton County Jail on the courthouse square.

2. A brother of U. S. Pres-

ident William Henry Harrison is buried in an old cemetery northwest of Riverwood.

3. In the early 20th century it was hoped that pearl fishing in the White River would become a new industry for the county.

4. Author James Fenimore Cooper visited William Conner in order to gather research on the Delaware Indians for his "Leather-Stocking Tales."

5. Cicero once had a lead mine.

Now the answers:

1. Tall Tale. This should have been easy since I've written about it before. However, given that this rumor used to be all over the internet, I think the truth bears repeating—Dillinger was NEVER held in jail here. The only verifiable visit he ever made to Hamilton County was when he was involved in a car wreck on the Range Line road (U. S. 31) in April of 1934. The car stayed; Dillinger got away.

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Two former Hamilton County students were among four recent Ball State University graduates who have been chosen for the Fulbright U.S. Student Program—one of the most prestigious and widely recognized international programs, which grants support for pursuing graduate studies, conducting research, or teaching English abroad.

Each graduate has been selected for an English Teaching Assistantship (ETA). In this role, they will help students in their host countries develop English language skills, and serve as cultural ambassadors between nations.

This year's Ball State Fulbright U.S. Student Program selections are:

1. Brianna Lopez of Nobles-

ville, Ind.

• Host country destination—Bulgaria

• Ms. Lopez completed a bachelor's degree in Psychology, with minors in Philosophy and Women's & Gender Studies, in May 2022. At Ball State, she was a teaching assistant in two Psychology courses, a peer mentor for Honors College freshmen, associate editor for Ball State's international undergraduate philosophy journal, and co-founder of a new undergraduate psychology journal.

2. Alexis Pitchford of Carmel, Ind.

• Host country destination—Greece

• Ms. Pitchford completed a bachelor's degree in Elemen-

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HONEST HOOSIER

This from a reader: Hell of a job Democrats. You've managed to bring back the 1918 pandemic, the 1929 depression, the 1968 riots and the 1973 gas crisis - all at the same time.



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TODAY'S QUOTE

"Never bend your head. Always hold it high. Look the world straight in the eye"

- Helen Keller

OBITUARIES

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Sergeant Major Gregory Lewis
Charles "Charlie" Jones Jr.
Thomas Lee Stelhorn
Wayne C. Mosbaugh

TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

It's important for women to know if there is breast cancer on their father's side of the family as well as their mother's.

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.

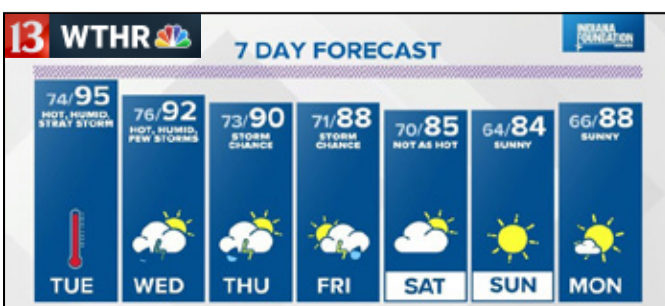


The Times appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank **JAMES WASHBURN** for subscribing!



TODAY'S JOKE

A three-legged dog walks into a bar and says, "I'm looking for the varmint who shot my paw!"



OBITUARIES

Barbara Jean Nethery September 9, 1928 - July 3, 2022

Barbara Jean Nethery, 93, of Noblesville, passed away on Sunday, July 3, 2022. The fabric of her 93 years was tightly woven with her Faith, family, friends and of course, food!

She was born on September 9, 1928 to Milton and Lela (Treadway) Linthicum in rural Monroe County, Indiana

Mrs. Nethery attended Kirksville school and cherished her school friendships throughout her life. She would proudly sing the Kirksville fight song upon request. She became the family cook when her mother passed away and this became a defining role throughout her life.

In 1946, Mrs. Nethery met and married Ralph Nethery, a sailor returning home from World War II. It was a love story that would span over 74 years and likely over 50,000 shared pots of coffee. They moved to Noblesville for the promise of jobs at Firestone, but found so much more. They added 5 children to their family and developed a Faith that became the bedrock of their lives. Mrs. Nethery and her husband were founding members of the First Pentecostal Church of Noblesville and developed life-long friendships through the church. She enjoyed traveling to the annual conference, winters in Brownsville, Texas and making her famous peanut brittle for church bake sales. The couple were often found at Jim Dandy with church friends or family, as Mrs. Nethery tried to cajole Sam out of the top-secret coleslaw recipe.

She also worked at BestLock for over 10 years and credits BestLock as where she got her signature cauliflower salad recipe from a co-worker. In retirement, Mrs. Nethery and her husband bought a farm in Scottsville, Kentucky where they enjoyed many years. They quickly made close friends at their church in Bowling Green, enjoyed summer visits with their 12 grandkids and hosted the Nethery Family "goat roping" every Labor Day weekend.

They returned to Hamilton County in 2000 and their home quickly became headquarters for Saturday morning drop-in family breakfasts featuring Mrs. Nethery's biscuits and gravy and endless pots of coffee. She enjoyed these Saturday mornings in her recliner, catching up on family news, discussing recipes as well as the latest diet she would be starting on Monday. Mrs. Nethery was a treasured wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and close friend to many. She will be dearly missed, but God has called her home.

Survivors include her five children William Alan (Rachel) Nethery, Kathy Lynn Harvey, Thomas Lee (Teena) Nethery, Timothy Joseph (Arlene) Nethery and Terry Dale (Nancy) Nethery; 12 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 74 years, Ralph W. Nethery; sister Faye Warren; cousin Wayne Martin; and step-mother Sylvia Linthicum.

Services are scheduled to be held at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan Street, in Noblesville on Friday, July 8 at 2 p.m. with Pastor Bill Chapman officiating. Visitation is scheduled to run from noon until the time of service. Burial will follow the service at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Tupelo Children's Mansion (mansionkids.org); or to the 2022 Walk to End Alzheimer's Heartland: Team C & N (act.alz.org).

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

Meeting Notice

Noblesville Fire-fighter Pension Board

The City of Noblesville Firefighter Pension Board will meet in Executive Session at 9 a.m. on Friday, July 8, 2022 at the Noblesville Professional Fire Fighters International Association of Fire Fighters Local 4416 union hall, 399 South 14th Street. The Executive Session will be held pursuant to

IC 5-14-1.5-6.1 (b)(2)(B); (6) and (7), for discussion of strategy with respect to initiation of litigation or litigation that is either pending or has been threatened specifically in writing; with respect to any individual over whom the governing body has jurisdiction; and for discussion of records classified as confidential by state or federal statute.

A public meeting will follow in the same location at 10:30 a.m.

Charles "Charlie" Jones Jr.

March 5, 1938 - July 4, 2022

Charles "Charlie" Jones Jr., 84, of Noblesville, passed away on Monday, July 4, 2022 at Majestic Care of Carmel.

He was born on March 5, 1938 to Sam and Pauline (Field) Sublett in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Mr. Jones proudly served his country in the United States Air Force. He retired from the Noblesville Police Department. He organized bowling tournaments that raised money for Prevail. Mr. Jones enjoyed camping, fishing, and going to the casino. He also liked watching wrestling and playing pool.

Survivors include his wife Sheila Kay Jones; five children Regina (Michael) Mack, Mark (Melinda) Jones, Alicia Jones, David Jones and Brandon (Heather) Jones; brother Sam Sublett; sister Joan Sublett; as well as several grandchildren & great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister Barbara Sublett.

Visitation is scheduled to be held from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday, July 10, 2022 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, in Noblesville. Services are scheduled to be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, July 11, 2022 at the funeral home, with Pastor Phil Tate officiating. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Prevail, Inc., Attn: Donations, 1100 South 9th Street, Suite 100, Noblesville, IN 46060 (www.prevailinc.com).

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

Thomas Lee Stelhorn

August 10, 1941 - June 22, 2022

Thomas Lee Stelhorn, 80 of Westfield, Indiana, peacefully passed away on June 22, 2022, in his daughter's home with his loving family by his side.

He was born on August 10, 1941, in Indianapolis, Indiana to Norville Stelhorn and Mary (Parkis) Hart.

Mr. Stelhorn graduated from North Central High School and was a member of ROTC for 3 years. He worked most of his life as a pressman, then supervisor for The Indianapolis Star News and retired in 2021 from the Westfield Washington Schools Transportation System as a bus driver.

He met his wife, Lynda Lee (Campbell) Stelhorn on a blind date. They were married in North Tacoma Christian Church and were married for 30 years. Throughout his marriage, he was a member of The Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses. He was also a member of the American Legion in Sheridan, Indiana.

Mr. Stelhorn enjoyed racing, visiting the casino, loved going out to eat, singing karaoke, traveling but most of all, spending time with his loved ones, especially his grandchildren.

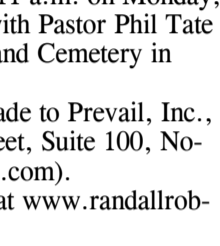
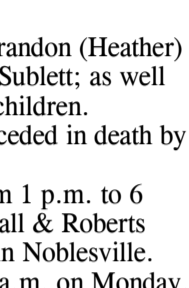
Survivors include his daughter Christina Lynn (Bobby) Smock; five grandchildren Dylan, Michael, Robert (Victoria), Emily and Jeffrey (Morgan) McConnell; two great-grandchildren Hayden and Amira; and four grandchildren through his daughter's marriage, Savannah, Olivia, Isaiah and Noah.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his beloved wife Lynda; stepfathers Don Norwalt and Paul Hart; father-in-law Frank T. Campbell; and mother-in-law Thelma C. Campbell.

Visitation is scheduled to run from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., with a memorial service scheduled to begin at 2 p.m., on Saturday, July 2, 2022, at Hamilton Memorial Park-Washington Park Cemetery, 4180 Westfield Road, Westfield, Indiana.

The family would appreciate any memorial contributions be made to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Eric M.D. Bell Funeral Home and Cremation Services.



Wayne C. Mosbaugh

March 20, 1944 - June 27, 2022

Wayne C. Mosbaugh, age 78 of Elwood and formerly of Hamilton County, passed away on Monday, June 27, 2022 at his home following a pulmonary illness but a great, full life.

He was born March 20, 1944 in Elwood, the son of Richard and Marian (Carpenter) Mosbaugh.

Mr. Mosbaugh was a 1962 graduate of Walnut Grove High School and a 1965 graduate of Indiana College of Mortuary Science in Indianapolis. He began a lifelong career as a funeral director at Copher & Fesler Funeral Home on August 24, 1963 and was a vital part of the firm's success for over 55 years. He was a licensed funeral director and E.M.T. who cared for thousands of local families during his career. Mr. Mosbaugh was raised in the Aroma United Methodist Church; a life member of the Elwood Elks Lodge #368; and active member of the Madison County Funeral Directors Association.

His passion was fishing, and he enjoyed nothing more than spending the day in Linton fishing with friends through the years. He and his best friend, Butch, could catch more fish in one day than most people could catch in a week. Mr. Mosbaugh was a car enthusiast and especially loved watching auto auctions on TV. He formerly enjoyed 4-Wheel Drive Jeep trips all over the area with some of his best friends. He also enjoyed cruising in his red Corvette convertible in recent years. Mr. Mosbaugh had a wonderful sense of humor, never knew a stranger, and had an infectious laugh that would light up a room. Words cannot express how much he will be missed by his family and friends.

Survivors include his special caregiver and granddaughter Brooke Mosbaugh (fiance' Cian Rice) of Elwood; former wife Denise Mosbaugh of Elwood; son Dwayne L. Mosbaugh of Elwood; four grandchildren Hannah Mosbaugh, Raleigh Mac Mosbaugh, Ethan Mosbaugh and Roman Mosbaugh; two sisters-in-law Marie Mosbaugh and Dawn Mosbaugh; two nieces Heidi Puckett and Sarah Robinson; nephew Jeff (Brandi) Mosbaugh; two great-nephews Brantley Mosbaugh and Blake Mosbaugh; special friends Corey and Sonya May, Chris and Carrie Arbuckle, Tom and Martha Bennett, Jim and Sherry Rebeck, Marcia Goings, Mark Genda and all his funeral home family.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son Brett H. Mosbaugh; two brothers Richard "Dick" Mosbaugh and Lynn Mosbaugh; step-father Joe Ebert; niece Laura Savage; and best friend Butch Goings.

Per Mr. Mosbaugh's wishes, a memorial visitation and gathering is scheduled to take place from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 7, 2022 at Copher-Fesler-May Funeral Home. Burial will take place at a later date in the Elwood City Cemetery.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Heart of Hoosierland Humane Society through the funeral home.

Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.copherfeslermay.com.

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Gov. Holcomb Makes Appointments to Various Boards and Commissions

Governor Eric J. Holcomb yesterday announced several appointments to various state boards and commissions.

Indiana Semiquincentennial Commission
The governor made several appointments to the new commission, who

will serve at the pleasure of the governor, including

- Joseph Wilttrout (Noblesville), representing the Crossroads of America Council of the Boy Scouts of America
- Bruce Kolb (Fishers), representing Civil War reenactors
- Danielle Shockey

(Carmel), representing the Girl Scouts of Central Indiana

Civil Rights Commission
The governor made one reappointments to the commission, who will serve until June 30, 2026:

- Steven Ramos (Fishers), CEO/President LeafSpring School



Photo courtesy of the Noblesville Lions

Noblesville Lions Supporting Our Colors

The Noblesville Lions participated in the Noblesville parade Monday, and showed their pride in our Nation. The group of Lions were led by Lion mascot, Stanley!

Lt. Gov. Crouch, IHCD Announce Statewide Legal Services With IBF

Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch and The Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCD) are pleased to partner with the Indiana Bar Foundation, Inc. (IBF) to provide legal services for Hoosiers facing eviction. IBF responded to a request for proposal (RFP) and was awarded \$13.1 million to provide legal services to Hoosier renters regarding eviction prevention and services.

In Indiana, eviction filings are a civil matter, where parties must provide their own counsel. This partnership endeavors to provide eligible low-income Hoosiers facing eviction, in all 92 counties, with the opportunity to access legal services and counsel.

"This partnership furthers IHCD's mission of preventing homelessness and promoting housing stability," Crouch said. "I'm proud of the collaboration happening between IHCD and IBF, and I hope the partnership will better the lives of Hoosiers."

"IHCD is pleased to participate in this first-of-a-kind partnership with IBF to enable renters to access navigation and legal services in courts across Indiana," said Jacob Sipe, Executive Director of

IHCD. "IHCD sees this as a natural extension of our partner network to assist Hoosier renters in understanding and exercising their rights and responsibilities as tenants."

IBF has assembled a network of legal providers that will provide free legal services to Hoosier renters. IBF's network includes trusted legal service providers throughout Indiana including:

- Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Inc.
- Indiana Legal Services, Inc.
- Indianapolis Legal Aid Society, Inc.
- Legal Aid Corporation of Tippecanoe County
- Legal Aid Society of Evansville, Inc.
- Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic
- Pro Bono Indiana, Inc.

IBF's provider network will assist with navigation services and host legal clinics across the state. This is in addition to the provision of in-court representation at eviction hearings. Later this year, legal kiosks will be installed in public spaces such as libraries and courthouses across the state. These kiosks will include computers and printers to assist renters in utilizing self-help legal



Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch

resources and connecting with legal navigation services. These kiosks are provided through the legal services grant provided by IHCD and managed by IBF.

"The Indiana Bar Foundation appreciates this opportunity to work with IHCD and our statewide legal provider network to expand access to civil legal services and legal information," said IBF President & CEO Charles Dunlap. "This historic investment will deliver crucial housing stability civil legal services to Hoosiers who need help through dozens of new legal aid attorneys, non-attorney legal navigators and the deployment of 120 housing information legal kiosks around the state."

To find a clinic or legal help in your area or for more information on the kiosks, visit <https://indianalegalhelp.org/>.

Farmer Sentiment Remains Low, Crop Producers Contemplating Acreage Shifts for Next Year

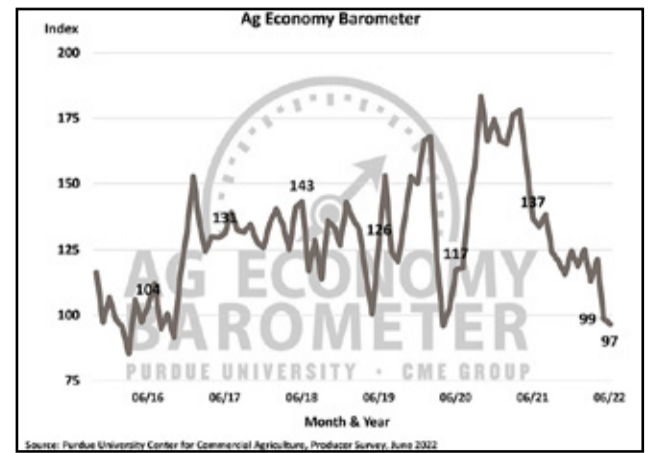
The Purdue University/CME Group Ag Economy Barometer continued to slide in June, down 2 points to a reading of 97. Producers' expectations for the future also weakened. The Index of Future Expectations fell 5 points to a reading of 96, marking the lowest level for the index since October 2016. Meanwhile, producers were slightly more optimistic regarding current conditions; the Index of Current Conditions improved 5 points to a reading of 99. The Ag Economy Barometer is calculated each month from 400 U.S. agricultural producers' responses to a telephone survey. This month's survey was conducted June 13-17.

"Rising input costs and uncertainty about the future continue to weigh on farmer sentiment," said James Mintert, the barometer's principal investigator and director of Purdue University's Center for Commercial Agriculture. "Many producers remain concerned about the ongoing escalation in production costs as well as commodity price volatility, which could lead to a production cost/income squeeze in 2023."

The Farm Financial Performance Index, which is primarily reflective of income expectations for the current year, improved 2 points to a reading of 83 in June, yet remains at one of the index's lowest readings over the past two years. When asked about expectations for their farm's financial condition in June 2023 compared to June 2022, 51% of survey respondents said they expect their farms to be worse off financially a year from now. This is the most negative response received to this question since data collection began in 2015.

For the second month in a row, the Farm Capital Investment Index held at a record low of 35, as producers continue to say now is not a good time to make large investments in their farm operation. Supply chain issues continue to frustrate farmers. In May and June, 50% of producers said that tight machinery inventories were impacting their farm machinery purchase plans.

The top concerns for producers in the upcoming year continue to be input



Graphic by James Mintert courtesy of Purdue/CME Group

Farmer sentiment remains weak as crop producers contemplate acreage shifts in 2023

prices (43%), followed by input availability (21%), government policies (18%), and lower output prices (17%). Looking ahead to 2023, a majority of farmers expect to see another round of large input cost increases, with 63% of producers expecting higher costs in 2023, on top of the large increases experienced in 2022. Nearly four out of 10 farmers expect input prices to rise by 10% or more next year when compared to 2022; only one out of 10 producers expect input prices in 2023 to fall below 2022's prices. Producers also expect inflation to push up the cost of living for farm families in the year ahead. Seven out of 10 survey respondents said they expect the rate of inflation for consumer items to be 6% or higher over the next year, and 35% of respondents said they expect the inflation rate to exceed 10%.

When asked about their cropping plans for the upcoming year, one out of five (19%) of crop producers said they intend to change their crop mix in the upcoming year in response to rising input costs. Among those who plan to shift their crop mix, almost half of the respondents (46%) said the biggest change will be to devote a higher percentage of their acreage to soybeans. Twenty-six percent of those planning a crop mix change said the biggest change would be to devote more of their farm to wheat production, while 21% of respondents said they would shift to planting more corn.

Although both farmland value indices remain at strong levels, producers were noticeably less confident that farmland values will continue to rise than they were last fall. The Short-Term Farmland Value Expectations

Index dropped 9 points to a reading of 136 in June, while the Long-Term Farmland Value Expectations Index dropped 8 points to a reading of 141. The short- and long-term farmland indices are down 13% and 12%, respectively, from the highs posted in fall of 2021.

This month's survey also asked farmers who planted corn or soybeans in 2022 about their expectations for farmland cash rental rates in 2023. Over half (52%) of respondents said they expect cash rental rates to rise next year. Of those who expect rates to rise, eight out of 10 respondents said they expect rates to rise 5% or more, while four out of 10 said they expect rental rates to rise by 10% or more in 2023.

Read the full Ag Economy Barometer report at <https://ag.purdue.edu/commercialag/ageconomybarometer/>. The site also offers additional resources – such as past reports, charts and survey methodology – and a form to sign up for monthly barometer email updates and webinars.

Each month, the Purdue Center for Commercial Agriculture provides a short video analysis of the barometer results. For even more information, check out the Purdue Commercial AgCast podcast. It includes a detailed breakdown of each month's barometer, in addition to a discussion of recent agricultural news that affects farmers.

The Ag Economy Barometer, Index of Current Conditions and Index of Future Expectations are available on the Bloomberg Terminal under the following ticker symbols: AGECCUR and AGECCURR.

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- Weekday games may be scheduled based on interest or in the event of rainouts
- Single-elimination tournament played October 1st & 2nd

Where: Noblesville Babe Ruth Facility - Logan Field Forest Park, Noblesville

Who: Everyone - 7th-8th Grade and 9th-12th Grade

- 7th - 8th Grade League
- 9th - 12th Grade League
- Due to construction scheduled on Emmerson Field, Fall Ball teams and player registrations will be limited.

**** Please Note:** There will NOT be a Travel division for the 2022 Fall Ball season.

Cost: \$80 per Individual registration - \$900 per full-roster team registration

**** Note:** Credit card and processing does apply and will be added at checkout

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Former HSPA Director Thanks Rep. Goodrich

EDITOR'S NOTE: Steve Key is the retired executive director and general counsel for the Hoosier State Press Association. Each year, Mr. Key writes legislators and thanks them for the work they did this year on behalf of both the general public and the newspaper industry. This is one of the letters that went to a Hamilton County lawmaker.

Dear Rep. Goodrich:

On behalf of the Hoosier State Press Association, I'd like to thank you for your support of H.B. 1130 during the 2022 Indiana General Assembly. This is the legislation that gives the public the right to comment at public school board meetings.

It was introduced by Rep. Tim O'Brien, R-Evansville. The House initially had two other bills introduced on the right to speak at public meetings - H.B. 1080, authored by Rep. David Abbott, R-Rome City, or H.B. 1290, authored by Rep. Ryan Lauer, R-Columbus. Rep. O'Brien said there was a decision among House Republicans to move his bill, rather than the other two options.

O'Brien's bill was approved by the House Government and Regulatory Reform Committee, chaired by Rep. Doug Miller, R-Elkhart, with an 11-0 vote. The House then passed H.B. 1130 with a 93-0, including your "aye" vote. Co-authors for H.B. 1130 were Reps. Jake Teshka, R-South Bend; Steve Bartels, R-Eckerty; and Michelle Davis, R-Whiteland.

HSPA testified on the bill during its Senate Education and Career

Development Committee hearing, chaired by Sen. Jeff Raatz, R-Richmond. HSPA pointed out the bill did not include charter schools. HSPA also pointed out that the language didn't tie the right to comment to specific agenda items, which would open the door for a school board to hold comments until the end of a meeting after final action had been taken.

The Senate Committee did approve the bill, but it added a three-minute limit per person on public comment. The committee vote was 10-1. Sen. Jim Buck, R-Kokomo, was the bill's sponsor. The co-sponsors were Sens. Vaneta Becker, R-Evansville; Mark Messmer, R-Jasper; Erin Houchin, R-Salem; and John Crane, R-Avon.

A second reading amendment by Sen. Buck was approved that eliminated the three-minute limit. The Senate then passed the bill, 34-11.

O'Brien concurred and the House approved that motion, 91-1, again with your "aye" vote.

HSPA also appreciates your support of S.B. 83, which was passed after H.B. 1130 and added a couple of legislative improvements in our view. The final version added charter and virtual school boards to the provision allowing public comment. It also added language to provide that the public had the right to speak on an agenda item prior to any final action taken on that item. Both changes reflected testimony by HSPA when the Senate Education and Career Development Committee held its hearing on H.B. 1130.

S.B. 83 was authored by Sen. Jean Leising,

R-Oldenburg. The bill was filed with a drafting error, making code citation references to the Access to Public Records Act, rather than the Open Door Law. HSPA brought the error to Sen. Leising's attention and she fixed the error with an amendment during the bill's hearing before the Senate Education and Career Development Committee hearing, chaired by Sen. Jeff Raatz, R-Richmond.

Rather than testify on the technical correction, HSPA's testimony turned into an explanation of an amendment offered by Sen. Linda Rogers, R-Granger, that involved three separate sections of the Open Door Law. While Sen. Rogers' amendment died with a tie vote, the bill was passed, 8-4. The committee discussion led to a 2nd reading amendment that HSPA supported clarifying that executive sessions would not be subject to public comment. S.B. 83 was passed by the Senate, 45-4. The co-authors were Sens. Veneta Becker, R-Evansville; and Kyle Walker, R-Indianapolis.

HSPA testified for the bill during its hearing before the House Education Committee, chaired by Rep. Bob Behning, R-Indianapolis, who also was the bill's sponsor. HSPA did suggest a change to allow public comments be tied to specific agenda items to avoid a school board putting public comments at the end of a meeting after final actions had been taken. The bill was held a week for an amendment to be prepared to improve the bill.

Rep. Behning said he was working with Rep. Vernon Smith, D-Gary,

on the amendment. Rep. Smith gave Legislative Services Agency permission to share the draft with HSPA. HSPA suggested a change so that citizens would not be limited to only three minutes to speak during a school board meeting. The committee pared the bill down to allowing public comment in public school board meetings with no time limits. This version passed 10-0.

On the House floor, Rep. Ed Delaney, D-Indianapolis, successfully amended the bill to add charter and virtual school board to the public comment right. The bill was then passed by the House, 94-0 with your "aye" vote. The House co-sponsors were Rep. Tim O'Brien, R-Evansville; and J.D. Prescott, R-Union City.

Sen. Leising did file a dissent, but the conference committee report primarily aligned the bill with previously passed H.B. 1130. The conference committee report was approved by the Senate, 39-11, and the House, 93-0 with your positive vote.

On a personal note, the 2022 Indiana General Assembly marked the 30th session that I worked for HSPA and my last as executive director and general counsel. It's been a privilege for me to work with the state's legislators and I fully appreciate the hard work that the legislature performs.

As my role and life changes, I want to wish you all the best in your future.

Respectfully,
Stephen Key
Executive Director and
General Counsel

USDA Rural Development Build America, Buy America Waiver Posted for Public Comment



On November 15, 2021, President Joseph R. Biden Jr. signed into law the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act ("IIJA"), Pub. L. No. 117-58, which includes the Build America, Buy America Act ("the Act"). Pub. L. No. 117-58, §§ 70901-52. The Act strengthens Made in America Laws and will bolster America's industrial base, protect national security, and support high-paying jobs.

On April 18, 2022, the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) Made in America Office released its guidance for implementing the BABA Act (M-22-11)

This message is to inform the public that USDA Rural Development is seeking a public interest waiver to allow additional time to implement BABA pursuant to OMB's guidance and the Act. The waiver is available for review here on USDA's Buy American web site.

Interested persons are invited to submit comments on this proposed adjustment period public interest waiver. To receive consideration, comments must be submitted through email at sm.OFCFO.ffac@usda.gov by 5:30 pm Eastern Time, July 18, 2022.

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Noblesville Celebrates Independence Day



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Noblesville's Mark Jones, who always roller skates dressed as Uncle Sam in the Noblesville July 4 Parade, wears a black sash, with his dad's Noblesville Police badge, with a black elastic ribbon over it, in honor of Charlie Jones, who died on the morning of July 4. Read Charlie Jones' obituary in today's edition of The Times



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Noblesville's Howard Oberst drives his 1967 Chevy Camaro in the Noblesville July 4 Parade on Monday. Learn more about Howard in today's Faces of Hamilton County.



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Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen waves to parade-goers during the Noblesville July 4 Parade on Monday.



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The Noblesville July 4th Parade, sponsored by Gay-Lor Electric, begins on 16th Street in Noblesville on Monday.



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Noblesville High School Marching Millers perform during the Noblesville July 4 Parade on Monday.



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Hamilton County veterans float represents the raising of the flag on the USS Suribachi during World War II and is always in every Noblesville parade.



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Parade-goers watch the Noblesville July 4 Parade along 16th Street.



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Noblesville Police Department's Sparky waves at kids in the Noblesville July 4 Parade.



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Hamilton County Theatre Guild's Belfry Theatre, during the Noblesville July 4 Parade, promotes its Apprentice Players' summer youth production of "Frozen Jr.," July 28-31 at The Ivy Tech Auditorium in Noblesville.



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Noblesville Lions Club members give out candy to parade-goers during the Noblesville July 4 Parade on Monday.

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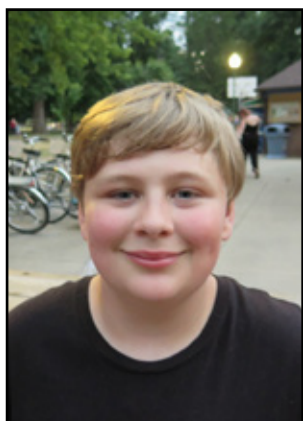
climbed the rock wall and slid down the big slide. Most fun about July 4? "Fireworks." What makes him smile? "Family," said Braxton, who was with his parents, Justin and Kelly Craig (pictured with Braxton).

Juliet Blazucki, 6, a first-grader, spent her day bicycle riding, doing pottery, got a balloon, had her face painted and enjoyed the bounce houses at the festival. Most fun about July 4? "Fireworks." What makes her smile? The daughter of Adam and Louise Blazucki (her mom owns and operates Kiln Creations), she has two sisters and one brother and her favorite animal is a cat.

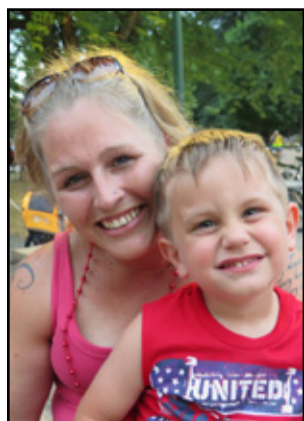
Maggie Blazucki, 8, Juliet's sister and a third-grader, said what she enjoys most about July 4 is "We have a big breakfast." What makes her smile? "On Christmas, we have a big breakfast. Also, seeing my family all together."



Grayson Crafton



Braeden Crafton



Braxton Craig (and mom Kelly)



Juliet Blazucki



Maggie Blazucki



Graham Carney



Gabriel Carney



Megan Fitzpatrick

Most fun about the Noblesville festival? "Face painting."

Graham Carney, 11, a sixth-grader at Noblesville West Middle School, enjoyed attending the festival. What

makes him smile? "My dad," said the son of Dan Carney and Laura Haven. Most fun about July

4? "The fireworks." Gabriel Carney, 13, a seventh-grader at NWMS and the brother

of Graham Carney, said he enjoyed attending the festival. What makes him smile? "Him," Gabriel said, pointing to his brother, Graham Carney.

Megan Fitzpatrick, 16, Noblesville, the daughter of Tammy and Darroll Fitzpatrick and the youngest of six siblings in her family, enjoyed July 4 cooking out, preparing some of the food, spending time with family, then attending the festival. What makes her smile? "Family and friends and my job ... and anything that involves being outside ... traveling makes me smile ... going out." Also, she has her driver's permit, has completed her 50 required hours of driving and will have her first official drive with driver education school today.

- Contact Betsy Reason at betsy@thetimes24-7.com. See photos of the Noblesville July 4 Parade in today's edition of The Times.

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tary Education, along with a minor in Psychology of Human Development, in December 2021. She is a graduate student in the Educational Psychology program, and is scheduled to complete her master's degree in July 2022. At Ball State, Ms. Pitchford has been a tutor and an executive board member of both Make-A-Wish and Hillel, a Jewish student organization.

3. Riley Sigler of Torrance, Calif.

- Host country destination—Spain
- Ms. Sigler completed a major in Theatre (Acting), and minor in Spanish, in May 2022. Her experiences during the past four years included acting, directing shows with young children through Performing Arts Workshops, producing and hosting a podcast, and serving as a teaching assistant. She intends to act and teach acting, eventually at the university level.

4. Jess Walls of Brookville, Ind.

- Host country destination—Taiwan
- Ms. Walls completed a Teaching major in English and minor in Chinese in May 2022. At



Brianna Lopez

Ball State, she was active in the Future Educators Peer Mentoring Program, Cardinal Teacher Corps, and Chinese Club. After completing her Fulbright year, Ms. Walls plans to complete a post-baccalaureate certification in teaching Mandarin as a foreign language and teach English language arts and Mandarin in Indiana schools.

Another recent graduate, Jessie Russett of Trinidad, Colo., was offered a Fulbright ETA to Poland but opted to decline. Ms. Russett is a 2009 Ball State graduate with a bachelor of arts degree in History, and 2012 graduate with a master of arts degree in Anthropology. She was one of 14 semifinalists from Ball State in this



Alexis Pitchford

year's Fulbright competition.

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2. Tall Tale. The October 1, 1923 Noblesville Daily Ledger reported that it was a "well known fact" one of Harrison's brothers was buried in a graveyard on the farm owned at that time by Arza Teter, father of stunt driver Earl "Lucky" Teter. (The farm is now the Teter Retreat and Organic Farm.)

According to biographies published in newspapers during the 1840 presidential campaign, Harrison had two brothers, both of whom were older and both of whom died in Virginia before 1810. One brother was definitely buried in Virginia. Presumably, the other one was as well.

Maybe someone confused President William Henry Harrison with early Strawtown settler, Caleb Harrison. Like the President, Caleb Harrison was a veteran of the Battle of Tippecanoe. (He's also supposed to have been a War of 1812 veteran, but I haven't verified that to my satisfaction yet.)

3. Truth. In the late

19th century and early 20th century, pearl buttons were popular, and at the height of the fad, more than one-third of all pearl buttons were made from the shells of freshwater mussels such as those found in Indiana's rivers.

After pearl fishing in the Wabash River proved profitable, attention turned to White River, but the business never really caught on here. By that time, fashions were changing and the mussel population was declining due to overfishing. The rise of plastic substitutes in later years pretty well finished off the whole pearl fishing industry.

4. Tall Tale. In the 1920s, Charles N. Thompson, president of the Indiana Society of Pioneers, made public a story passed down in the Conner family that not only Cooper, but also Washington Irving, had spent time at William Conner's home. (Thompson's wife, Julia, was John Conner's great-granddaughter.)

Thompson must have

done more research later, however, because when his book on William and John Conner, "Sons of the Wilderness," was published in 1937, he noted there was no record of Cooper ever being in Indiana.

I found no evidence Irving was here, either.

5. Tall Tale . . . but with some Truth. Early newspapers reported that Native Americans here at the time of this area's first white settlement had a source of lead somewhere in the vicinity of Cicero. This was most likely a surface deposit, however, not a mine like you're probably picturing.

The Indians kept the exact location of the lead secret, but small amounts of lead ore were discovered west of Cicero during the last decades of the 19th century.

- Paula Dunn's From Time to Thyme column appears on Wednesdays in The Times. Contact her at younggardenerfriend@gmail.com

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Beltone Hearing Care Practitioner

If you're struggling to hear, you don't just miss a few sounds here or there. New research shows that adults with hearing loss experience a 40% faster decline in cognitive abilities. This suggests that the entire brain may be struggling to fill in the gaps caused by untreated hearing loss.

Beltone Hearing Care Practitioners point to new research. "Several studies have done imaging to look at the brains of people with varying degrees of hearing loss," Beltone says.

With normal hearing, the section of the brain that's responsible for hearing lights up during imaging. But the scans reveal a different picture for a person with untreated hearing loss. Researchers found that the hearing center of the brain shrinks in age-related hearing loss. Therefore, other areas of the brain necessary for memory and thinking must take over to help compensate. That's why people with hearing loss are more fatigued at the end of the day. Your brain is having to work harder if you have untreated hearing loss.

"We want to keep you as healthy as we possibly can. And with hearing aids, you're not only taking care of your hearing and your relationships, but we have the potential, because of the auditory stimulation, to provide benefit for your brain health."

The symptoms may be obvious when you're struggling to hear your grandchild or trying hard to follow a conversation in a crowded place, but many people do not realize that even when you're home alone or in a quiet environment, your brain is still having to work harder than it should to compensate for your hearing loss.

Thankfully, research is showing that when hearing loss is detected early and treated with hearing aids, the brain can reorganize itself back to its usual operation. This research may help explain the link between hearing loss, cognitive decline and memory loss.

Beltone Hearing Care Practitioners say "We want to keep you as healthy as we possibly can. With hearing aids, you're not only taking care of your hearing and your relationships, but we have the potential, because of the auditory stimulation, to provide benefit for your brain health. Hearing loss is not just about your ears. A lot of people tell us that they 'get by just fine', but we remind them that they need to think beyond communication and instead think in terms of overall health."



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While many folks shop for the lowest price for hearing aids, it is highly recommended to shop for the best healthcare professional that you feel comfortable with to ensure your satisfaction and success.

"Think of your hearing in terms of the whole package. If you needed knee surgery, would you shop for the cheapest implant or the most qualified and experienced surgeon to provide the best product, outcome and follow-up care?"

You will be satisfied not when you pay the lowest price but when you get the best overall value for your investment, which is why at Beltone we are professional hearing care specialists that offer the most advanced hearing technology and service.

We pull from over 80 years of hearing healthcare experience and expertise to truly customize options to each individual budget and lifestyle.

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"We come at hearing in terms of overall health. We want to build a relationship with you throughout your life. We understand the emotional and financial investment involved, which is why our goal is to keep you hearing your best for as long as we possibly can," Beltone says.

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TIME TO TAKE YOUR HEARING HEALTH SERIOUSLY

Hearing may be the most underappreciated of the five senses. If you can't see well, of course, you'll visit a licensed eye doctor to get glasses or contacts to correct your vision. But, in this day and age, people are still hesitant to see a hearing care specialist, professionals that are highly trained to treat hearing loss.

"The reasons are endless," says Beltone. "Many of us don't think we're old enough to need hearing aids, or we worry they'll make us look older. Some of us don't think our hearing loss is bad enough to need help, or we're worried about the cost."

The fact is that even a mild hearing loss may be affecting your brain function, your sense of

balance and your relationships with family and friends.

"Hearing loss is hard on relationships."

You may think the simple solution is to just turn the TV louder or ask your kids or grandkids to speak up, but even a mild hearing loss can affect you in countless ways. If your hearing is at all impaired, your brain has to work harder, trying to make out words and sounds. A hearing loss can make it harder to interact in social situations, to spend time with family, or to be productive at work. Research has linked untreated hearing loss with cognitive decline, dementia and an increased risk of falls.

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