

➔ 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 James H. Williams smile? "The fact that I give to others without expecting anything in return," said the 53-year-old Fishers resident. Williams was born in Bluffton and grew up in Muncie and has been living in Fishers for nearly 20 years. He graduated from Muncie Central High School in 1988 and went into the U.S. Army right after high school. He attended Ball State University for a few years and dropped out, but is now currently a senior at IUPUI studying General Studies with a certificate in Organizational Leadership Science. "If all goes well, I'll graduate in 2024," he said. He currently is a service sales representative for Cintas Corp. He is an Eagle Scout and an assistant Scoutmaster. He is a Past Master of Keystone Masonic Lodge No. 251 and current active member of Carmel Lodge No. 421. Hobbies and interests? "Camping anytime I can, especially in the winter." He recently directed his first play at Basile Westfield Playhouse, "Of Mice and Men." Williams has been active in community theater for nearly 35 years, acting, directing and behind the scenes in the production crew. "It's in my blood, I guess," he said. "Whether I'm on stage as an actor or helping create the magic, it's an out for me. God has given me so many talents; why not share my passion with those who come to be entertained." He especially enjoys musical theater, and directing youth. He came on as assistant director to Noblesville's Connie Murello-Todd at The Belfry Theatre in Noblesville for the theater's Apprentice Players youth musical, "Cinderella," and assistant directed every summer with Murello-Todd until her passing in 2018, when he took over the youth productions. This weekend, he's directing nearly 40 kids in Disney's "Frozen Jr.," with five performances through Sunday at The Ivy Tech Auditorium in Noblesville. What else? "I enjoy karaoke, traveling and photography," and "aquatic activities such as White Water rafting and canoeing. And I enjoy just being outside enjoying God's beauty." In 2022, he looks forward to "being able to spend time with family and friends and having fun along the way." For tickets to "Frozen Jr.," visit www.thebelfrytheatre.com

And Another Thing...

You are invited to the Westfield Yellow Tie Gala! 400+ friends, neighbors, and supporters of the Westfield Youth Assistance Program will gather on October 8, 2022, at The Bridgewater Golf Club to raise money to support the State of Indiana's first-ever Youth Assistance Program. Attendees at the 2022 Gala will enjoy food, live music, and a live auction. With your help, they can reach and surpass their \$200K goal! Learn more about this annual fundraising event by visiting the Yellow Tie Gala website at <http://westfieldyellowtiegala.com/>.

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Ka'Lena Cuevas, as Horatio, and Logan Laflin, as Hamlet, rehearse earlier this week for Noblesville Cultural Arts Commission's 30th annual Shakespeare in the Park, which opened Wednesday and continues nightly through Saturday outdoors at Federal Hill Commons.

Shakespeare, Kids Theater, Flix and Float, Car Show, More This Weekend Locally



BETSY REASON
The Times Editor

It's a busy time for theatrical productions.

Noblesville Cultural Arts Commission's 30th annual Shakespeare in the Park opened Wednesday and continues nightly through Saturday outdoors at Federal Hill Commons. The Belfry Theatre Apprentice Players' musical, Disney's "Frozen Jr.," featuring about 40 youth ages 5-18, opens tonight and continues for five performances, including two matinees, through Sunday at The Ivy Tech Auditorium in Noblesville. Basile Westfield Playhouse's youth production, "30 Reasons Not to be in a Play," featuring about 20 youth, opens tonight and continues for eight performances, including two matinees,

through Aug. 7 at the Playhouse. Civic Theatre's Young Artists Program presents "42nd Street," opening tonight with performances through Sunday at Booth Tarkington Civic Theatre in Carmel. Also, just south, local teens are also involved in the Summer Stock Stage "Bring It On: The Musical," opening tonight with performances through Sunday at Ayres Auditorium at Park Tudor School in Indianapolis. Admission is free to the Shakespeare in the Park, and tickets are still available, but

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Westfield to Celebrate Jake Laird Community Day Next Tuesday



Jake Laird Community Day will be held on Tuesday, August 2 at Quaker Park from 5-8 p.m. Jake Laird Community Day usually includes: free food and popcorn, live music by Custom Entertainment Concepts, and various activities including bounce houses, face painting, a balloon artist, and a K9 demonstration. Officers will showcase the Department's vehicles, equipment and programs. We will also be raffling off bicycles and backpacks with school supplies again this year! Jake Laird Community Day is sponsored by Hamilton County residents Mike and Debbie Laird, whose son, Officer

Timothy "Jake" Laird of the Indianapolis Police Department, gave his life in the line of duty on August 18, 2004. In his honor, the Westfield Police Department will pay tribute to Jake and promote the spirit of community by providing an evening of food and fun for the residents of Westfield. After Jake's death, the Lairds established the Jake Laird Memorial Fund which provides funds for local law enforcement agencies in need of new equipment, innovating new programs, and assists with officer hardships. The Laird Family is known as friends to numerous police agencies throughout Indiana sponsoring programs that strengthen community relations. This year, we've once again paired Jake Laird Community Day with National Night Out, which occurs the first Tuesday of August every year. National

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Hamilton County Leadership Academy Names Class of 2023



HCLA has officially announced the Class of 2023 and welcomed them into the folds of HCLA's 30+ year legacy in Hamilton County. The Hamilton County Leadership Academy (HCLA) has selected 35 individuals who live or work in Hamilton County to take part in its 10-month community leadership program:

- Ramona Adams - The Center for the Performing Arts
- Ali Alvey - Beaver Gravel
- Stephanie Amick - Agape Therapeutic Riding
- Ed Bukovac - Citizens Energy Group
- Jamar Cobb-Dennard - Indiana Business Advisors
- Todd Crosby - Eli Lilly and Company
- Christi Crosser - Nova 29, LLC

- John DeLucia - Citizens State Bank
- Dustin Dixon - Hamilton County Sheriff's Office
- Laurie Dyer - T&T Sales and Promotions, Inc.
- Brad Fruth - Becks Hybrids
- Roz Harris - Fit Chicks
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- Taylor Hollenbeck - Indiana Office of Technology
- Sam Hughes - Church Church Hittle + Antrim
- Dave Hyatt - Riverview Health
- Mindy Konrath - Prevail
- Travis Lovett - Krieg DeVault LLP
- John Mann - Noblesville Police Department
- Harley McCorkle - Duke Energy
- Kathryn McLaughlin - Community Health Network
- Brian Millis - ADVISA
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Leslie Wayne Dixon

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



➔ HONEST HOOSIER

This from a reader: If I had a dollar for every time socialism worked, I'd have \$0.00.



➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Grandma's advice not to put anything smaller than your elbow in your ear was right - that includes Q-tips. 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

"I wish that people who are conventionally supposed to love each other would say to each other, when they fight, 'Please - a little less love, and a little more common decency.'"

- Kurt Vonnegut

➔ TODAY'S JOKE

Did your mom go anywhere for vacation? Alaska. What? You don't know?



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⇒ OBITUARIES

Leslie Wayne Dixon
June 30, 2022

Leslie Wayne Dixon, 50, of Noblesville, Indiana, passed peacefully on June 30, 2022, at his home in the comfort of his family.



Born in Elizabethtown and raised in Cecilia, Kentucky, Mr. Dixon was the generous and kind first son, otherwise known as the eldest of three children. He experienced a life filled with love for his family, a quest for learning, and a passion for humor. He had an amazing childhood filled with faith, loyalty, and unconditional love. Stories abound from his baseball adventures and incredible mishaps with his siblings (like being witness to the parachuting of cats off the deck (none were harmed), throwing dirt clods and taking them in the back, and figuring out how to spray paint a car door to hide swing set scratches for years). At times you could even find him dressed up like Jerry Lee Lewis while playing his piano. Mr. Dixon loved to tickle the ivories and in his prime, he could play a new song after only hearing it a time or two on the radio. He grew into the warm-hearted, thoughtful, and loyal man who would later capture his wife's heart.

He was in his element when teaching and caring for others. He found immense joy in being a pilot and flight instructor. He was driven to educate in almost everything he tackled from flight instructing, selling appliances and properties, substitute teaching, and helping others as an insurance adjuster and quality analyst. If you had the honor of his friendship or kinship, you would be regaled with endless facts of games (both board and video), craft sodas, retro candy, muscle cars, and life in general (much of which was learned through his reading of countless Uncle John's Bathroom Readers). Mr. Dixon would tell almost anyone who would listen that he was "the most normal person you'll ever know," and ask them to inform his wife as such, which his friends did with glee as she rolled her eyes.

Humor was a life staple for Mr. Dixon. He was always there with a quick joke when needed and was one of the most animated joke tellers you have ever met. When he laughed, the joy he found in humor was palpable as his whole being shook with infectious laughter. This joy is part of what drew his wife to him.

While flying freight and flight instructing, Mr. Dixon would meet many of his life-long friends. Addington Field became his home away from home and the place he would often return to when he was in town visiting his family.

Survivors include his devoted wife of 11 years Roma Bonfitto, two precious furbabies Apollo and Sam; parents Claris Ray and Carolyn Joyce Dixon; brother Steven (Heather) Dixon; sister Kelli (Cody) Ditto; six nieces and nephews Parker Hibbard, Emily Dixon, Brady Dixon, Payton Ditto, Gabriel Ditto and Liam Ditto; and various other extended family and close friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents Leon Dixon, Nema Dixon, Edward Stewart and Elizabeth Stewart; and step-grandmother Maude Stewart.

The family has invited Mr. Dixon's friends and family to join them in enjoying tasty food and lots of joy while they recount memories and tell their favorite jokes in celebration his life on August 27, 2022 from 5-8 p.m. at Addington Field in Elizabethtown, Kentucky.

Mr. Dixon was laid to rest in a private ceremony at Elizabethtown Memorial Gardens where he continues to be surrounded by family.

The Dixon Family has entrusted Randall & Roberts Funeral Home with Leslie's care

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

⇒ News Briefs

Rep. Victoria Spartz to Host Town Halls in Madison, Grant Counties on Aug. 13

On Saturday, August 13, Congresswoman Victoria Spartz will host a series of town hall events in Madison and Grant Counties

The first will take place in Room Sycamore A at the Pendleton Community Public Library. The address is 595 East Water Street, Pendleton, IN. The event will begin at 10:30

a.m. Parking is directly outside the east end doors.

The second event will take place at Gas City Fire Dept. Station 2. The address for the event is 5050 E 500 South, Gas City, IN. The event will begin at 1:00 p.m.

If you have any questions, please call the Carmel office at 317-848-0201.

Westfield Begins Appraisals for Upcoming Grand Park Sale

In March, the Westfield Redevelopment Commission (RDC) released a request for proposals seeking companies interested in purchasing the Grand Park Sports Campus or operating the campus through a public-private partnership. A total of 16 entities met an April deadline to submit an intent to bid on Grand Park.

Subsequently, according to statute, the City of Westfield began appraisals of the property to determine the minimum price for the land and buildings.

The expectation, as stated in the RFP, is that the bidders add considerable value to the business intangibles not appraised. The bid deadline was extended twice to allow for those appraisals to be completed. That process has concluded and the city plans to release the appraisals to the public before the August 8th bid deadline.

"This is about bringing the campus to a new and more competitive level with private investment. This is not a fire sale of Grand Park," said West-

field Mayor Andy Cook. "Grand Park has exceeded its original forecasted financial expectations by a wide margin, creating 1.6 billion dollars of commercial investment to our city in its wake. However, either a purchase of Grand Park or a public-private partnership is absolutely necessary to keep this incredible asset relevant in an increasingly competitive market. We look forward to letting the process unfold with open eyes to new ideas and will give the bidders and their

proposals the professional and diligent attention that they deserve."

Once bids are received by the August 8 deadline, they will be reviewed by an independent committee which will then provide recommendations to the Westfield Redevelopment Commission and to the city council. Both will then vote on either a buyer or operator of Grand Park or choose not to sell the campus. By statute, Grand Park cannot be sold for less than its appraised value.

Don't Shoot the Messengers - Assessed Value Increases and the Perfect Storm

Don't shoot the messengers. Short of state legislative intervention, property taxes are going up again. This is not the Assessor's, Treasurer's, or Auditors fault either. Following state regulations, they value our properties, compute our tax, send us the bill, and collect the payments.

Years ago, most of us thought about our property taxes when we received the bill or when we wrote the check. Today, taxpayers pay more attention. We also pay more attention to referendums, assessments, elections, and government spending. Recently, after receiving their new assessed value in the mail, a neighbor asked me to review their assessment and property tax bill. To them something was off. In their case, it was both surprising and accurate. Unfortunately, the review was also a peek at what's coming soon.

As property owners in Hamilton County, we are looking squarely in the eye of a perfect storm; property tax increases, inflation at a forty-year high, increasing values of our properties, rising interest rates, worsening economic conditions and likely a recession. Let's break this down a bit.

With limited exceptions properties in the county have an Assessed Value (AV) established for that property by the Assessor's office. The Assessor is required to follow state regulations to determine



MARK HALL
Guest Columnist

the values of property. The Assessed Value is the tax base for the county - the basis for property tax collections that fund the operation of local government. The AV is to reflect the market value of each property.

There is no limit on how much an assessed value can increase or decrease with new assessments. Hamilton County has \$55.8 billion in assessed value from approximately 139,500 parcels. The Hamilton County total AV is up 15.2% over last year with some individual properties AV increasing by twenty percent or more. Increasing the Assessed Value results in a higher tax bill unless the tax rate is reduced to account for the increase in AV.

Property tax caps are in place, but they don't apply to referendums that we voted to adopt. Residential property taxes are capped at 1% of the total Assessed Value of your property. The 1% cap is not on the tax rate, it's a cap on the total tax amount at 1% of the value of your prop-

erty. Again, the school referendum taxes are on top of this amount. In Noblesville township, as an example, the most recent district rate was 2.771%, with .5148% of that total attributed to the School Referendums. All Hamilton County district rates are published on the county website.

A property in Hamilton County valued at \$200,000 a few years ago may now be valued at \$300,000 or more. While that is an incredible return on investment, if you aren't planning to sell soon, then plan for higher taxes. Renters are impacted too as higher values combine with higher tax caps to increase property owners' expenses, often requiring an increase in rent to cover the increase costs. Seniors and fixed income families may be challenged to adapt to the onslaught combination of recession, inflation and rising property taxes. In our example the increase in AV is \$100,000. If the homestead and mortgage deductions were already in place the owner pays property taxes on an additional \$65,000 in value. Each situation is unique and just like my neighbor, it is a good practice to review your property tax bill and your deductions every year. Just one deduction may mean significant savings for your family.

Deductions reduce the AV of your property. The

lower your AV the lower your tax bill. Deductions available include Homestead, Disability, Over Age 65, Disabled Veteran, Mortgage, Geothermal and a Circuit Breaker deduction designed to limit tax increases in certain specific circumstances. The staff at the Auditors office is friendly and will help you review your situation. Worth noting, anyone who makes changes to their deed / trust or marital status must re-file their deductions.

Assessing officials will re-assess approximately twenty-five percent of the parcels every year. When you receive a new assessment, you have a limited number of days to appeal the new valuation. Before appealing ask yourself this question. If I sold my property today, would it sell for that value? If the answer is no, an appeal may be a good option to lower your tax bill.

This column focused on residential property. There are different tax caps for commercial, rental, industrial and agricultural properties. For details on or to update deductions visit www.hamiltoncounty.in.gov or contact the Hamilton County Auditor's Office.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING NOTICE

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners will meet on Friday, August 12, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. in Conference Room 1A located in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana 46060. The meeting is to discuss the American Rescue Plan Act and other county business as needed. Meeting may be accessed virtually by dialing 1.219.225.8177 Conference ID 549724310# /s/ Robin M. Mills
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Local Students Pay Homage to Iconic Art

Arianny Peters, Lilli Lay, Zoe Kincaid, Russell Hudson, Raelyn Heavner, and Michael Campos-Johnson proudly share the mural they created for display at Hamilton Heights Student Activity Center. Their work was crafted in art class under the direction of Hamilton Heights Elementary School Art Teacher, Cheri Trachtman. The piece was inspired by The Starry Night, an oil-on-canvas painting by the Dutch Post-Impressionist painter Vincent van Gogh, painted in 1889.



Photo courtesy of Noblesville Lions

Noblesville Lions Host District Governor

On Wednesday evening, the Noblesville Lions welcomed Eric Schuman (left, pictured with Lion Walt Scheid, 1st VP), the local Lions District Governor. Mr. Schuman outlined his challenges and goals for the coming year to the local club. Mr. Schuman is also a member of the Greentown Lions Club.

Visit DNR, Get Close with Nature at the State Fair



The Natural Resources Building is the place to be during the Indiana State Fair (IndianaStateFair.com) today through Aug. 21, excluding Mondays and Tuesdays.

Located in the northwest area of the fairgrounds, the building offers information on all things DNR in air-conditioned comfort. While visiting inside, you can pick up the latest guidebooks on recreation, fishing, and hunting & trapping, along with manuals on boating, off-road vehicles, and much more.

To tie in with this year's automobile-related fair theme of Fun at the Speed of Summer, many of the DNR displays will highlight some of the vehicles, machinery, and other tools and gadgets the staff uses on the job.

Outside the building is the Fishin' Pond, where children ages 5-17 can fish for free on opening day and then Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays



Photo courtesy of Indiana DNR

The Natural Resources Building at the Indiana State Fair will play host to several events throughout the fair.

from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Also outside, at the amphitheater, which is next to the building, you can check out the live reptiles at 10 a.m. and a live birds of prey program at 4:30 p.m. every day of the fair. More programs will be offered at amphitheater and on the building's front porch. Updates and more can be found at dnr.IN.gov/statefair.

While shopping for outdoors-themed gifts, T-shirts and toys inside the

building's Mother Nature's Mercantile, you can get an exclusive special deal on Outdoor Indiana magazine that is available only to fair attendees while supplies last. Simply buy a subscription at the cash register, and you will be handed the current July/August issue, highlights of which are at OutdoorIndiana.org. Your one- or two-year subscription (\$15 or \$28, respectively) will start with the September/October issue, so you will be getting one issue free.

Stop by the Indiana Unclaimed Booth at the Indiana State Fair

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is inviting Hoosiers visiting the Indiana State Fair to discover their unclaimed property and learn about the services offered by his office.

"It's a tradition for many Hoosier families to visit the State Fair and we invite them to stop by our booth and introduce themselves," Rokita said. "Our booth offers all Hoosiers a chance to interact with our team and learn about the services our office provides them, including the opportunity to search for unclaimed property." Team members will be

available to assist Hoosiers with unclaimed property searches. Staff will also have information and tips to help consumers protect themselves from identity theft and other scams.

The Indiana State Fair runs from today to Aug. 21 and is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays. The Attorney General's booth is located in the Agriculture Horticulture Building and will be staffed from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. each day.

In 2022, Rokita's office has returned more than \$31 million and still has more than \$700 million to be claimed.



Attorney General Todd Rokita

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Kenny Talks Strong Predictions for Boilermaker Football

The 2022 Big Ten football media days are officially over and the hours of coach speak will be sifted for any nuggets of real information by fans and news organizations alike until the season opener Aug. 27 in Dublin, Ireland when Northwestern faces Nebraska.

Illinois also hosts Wyoming that day but the focus will be on the Cornhuskers, who are likely playing for coach Scott Frost's future at his alma mater. The Wildcats are hoping to prove last season's dismal 1-8 conference record was a fluke.

Expectations are higher for Purdue, which is coming off its first nine-win season since 2003. Athlon Sports' Steve Lissan has the Boilermakers finishing second to Wisconsin in the Big Ten West Division.

"In a balanced Big Ten West, Purdue has enough talent, depth and experience to contend for a division title again this season," he writes.

To the shock of no one outside Ann Arbor, Mich., Ohio State is Athlon's favorite to win the East title.

"The Boilermakers have a few concerns to address, namely how the defense improves under a new coordinator, but contending for the Big Ten's West Division title is within reach," Lissan writes. "A favorable schedule sees



KENNY THOMPSON
Columnist

Purdue miss Ohio State, Michigan State and Michigan in crossover play, and Penn State visits West Lafayette in the season opener."

Not surprisingly, Lissan ranks O'Connell among the Big Ten's best quarterbacks. The questions once again are will Purdue have a decent running game to support O'Connell and will a more experienced offensive line make that possible?

"Iowa transfer Charlie Jones and Broc Thompson are likely to be the go-to options on the outside," Lissan writes, overlooking probably the No. 1 target in senior tight end Payne Durham.

Defensively, Lissan is wondering who will step up for coordinator Ron English after the departures of George Karlaftis, DaMarcus Mitchell, linebacker Jaylan Alexander and safety Marvin Grant (a puzzling transfer to Big 12 bottom feeder Kansas).

Lissan is far less optimistic about Indiana,

picked to finish last in the East.

"New offensive coordinator Walt Bell inherits a group that averaged only 10.4 points a contest in Big Ten action last year," Lissan writes. "Former Missouri signal-caller Connor Bazelak should provide much-needed stability under center, with fellow transfers Shaun Shivers and Josh Henderson (RB) and Emery Simmons (WR) helping to add options at the skill talent spots."

Lissan also notes IU will be hard pressed to improve from giving up 35 points a game in conference play, especially with the departure of its best player, linebacker Micah McFadden.

ESPN.com writer Bill Connelly figures there will be a four-way battle for the West Division title among Wisconsin, Purdue, Iowa and Minnesota. "Quarterback Aidan O'Connell returns after throwing for 3,712 yards, both lines return a large majority of contributors, and the secondary is loaded with seniors. But (David) Bell is gone, as are (defensive coordinator Brad) Lambert and end George Karlaftis. Does that hurt a little or a lot?"

"The Music City Bowl provided hope. Without Bell ... Purdue beat Tennessee in overtime, 48-45, thanks to 534 yards from O'Connell. Broc Thomp-

son caught seven balls for 217 yards, and tight end Payne Durham caught a pair of touchdowns. And they're both back. If defensive co-coordinators Ron English and Mark Hagen can keep the ship steady, and O'Connell can produce greatness with Thompson, Wright, Durham, slot man TJ Sheffield, among others, this is a West contender."

As for Indiana, Connelly wonders if 13 transfers plus new offensive (Walt Bell) and defensive coordinators (Chad Wilt) is going to be enough to improve significantly from 2021.

"It's hard to be particularly confident about whether all this change will have the desired effect. (Among other things, Bell's recent track record is terribly uninspiring.)" Connelly writes. "Last year's collapse was comprehensive, and as is generally the case in the Big Ten East -- especially for schools crazy enough to schedule Cincinnati in nonconference play -- the schedule is unforgiving. Tom Allen created something impressive at IU, but it all fell apart almost overnight."

CollegeFootballNews.com writer Pete Fiutak expects another bowl season for Purdue but not to contend for the West crown.

"Purdue football has always been a little bit of

a Little Engine That Could sort of program without the next-level star power of the biggest of Big Ten teams, but when it was rolling back in the day under the late, great Joe Tiller it had a scheme and style that made everyone worry," Fiutak writes.

"... It would take something amazing to break through to an even higher level and be deep in the hunt for a Big Ten Championship appearance -- in other words, the rest of the Big Ten West has to be down -- but after what the team did last year, it's not crazy.

"The special teams have to be better, more take-aways would be good, a better running game would be great, and ... forget about what Purdue won't be and probably can't do. It's going to give everyone a fight again."

Fiutak's keys to Purdue's season include a more effective running game and stopping the run defensively. A victory against Penn State in the season opener would be welcomed, too.

"Purdue is coming off a terrific year, but nothing would crank up 2022 like taking care of Penn State at home in the Big Ten opener. Beat Penn State, and all of a sudden the toughest games on the slate won't seem so rough. Even better, win, and there's chance for a 4-0 September with a win at

Syracuse.

"As long as the passing game is clicking and the team can own West Lafayette, there's a solid shot at another nine-win season."

Fiutak isn't as bearish about Indiana's 2022 potential but improving the Big Ten's worst offense (290 yards a game) is a must.

So is Missouri transfer Connor Bazelak giving the Hoosiers a passing threat that an injured Michael Penix, Jack Tuttle and Donaven McCulley couldn't do last season.

Defensively, create turnovers and developing a pass rush will be the challenges for new coordinator Chad Wilt.

It also would help if Indiana could beat good teams. Fiutak notes that of the Hoosiers' 42 victories over the last eight seasons, 36 came against FCS teams or schools with losing records.

"Indiana will be better," Fiutak writes. "It's not going to win the Big Ten East, and it's going to take a whole lot of big breaks to get bowling, but it's going to be stronger, sharper, and it's actually going to start scoring again."

Kenny Thompson is the former sports editor for the Lafayette Journal & Courier and an award-winning journalist. He has covered Purdue athletics for many years.

Permission Has Been Granted

My church's men's group recently had a discussion about who was the boss in our homes. Many of the members had never thought about it and didn't know how to respond. I told them I was sure I was the boss, but I wanted to check with my wife to see if she agreed with my saying that.

After giving it more thought, I realized I do something that may reveal I am not the boss. Whenever I share with my wife what my plans are, I follow my declaration with "okay?"

"Mary Ellen, I'm going to take a shower, okay?"

Why have I formed this as a question? Am I



DICK WOLFSIE
Funny Bone

asking for permission?

When I was single, I took a shower anytime I wanted; I didn't need to inform anyone. I could just do it...unless I hadn't paid the water bill. Why do I need consent now? In all fairness, my wife has never said, "No, I

don't want you to take a shower," but occasionally she'll say: "Don't use all the hot water." One morning, she remarked, "It's about time," which really got my attention.

Last Tuesday, I said, "I'm going to the drug store, okay?"

"Sure...and while you're there, get a bottle of my shampoo and some dental floss, and pick up my prescription refill. And I also need a L'Oreal Voluminous Butterfly Mascara, Black/Brown color. Any man who can find that earns an A-OK. Good luck.

Then, just yesterday, I announced, "I'm going for a walk, okay?" Now,

I knew Mary Ellen would have no objection, but phrasing it as a question gave her the option to add: "That's fine, but be sure to bring your water bottle, don't track in any mud when you get back, and don't walk in the middle of the street. The neighbors are complaining about having to swerve around you." Yeah, so much for that theory.

Mary Ellen may be the boss after all. She handles all our investments, medical policies, landscaping choices, mortgage decisions, barbequing, last will and testament updates, our automatic sprinkler system and any home security issues, just to name a few of her responsibilities. I am proud to say that oil changes for both of our cars are my department. That, along with doing the dishes,

pretty much sums up my obligations in the Wolf-sie household. As you can tell, I don't do very much. But in all fairness, Mary Ellen won't let me.

After admitting to all of this, I want you to know that starting right now, I am going to be more assertive in all my conversations, more positive in my tone and more confident in my decisions, okay?

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

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The annual luncheon celebration will feature former IndyCar driver and current team owner Sam Schmidt as the guest speaker. There will also be a silent auction to raise funds for a variety of different New Hope programs.

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Indiana Gets Fourth Court Win for Unborn Babies

A federal appeals court this week handed Indiana the state's fourth legal victory this month in cases involving the state's abortion laws.

The 7th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals ruled that Indiana can immediately begin enforcing a law requiring the notification of the parents of minors who obtain abortions — a law previously enjoined by a federal district court before it could ever go into effect.

"This pro-life victory is not just a win for me or this office," Indiana Attorney General Rokita said. "It's a win for all Hoosiers who believe in protecting the sanctity of life, the health of women and the crucial importance of families."

Indiana law generally requires the consent of adult parents in order for minor females to obtain abortions, but the law exempts minors who successfully persuade a juvenile court that they are mature enough to make the decision for themselves.

The parental-notification law requires that even in those cases, however, the adult parents must be notified that their minor child is undergoing the procedure. The law does not require that notification in cases in which the juvenile court finds that it would endanger the well-being of the minor undergoing the abortion. A minor in Indiana is defined as someone under age 18.

Since the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade on June 24, Attorney General Rokita has secured three earlier wins for Indiana pro-life laws.

On July 7, Attorney



Attorney General Todd Rokita

General Rokita achieved another historic pro-life legal win when a federal district court granted his motion to lift an injunction on dismemberment abortions, which occur well into an unborn baby's development.

Then, on July 11, a U.S. appellate court vacated judgments in the Whole Woman's Health Alliance v. Rokita case that had invalidated several other Indiana laws protecting unborn children and the health of their mothers.

On July 18, a U.S. district court vacated a judgment against an Indiana law prohibiting abortions sought on the basis of the unborn child's race, sex or disability.

"I look forward to working together with all Hoosiers of good will to continue building a culture of life in Indiana," Rokita said. "Let it be clear that we value the life of every individual, born and unborn. Let us work to ensure that everyone has the best possible chance at the best possible life, and certainly let us give special priority and emphasis to the mothers bringing these children into the world. Truly, the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world."

Young, Carper and Colleagues Introduce Bipartisan Resolution to Promote Digital Economy, Digital Trade

Yesterday, U.S. Senators Todd Young (R-Ind.) and Tom Carper (D-Del.) were joined by a group of colleagues to introduce a bipartisan, bicameral resolution outlining the importance of the U.S. digital economy and the importance of greater U.S. leadership on digital trade negotiations with like-minded countries.

"In today's hyper-connected world, the U.S. finds itself at a critical moment," said Senator Young. "Digital trade is becoming the new frontier in economic strength, particularly in the post-pandemic economy. It is time to prioritize connectivity and the subsequent adoption of digital governance to shape regional norms and provide an alternative to restrictive policies promoted by our adversaries like China. As the U.S. is positioned to lead in the digital space, our resolution encourages American leadership on digital trade rules in order to secure 21st century opportunities for Hoosiers, small businesses, manufacturers, and domestic service

industries." "As the digital economy increasingly drives growth and innovation across the globe, the United States has an opportunity to lead the world in establishing rules of the road for digital trade. Digital trade has the potential to uplift workers and spur innovation, while at the same time advancing our shared values of democracy, privacy, and the rule of law," said Senator Carper. "I'm proud to introduce this bipartisan, bicameral resolution advocating for the United States to work with our allies across the globe to establish forward-looking global digital trade policies—so that workers and businesses in the First State and across our nation can continue to grow and thrive."

In 2020, U.S. exports of digital services surpassed \$520 billion, accounting for more than half of all U.S. services exports and generating a digital services trade surplus of \$214 billion. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, demand and reliance on digital technologies and

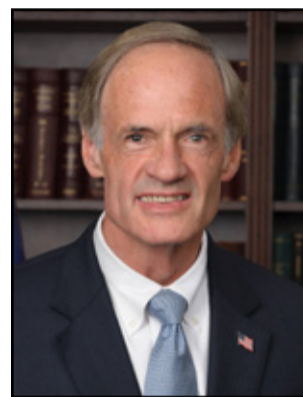


Senator Todd Young

services, data flows, and e-commerce has only increased.

Accordingly, the resolution calls for the U.S. to "negotiate strong, inclusive, forward-looking, and enforceable rules on digital trade and the digital economy with like-minded countries as part of a broader trade and economic strategy to address digital barriers and ensure that the United States values of democracy, rule of law, freedom of speech, human and worker rights, privacy, and a free and open internet are at the very core of the digital world and advanced technology."

In addition to Senators



Senator Tom Carper (D-Del.)

Young and Carper, the resolution was cosponsored by Senators Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) and Mike Crapo (R-Idaho), the chairman and ranking member of the Senate Finance Committee, Ben Cardin (D-Md.), and John Cornyn (R-Texas). A companion, bipartisan resolution led by Representatives Darin LaHood (R-Ill.), Suzan DelBene (D-Wash.), and Ami Bera (D-Calif.) was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives.

A copy of the resolution can be found online at <https://www.young.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/Digital%20Trade%20Resolution.pdf>

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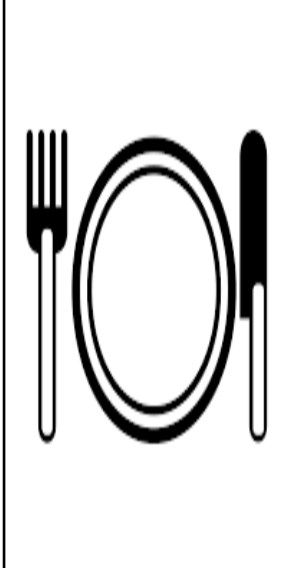
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Cast members rehearse for Belfry Theatre Apprentice Players' musical, Disney's "Frozen Jr.," which opened Thursday and continues through Sunday at The Ivy Tech Auditorium in Noblesville.

going fast, to the other four shows, where patrons will find lots of local teens performing in the latter.

Here are more details on those show, plus more things to do this weekend and beyond:

1. Noblesville Schools' families are invited to a Back to School Bash 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at the new Beaver Stadium in Noblesville, with food, games, sports, art, giveaways, live music, school and community exhibitors and more.
2. Carousel Corner is open at Forest Park in Noblesville from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily through Sunday, then weekends Aug. 6-Oct. 23, with \$2 carousel rides and \$3 mini golf.
3. Relax with Symphony on the Prairie concerts at Conner Prairie in Fishers, featuring "Hollywood Nights: A Bob Seger Experience," tonight; "Arrival from Sweden: The Music of ABBA," Saturday, with tickets at <https://www.connerprairie.org>
4. Main Street Productions presents "30

Reasons Not To Be in a Play," by Alan Haehnel," today through Aug. 7, at Westfield Playhouse, directed by Tanya Haas, with tickets at <https://www.westfield-playhouse.org/>

5. The Belfry Theatre Apprentice Players presents Disney's "Frozen Jr.," July 28-31 at The Ivy Tech Auditorium in Noblesville, directed by James H. Williams, with tickets at www.belfrytheatre.com.

6. Grab a lawn chair and blanket and head out to Noblesville Cultural Arts Commission's 30th annual free Shakespeare in the Park production, 8:30 p.m. today and Saturday at Federal Hill Commons in Noblesville, with Noblesville director Jen Otterman.

7. 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 "The Shallows," Rated PG-13, sponsored by Holt Legal Group, this Saturday;

"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.forestparkpool.org/>

8. 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 is restricted to vendor spaces and handicapped parking only during the weekly market.

9. Ride the Nickel Plate Express little red Caboose on Saturday and Aug. 6 and 20, with tickets at <https://nickelplateexpress.com/>

10. Come out to Throwback Night -- vintage car show, free concert featuring The Neighbors band, 50-cent hot dogs and Wheelers



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Cast members Ella Crites (left) and Amaya Smith, both Westfield High School juniors, rehearse for Basile Westfield Playhouse's youth production, "30 Reasons Not to be in a Play," which opened Thursday and continues through Aug. 7 at the Playhouse.

open late -- from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday at Mercantile 37 in Noblesville.

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. Early bird pricing ends Sunday for Noblesville Brewfest on Sept. 17, benefiting Forest Park Aquatic Center, with tickets at www.NoblesvilleBrewfest.com.

14. Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville Cornhole Tournament at Forest

Park will be Aug. 5. 15. Join Hamilton County Parks & Recreation on the lawn at Cool Creek Park for the Cool Creek Concert Series, with \$5 admission, free to ages 12 and younger, with final concert Aug. 5 with 45 RPM.

16. 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.

17. Carmel Community Players presents "Shipwrecked! An Entertainment," directed by Lori Raffel, Aug. 12-21

18. Noblesville Parks' 15th annual Movies in the Park series, presented by Logan Street Signs and banners, Aug. 12, "Onward," (Rated PG) at Dillon Park; "Cruella," (Rated PG-13) Aug. 19, Federal Hill Commons; "Raya and

the Last Dragon," (Rated PG) Aug. 26, Federal Hill; "Sing 2," (Rated PG) Sept. 2, Federal Hill; and "Ghostbusters Afterlife," (Rated PG-13) Sept. 9, Federal Hill.

19. Enjoy Concerts at the Commons 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. on select Saturdays through September at Federal Hill Commons. Concert schedule: 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.

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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director, Diana Coyle, shared, "We know each participant will invest in our values of learn, connect, and lead to help define their unique impact on Hamilton County. The class experience will allow our cohort time to take a deep dive into the operations and networks where they live, work, and play and expand their confidence and competency as leaders across the county and state."

Each year, HCLA selects participants through a highly competitive application process. Class members are selected based on their community engagement, desire to learn and grow through the HCLA program, and passion for making an impact through leading and serving in Hamilton County.

Earlier this year, HCLA announced that Karen Radcliff would serve HCLA as the Class

of 2023 Dean. HCLA will kick off its Class of 2023 cohort experience in mid-August with a two-day opening retreat.

HCLA is a 10-month program for professional and community leaders who live or work in Hamilton County. Class sessions cover a wide variety of topics that affect the operations of the county, participants receive learning in the areas of government, education, criminal justice, arts, culture, business, industry, and much more. Graduates of the program have a deeper knowledge and understanding of Hamilton County, create meaningful, life-long connections with their peers, HCLA alumni, and community leaders, and gain clarity around how to lead and make an impact in their backyard.

For more information, visit www.hcla.net

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Indiana Secures Up to \$99M to Accelerate Startup Growth, Invest in Underserved Small Businesses

The Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) announced this week that the state of Indiana will receive up to \$99.1 million in federal funding through the State Small Business Credit Initiative to expand access to and increase capital for Hoosier entrepreneurs, startups and small businesses.

“As a state, Indiana is strategically focused on creating the economy of the future and investing in the jobs of tomorrow and taking Indiana's Top 40 Global Entrepreneurship Ecosystem to a Top 5 Ecosystem is an essential goal of that initiative,” said Indiana Secretary of Commerce Brad Chambers. “This SSBCI award will inject critical funding and resources into our ecosystem of current and future entrepreneurs, startups and small businesses who are solving global challenges, creating new technologies, and positively impacting Hoosier communities statewide.”

Indiana is one of the first 14 states and territories to be approved by the U.S. Department of Treasury for this iteration of SSBCI, a program established in 2010 and reauthorized and funded through The American Rescue Plan Act in 2021. This funding, which must be disbursed alongside private dollars, is expected to leverage \$10 in follow-on investment for each \$1 of SSBCI, providing entrepreneurs and small business owners the resources they need to grow and resulting in at least \$990 million invested in Indiana's innovation and entrepreneurial ecosystem by the end of the SSBCI program.

Indiana will receive a minimum of \$86 million and will be eligible to receive another \$13 million – for a total of \$99 million over 10 years – when the state meets expected targets for the initial allocation. Indiana will leverage SSBCI to expand venture capital investments and create a new program to invest in small business loan funds throughout the state. At least 37% of this funding will be allocated to traditionally underserved small businesses and entrepreneurs, encouraging greater equity in access to capital for Hoosier businesses.

Increasing Availability and Access to Venture Capital for Innovators and Startups

Approximately \$70 million of the state's funding will be directed to accelerating Indiana's innovative startup ecosystem through direct investments in early-revenue companies. This allocation will significantly expand Indiana's ability to support pre-seed and seed funding rounds through Elevate Ventures, Indiana's venture development partner, increasing access to working capital for innovators, entrepreneurs and startups.

This allocation will be invested in Indiana-based companies through the Indiana Angel Network Fund alongside co-investors, with a strategic effort to participate in early funding rounds led by venture capital partners strategically focused on reaching underrepresented founders.

These investments will be available to Indiana-based companies pursuing seed stage financing, meaning they are typically pre-revenue, preparing for clinical trials or regulatory approval, or actively pursuing product-market fit through initial go-to-market activities. Investments from the Indiana Angel Network Fund, which may be made up to \$1 million, require a minimum 1:1 co-investment.

More information on the Indiana Angel Network Fund and venture partner-led funding available through SSBCI will be available from Elevate Ventures yet this summer.



Expanding Availability and Access to Capital for Entrepreneurs and Small Businesses

The IEDC will leverage \$28 million of SSBCI funding to create a new small business loan fund investment program to provide more capital for entrepreneurs and small businesses, particularly for those that have been historically underserved. Through the program, loan funds that provide debt capital for qualified purposes to Indiana-based small businesses will be eligible to have a portion of those loans purchased by the IEDC, enabling the loan funds to then support more entrepreneurs and small businesses.

More program information and details will be finalized and announced in the coming months, and loan funds will be able to apply to participate. Generally, to be eligible to participate, loan funds – existing or newly created – must lend to Indiana small businesses (as defined by the U.S. Department of Treasury) and support underserved entrepreneurs and small businesses.

Enabling Innovation and Entrepreneurship Resources Statewide

The remaining SSBCI funds will be used to support administrative costs related to supporting entrepreneurs, startups and small businesses through these initiatives and accelerating venture, debt and working capital to Indiana-based companies, cultivating and diversifying the state's robust innovation and entrepreneurial ecosystem.

Additionally, the IEDC is pursuing another funding opportunity available through SSBCI, the Technical Assistance Grant Program, which will allow the IEDC to provide technical assistance to entrepreneurs and small businesses, readying and empowering them to access capital available through the SSBCI program. The IEDC will use these designated funds to provide businesses and entrepreneurs support as their businesses grow while strengthening the ecosystem of opportunity and entrepreneurship throughout the state.

This is the second SSBCI award Indiana has received, following an initial allocation at the program's inception in 2010. Then, the state received \$30 million, which has supported Indiana startups and small businesses through Elevate Ventures' pre-seed and seed investments. Since its inception, Elevate Ventures has invested \$136 million in Hoosier businesses, attracting \$1.9 billion in private co-investment (13-to-1 investment leverage ratio).

About IEDC

The Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) is charged with growing the State economy, driving economic development, helping businesses launch, grow and locate in the state. Led by Secretary of Commerce Brad Chambers, @SecChambersIN, and governed by a 15-member board chaired by Governor Eric J. Holcomb, @GovHolcomb, the IEDC manages many initiatives, including performance-based tax credits, workforce training grants, innovation and entrepreneurship resources, public infrastructure assistance, and talent attraction and retention efforts. For more information about the IEDC, visit iedc.in.gov.

Skywater Technology Chooses Discovery Park District at Purdue for \$1.8B Semiconductor Fabrication Facility, to Create 750 Jobs in 5 Years



The announcement Wednesday (July 20) by SkyWater Technology that it plans to open a \$1.8 billion state-of-the-art semiconductor manufacturing facility in Discovery Park District at Purdue University marks a huge step forward for the American semiconductor industry. Purdue's thriving innovation district and the university's continued emergence as one of the principal drivers of the Indiana economy.

SkyWater (NASDAQ:SKYT), which expects to create 750 new direct jobs within five years after it opens, joins the likes of Saab, Rolls-Royce, major facilities and partnerships in hypersonics, Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories, Wabash, Mediatek and others in Discovery Park District, one of the most attractive and innovative environments in the Midwest.

“Today's announcement marks a dramatic advance toward multiple strategic goals of Purdue's last decade: enriched academic and career opportunities for our students; new research possibilities for our faculty; a transformed, more attractive environment on and adjacent to our campus; and the latest demonstration that Purdue and Greater Lafayette are now the hot new tech hub of a growing, diversifying Indiana economy,” said Purdue President Mitch Daniels. “Even for the place that specializes in them, this constitutes a genuine giant leap.”

Discovery Park District, a 400-acre, mixed-use development adjacent to Purdue University's West Lafayette campus, provides investing companies access to Purdue faculty experts in the semiconductor field, highly sought-after graduates prepared to work in the industry and vast Purdue research resources. In just its fourth year of existence, Discovery Park District offers proximity and access to interstate and state highways, and all the advantages of Indiana's highly ranked business climate. Hundreds of jobs have been added to the local and regional economy, with companies choosing to locate next to the university's cutting-edge research facilities, collaborators and primary investigators; a large-scale, high-quality talent pipeline; excellent cost of living; and business operations with access to the Wabash River's strong water supply.

The unique town-gown collaboration that resulted in the redevelopment of West Lafayette's State Street corridor was the key first step in creating Discovery Park District. With this new investment from SkyWater, the funds needed to pay off the obligations to the 231 Purdue TIF district, created as part of the State Street project, will be in hand more than a

decade in advance.

Doing its part to address the global semiconductor shortage has been a priority at Purdue. In May, Purdue launched a comprehensive set of interdisciplinary degrees and credentials in semiconductors and microelectronics. The Semiconductor Degrees Program (SDP), the suite of innovative Purdue degrees and credentials, will educate both graduate and undergraduate students, in residence and online, enabling a quick ramp-up of skilled talent. In late June, Purdue began a partnership with MediaTek Inc., a leading global fabless chipmaker, to open the company's first semiconductor chip design center in the Midwest, to be housed in Discovery Park District.

The United States developed microchip technology in the 1950s, and its manufacturing output was 37% of the total global output in 1990. However, as manufacturing moved to East Asia — countries including China, Japan, South Korea and Taiwan — the U.S. global output of semiconductor manufacturing fell to 12% in 2021. The shift could lead to problems in the digital economy if the supply chain is disrupted.

As a solution, the U.S. Congress introduced the Creating Helpful Incentives to Produce Semiconductors for America Act, or CHIPS for America Act, on June 11, 2020. It supports the nation's research and development, manufacturing and supply chain security of semiconductors.

Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb praised the introduction of the CHIPS for America Act and urged Congress to fund it. He has noted the state's strength in advanced manufacturing, the strategic partnership with the Naval Surface Warfare Center Crane to assure trusted microelectronics, and a Department of Defense initiative led by Purdue University to develop workforce talent in the semiconductors industry.

Building the new 600,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art semiconductor manufacturing facility, which includes 100,000 square feet of cleanroom space, will depend on SkyWater receiving funds from the CHIPS Act. American jobs created will focus on research and design engineering, technology development, operations engineering, maintenance and technical support, and technicians.

What they're saying

Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb: “Days like today prove that Indiana's investments in the economy of the future, infrastructure and talent development are cultivating an environment that enables innovators such as SkyWater to choose Indiana. Our success and our mission to support industries of the future would not be possible without the

incredible partnerships with our globally ranked universities, like Purdue University, helping us attract and retain quality, innovative talent.”

Thomas Sonderman, president and CEO, SkyWater Technology:

“This endeavor to bolster our chip fabrication facilities will rely on funding from the CHIPS Act. Federal investment will enable SkyWater to more quickly expand our efforts to address the need for strategic reshoring of semiconductor manufacturing. Through our alliance with the Indiana Economic Development Corporation and Purdue Research Foundation, we have a unique opportunity to increase domestic production, shore up our supply chains and lay the groundwork for manufacturing technologies that will support growing demand for microelectronics.”

Dr. Devanand Shenoy, principal director of microelectronics, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering: “SkyWater's investment in a new state-of-the-art semiconductor manufacturing facility at Purdue's Discovery Park District, represents a major step forward and highlights the importance of public-private partnerships in fostering a robust and thriving domestic microelectronics industry.”

Dr. Angie Lewis, (SES), NSWC Crane technical director: “Trusted microelectronics are a centerpiece of NSWC Crane's mission and absolutely essential to Department of Defense sensor and weapon systems. Creating domestic capability for fabrication of trusted microelectronics such as the SkyWater presence in the Purdue Discovery Park offers great opportunity to secure trusted microelectronics.”

Scott Walker, president and CEO, Greater Lafayette Commerce: “We are excited to see Greater Lafayette win the site selection process for this investment from SkyWater Technologies. It demonstrates the power of collaboration between our county, our cities, Purdue University, the Purdue Research Foundation and the state of Indiana. It also demonstrates our region's strengths in working with industries of tomorrow. We are excited to work with them through the next phases of their process and work with our partners at Purdue University and Ivy Tech to develop the needed semiconductor workforce.”

U.S. Sen. Todd Young (Indiana): “For months, state leaders, including Gov. Holcomb, Secretary Chambers, President Daniels and private enterprise have partnered to create a semiconductor corridor here in the Heartland. Today's announcement is a direct result of those efforts. In Washington, we are on the verge of passing a major investment in next-generation technologies that is vital for the success of this and future projects, and that will ensure Indiana remains at the center of our high-tech national security economy.”

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FRIDAY Voice of our PEOPLE

Timmons Continuing Discussion on Morals

I've been writing newspaper columns since my junior year in high school, almost 50 years ago. A couple of them produced death threats that the law enforcement folks deemed credible enough to have a chat with me about watching my back for a few days.

Not sure I've written any that generated as much response as a few recent ones on the declining morals in this country. And surprisingly, at least to me, the reaction has been about 99-to-1 in agreement.

Since I'm feeling a little emboldened, let's hit chapter two. And if you're an atheist, you might skip this week . . . or not. Your call obviously. I'm going to talk about God, but I think this very much goes in line with last week. If you don't agree, that's OK. This one is my two cents after all. You can have your own two cents any



TIM TIMMONS
Two Cents

way you want.

Here's the question: If you met God today, what would you want / expect him to say to you?

Notice the slash between want and expect? Don't know about you, but I'm worried that the gap between what I want Him to say and what I expect is big-

ger than I am comfortable with. Just saying.

Thing is, any of us could meet God today. Think not? Take a look at the obituary page. It always has some folks who maybe didn't have "Meeting With God" on this week's to-do list. Yet there they are.

Since we don't know when, where or how this will happen, doesn't it make sense that we should try to put ourselves in a position so that He won't have to struggle to find something nice to say?

As you ponder that, let's also think about how we live our lives these days. Think about the things we say on social media about other folks. I mean, c'mon! Can you believe she would wear something like that at HER age? Or what about those idiots who love Donald Trump? What do you mean Joe Biden should run for

another term? There surely isn't a shortage of opinions . . . and tempers!

Don't stop there. Think about our reactions when some moron, uh-oops, cuts us off on the interstate.

Would we really say the same things if we were face to face with that driver or the person on the other end of the computer?

Maybe. Maybe not. Still, the reality is we're saying them today. We might find ourselves explaining why to the man upstairs tomorrow.

I was listening to my favorite pastor Allen Jackson the other day and he asked a question that gave me pause. What could someone possibly do that would be considered brazen in today's world? Wow! A few years ago, that's a pretty easy question. Today? Not so much. That says a lot, doesn't it?

If we could re-live our lives, there's probably a lot of things we might do differently. I know for sure that I never would have sold my '67 Chevy pickup. Most of us would probably make a good effort to be nicer, to do good things, to be respectful . . . all things we can easily start doing today. Right now.

We should anyways. Be it tomorrow, next year or a long time from now, the question stands: What do you want God to say to you?

Two cents, which is about how much Timmons said his columns are worth, appears periodically on Thursdays in The Times. Timmons is the chief executive officer of Sagamore News Media, the company that owns The Noblesville Times. He is also a proud Noblesville High School graduate and can be contacted at timmons@thetimes24-7.com.

Time Can Be Such A Monster, We Have to Save the Children

The child's frenzied shriek pierced the summer afternoon dullness. It supercharged the epinephrine in my bloodstream until my legs involuntarily sprang from the kneehole of my desk, and sent me hurtling toward the children's play area behind the house next door.

The incessant shrill, now coming from more than one child, brought me to despair. I looked for a weapon, any weapon -- a garden hoe, perhaps -- as I raced through my back porch. I anticipated a giant Baskervillian hound dragging children off to the deep woods, or that some scoundrel was parboiling neighborhood kids for an afternoon snack. Finger sandwiches.

"I love children," I heard my mind's villain say, "with hollandaise sauce."

Much to my relief, and utter astonishment, I was greeted instead by a seven-foot tall green plastic monster. It had a garden hose attached somewhere near the beast's nether regions, and a stream of cool water gushed from the replica reptile's nostrils.

An entire whoop of neighbor children was assembled on the grassy lawn, playing in the water on the near ninety degree day. Although I didn't appreciate their bloodcurdling cries of glee, it was glee nonetheless,



JOHN MARLOWE
With the Grain

and in my relief, I was tempted to join them in the cool mist. I would have, too, had not my pounding heart still lagged seconds behind my legs as I raced to the fence.

Four year old Sebby -- short for Sebastian -- was running back and forth through the monster's post nasal drip, demonstrating to the other children just how it is done. I could see now that it was Sebby's voice that had sent me on the false run. I never realized until now that the normally quiet child had an "outside" voice that was the equivalent in tone and pitch to that of a semi truck's airhorn, attached to a set of bagpipes.

"Nice monster," I breathless-

ly said to Stevie, Sebby's older brother. For those of you who don't remember, Stevie will turn nine later this summer, and he is not the least bit intimidated by talking to an adult seven times his senior. On the Know-It-All spectrum, Stevie lies somewhere between Erasmus and Dick Cheney.

"That's not a monster, Mr. Marlowe," ebullient Stevie began. "That's a mosasaur. Mosasaurs aren't dinosaurs. They are from the reptile class. That makes them closely related to snakes and monitor lizards."

"Relax, Stevie," I wheezed, "that dinosaur isn't real. It has a garden hose stuck in his . . ."

"We got it at Costco," hollered Stevie and Sebby's mother. In the blur of my adrenaline rush, I had failed to see the young mother lounging on the other side of the lawn. She wore a flowered one-piece bathing suit, while holding a mimosa in her left hand, and balancing a copy of Raising Good Humans between her knees. With her right hand, she involuntarily flicked through the dog-eared pages, as if muscle memory had taken over long ago.

She wore dark green sunglasses, which shielded her eyes from the redness of the alcohol and the shattered dreams of young mothers.

"It was on sale," she said. "We only paid \$69.95 for it! Can you believe it?"

I yelled back "no," simultaneously answering both questions: could I believe that Costco stocked the gushing green gargantuan, and could I believe anybody actually paid money for it.

"Mosasaurs lived 82 to 66 million years ago," continued Stevie. "They lived in the deep water, more than likely what we call the Atlantic Ocean, today. The largest mosasaurus fossil is over 56 feet long . . ."

As Stevie droned off into my stupefaction, saying something about being at the top of the food chain, and while the other kids continued their loud romp through the steady spray, I remember.

I remember my own neighborhood so many years ago.

I remember my Dad setting up sheets of clear plastic that we called Visqueen in those days -- giant sheets of polyethylene he anchored on the gentle hill, smothering his precious grass. Plastic that we would slide on once the water was added from the spigot nearby. I remember the younger children, toddling though the garden sprinkler attached to the long hose coiled around the house from the front.

I remember every child who

assembled at our house to escape the sweltering heat.

I remember Jackie, the fearless one, counting fifty-one, fifty-two, directing the end of the hose and the chilled fifty-degree well-water down his pants, testing his manhood and his resolve. I remember Debbie, the singer. I remember how her long black hair clung to her bathing suit, close to where budding bumps rose from her chest, and having the sense that I shouldn't have noticed -- not yet, anyway.

I remember the pattern pressed into the back of my Mother's legs, acquired from sitting on plastic webbing laced across aluminum frames. She too had drink and magazine in hand.

She, too, wore dark green sunglasses.

I remember screaming as we splashed until dusk, or until the old well-pump overheated. I remember Dad pushing the little red reset button on its housing when it came time for bedtime showers.

And I remember old Mr. Adams watching us all by our fence, out of breath -- with garden hoe in hand.

Time can be such a monster.

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600 Words To The Wise!

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 beginning of the paragraph as



DICK WOLFISIE
Life in a Nutshell

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.

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Ask Rusty – I'm 78 and Still Working; Should I Apply for Social Security?

Dear Rusty: I am 78, still working, have a good healthcare plan and I make a nice salary. Can I still get my Social Security check since I paid into it all these years? *Signed: Still Working in My 70s*



ASK RUSTY
Social Security Advisor

Dear Still Working: You not only can get your Social Security check now, I recommend you apply for it as soon as possible. Regardless of your current earnings, you'll not suffer any penalty because you are still working. That's because you stopped being subject to Social Security's "earnings test" when you reached your full retirement age (FRA) of 66 some years ago. Indeed, your Social Security benefit continued

to grow until you reached 70 years of age, at which point it reached your maximum benefit, which is 32% more than your benefit would have been at age 66.

Since your benefit reached maximum some years ago at age 70, and since working now won't hurt your payment amount, you should claim

Social Security Matters

by AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor
Russell Gloor

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your benefits immediately. You should also ask for six months of retroactive benefits. Although your benefit stopped growing at age 70 and you're now 78, Social Security will only pay up to six months of retroactive benefits, thus you have lost some of your benefits by waiting until age 78 to claim.

You can apply for your benefits either by calling SS at your local office or the national Social Security service center at 1.800.772.1213 to make an appointment to apply, or you can apply online at www.ssa.gov/retire. Applying online is by far the most efficient method, but you'll need to first create your personal

"my Social Security" online account to do so (simply go to www.ssa.gov/myaccount and follow the instructions).

Since you're still working, and assuming you have "creditable" healthcare coverage from your employer, you can delay enrolling in Medicare until you stop working ("creditable" coverage is a group plan with at least 20 participants). If you haven't yet enrolled in Medicare and you've had creditable healthcare coverage since you were 65, you will not incur a late enrollment penalty for enrolling in Medicare now, but you can also continue to defer enrolling in Medicare without penalty if your employer coverage is "creditable."

I strongly encourage

you to apply for your Social Security benefits as soon as possible, because you will continue to lose money by delaying further. You will still get credit for your current earnings even after you start your Social Security benefits and, if appropriate because of your recent earnings, your benefit amount will be automatically increased, so there is no reason to delay claiming Social Security any longer. You earned your Social Security benefits, you aren't subject to a penalty because you're still working, and you'll continue to get credit for your current earnings while still working, so you should apply for your Social Security benefits as soon as possible.

Brittney Griner – Let's All Stay Out of Russia

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Brittney Griner is an American basketball star on trial in a courtroom outside of Moscow. She is a prisoner of Russia and is facing a possible prison sentence on drug charges.

Griner recently pled guilty after Russian authorities accused her of having a vape cartridge with hashish oil in her luggage at an airport near Moscow on February 17, 2022. The guilty plea could potentially accelerate her case's conclusion, clearing a path for either a deal with the United States to free her or, perhaps, a request for clemency. The harshest out-



GLENN MOLLETTE
Guest Column

come could be a 10-year sentence in a Russian penal colony despite the contention by Griner's lawyers that she packed the smoking cartridges by mistake.

Brittney Griner is an American professional basketball player for the

Phoenix Mercury of the Women's National Basketball Association, WNBA. She played College basketball for the Baylor Lady Bears in Waco Texas. She is the only NCAA basketball player to both score 2,000 points and block 500 shots. In 2012, the three-time All American was named the AP Player of the Year and the Most Outstanding Player of the Final Four.

In 2009, Griner was named the nation's No. 1 high school women's basketball player by Rivals.com. In 2013, Griner signed an endorsement deal with Nike. She is 6 ft 9 inches tall and wears a

men's U.S. size 17 shoe. Griner was on the United States women's Olympic team in 2016, and led them to victory at the Rio Olympics. In 2020, Griner protested the Star-Spangled Banner and stated she wouldn't be on the court while the national anthem was played during game openers. In 2021, Griner was named to the United States women's national team for the 2020 Olympics where she won her second gold medal. (Wikipedia)

Griner is one of 11 women to receive an Olympic gold medal, an NCAA championship, a FIBA World Cup gold

medal and a WNBA championship.

In February 2022, Griner was detained by Russian Customs after cartridges containing hashish was found in her luggage. She had been entering Russia to play with the Russia Premier League during the WNBA offseason. Her trial began on July 1, and she pled guilty to the charges.

Paul Whelan is another American citizen currently held as a prisoner in Russia. On June 15, 2020 he received a 16-year prison sentence with the possibility of time in a labor camp. He is described as a corporate security

director.

There is conversation that a prisoner swap could be a possibility for freeing Griner and Whelan. Most Americans are not excited about releasing a dangerous criminal. However, we are prayerful that something will be worked out for Griner and Whelan's release.

I would hope all Americans might consider staying out of Russia. The prospects of any financial reward or seeing new geography are not worth the consequences.

Hear Dr. Glenn Mollette each weekday morning at 8:56 and 10:11:30 a.m. EST.

Americans With Disabilities Act: 32 Years Of Work In Progress

By Lise Pace, MBA
VP of External Affairs
Bosma Enterprises

I did not grow up as a person with a disability. When the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was signed into law in July 1990, I understood its significance, but it was not until I started losing my vision that I experienced firsthand the barriers it helps to remove. Now, as a person living – and

thriving – with a disability, I encourage others to realize the importance of this essential piece of legislation.

Modeled after the 1964 Civil Rights Act, the ADA is described as an "equal opportunity law for people with disabilities." One quarter of all Americans report the ADA has improved their life. The ADA makes a remarkable impact, but people

with disabilities still face barriers to housing, employment and health care. In Indiana, nearly 60% of Hoosiers who are blind are unemployed. This staggering statistic underscores the challenges our communities face. How do we erase these barriers and reach the goals set out by the ADA? The solution is a combination of understanding, awareness and access. Often, the solution

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