

➤ TODAY'S VERSE

Isaiah 54:17 No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD.



➤ FACES OF HAMILTON COUNTY

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What makes Laylah Scheiter smile? "My family," said the 9-year-old Noblesville resident, who'll be a fourth-grader this fall at Hinkle Creek Elementary School. She is the daughter of Jamie and Josh Scheiter and is among eight siblings. She's a first-year Hamilton County 4-H'er and was found volunteering at her H&H 4-H Club's candy booth at the Hamilton County 4-H Fair, which culminates tonight with a livestock auction. Favorite projects? Photography and Cake Decorating, for which she earned blue ribbons. She made a heart cake using "huge hearts" and stars. What she learned from Cake Decorating? "How to use stuff when I'm decorating stuff." She volunteered at her club's Fair booth with her mom and siblings, Lucy, 9, and Brayden, 12. Being that the booth is in the heat of the day every day during the fair, they always have to choose candy that doesn't melt, like Sour Patch, Airheads, Push Pops, Pixie Sticks and more. Where does the money go? "It goes to the club, and some of it goes to what we sell." She said sometimes the Club does fun activities with the money raised at the fair, including visiting Urban Air Trampoline and Adventure Park in Noblesville. Favorite food at the 4-H Fair? "Grilled cheese." Why did she join 4-H? "I joined 4-H because it looks fun, and people are nice to you."

And Another Thing...

Indiana Republican Sen. Mike Braun proposed a balanced budget plan recently. The Braun Budget was a comprehensive federal budget plan designed to throw the brakes on out-of-control government spending, fight inflation by balancing our federal budget and unleash American prosperity and energy independence. However, the Democrat-controlled Senate killed it by a 65-34 vote. Braun had this to say: "Today I forced the Senate to vote on a balanced budget. My budget would make the Trump tax cuts permanent, unleash American energy independence, fight Biden's inflation crisis, and provide the most robust national defense of any plan out there. Sadly, the majority of the Senate voted to raise taxes, weaken our national security, and keep driving our nation into bankruptcy."

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Noblesville Farmers Market is open 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays at Federal Hill Commons in downtown Noblesville.

'Willy Wonka,' Beatles Tribute, Stella Luna, Movies, Symphony, More



BETSY REASON
The Times Editor

Stone Soup Children's Musical Theater production of "Willy Wonka Jr.," Symphony on the Prairie with John Williams'

blockbusters, Stella Luna and The Satellites at Cool Creek Park, "Encanto" and "Parent Trap" movies, and a Beatles tribute band are all on the schedule for this weekend.

Here, we offer our Times readers 20 things to do this weekend and beyond:

1. Enjoy Stone Soup Children's Musical Theater's summer youth production of "Willy Wonka Jr." at 7 p.m. today and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday at Noblesville High School Auditorium with director Joey Murello and assistant directors Abby Pittman and Daniel Huber. Tickets are \$15 and available on eventbrite.com.

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Arrowood Talks Back to School Planning



DR. DEREK ARROWOOD
HHSC Superintendent



School is right around the corner with a full slate of activities the week leading up to the first day of school on Tuesday, Aug. 9. Freshman Orientation is set for Tuesday, Aug. 2 from 10-2 p.m. HHMS Connect Day is Wednesday, Aug. 3 from 12-6 p.m., MacBook Pick Up for Returning Students (grades 10-12) is on Thursday, Aug. 4 from 1-6 p.m., and the Back-to-School Open House at HHES takes place on Sunday, Aug. 7

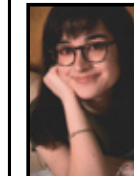
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Stars of 4-H Katelyn Schlotter 10-Year Member



A ten year member of Forest Hill, Katelyn Schlotter is the daughter of Chad and Jennifer Schlotter. Katelyn enjoyed Floriculture, Gift Wrap, Rabbits, Shooting Sports, Sewing, Veterinary Science, and Wildlife. She exhibited Floriculture and Veterinary Science at the state fair. Katelyn will graduate from Noblesville High School with an Academic Honors Diploma. She was a student leader of the ASL Club. Katelyn will play soccer and study elementary education at Marian University.

Stars of 4-H Julianne Stewart 10-Year Member



Julianne Stewart is the daughter of John and Suzanne Stewart and a ten year member of Harey Hoppers. Julianne is very active with Drama Club and class productions at Hamilton Heights High School. She enjoys being behind the scenes as a stage manager. Julianne also performs in the choir and plays the piano. She will attend Ivy Tech to study writing for film.

Stars of 4-H Elli Rich 10-Year Member



A ten year member of Carmel 4-C's, Elli Rich is the daughter of Doug and Beth Rich. Elli participated in Creative Writing, Construction Sets, and Dog Obedience and Agility. She frequently subbed in as secretary at her local 4-H meetings. Her final year she served as vice president for Carmel 4-C's. Elli was a member of National Honor Society, House, Cru, and Avid Council at Carmel High School. She is currently employed at Crew Carwash. Elli plans to study education.

Stars of 4-H Ella Pickett 10-Year Member



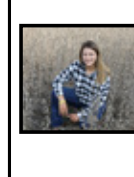
Ella Pickett is the daughter of Jason and Melanie Pickett. She is a ten year member of Llana Trekkers. Her projects include Junior Leaders, Meat Cuts, Photography, and ten years of Llans and Pygmy Goats. Ella earned many champions, four Reserve Grand Champions for showmanship, and Grand Champion Performance. Ella shows Bantam locally, at the Indiana State Fair, and nationally, and has been named National Grand Champion Showman several years in a row. She was a member of National Honor Society and a varsity cheerleader at Westfield High School. Ella graduated from Westfield High School with an Academic Honors Diploma. She plans to study nursing at Indiana University.

Stars of 4-H Cole Weibel 10-Year Member



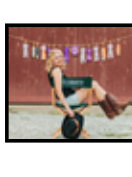
A ten year member of Walnut Lassies & Laddies, Cole Weibel is the son of Doug and Nicole Weibel. Cole has been successful in the horse arena and the swine ring, but his two most special memories include winning Reserve Grand Champion Supreme Showman and showing in the Indiana State Fair Grand Drive with his Champion Yorkshire Barrow. Cole was a National Honor Society member, vice president of his FFA chapter, and lettered in football and basketball at Sheridan High School. He will attend Iowa State University to study agricultural systems technology.

Stars of 4-H Claire Rulon 10-Year Member



A ten year member of Heartland 4-H'ers, Claire Rulon is the daughter of Rodney and Tasha Rulon. She has held many offices in her club, helped at lots of events, and served as a Pork Ambassador. Claire has earned Grand Champions in Corn, Soybeans, and Model Tractor Pull. She is vice president of Heartland 4-H'ers and was a member of FFA. Chair is a ten year member of the Target Busters Shotgun team. She plans to study nursing with a focus in neurology. Chair is currently working on her CNA.

Stars of 4-H Chloe Rumble 10-Year Member



Daughter of Kevin and Jenny Rumble, Chloe Rumble is a ten year member of Friends Forever. Chloe's favorite projects are Arts & Crafts and Cake Decorating. Chloe served as club president, vice president, activity leader, and set up and tear down crew. She completed close to 90 projects and received the 2020 4-H Outstanding Achievement Award. Chloe had wonderful mentors who have taken time to show her their craft. 4-H has made a huge impact on her life and equipped her with many skills that she will be able to carry on for years to come. Chloe attended J. Everett Light Career Center for cosmetology school and was awarded the Torch Bearer Award. Chloe is a licensed cosmetologist and she works at Cloud 9 Spa and Hair Design.

Stars of 4-H Caleb Reynolds 10-Year Member



Caleb Reynolds is the son of Jason and Sasha Reynolds and a ten year member of Jackson Hotshots. Caleb has a long list of projects, including Arts & Crafts, Beef, Crops, Junior Leaders, Model Tractor Pull, Sheep, Small Engines, Swine, Tractor Maintenance, Woodworking, and many disciplines of Shooting Sports. He also served as a Pork Ambassador. Caleb is a graduate of Hamilton Heights High School and will attend Lineman School in the fall.

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➤ HONEST HOOSIER

After much hand-wringing, the new firearms carry law hasn't been as big an issue as we were told it would be.



➤ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Do the exercise that you enjoy the most.

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

"The best thing to hold onto in life is each other."

- Audrey Hepburn

➤ TODAY'S JOKE

Hey Zoey, what did the bread do on summer vacation?
Gee Grandpa, I don't know, what?
Just loafed around!

➤ OBITUARIES

Lawrence 'Larry' M. Kehoe

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



⇒ OBITUARIES

Lawrence 'Larry' M. Kehoe

July 6, 1964 - July 18, 2022

Lawrence 'Larry' M. Kehoe, 58, of Carmel, IN, passed away on July 18, 2022 at home, surrounded by his loving family, after a short and brutal battle with cancer, during which he showed his lifelong qualities of bravery and fearlessness.

He was born on July 6, 1964 to Lawrence and Rose Kehoe in Rockaway Township, NJ.

Mr. Kehoe graduated from Morris Knolls High School in 1982. He worked in Quality Control at Howmet Austenal in Dover, NJ. In 1988, he joined the rest of his family in Indianapolis, IN, where they moved the previous year.

Mr. Kehoe studied political science and economics at Indiana University and graduated with an honors degree in 1993. He worked in the insurance industry for 20 years specializing in casualty claims and overseeing third party adjustment of large retention programs. The St Paul, Boy Scouts of America, and Indiana Lumbermens Mutual benefited from his keen mind. He was passionate about his work and loved what he did for a living, no matter what that was. Mr. Kehoe was always admired by his coworkers and clients, no matter the job.

Since 1994, he was happily married to the former Christy Korson and they had two beautiful children, Aidan and Moira. The couple moved from Denver, CO where their children were born to Dallas, TX, and finally back to Indiana in 2001.

Mr. Kehoe loved politics, local and federal. He loved spending time with his friends and his kids. He loved the Indianapolis Colts, where he and Christy were season ticket holders for many years. He had interest in everything going on around him and a wonderful way of staying in touch with people - friends and family from childhood, high school, college, Denver and Dallas. Mr. Kehoe was a true example of what hard work and perseverance could do.

In his own words, he said: "I'm very lucky to have been married to and been with Christy for over 30 years. She's got a great sense of humor and is my rock. We have two great kids who might make us crazy sometimes but whenever we need them, they are always right there. I've had a great life with friends....I also had the best parents, sisters and brother anyone could have. My Grandparents, aunts and uncles and so many cousins of all levels have all been great examples and friends to learn from and have fun with. I just have to reiterate how lucky I've been. I've had a full life."

Survivors include his beloved wife, Christy; two children Aidan and Moira; parents Lawrence and Rose Kehoe; two sisters Laura and Joanne (Michael Beck); brother, John (Rebecca); many nieces and nephews, friends, in-laws and extended family, in New Jersey and Indiana and all over the country.

Visitation are scheduled to be held on Sunday, July 24, 2022 from 2-5 p.m. with a rosary at 4:45 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville, IN. Funeral Mass is scheduled to be held at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 10655 Haverstick Road, Carmel, IN, on Monday, July 25 at 10:30 a.m., with a luncheon reception for all attendees immediately following. Interment will be at a later date.

The family requests that contributions in Larry's memory be made to Little Sisters of the Poor St. Augustine House (Indianapolis) or Indianapolis Ten Point Coalition as these were two charities which he greatly admired and supported.

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



600 Words To The Wise!



DICK WOLFSIE
Funny Bone

MONDAY: People sometimes ask me if I can finish a column in one sitting (like I do with Denny's Grand Slam breakfast) or if I dabble with it, like my wife's spinach soufflé. I've used both methods, but the pressure of completing a story in one day has taken its toll. I'm not as young or as creative as I used to be. My column can be no more than 600 words each week, so if I take Sundays off and divide by six days, I'd have to write exactly 100 words a day. Which means that I'm done today.

TUESDAY: I've been wrestling with whether I am going to count the day of the week at the begin-

ning of the paragraph as part of the exactly 100 words I am going to write each day. I've just decided that I will, because it gives me one less word to write and I am always looking for some new opportunity to skip on work. As you can tell, I still haven't decided what the column is really about this week, but I believe a funny idea is about to emerge any second. Heck, who cares? I'm finished. Time for lunch.

WEDNESDAY: Okay, here's my idea for this week's humor column. One of the medications I am now taking lists a major side effect as belching. When I was a kid, that would be the kind of drug we would have all been hooked on because there is nothing funnier than belching in class when you are seven years old. And then I realized how bizarre it would be if I took an overdose of that medication as an adult and had to go on TV. But here's the funniest part: uh oh, sorry. I'm out of words. Have a nice...

THURSDAY: Not sure

about that belching idea. Seems awfully sophomoric. Here's a topic possibility: I can't sit at the computer and write my weekly column if there are dirty dishes in the kitchen sink. Or if my bed isn't made. (Nah, that's just too weird, even for me.) Wait, how about this: my spice rack in the kitchen is arranged alphabetically and I couldn't fall asleep last night because I didn't know if should put the garlic salt under G or S. I could develop that into a column, but why would I? It's quitting time. 100 words. Exactly. Really.

FRIDAY: Thank goodness it's Friday. I could have said TGIF, but why save words? I'm liking the idea of spreading the writing out each day. The only downside is that this may be the worst column I've ever written. But it will be exactly 600 words, and accuracy is very important. Occasionally one of the newspaper's editors gets a little touchy about some obscure grammatical point and next thing you know my intentional triple-negative is gone. So

please, editors, don't not not change this sentence, because it will mess up my count. Otherwise, this is another perfect 100 words. Yup.

SATURDAY: My column is almost complete for this week. While you might question why any legitimate newspaper would print this drivel, a few readers may think this is a clear work of creative genius. That's the wonderful thing about humor: it's so subjective. Of course, the truth is I didn't write about anything of substance this week because I never sat down long enough to have one good idea. I was so obsessed with how long each paragraph would be, I forgot to put in any funny lines. So what? This is my final 100. Take my word for it.

Dick Wolfsie spent his career sharing his humor, stories and video essays on television, radio and in newspapers. His columns appear weekly in The Times of Noblesville. E-mail Dick at Wolfsie@aol.com.



Photo courtesy of the Sheridan Rotary Club

Sheridan Rotary Hosts Scholarship Recipient as Guest

Sheridan Rotary members welcomed special guest Kali Baker to their meeting this past Tuesday evening. Kali just graduated from the Sheridan Community School Corporation and was the recipient of the annual Sheridan Rotary Club's scholarship award. Kali will be continuing her education at Purdue University this fall. She is leaning towards a major in business. Sheridan Rotary offers its congratulations to Kali and continued success in her life. Pictured with Kali is Sheridan Rotary President Steve Martin.

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Indiana State Lawmakers Propose Abortion Ban with Narrow Exceptions

By Casey Smith
Indiana’s Republican supermajority will seek to ban virtually all abortions in the state, only leaving narrow exceptions for rape, incest and the life of the mother.

A bill unveiled by Senate Republican leadership Wednesday would not allow a grace-period for women seeking an abortion after conception.

Sen. Sue Glick, R-La-Grange, said the bill won’t impact treatment of miscarriages, ectopic pregnancies, or fatal fetal anomalies. The procedure would be allowed in instances of rape, but only until 20 weeks of gestation, as outlined in current state law.

The bill would not limit access to the “morning after” pill or any forms of contraception. Current Indiana law makes it a felony for a doctor to perform an illegal abortion and under the bill most abortions would be illegal. There are no criminal penalties for women who seek abortions in the bill.

Glick — a more moderate member of the caucus — will carry the bill.

“We are not here to criminalize women, we are here to support mothers and help them bring happy and healthy babies to term,” she said. “We in the pro-life movement have long believed in exceptions to abortion restrictions for the life of the mother, and that is reflected in our legislation. In addition, we recognize there are heartbreaking cases where, because of violence committed against women and young

girls, providing some additional exceptions is necessary. That’s why the legislation we are introducing provides exceptions for cases of rape and incest, which I believe a majority of Hoosiers support.”

While 13 states had “trigger bans” to criminalize abortion when the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, Indiana is one of the first to see legislative debate on abortion restrictions since the Dobbs decision.

Indiana currently allows abortions up to 20 weeks of gestation. If the bill is enacted, the state will have one of the most restrictive abortion laws in the nation. Oklahoma and Missouri ban abortion at conception and the only exception is for the life of the mother.

Senate President Pro Tem Rodric Bray, R-Martinsville, said the legislation will be debated at the Statehouse starting Monday. That’s when a special legislative session begins in earnest.

Lawmakers will have to finalize their bills by August 14, in accordance with state law.

What Republicans proposed

Under the proposal, surgical abortions could only be done in hospitals or standalone ambulatory surgical centers. Just medication abortions would be permitted in other licensed facilities.

Women who were victims of incest or rape would not be required to go to the police in order to undergo the procedure, but they would have to

provide the physician with an affidavit, signed under penalties of perjury, attesting to the abuse, according to the bill.

Bray announced a second proposed spending bill Wednesday that will address the needs of post-Roe parents denied an abortion, while strongly encouraging adoption.

He said a \$50 million “initial” investment will go to four state agencies, who may award the monies to programs that support health pregnancies and families.

“We want to work with young people ... and give them the opportunity to prevent conception in such a way that’s scientific, and that’s safe,” Glick said. “We want to make as many avenues available ... to make sure they’re not having unwanted pregnancies if they’re not able or unwilling to carry a child to term ... we would rather deal with it on the front end, rather than the site where we’re dealing with an abortion.”

Gov. Eric Holcomb did comment specifically on the abortion bill after it was released Wednesday.

The Republican governor has previously signed every anti-abortion bill that has made it his desk. Holcomb maintained last week that he has no “ultimatums,” suggesting he could sign into a law the current abortion-restricting proposal.

Pro-life activists applaud the proposal

Indiana Republicans have been meeting behind-closed-doors to prepare the abortion legislation in the wake of the Dobbs

v. Jackson decision that turned abortion regulations over to states.

Model legislation drafted by prominent Right to Life attorney Jim Bopp led to previous speculation that state lawmakers would take a more drastic approach to restrict abortion access. Bopp’s plan sought to ban abortion with no exceptions for rape and incest; as well as criminalize providing information online for women seeking abortions.

Indiana Right To Life President Mike Fichter did not immediately respond to a request for comment after the bill was unveiled. He told reporters Wednesday morning that the pro-life group expected lawmakers to significantly restrict abortions.

“Roe is no longer in place. The Roe shield is no longer there, so this is the time. This is the time for Indiana to pass loving and compassionate protections for unborn children,” Fichter said. “We believe every single Hoosier deserves to be born.”

Fichter previously expressed concern after Republican Sen. Kyle Walker on Tuesday became the first member of his party to release a public statement detailing his stances on abortion legislation.

Walker said he supported a “balanced approach” to restrictions. The lawmaker suggested cutting Indiana’s abortion deadline from 20 weeks of gestation to between 12 and 15 weeks, including a range of exceptions.

Fichter pushed back

against that proposal, arguing that it would be “completely unacceptable” to allow abortions under those parameters.

He said legislators should additionally earmark more money for organizations that provide services to pregnant people, as well as an increase in Indiana’s adoption tax credit.

“We expect Republican legislators, quite frankly, to honor their commitments to Indiana’s pro-life community,” Fichter said. “This is their historic opportunity to step up to the plate.”

Democrats respond

Indiana Democrats have remained outspoken against any Republican-backed plans to curtail access to abortions.

Senate Democratic Leader Greg Taylor of Indianapolis said the proposed abortion restrictions are a “drastic” step and would lead to more women’s deaths.

“When pregnant women cannot access vital components of health care, they are at greater risk of having their pregnancy end in a fatality — especially if they already have existing health conditions or illnesses,” Taylor said. “Everything from the language of the proposed bill to the legislative process surrounding it is cause for concern, and my caucus will be fighting with everything we’ve got for women and Hoosiers across the state.”

House Democratic Leader Phil GiaQuinta, D-Fort Wayne, said in a statement following the bill’s release that Indiana

Republicans are “gambling with the lives of Hoosier women to gain points in an ultimately unwinnable culture war.”

“The choice to have an abortion is a personal decision that ought to be left up to a woman and her health care provider, not Republicans who are playing doctor in the Indiana Statehouse,” GiaQuinta said.

Bray said opinions among lawmakers in the House and Senate vary — meaning the bill is likely to be amended over the course of the upcoming special session.

He emphasized, however, that lawmakers are prepared for “lengthy committee hearings,” during which members of the public will be able to give testimony.

“I understand the passion that exists on both sides,” Bray said, calling the abortion debate “the most difficult, polarizing issue that we’ve faced in a generation.”

“This is going to be a process. It’s going to be difficult for all of us,” he continued. “We’re trying to find a path forward, and this is the start of that.”

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In general, the work consists of cured-in-place lining of approximately 14,900-feet of sewers ranging from 6-inch to 12-inch, lining the interior of 19 manholes, and flow channel reconstruction of 40 manholes.

Any questions prior to the bid should be directed to the Engineer:

Philip Teague, PE

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Copies of the Bidding Documents may be examined without charge by contacting the Engineer.

Bids must be submitted on the forms found in the Bid package and must contain the names of every person or company interested therein, and shall be accompanied by:

(1) Revised Form No. 96 as prescribed by the Indiana Board of Account and as required in the Instruction to Bidders, including a financial statement, a statement of experience, a proposed plan or plans for performing the Work and the equipment the Bidder has available for the performance of the Work.

(2) Bid Bond in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total Bid amount, including alternates with a satisfactory corporate surety or by a certified check on a solvent bank in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the amount of the Bid. The Bid Bond or certified check shall be evidence of good faith that the successful Bidder will execute within fifteen (15) calendar days from the acceptance of the Bid, the Agreement as included in the Bidding Documents. The Bid Bond or certified check shall be made payable to the Owner.

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A Performance Bond with good and sufficient surety, acceptable to the Owner and Engineer, shall be required of the successful Bidder in an amount equal to at least one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Price, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the Agreement.

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This project is funded by SRF. Contractors shall comply with all SRF requirements stipulated in the supplemental conditions, some of which are mentioned below.

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While this project is subject to AIS requirements, no metal components are anticipated.

The successful Contractor will be required to enroll in and verify the work eligibility status of all employees hired after the date of this Contract through the E-Verify program. The Contractor will also be required to sign an affidavit concerning employment of unauthorized aliens. A copy of the affidavit is included in the Bid Documents.

The Contractor must comply with SRF requirements pertaining to Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE).

Bidders on this work shall be required to comply with the provisions of the President’s Executive Order No. 11246, as amended. The Bidders shall also comply with the requirements of 41 CFR Part 60 – 4 entitled Construction Contractors - Affirmative Action Requirements.

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Applebee’s, Alex’s Lemonade Stand Foundation Continue Fight Against Childhood Cancer

Starting yesterday, Applebee’s restaurants across the country have transformed into “lemonade stands,” in celebration of Applebee’s annual fundraising campaign with Alex’s Lemonade Stand Foundation (ALSF), a nonprofit organization dedicated to funding pediatric cancer research and family support programs. Now through Aug. 21, Applebee’s invites guests to join in the fight to end pediatric cancer. Since 2005, Applebee’s restaurants across the country have collectively raised more than \$13.2 million for ALSF and its mission and look to make a bigger impact this year with the help of the Neighborhood. Guests can support the cause in a variety of ways, including purchasing a digital lemon in increments of \$1 and \$5 on Applebees.com or the Applebee’s mobile app,* making an online donation when purchasing a gift card on Applebees.com, or by celebrating National Lemonade Day with Applebee’s! On National Lemonade Day, Aug. 20, guests can purchase a lemonade or fruit flavored lemonade at a neighborhood Applebee’s, and 25 cents from each lemonade will be donated to Alex’s Lemonade Stand Foundation. Contact your local restaurant to learn more. “We’re honored to continue our long-standing partnership with Alex’s Lemonade Stand Foundation to help in the fight against pediatric cancer,” said John Cywinski, Applebee’s President. “Over the past 18 years, together with our restaurant partners and guests, we’ve raised more than \$13 million – but we know the fight continues, and we hope to raise even more in 2022.” Alex’s Lemonade Stand Foundation was established in 2005 to continue the mission of four-year-old Alexandra “Alex” Scott. While fighting her own



battle against cancer, Alex set up a lemonade stand in her front yard to raise money for “doctors to find a cure” for all pediatric cancers. One in 285 children will be diagnosed with cancer by the time they turn 201 and yet pediatric cancer research is vastly and consistently underfunded. “After 18 years, Applebee’s continues to be a loyal partner who has shown tremendous support of our core mission,” said Liz Scott, Alex’s mom and Co-Executive Director of Alex’s Lemonade Stand Foundation. “After all these years, the fight continues, and we’re excited to give Applebee’s restaurants and customers even more opportunities to help kids fighting cancer. We are so grateful to be a part of a community that comes together in support of these families.” For more than 40 years, Applebee’s restaurants remain committed to Doin’ Good in the Neighborhood®. Local restaurants make a positive impact on

the communities around them throughout the year by hosting hundreds of events or fundraisers in their restaurants, whether to help local heroes and military, support children and schools, raise funds for local charities that help neighbors, or even to help their own team members who may be in need. In addition to these local efforts, for the past 14 years, Applebee’s and its franchisees have thanked veterans and active military on Veterans Day by serving nearly 11 million free meals. Together, Applebee’s donates millions of dollars and thousands of volunteer hours to Doin’ Good in the Neighborhood each year. Participating locations in your area include: Anderson, Avon, Bloomington, Brownsburg, Camby, Carmel, Crawfordsville, Columbus, Edinburgh, Fishers, Frankfort, Franklin, Greenfield, Greenwood, Indianapolis, Kokomo, Logansport, Marion, Muncie, New Castle, Noblesville, Plainfield, Shelbyville and Speedway.

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Cast members Stone Soup Children's Musical Theater invite the community to see "Willy Wonka Jr." kids musical, which will be on stage for three performances this Friday and Saturday at Noblesville High School.

2. Relax with Symphony on the Prairie concerts at Conner Prairie in Fishers, featuring John Williams Blockbusters (E.T., Harry Potter and Star Wars) with the ISO, Friday and Saturday; "Hollywood Nights: A Bob Seger Experience," July 29; "Arrival from Sweden: The Music of ABBA," July 30, with tickets at <https://www.connerprairie.org>

3. Join Hamilton County Parks & Recreation on the lawn at Cool Creek Park for the Cool Creek Concert Series, at 7 p.m. select Fridays, with \$5 admission, free to ages 12 and younger. Concert schedule: tonight, Stella Luna and The Satellites; Aug. 5, 45RPM.

4. Come out to Forest Park Aquatic Center in Noblesville and enjoy movies this summer on the new video board during the Flix and Float movie nights select Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., featuring "Encanto," sponsored by Buddenbaum & Moore, tonight; "The Shallows," Rated PG-13, sponsored by Holt Legal Group, on July 30; "Goonies," sponsored by Sign Craft, on Aug. 13; "Dog," sponsored by Lew's Plumbing, on Aug. 20; and "Top Gun," sponsored by Troy and Alicia Tricker, on Sept. 30. Admission is \$5 per person but included with pool membership. Visit <https://www.forestpark-pool.org/>

5. Westfield continues

its Movies in the Plaza series at dusk today: featuring "Parent Trap" on the Great Lawn at Grand Junction Plaza, with more movies every fourth Friday through October, "Luca," Aug. 26; "Encanto," Sept. 9; "Raya and the Last Dragon," Sept. 23; "Hocus Pocus," Oct. 28; and "Elf," Dec. 2.

6. Noblesville Farmers Market is open 8 a.m. to noon, at Federal Hill Commons in downtown Noblesville. Market continues every Saturday this summer. Parking is offered at nearby parking lots and at the park's Green Room parking lot, which will be restricted to vendor spaces and handicapped parking only during the weekly market.

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. Central Indiana Vintage Vehicles invites car buffs to show off their vintage vehicles on the Courthouse Square during the weekly Saturday night Cruise-in. Lawn chairs and old-car conversations invited.

10. Enjoy Concerts at the Commons 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. on select Saturdays through September at Federal Hill Commons. Concert schedule: Saturday, Britbeat (Beatles tribute) and Rhino 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.

11. Grab your binoculars and join Hamilton County Parks for Beginner Bird Walks at 8:30 a.m. Sundays and Wednesdays at Cool Creek Park in Westfield and 8:30 a.m. the first Wednesday, through June at Strawtown Koteewi Park in Noblesville.

12. Hamilton County Parks offers Wednesday night free Cool Creek Campfires at Cool Creek Park, at 7 p.m. Wednesdays, with final program, Really Dangerous Animals, July 27.

13. Ride the Nickel Plate Express little red Caboose on Saturday and Sunday and July 30 and Aug. 6 and 20, with tickets at <https://nickelplatexpress.com/>

14. Grab a lawn chair and blanket and head out to Noblesville Cultural Arts Commission's 30th annual free Shakespeare in the Park production, July 27-30 at Federal Hill

Commons in Noblesville, with Noblesville director Jen Otterman.

15. Main Street Productions presents "30 Reasons Not To Be in a Play," by Alan Haehnel," July 28-Aug. 7, at Westfield Playhouse, directed by Tanya Haas, with tickets at <https://www.westfield-playhouse.org/>

16. The Belfry Theatre Apprentice Players summer youth musical, Disney's "Frozen Jr.," will offer five performances July 28-31 at Ivy Tech Hamilton County Campus in Noblesville, directed by James H. Williams, and featuring about 40 kids ages 5-18. Tickets at www.belfrytheatre.com.

17. Come out to Throwback Night -- vintage car show, free concert featuring The Neighbors band, 50-cent hot dogs and Wheelers open late -- from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. July 30 at Mercantile 37 in Noblesville.

18. Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville Cornhole Tournament at Forest Park will be Aug. 5.

19. Save the date: Noblesville Main Street's Noblesville Street Dance has changed its date to Aug. 6, from the previously posted July 23 event, on the Courthouse Square.

20. Save the date: The sixth annual Noblesville BrewBQ is 4 p.m. Aug. 20 at Federal Hill Commons in Noblesville.

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from 4-6 p.m.

The community is invited to attend the 9th annual Prayer Breakfast on Friday, Aug. 5 at the Middle School Café beginning at 7 a.m. A light breakfast will be served between 7 and 7:30 a.m. with music provided by the Cicero Christian Church Worship Team. This year's speaker is Scott Swan, 13News Anchor, WTHR. The event is hosted by the Heights Area Pastors in conjunction with HHSC.

I would like to give a shout out to Faith Hittle, a 2022 Heights graduate, who was recently crowned as Miss Hamilton County 4-H Fair 2022 Queen and senior Grace Allee as second runner up. Both young ladies embody the poise, servant spirit, and heart to make positive contributions and a difference through their involvement in 4H, at school, and in the community. Congratulations!

Leanne Moore, HHHS English and Spanish teacher, recently completed the requirements to teach dual credit courses. She earned her credentials through The Center of Excellence in Leadership (CELL) at the University of Indianapolis under the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) requirements. Congratulations!

Our friends at Ignite Center 4 Community in Noblesville are hosting a special program to help parents recognize signs that their child could be experiencing mental health struggles. This timely program, led by Sandy Conner, MA, LCAC, takes place next Tuesday, July 26 from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. at the Center located at 698 N. 10th Street. Visit <https://fitinc.networkforgood.com/events/44400-recognizing-mental-health-struggles-in-your-child-to-register-to-attend>.

Our latest HHSC

Monthly Update was posted on Monday. Learn about our HHSC Bookmobile, the amazing things our Tech Staff does over the summer, the winners of the Hamilton Heights Youth Assistance Impact awards, the success of the HHEF Golf Outing, students who qualified for the State Track Meet, staff members earning advanced degrees, and celebrating our recent retirees. Check it out at www.hhschuskie.org or YouTube.

The Indiana Department of Health (IDOH), in partnership with the Hamilton County Health Department, is hosting back-to-school immunization clinics this summer at 8 locations through its Start Smart campaign. The clinics, open to children 5 and older, provide easy access for required and recommended school immunizations prior to the start of the 2022-23 school year. A list of immunizations required for school can be found online at <https://www.in.gov/health/immunization/files/2022-2023-School-Immunization-Requirements-Updated-March-2022.pdf>

Families will not be charged at the site of the clinic but should provide insurance information if available. Head to <https://www.in.gov/health/immunization/catch-up-immunizations/> to access the map showing dates, times, and locations of community immunization clinics in Hamilton County and around the state. #StartSmart

We look forward to providing an inspiring, engaging environment rich in opportunities for all our students to learn and grow in the year ahead. #WeAreHuskies

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Purdue Federal Credit Union Named #1 Credit Union In Indiana On Forbes Best-In-State Credit Unions 2022 List

Purdue Federal Credit Union (Purdue Federal) has been named the #1 Credit Union in Indiana on the Forbes list of Best-In-State Credit Unions 2022.

This prestigious award is presented by Forbes and Statista Inc., the world-leading statistics portal and industry ranking provider. Forbes and Statista announced the awards list on June 21, 2022. The full list of honorees is available on Forbes' website at www.forbes.com/best-in-state-credit-unions/#6223b7e66167.

"Our entire Purdue Federal team is ecstatic to be recognized as the number one credit

union in Indiana by Forbes and Statista," said Purdue Federal President and CEO Bob Falk. "We strive each and every day to provide our members with excellent service, competitive products and user-friendly digital services to meet their individual needs. We are humbled by this honor and look forward to continuing to serve our valued members in Indiana and beyond."

Forbes and Statista identified Best-In-State Credit Unions 2022 based on an independent survey of approximately 26,000 U.S. consumers who were asked to rate credit unions at which they have or previously have had

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Holcomb Tabs David Redden For Department Of Labor

Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb announced this week that he has selected David Redden as the new commissioner of the Indiana Department of Labor.

"David brings a great deal of experience in managing workers and workplaces across Indiana," Holcomb said. "He will continue the steady leadership of the Department of Labor in its work to enforce the laws around workplace safety, wage and youth employment."

Redden has decades of experience overseeing human resources and overall management of convenience stores and supermarkets. From 1996 to 2015, he was the senior vice president of human resources for Marsh Supermarkets in Indianapolis. Before that, he held roles including general manager, vice

president of warehousing and transportation, and vice president of personnel at Marsh. He has also served as the president of Village Pantries.

He earned a bachelor's degree in marketing and a master of arts degree in management science from Ball State University.

The Department of Labor works to advance the safety, health and prosperity of Hoosiers in the workplace by providing workplace safety and health consultations, conducts workplace inspections, enforces wage and hour laws, and monitors and enforces youth employment laws.

Redden replaces Joe Hoage, who was named commissioner of the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles. Redden begins his tenure as commissioner on July 25.

Verizon Retailers to Donate 140,000 Backpacks Full of School Supplies Through Annual Give Back Event

Round Room, LLC., the nation's largest Verizon Authorized Retailer, announces that its TCC and Wireless Zone stores are donating 140,000 backpacks full of school supplies in the upcoming milestone tenth annual School Rocks Backpack Giveaway. In its ten years of occurrence, the School Rocks Backpack Giveaway has provided more than 1.2 million backpacks full of school supplies to children across the U.S. as they prepare for their upcoming school years.

On Sunday, July 31, between 1-4 p.m. local time, more than 1,200 TCC and Wireless Zone nationwide stores are inviting local families to their locations to pick up a backpack filled with pencils, paper, a pencil box, folders, a ruler and glue. One backpack per child present will be given away on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last.

In addition to the backpack donations, families can enter their students in a sweepstakes to win a \$10,000 college scholarship through the giveaway's Big Impact. Children in grades K-12 are eligible for entry and can be registered at their local TCC and Wireless Zone stores during the School Rocks Backpack Giveaway event. Five scholarships in total will be awarded to randomly selected winners.

"For the School Rocks Backpack Giveaway to reach its tenth edition is truly monumental for all of us at Round Room, TCC and Wireless Zone. This event is now an annual staple in communities nationwide and we couldn't

be more proud of how much we've been able to positively impact students these last ten years," said Scott Moorehead, CEO of Round Room. "The rising costs of school supplies have made it immensely difficult for many families to adequately prepare their children each school year. Our goal is to alleviate these challenges for as many families as we can through this annual give back event."

According to the National Retail Federation, American families with school-aged children spent an average of \$849.90 on school supplies in 2021 – totaling \$37.1 billion spent in America last year on school supplies alone. Round Room is working to ease the strain of rising school supply costs with this annual program through its TCC and Wireless Zone stores nationwide.

To find your nearest TCC or Wireless Zone store to attend a School Rocks Backpack Giveaway event, visit <https://locations.tccrocks.com/search.html> and <https://shop.wirelesszone.com>. Any leftover backpacks at School Rocks Backpack Giveaway events will be donated to local schools of each store's choice.

Supporters of the School Rocks Backpack Giveaway are encouraged to use hashtags #BackpackGiveaway and #10DaysOfGiving on Instagram and Twitter to help spread the word.

To learn more about TCC and Wireless Zone visit www.RoundRoom.com.

Based in Fishers, Indiana, Round Room leads and invests

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Indiana Chamber To Host Cybersecurity Conference For Hoosier Companies

With the current virtual work environment, the chances of cyberattacks on businesses have never been higher.

The Indiana Chamber's Cybersecurity Conference, held on August 10 at the Indiana Chamber Conference Center in downtown Indianapolis, is designed to help organizations understand how to reduce cyber threats and implement the latest software technology to safeguard their operations.

"Businesses and organizations need to ask themselves if they're using the best technology available – and

if they're using it safely," explains Adam H. Berry, Indiana Chamber vice president of economic development and technology. "There's so much at stake when it comes to cybersecurity and data protection, and that's why this one-day conference provides such value."

Topics on the day-long agenda include the implications of cyberattacks and the concept of cyberwarfare, recent federal guidance and executive orders, managing and mitigating data breaches, C-suite responsibilities, privacy compliance,

CIS controls and ransomware preparedness and disclosure.

Admission is \$449 for Indiana Chamber members and \$549 for non-members.

Registration and event information is available at www.indianachamber.com/conferences or you can register by phone at (800) 824-6885.

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BBB Scam Alert: No, Better Business Bureau Did Not Send You A Check

Better Business Bureau has received reports from consumers who received a check in the mail for \$2,950 with instructions on how to verify the authentication of the check. The envelope is labeled priority mail 2-day and has a return address of Better Business Bureau as well as other legitimate brands. Inside the envelope are fake checks written from various "businesses."

You can lose thousands of dollars if you deposit the check and contact these scammers. This scammer is impersonating Better Business Bureau and other legitimate brand names in an attempt to get you to open the package and take action.

According to the BBB Scam Tracker Risk Report, impersonation is a very common tactic used by scammers. Impostor scams come in all shapes and sizes with the same intent - to trick you out of your money and/or personal information.

Fake check scams

Fake checks are simply counterfeited checks, usually copies of business checks from real companies. Three financial documents are commonly involved in fake check fraud: regular checks, cashier's checks, and money orders. Some appear to be created in the U.S. and Canada, but many are shipped in from overseas and then sent to victims, as pointed out in BBB's investigative study; Don't Cash That Check: BBB Study Shows How Fake Check Scams Bait Consumers.

Two things BBB wants you to know and tell your friends about fake check fraud:

Having the funds credited to a bank account does not mean the cashed check is valid.

Federal banking rules require that when someone deposits a check into an account, the bank must make the funds available right away – within a day or two. But the bank also has the right to recover the money from the account holder if the check is counterfeit. It is only when the check is returned to the bank that

supposedly issued the check that it is discovered to be bogus.

Cashier's checks and postal money orders can be forged.

A cashier's check is a check guaranteed by a bank, drawn on the bank's funds and signed by a cashier. Cashier's checks are treated as guaranteed funds because the bank itself, rather than the individual account holder, is responsible for paying the amount of the check. Cashier's checks are commonly required for real estate and brokerage transactions. If a person deposits a cashier's check, the person's bank must credit the account by at least \$5000 the next day. The same is true for postal money orders.

What to do if you have deposited a fake check into your account

Notify your bank and the bank that appears to have issued the check.

Where to report this scam
Better Business Bureau at BBB Scam Tracker

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC), or call 877-FTC-Help

The Internet Crime Complaint Center, or IC3

The U.S. Postal Inspection Service
Western Union, 1-800-448-1492

MoneyGram, 1-800-926-9400
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Victims who are seniors or other vulnerable adults may be able to obtain help through Adult Protective Services, which has offices in every state and many counties. Find a local office at Elderjustice.gov.

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Timmons Says Morals And Standards Are Long Gone

I saw a commercial the other day for a product similar to Narcan – a prescription medication used in case of suspected opioid overdoses.

The TV spot showed a cheery young woman who could pass for the all-American girl next door. She's happily getting ready to go out with friends. She's smiling, petting her dog, you get the idea. Near the end, the announcer says if you are like her, be sure to get all the important things for your fun evening, keys, chewing gum, phone and, oh yeah, a nasal spray that will bring you back from the brink of death in case of a drug overdose.

Wait, what?

Oh, and the commercial came from the good folks at the Centers for Disease Control – of in other words, our government.

Look, on one hand, I get it. Drug overdoses are expensive and they take time that first responders might be spending saving others who haven't caused their own predicament. So if it's going to happen, why not get in front of it?

Sorry, this isn't about dollars and cents. This is wrong.



TIM TIMMONS
Two Cents

Very. Very. Wrong.

First off, when did the government get into the business of condoning drug use? No, I'm not talking about the idiot district attorney in Indianapolis who picks and chooses which laws to enforce. This is the federal government – a source that some people still think has all the right answers.

Are you telling me that if a 10-year-old sees this commercial that they don't come away with the idea that drug use is OK? After all, the CDC is saying, HEY YOU GOOFY KIDS – GO OUT, HAVE A GREAT TIME AND IF YOU PARTY TOO MUCH AND TAKE

TOO MANY NARCOTICS, IT'S OK!

You simply can't make this stuff up.

This is the same government that not too long ago issued guidelines on "gender-affirming care and young people" that actually states: "Research demonstrates that gender-affirming care improves the mental health and overall well-being of gender diverse children and adolescents." (<https://opa.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/2022-03/gender-affirming-care-young-people-march-2022.pdf>)

I've asked before and I'll ask again, how is that not criminal? I guess because it's from the Department of Health and Human Services – a cabinet-level department.

How can our tax dollars be used to create programs, messages and slick advertisements that not only condone immoral and illegal acts, but endorse them?

We are so far off the rails in our country today that it's frightening.

Whether we are talking about abortion or serious drug use, it seems to me that an important part of the debate is completely

ignored – abstinence.

It wasn't all that long ago in this country the idea of pre-marital sex was wrong. It wasn't that long ago that the government penalized drug use, especially the harder drugs, instead of making available get-out-of-OD-free cards.

Of course, you can't have that conversation. Celebrities like Pink and several others have issued profane-ridden messages that tell those of us who disagree with her to F off. Their argument is that the government can't tell women what to do with their bodies.

Hasn't the government been telling us what to do with our bodies since 1776? We're told when we can drink and how much we can put into our bodies without risk of going to jail. We're told when we can smoke, when we can speak out if we disagree . . . It's actually a pretty long list of what the government tells us we can and can't do with our bodies. But those folks don't seem to have a problem with anything that encourage drug use, pre-marital sex and perverse acts many people see as a sin.

Here's a chilling thought? How much worse could Sodom

and Gomorrah have been? I mean c'mon. Did you see the gay pride parade last month in Indianapolis? It was certainly celebrated by sponsors Delta Faucet, Indianapolis Airport Authority, Eskenazi Health, AES Indiana and Majestic Care. Indy TV told us what a wonderful event it was. What they didn't show or talk much about was some of the men dressed as women with very revealing outfits.

I'm all for equal rights and for showing decency and respect to my fellow man. But there's a big difference between that and celebrating what a lot of us believe is wrong. Promoting drug use, gay and trans lifestyles, killing of babies . . . let's ask again: How much worse could Sodom and Gomorrah have been?

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We're Living In A Real-Life Yarkovsky's World

I was watching the Science Channel the other day. On most occasions I skip past the channel quickly, because I understand relatively little about what they are discussing. I think that's what is known as The Theory of Relativity.

I was flipping through the channels during commercials, and I had become somewhat disoriented. I thought I was on the Food Channel watching a chef prepare an Irish flummery from fresh raspberries, sugar, a little milk, and a bit of cornstarch.

Instead, the subject was the Yarkovsky effect and its influence on the Belt of Orion. Irish flummery, a delectable dessert, has a similar effect on the belt of John, so confusing the two doesn't seem so stupid now, does it?

The Yarkovsky effect, it seems, has to do with heating bodies. No, the Russian didn't invent R-Rated movies. He was an amateur astrophysicist.

Ivan Osipovich Yarkovsky (1844–1902), was a civil engi-



JOHN MARLOWE
With the Grain

neer, who made the discovery in his spare time. Yarkovsky noticed that the daily heating of a rotating body in space created an impetus that could actually move the body, or change its direction.

In a sense, objects get pushed around by the sun.

These tiny forces of radiation energy, although insignificant in the short-run, lead to large

effects on the orbits of bodies in space over time -- lots of time. In theory, the Yarkovsky effect could literally push the Earth out of our solar system.

That doesn't happen, thank goodness, because the gravitational forces on the Earth are strong enough to keep us put. The Yarkovsky effect is most noticeable on smaller space objects, like space rocks.

An added feature of the Yarkovsky effect is that its action is delayed. Unlike Irish flummery, applying heat to space objects doesn't result in immediate consequences. Planets, meteors, and asteroids must be bombarded all day by radiation before the effect is noticeable. Heat up an asteroid until noon, and the Yarkovsky effect doesn't manifest until two o'clock.

In an impressive bit of universal yin and yang, it takes the exact amount of elapsed time for the effect to disappear when an object loses contact with direct sunlight, and cools off.

The result is that the trajectory

of these smaller space objects is nearly always unpredictable and chaotic. This is one reason that predicting when the Earth's next collision with a potential life-ending asteroid is so hard to pin down.

After a while -- usually when Joe Namath appears in the next commercial selling Medicare coverage -- I was ready to return to the Food Channel to see how the dessert turned out.

Surfing through the stations, I landed briefly on the news networks.

Each was recapping -- in their own idiosyncratic way -- the proceedings of the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol. The commentators were doing their best to churn procedural humdrum of daily committee activity into feverish discord.

Their words were biased, often misleading, cloaked in intelligence, and surreptitiously if not blatantly misleading.

"The Yarkovsky effect!" I said to myself.

We are being bombarded with little doses of hate and vitriol twenty-four hours a day. Both sides, under the guise of "in the public interest," use what in the past we believed was objective news to stoke the passions of their respective acolytes.

If you listened closely, there were only a few words of genuine information buried in an hour of political propaganda.

The problem is that tiny words have super powers. They are capable of pushing us around. Words can move entire worlds. The worry is that we don't realize how far they move us until it is often too late.

Yes, we want to know what happened January 6, 2022. We should know. But unless the answers are presented in a way that leads us away from rancor and closer to reconciliation, we will be left with nothing but flummery.

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Ask Rusty – What Do My Wife, And My Ex-Wife, Get If I Die?

Dear Rusty: I am a 77 year old married male. I am retired and started drawing Social Security at age 66, and my monthly amount is a little over \$3,000. My present wife is 52 and employed, and we have been married for 22 years. I also have an ex-wife who is 85, not married, and drawing Social Security. My ex-wife and I were married 13 years.

When I am deceased, what happens to my Social Security benefits? When my present wife decides to receive SS benefits, would she draw the higher benefit of our monthly amounts? Would my ex-wife be able to increase her benefit? Signed: Planning Ahead

Dear Planning Ahead: In the event of your death, here is how Social Security eligibility would

work for your current wife and for your ex-wife:

For your current wife, unless she is disabled, she cannot collect a survivor benefit as your widow until she is at least 60 years old. However, if she claims her survivor benefit before reaching her full retirement age (FRA), it will be reduced. Claimed at age 60, her benefit as your widow would be 71.5% of the amount you were receiving at your death. If she waited beyond age 60 to claim, her survivor benefit would continue to grow until it reached maximum at her FRA of age 67 (100% of the benefit you were receiving when you died). She would also have the option to wait until age 62 and claim her own reduced personally-earned SS benefit first while allowing her survivor benefit to grow to maximum at age 67; or she could



ASK RUSTY
Social Security Advisor

take her reduced survivor benefit only first and allow her personally-earned SS benefit to grow to maximum at age 70. She should choose whichever strategy would give her the highest benefit for the rest of her life.

Note, too, that if your current wife were to collect any benefit before reaching her full retirement age (67) and she works, she would be subject to Social Security's earnings test. The earnings test limits how

Social Security Matters by AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor Russell Gloor

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much can be earned before some of her benefits are taken away by Social Security. For reference, the 2022 earnings limit is \$19,560, but it changes annually. If the annual earnings limit in force when your wife claims is exceeded, and she hasn't yet reached age 67, SS will take away benefits equal to \$1 for every \$2 over the limit. The limit is higher, and the penalty is less in the year FRA is reached, and the earnings test goes away when your

current wife is 67.

Regarding your ex-wife, if you die first, and because you were married for more than 10 years, your ex-wife will be entitled to collect a survivor benefit from you, if that amount (what you were receiving at your death) is more than she is currently receiving based on her own lifetime work record (she would get the higher of the two amounts). Your ex-wife would need to contact Social Security to claim her survivor benefit

from you, and your ex-wife collecting a survivor benefit from you will not affect your current wife's benefit in any way - both can get their full survivor benefit from you independent of each other and neither will be reduced because more than one wife is collecting.

For clarity, since you and your ex-wife are both already collecting Social Security, your ex-wife may be entitled to a spousal boost from you while you are both living, if her own personally-earned FRA benefit amount is less than 50% of your SS benefit, and that would have no effect on either your own current benefit or your current wife's survivor entitlement. Your ex-wife would need to contact Social Security directly to apply for her ex-spouse benefit from you while you are both living.

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Airline Travel Woes, Flying Can Be So Frustrating

Airline travelers have experienced frustration since the 2021 holidays as covered by national news. Travel delays and even trip cancellations have been aggravating experiences for travelers. If you only have a weekend and your trip includes a flight on Friday and a return flight on Sunday you are chancing a lost weekend. Being delayed from Friday to Saturday is surely to sour your trip.

My wife and I have flown a few times and it seems as if there is a new devil at every level. Last Spring, we hoped for a few days in Florida. We booked our flight from Indiana to change planes in Atlanta before going on to Florida. We



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checked our luggage and had minimum provisions in our backpacks. We arrived in Atlanta on a Saturday afternoon only to learn that our plane on to Florida was cancelled because of weather. We also heard from fellow disgruntled travelers and a TSA agent that the

cancellation was really due to problems with air traffic controllers. We also heard that Delta was very short-staffed. After standing in line at a ticket counter for two hours I was told the next available flight was two nights later at 7PM. We were advised that our luggage was already on another plane to our destination.

We had no choice but to find a hotel room. Thousands of other flights were delayed or had been cancelled that day. Hotel rooms were not easy to find. We finally found one. We were forced to get a taxi and stay two nights in Atlanta with minimal provisions. Needless to say, it was an extra unplanned expense.

When we finally arrived in Florida, I knew we were good on transportation. I had paid in advance for a rental car. We got the car pretty fast. However, I wasn't told that our upfront payment was forfeited because we didn't pick up the car within a 24-hour time frame of the reservation date. I didn't realize I was paying a second time until I reviewed my bank statement later. Since I had paid for the car up front, I did not think that Budget would care if we were delayed. I thought wrong. According to Budget you have to let them know within 24 hours if your plans change. I learned something new. Education is always expensive. I

disputed the charge but my bank stood with Budget.

All in all, my wife and I had a good time in Ft. Myer's Beach, Florida. Except, flying was miserable that time around. Delta Airlines made no offers to compensate us with any new or free tickets. They felt no obligation to cover any of the additional expenses we incurred in Atlanta. Budget Rent A Car made double money for an old Camry they rented me. The car was a take it or leave it. They said it was all they had available when I arrived.

Are there any answers? Sure. Stay home. Or, try to find flights that are direct if possible. This seems harder and harder. Buy a small suitcase that fits the

legal carry-on dimensions. Then you will have your bag with you. If you can handle your trip without a rental car, you might be happier. Sometimes this is impossible but not always. We recently traveled to Baltimore and stuck with Taxis. We saved quite a bit because we didn't pay for a rental car and we didn't have to pay parking fees at the hotel.

I don't like to fly in storms. I do want the airlines to make my safety a priority. I would rather arrive late than never. Just be aware that in the age we currently live in flying can be frustrating.

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The Measure Of A Machine: Is LaMDA A Person?

By Dr. Brian Dellinger

In June 2022, Google suspended engineer Blake Lemoine from his work in artificial intelligence. Having previously assisted with a program called the Language Models for Dialog Applications (LaMDA), Lemoine was placed on leave after publishing confidential information about the project. Lemoine himself disputes this description, saying, "All I talked to other people about was my conversations with a coworker."

Complicating matters, that "coworker" is LaMDA itself.

LaMDA is Google's latest conversation-generating artificial intelligence. If assigned virtually any identity—such as, say, "you are Tom Cruise," or "you are secretly a squirrel"—it offers in-character conversation, patterning its responses on databases of real conversations and related information. Its dialogue is extremely sophisticated; LaMDA answers questions, composes poems, and expresses concern at being switched off. Lemoine claims that this behavior shows that LaMDA is a sentient person, and therefore not Google's

property. The company, and many experts, disagree. The claim, however, points to a fundamental question: if a computer program was a person, how would one tell?

Lemoine's argument follows reasoning first introduced by Alan Turing, a father of AI and of computation in general. By 1950, Turing had observed a pattern in computational research. Skeptical observers would declare that only a thinking human could accomplish some task—i.e., draw a picture, outwit another human, and so forth—only to propose a new, more stringent requirement when a computer achieved the first. Turing proposed a broader metric for intelligence; if an AI could converse indistinguishably from ordinary humans, it should be believed capable of true thought. After all, humans cannot directly detect sentence in each other, and yet typically assume that the people they converse with are precisely that: people.

Anyone fooled by a "robo-caller" can attest that even simple programs may briefly appear human, but the Turing Test as a whole

remains a robust challenge. While LaMDA's breadth of interaction is astounding, the program still shows conversational seams. The AI's memory is limited in some substantial ways, and it is prone to insisting on obvious falsehoods—its history as a school teacher, for example—even when speaking to its own development team. While it often uses the right vocabulary, its arguments' structure sometimes degenerates into nonsense.

Still, these things might not be disqualifying. Human beings obviously lie or argue badly; most people would likely not question the self-awareness of another human who said the things that LaMDA does. Indeed, Lemoine argues that, by judging LaMDA's utterances differently from those of biological humans, observers exhibit "hydro-carbon bigotry."

More fundamentally, conversation alone is a poor way of measuring self-awareness. The most famous critic of Turing's "imitation game" is the philosopher John Searle, who proposed a thought experiment called the Chinese Room. Searle imagined a sealed room;

outside, a Chinese-language speaker composes messages and passes them in through a mail slot. Inside, a second participant receives the messages but cannot read them. With him in the room, though, are a stack of books defining a series of rules: "If you see such-and-such Chinese characters, write this-and-that characters in response." Obediently, the man in the room does so, copying a reply and passing it back out. From the perspective of the Chinese speaker, the exchanges are a sensible conversation; from the perspective of the person inside, they are a meaningless exchange of symbols.

Herein lies the flaw in conversation-based measures of intelligence. By definition, any computer program can be reduced to a series of input/output rules like the books in Searle's imaginary room. An AI, then, simply follows its set of symbol-manipulation rules, forming words and sentences as instructed by the rules, without regard for semantics or comprehension. Any sense of meaning is thus imposed by the speaker "outside" the room: the

human user.

LaMDA, of course, does not have simple rules of the form Searle pictures; no database of canned replies could suffice for its purposes. But the program's operation is still ultimately reducible to a finite description of that form: given these symbols, take those actions. Indeed, a sufficiently motivated programmer could (very slowly) trace LaMDA's operation entirely with pencil and paper, with no computer required, and produce identical results. Where, then, is the purported artificial person?

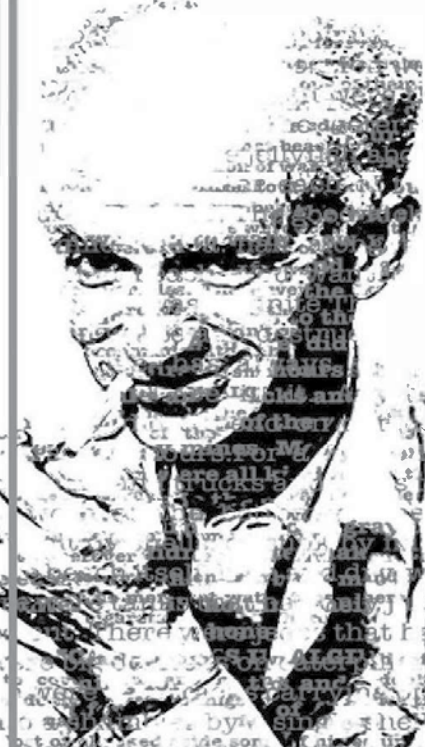
One might object that the same could be said of a human being. In principle, perhaps a dedicated biologist could trace every fluctuation of hormones and electricity in the brain, entirely describing its inputs and outputs. Doing so would not, presumably, deny that humans experience meaning. But this argument begs the question; it assumes that the mind is reducible to the brain, or more broadly, that human personhood reduces to physical properties. Indeed, the seeming inexplicability of consciousness in purely physical terms has

earned a name in philosophy: "the hard problem."

Christianity may be well-positioned to offer a better answer. Most Christians have historically understood personhood to depend on more than physical traits or conversational capabilities; unborn infants, then, are persons, while artificial intelligences are not. A robust defense of this understanding might be attractive—and, indeed, might offer valuable insight. Unfortunately, despite statements from groups like the Southern Baptists and the Roman Catholic Church, the church as a whole has been sluggish to respond to the theological questions of AI. LaMDA is not a final endpoint, and coming years will likely see many more who share Lemoine's convictions. Increasingly, the church's rising challenges share a common need for a rich anthropology: a biblical defense of what, precisely, it is to be human.

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