

TODAY'S VERSE

Revelation 19:9 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.



FACES OF HAMILTON COUNTY

People who call our community their own.

What makes Dave Barker smile? "My family," said the 65-year-old Noblesville resident. He and his wife, Rhonda, have been married 39 years and have three sons, Daniel Barker and Victor Barker, and the late Jeremy Barker; and eight grandchildren, ages 4-18. He is past president of Wayne-Fall Lions Club, which is partnering with Clarksville Christian Church for a cod fish fry from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. this Saturday at the picnic shelter at Clarksville Christian Church (16600 Lehr St., Noblesville), where he is a church deacon. On the menu: "Good North Atlantic Cod Fish", fries, baked beans, cole slaw and drinks. Cost is \$12 for adults, \$6 for under age 12. Coney dogs and desserts are available. The public is invited. Carryout will be available. (This is a corrected version of Thursday's Faces of Hamilton County. We regret the error.)

And Another Few Things...

1. Housing Permit Decline

The Indiana Builders Association reported an overall decrease in July single-family permit numbers, down 6% from 2021 and 4% from June.

Indiana Builders Association President Paul Schwinghammer responded with the following statement:

"The down-tick in permits for single family homes was expected given the increase in interest rates, making homes less affordable for Hoosier families. Given that 2021 was a breakout year for new construction, the return to a more stabilized housing market is normal due to the cyclical nature of the industry. New homes remain in high demand while the shortage of quality, affordable homes remain at challenging levels statewide."

2. Pest Control

The Hamilton County Health Department's Vector Control program received notification from the Indiana Department of Health that mosquito samples collected within Hamilton County's jurisdiction have tested positive for West Nile Virus. Hamilton County residents are urged to take necessary precautions to reduce their risk of exposure.

In response to the detection of West Nile Virus, the Hamilton County Health Department will increase surveillance/control activities. To reduce the number of adult mosquitos within the area, Vector Control began spraying on Thursday evening.

3. Prairie Symphony

This is the final weekend of Kroger Symphony on the Prairie 2022! Next Friday, Kroger Symphony on the Prairie presents Super Diamond: The Neil Diamond Tribute, a glittering, smoke-filled show performing Neil's power ballads and up-tempo hits with unrestrained enthusiasm. This tribute to the much loved, international pop icon Neil Diamond features the timeless classics including "Sweet Caroline," "America," "Cracklin' Rosie," "Cherry Cherry," "Song Sung Blue," "Forever in Blue Jeans" and many more.

The next night, Kroger Symphony on the Prairie will present The Springsteen Experience: A Tribute to the Boss. There has never been an artist who personified the essence and soul of working-class America like Bruce Springsteen. A Springsteen show is a near-religious ritual, a marathon affair that leaves both audience and performers exhausted and elated. The same powerful, exuberant spirit that Bruce exudes is portrayed to perfection in fellow Freehold native son, Josh Tanner, and he's keeping that fire burning.

On September 4, Kroger Symphony on the Prairie presents Here Come The Mummies. Here Come The Mummies (HCTM) have been delivering their brand of Terrifying Funk from Beyond the Grave since the year 2000 AD. Some say they are reincarnated Grammy-winning studio musicians, some say their internal organs lie in clay pots back in Egypt. Regardless, HCTM's mysterious personas, cunning song-craft, and unrelenting live show will bend your brain and melt your face. **Warning: Contains adult content. May not be suitable for young children.**

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Geoff Davis (sitting), Ryan Shelton (right) and Joni Bubbenzer, all of Noblesville, and Jon Martin (left) of Indianapolis perform with The Moontown Pickle Stompers on the front porch of 1107 Logan St., during the 2021 2021 Noblesville Front Porch Musical Festival. This year's Porchfest will be Saturday on Logan Street between 10th and 14th streets.

GreekFest, Porchfest, Elvis Birthday Tribute, Fish Fry, Among 25 Things to Do



BETSY REASON
The Times Editor

Looking for something fun to do this weekend. Here's a list of 25 things to do to keep your calendar up to date.

1. Greekfest 2022 marks the 49th year for what is one of central Indiana's oldest and largest ethnic festivals, hosted by Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathed-

ral in Carmel, from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. today and 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday Aug. 27, with free admission.

2. Noblesville Parks' 15th annual Movies in the Park series, presented by Logan Street Signs and banners, tonight at dusk, "Ray and the Last Dragon," (Rated PG) at Federal Hill; Sept. 2, "Sing 2," (Rated PG) at Federal Hill; and Sept. 9, "Ghostbusters Afterlife," (Rated PG-13) at Federal Hill.

3. Noblesville Farmers Market is open 8 a.m. to noon, at Federal Hill Commons in downtown Noblesville. Market continues every Saturday this summer through Oct. 15.

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

5. Experience 12 bands on 12 porches during the 2022 Noblesville Porchfest, a front-porch

musical festival on Logan Street between 10th and 14th streets, 2 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Saturday. Here's the schedule: 2 p.m. and 4:15 p.m., The Long Arm, The Moontown Pickle Stompers, Noblesville High School musicians, Molly Milton, The Whobilados; 2:45 p.m., John Gilmore, NHS musicians, D-Roq + Bulletproof Soul, Joy Collins; 3:30 p.m., Kelli Yates, Barry Dixon, NHS musicians, Andy Schamburg, Joy Collins, Gary Wasson; 5 p.m., John Gilmore, NHS musicians, D-Roq + Bulletproof Soul, Pork & Beans; 5:45 p.m., Kelli Yates, Barry Dixon, NHS musicians, Andy Schamburg, Pork & Beans, Gary Wasson. Food tents will be set up on Logan at 12th street, public restrooms available, parking at Church, Church, Hittle & Antrim and The Farm, plus The Levinson

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Nickel Plate Arts to Partner with Hamilton County for 200th Annual Squirrel Stampede



Nickel Plate Arts announced that it will partner with Hamilton County Tourism for the 200th annual Squirrel Stampede. Throughout the month of September, Nickel Plate Arts will be hosting a series of events with exciting art opportunities.

In 1822, an abundance of squirrels invaded the region

during their migration south, trampling crops and causing mass environmental destruction. At the time, this was devastating to Central Indiana, but the story has become a part of folklore from Hamilton County's past.

Many local organizations are getting involved in this year's event. Kiln Creations, located at 60 N. 9th St, Noblesville, has unleashed 300 Clay Mold Squirrels, along with paint, all over Hamilton County.

"Kiln Creations is overjoyed to be the purveyor of fine ceramic squirrels here in Hamilton County," said Louise Blazucki with Kiln Creations. "Here's to hoping these sweet ceramic stand ins act as a talisman and protect your crop and home from being overrun by their furry counterparts!"

If you're interested in getting

involved or receiving a free ceramic squirrel, Nickel Plate Arts is inviting the community to come to the Nickel Plate Arts campus and pick one up (1 per family.) The Clay Squirrels will need a good home, and in order to pick one up they ask that you do the following:

- Attend a squirrel-related event, take a picture with a squirrel (real or window cling), bring in a receipt from a local restaurant
- or dance the Squirrel Stomp for a Nickel Plate Arts staff member

Nickel Plate Arts is also looking for any local writers, poets, painters, photographers, sculptors, or designers of squirrels in the community. If so, bring your art and artisan work to

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The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 7:06 a.m.
SET: 8:24 p.m.

High/Low Temperatures
High: 86 °F
Low: 67 °F

Today is...

- Forgive Your Foe Day
- National Dog Day

What Happened On This Day

- 1955 First tennis match to be telecast in color
- 1978 First German to go into space

Births On This Day

- 1970 Melissa McCarthy American actress, writer
- 1966 Shirley Manson Scottish singer-songwriter, actress

Deaths On This Day

- 1666 Frans Hals Dutch painter
- 1850 Louis Philippe I French king

Internships Available for Students at the Indiana State House

With colleges around the state starting classes, many students and soon-to-be graduates will begin searching for an internship. Hamilton County students looking for on-the-job work experience should apply for an in-person, paid internship with the Indiana House of Representatives at the Statehouse in downtown Indianapolis.

Interns receive an \$800 bi-weekly stipend with the opportunity to apply for a \$3,000 scholarship to use toward undergraduate and graduate expenses. The internship is full time, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, from Jan. through April 2023. The deadline to apply is Oct. 31.

Internships are a great way for students to build real-world skills on top of what they're learning in the classroom. It's also a chance to strengthen a resume and earn a paycheck. Positions are open to sophomores, juniors and seniors, as well as recent college graduates, and law school and graduate students. All majors are encouraged to apply, and previous political or government experience is not required.

The House Republican team relies on interns, who serve many roles during the legislative session. Legislative interns help track and research bills, and communicate with constituents. Communications and media relations interns write news releases

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Leslie Vernon Stanley

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

HONEST HOOSIER

Week two of Friday night lights. Let's go teams!



TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Getting up at the same time every day is very important to getting good sleep.

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 road to success is dotted with many tempting parking spaces."

- Will Rogers

TODAY'S JOKE

When a man says he wants to marry someone with a good sense of humor, he doesn't really mean it. What he means is he wants to marry someone who will always laugh at his jokes.

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67/86 STAY STORM	66/88 HOT AND HUMID	69/90 HOT AND HUMID	71/87 WINDY PM STORMS	70/85 RAIN AND STORMS	65/80 PARTLY SUNNY	60/80 WINDY AND WILD
FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU



OBITUARIES

Cristina Fredrick

February 18, 1985 - July 26, 2022

Cristina Fredrick, 37, of Carmel, passed away on July 26, 2022.

She was born on February 18, 1985 in Detroit, MI, the daughter of William Wopinsky and Terri (Tite) Wopinsky.

Ms. Fredrick was a 2003 graduate of East Detroit High School. She worked as a Clerk in the City of Dearborn Courts.

As an amazing daughter and friend, she was always available to lend a shoulder to cry on, a listening ear, as well as one to laugh hysterically with any time. Ms. Fredrick possessed the quality of being true to herself and was strong willed. She did things her way. The most important thing in life to her was her children, they were the center of her world.

Some of Ms. Fredrick's interest included watching TV shows such as "Friends" and binge-watching reality TV. She enjoyed listening to the music of "NSYNC", Justin Timberlake, and Jamie Dornan. She liked simple, such as shopping at Target. Anyone who knew Ms. Fredrick well, knew her favorite color was purple.

Survivors include her daughter Emma Lynn Fredrick; son Logan Joseph Fredrick; father William J. Wopinsky (Valarie); mother Terri Wopinsky; sister Katie Wopinsky; and grandparents William and Gloria Wopinsky.

Hearts will both ache when remembering Ms. Fredrick but feel full of all the sweet memories!

There are no services planned at this time.

Bussell Family Funerals is privileged to assist the family.



Janet Louise Giddings

July 6, 1932 - August 25, 2022

Janet Louise Giddings, 90, of Noblesville, passed away on Thursday, August 25, 2022 at Riverwalk Village in Noblesville.

She was born on July 6, 1932 to Ray and Lillian (Bennet) Rees in Sheridan, Indiana.

Mrs. Giddings was a homemaker. She enjoyed playing cards, camping, and spending time with family and friends.

Survivors include her sons Tom Giddings and Greg (Kelly) Giddings; and grandchildren Lilly Giddings and Lexi Giddings.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Cecil E. Giddings; and four siblings Charles Rees, James (JoAnn) Rees, Helen Rees and Betty (Samuel) Caprette.

Services are scheduled to be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, August 29, 2022 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road in Noblesville. Visitation is scheduled from 10 a.m. to the time of service at the funeral home. Burial will be at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Indianapolis.

Condolences may be made online at www.randallroberts.com



Leslie Vernon Stanley

August 31, 1929 - August 25, 2022

Leslie Vernon Stanley, 92, of Westfield, passed away on Thursday, August 25, 2022 at his home.

He was born on August 31, 1929 to Samuel Herschel and Lessie (Prebster) Stanley in Eaton, Ohio.

Mr. Stanley proudly served in the United States Navy. He was a toolmaker for Western Electric for over 30 years. He and his wife were antique collectors and dealers of all kinds of things, from toys to tools. He liked restoring classic cars and was a gun enthusiast.

Survivors include his wife Diana Stanley; son Larry (Doreen) Stanley; daughter-in-law Iva Stanley; three step-children Sharri Sewell, Chad Miller and Stacy Pridemore; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife Donna Stanley; son Lesley B. Stanley; and five siblings.

A special thank you to Mr. Stanley's granddaughter Trentin for taking care of him during his last days.

Services are scheduled to be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, August 31, 2022 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road in Noblesville with Chaplain Craig Parker officiating. Visitation is scheduled to run from 5 p.m. to the time of the service at the funeral home. Burial is scheduled for 10 a.m. on Thursday, September 1, 2022 at Lincoln Memory Gardens in Whitestown.

Memorial contributions may be made to Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758516, Topeka, KS 66675, (<https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org>) or Paradigm Hospice, 8904 Bash Street, Suite B, Indianapolis, IN 46256.

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



Photo courtesy of Westfield FD

Westfield emergency responders with the new picture communication boards, provided by the Autism Society of Indiana.

Autism Society of Indiana Gives Picture Communication Boards to Westfield Emergency Responders

A simple laminated piece of paper will be a benefit for police officers and firefighters helping some of Westfield's residents. The Autism Society of Indiana provided 100 picture communication boards that will be placed in the vehicles of all first responders in the City of Westfield.

The boards will give police, firefighters and Emergency Medical Services, a way to communicate with people who are nonverbal, speak limited English, have autism or other disabilities

or mental health issues.

"This is another important tool that our officers can use to assist our citizens who struggle with communication," said Westfield Police Chief, Joel Rush. "This donation from the Autism Society of Indiana will help us to better protect that segment of our community. The pamphlets allow officers to better communicate with people by allowing them to point to pictures, words and letters."

Joanne Tedesco with the Westfield Mayor's Council

on Disabilities, says that the communications boards are one solution to the challenges that people with disabilities in Westfield face.

"We know that approximately 1 in 44 children in the United States is diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). In some individuals, ASD presents communication challenges where some are completely non-verbal and rely on other communication devices and alternatives. Having these visual cues will help alleviate

fear and anxiety levels and allow individuals to communicate in a comforting and effective way. These boards will also help stroke victims, those with traumatic brain injury or mental health challenges, get their message across."

Westfield Police and Fire personnel also received a training video on how to properly use the communication board. The Autism Society of Indiana is equipping first responders in 60 Indiana counties with communication boards.

Centier Bank Welcomes Community Lender Dave Nash to Mortgage Team

Michael E. Schrage, CEO and Chairman of Centier Bank, earlier this week announced Dave Nash as the bank's newest Community Lender, based in Centier's Carmel location.

Nash joins Centier after previously working at the Indianapolis Neighborhood Housing Partnership, and he also has 20 years of lending experience at other financial institutions. As a Carmel native who graduated from Carmel High School and Ball State University, Nash said he looks forward to working with his fellow community lenders to guide clients in Central Indiana to their new homes.

"The homebuying

journey is not one size fits all and it can be different for everyone," Nash explained. "That's why it's so rewarding to celebrate with deserving families when they move into home of their own. I'm excited to be a part of Centier because I believe in the personalized service and purpose-driven banking Centier is known for."

Jason Harris, Community Lender Manager at Centier Bank, said he looks forward to watching Nash enrich lives for clients who are embarking on their homebuying journey.

"Dave's expertise and experience working as a lender is what makes him a helpful guide to our clients," Harris said. "We're



Dave Nash

excited to welcome him to the team and make peoples' dreams come true."

Nash currently resides in Fishers with his wife, Lori, and their children.

Centier Bank is Indiana's largest private, family-owned bank, having served hometown banking across communities since 1895. With a purpose of

enriching lives through financial guidance for an even better tomorrow, Centier Bank currently has 58 retail locations, serving in 35 communities across 11 counties with 947 associates.

Centier Bank has ranked on Forbes' list of Best-in-State-Banks annually from 2019-2022. Additionally, Centier Bank has been among the top "Best Places to Work in Indiana" by the Indiana Chamber of Commerce and received national attention by American Banker magazine as the Top Best Bank to Work For in Indiana and #2 in the U.S.A.

For more information on Centier products and services, visit centier.com.



Photo courtesy of the Noblesville Lions

Noblesville Lions Host City Engineer Alison Krupski

Last evening the Noblesville Lions hosted speaker Alison Krupski, Noblesville City Engineer. She highlighted to the club all the changes going on to our city streets. She passed out a lot of information and maps of the improvements. As was expected, a lot of questions were presented by the club. Although citizen frustration is occurring now with traffic, the future results should make people very happy! Photographed above are Alison Krupski (left) being thanked by Lion Walt Sheid, Club VP.

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1 pm - Elizabeth Lee Duo
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DICK WOLFSIE
Funny Bone

As I write this, I am home alone without a caring soul in the house. My wife said she wanted to go to Michigan to visit friends. I was opposed to this and was very firm. "Don't you have friends here? Gas is expensive. So are hotels." She left yesterday.

Whenever she goes out of town, I need instructions on how to use the microwave and dishwasher. We also have an air fryer now, which I can turn on, but I can't figure out how to turn it off. So, I just pull the plug. Time passes slowly when my wife is away, not just because I miss her, but because it's been 4:27 in the great room for the past 22 hours. I don't know how to wind the grandfather clock.

Watching TV without Mary Ellen is a real problem for me, too. First of all, I am hard of hearing. Second, even with captions, I lose the thread of the story because my mind wanders, and third, I am very impatient.

I ask questions about the plot before anyone is supposed to know.

"Why did that woman jump off the bridge?" I'll ask.

"I don't know, Dick. Nobody knows. We've been watching the show for 45 seconds."

Before Mary Ellen's current trip, we started the first episode of a series called Severance, but she decided after the first 10 minutes that she had seen enough and she left the room. It was way too weird for her. She reminded me that she was going on vacation and this would give me something to occupy my time in her absence. And that's where the trouble began.

The show was confusing to me from the start. It's about a company apparently involved in some illegal activity. They implant a programmable chip in employees' heads so when they leave the office, they don't recall what questionable stuff they did that day. I suffered from a similar lack of memory for 30 years at WISH-TV, but I've been told over the years by people who watched my segments that I looked like I was having fun. I was so happy to know I enjoyed my work.

The first night she was away, I called Mary Ellen to ask her a question about the plot. "Can you turn on Severance and help me figure this out?"

"Dick, remember, you asked me stay at a cheap place to save money. I know this is hard to believe, but they don't have Apple TV+ at Motel 6."

I asked Mary Ellen if I could hold the phone up to the TV so she could listen. "I'm going to rewind it and play the part I don't understand. Then you can help me decipher what it means."

"Geesh, Dick, watching Severance was already weird enough. Okay, I assume from the promos that the woman is drilling into the dead guy's head, trying to extract the chip to see what memories he had of the company."

Turns out Mary Ellen was right, which annoyed me because she had never even watched a full episode. I was on show number six.

The next day in church I approached our friends the Penrys, who initially had recommended the show. "Dan, can you help me understand one of the story lines in Severance?"

"Oh," said Alyce, his wife, "I didn't know Mary Ellen was out of town."

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.

Depauw Soccer Player, Westfield Grad Whitney Freeman Signs NIL Deal with The Apple Truck

The Apple Truck, which brings fresh, crisp Michigan apples on tour, has announced it has signed an individual NIL deal with Depauw University soccer player Whitney Freeman of Westfield.

This summer, The Apple Truck searched to find female athletes to represent its brand. MariAnn Apley, chief marketing officer of The Apple Truck, said, "These sponsorships are an exciting opportunity to spotlight a diverse range of exceptional women in college athletics. These women are leaders on and off the field and work just as hard as their male counterparts. They deserve to be recognized."

The Apple Truck prides itself in offering farm-fresh Michigan apples delivered within hours of being picked to sites across the country and by mail. Being surrounded by the Great Lakes, Michigan apples are more flavorful and sustainable (and rarely need irrigation).

"College athletes represent both a commitment to hard work and dedication. We value fresh food options to perform at their best," said Dale Apley, Jr., CEO at The Apple Truck. "Our pledge to continue to empower women like Whitney aligns with our company goals of promoting a healthy lifestyle through fresh food options and athletic participation."

The Apple Truck's refrigerated truck is touring through the American South, offering 20lb and 12lb boxes of freshly picked, juicy Michigan apples at over 130 tour stops across Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

The Apple Truck also is taking on tour Honeycrisp apple cider and an apple pie nut mix.

The Apple Truck will be making stops in the central Indiana area on the following dates:



Whitney Freeman

1. Sat. Sept. 10
 - a. Noblesville from 8:30-10 a.m. at Hamilton Town Center
 - b. Westfield from 11:30-1 p.m. at Westfield Middle School
 - c. Brownsburg from 3:30-5 p.m. at The Hayloft
 2. Sun. Sept. 11
 - a. Carmel from 8:30-10 a.m. at Clay Terrace
 - b. Plainfield from 12-1:30 p.m. at The Shops at Perry Crossing
 - c. Indianapolis from 3:30- 5 p.m. at Castleton Square
- To learn more about The Apple Truck and its tour stops, visit theapple-truck.com.

Plum Prairie to Receive Over \$1M for Affordable Housing Investments

Plum Prairie in Noblesville will receive \$980,000 to preserve 4 units of affordable family housing and \$50,000 for Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) funding as part of the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority's (IHCDA) HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME).

The announcement came from Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch and the IHCDA and its Board of Directors yesterday as part of a significant investment in affordable housing through the HOME Program.

"This investment for affordable housing is a huge piece of our state's infrastructure growth," Crouch said. "We are excited to continue making Indiana a place for people to live, work and play. Affordable housing is critical to our state's success, and we are pleased to make this investment."

These awards will create and preserve affordable housing across our state for seniors, families and Indiana's workforce. In order to continue building Indiana's strong infrastructure, affordable housing should remain at the forefront of those discussions.

"IHCDA values our network of housing partners and developers who share our commitment to preserving and creating affordable housing for Hoosiers," said Jacob Sipe, Executive Director of IHCDA. "We will remain committed to appropriately allocating funds to provide housing opportunities that will not only strengthen communities but will provide Hoosiers a more

sustainable quality of life."

The 2021 HOME Round was a competitive rental-only round. IHCDA received 12 applications which were all reviewed by our Real Estate Allocation staff. The applications are reviewed and checked for completeness and to determine whether all threshold requirements were met.

IHCDA allowed non-profit organizations who are interested in developing affordable housing to apply for CHDO certification prior to submitting a HOME application. Eleven non-profits applied to be certified as CHDOs during the 2021 HOME Round. IHCDA will be allocating several non-profits for CHDO operating awards totaling \$300,000.

Each applicant was given the opportunity to respond to any staff questions regarding their application. Upon completion of this review, nine applicants were certified as CHDOs. Of the nine applicants that were certified as CHDOs, seven subsequently applied for 2021 HOME funding.

The remaining funding awards for the 2021 Program Year Rental Round are listed below:

- Pleasant Run Apartments located in Marion will receive \$1,486,632 to create 10 units of affordable family housing. They will receive \$50,000 of CHDO funding.
- Autumn Ridge Duplexes in Corydon will receive \$888,000 to create 8 units of affordable family housing. They will receive \$50,000 for CHDO funding.
- Riverbend Rehab in Covington will receive \$200,000 to preserve 7

units of affordable family housing. They will receive \$50,000 for CHDO funding.

- Union St. Apartments in Valparaiso will receive \$1,500,000 to preserve 10 units of affordable family housing. They will receive \$50,000 for CHDO funding.

- 409 Madison in Goshen will receive \$533,000 to preserve 4 units of affordable family housing

- 511 Division in Elkhart will receive \$1,295,000 to create 8 units of affordable family housing

- Beechwood in Clarksville will receive \$1,726,000 to create 6 units of affordable senior housing. They will receive \$50,000 for CHDO funding.

- Hukill Flats in Seymour will receive \$1,721,000 to create and reuse space for affordable senior housing.

- Highland View in Scottsburg will receive \$1,726,000 to create 6 units of affordable senior housing.

HOME funding can also be used for capacity building activities for Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs). CHDOs are IHCDA-certified not-for-profit housing organizations that meet certain HOME regulations and are eligible to receive HOME funds to use as an operating supplement when carrying out a HOME-funded development.

Developments funded with HOME funds are subject to requirements on rent limits, income eligibility of tenants, housing development costs and long-term affordability.

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2022 Flix and Float Schedule

 <p style="font-weight: bold; color: blue;">June 18th Moana G</p>	 <p style="font-weight: bold; color: blue;">June 24th Finding Nemo G</p>	 <p style="font-weight: bold; color: blue;">July 1st Jumanji PG-13</p>
 <p style="font-weight: bold; color: blue;">July 16th Waterhorse G</p>	 <p style="font-weight: bold; color: blue;">July 22nd Encanto G</p>	 <p style="font-weight: bold; color: blue;">July 30th The Shallows PG-13</p>
 <p style="font-weight: bold; color: blue;">August 13th The Goonies PG</p>	 <p style="font-weight: bold; color: blue;">August 20th Dog PG-13</p>	 <p style="font-weight: bold; color: blue;">September 3rd Top Gun PG</p>

Cost: \$5 per person / Members get in free

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More Than 20 New Libraries Added to the Indiana Library Passport

More than 20 new libraries have been added to the Indiana Library Passport, a mobile passport that encourages everyone to visit libraries across the Hoosier state. The additions bring the total number of libraries on the passport to more than 90, with several more libraries expected to be added in the coming weeks.

The passport includes stops at the Allen County Public Library, which features the new Rolland Center for Lincoln Research; the South Whitley Community Public Library, which features the Shultz Gem Collection; the Bartholomew County Public Library, which features architectural design by I. M. Pei and the Large Arch statue by Henry Moore; and much more. New additions include the Vigo County



Public Library, the West Lafayette Public Library, the Argos Public Library and four branches of the Johnson County Public Library.

Patrons can visit a dedicated mobile passport landing page where they can sign-up for the Indiana Library Passport by providing their name, email address and mobile phone number. A link is then sent to their mobile phone, which opens the passport and directs the user to add the button icon to their home screen,

where they can access it any time. There is no app to download.

When participants check in to libraries on the Indiana Library Passport trail, they will be entered into a quarterly drawing for a prize package, including, but not limited to, historical tour tickets, architecture books and gift cards from local and national merchants.

Once users sign up for the passport, they only need to use their phone to check in while physically at each location. Participants are eligible to check in to each location on the passport once per week which will enter them into the prize drawing.

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Kenny Talks the Great Life of Len Dawson

“This is Dawson from Kansas City,” the recognizable baritone voice began his phone message on a fall morning in 1999.

I was writing a weekly series of feature stories on former Purdue football stars for the Lafayette Journal & Courier’s Football Saturday publication back then. It was Notre Dame week and who better to talk to than Len Dawson, “the Golden Boy” who threw four touchdown passes in a 27-14 victory against the top-ranked Fighting Irish in 1954.

Dawson, who had been in failing health for years, died Wednesday at age 87 in his adopted home town of Kansas City, Mo. He had been in hospice care since Aug. 12.

Notre Dame was a fitting opponent for Dawson’s breakthrough game as a sophomore. Growing up in Alliance, Ohio, in the 1940s and 50s, Dawson followed Frank Leahy’s Notre Dame teams that won four national championships between 1943 and 1949.

“Notre Dame was the team I’d heard of all my life,” Dawson said later that day in 1999. “They used to have Movietone News, and when I was in high school they showed Purdue upsetting Notre Dame in 1950. The guy that scored two touchdowns for Purdue went to my high school. Mike Maccioli. It was the first time I’d ever heard of Purdue.”

When it came time for Dawson to choose a school, he bypassed Ohio State and a young coach named Woody Hayes to head to West Lafayette. The Boilermakers threw



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Columnist

the ball. Hayes believed to his dying day that three things happen when a forward pass is thrown and two of them (interception or incompleteness) were bad.

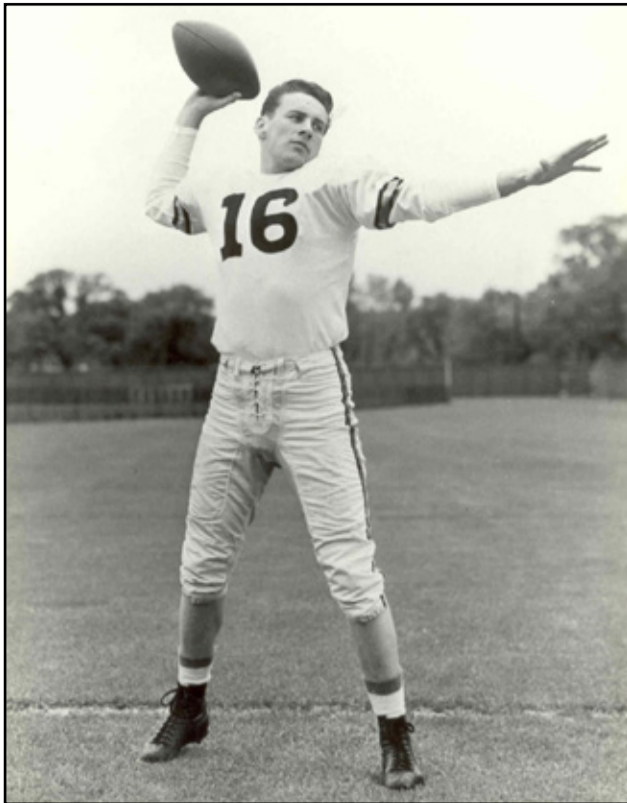
Upon his arrival at Purdue, Dawson met a man who would be a part of his professional football life for the next 20-plus years. Hank Stram was an assistant coach under Stu Holcomb.

“Purdue really helped me my whole career,” Dawson said. “(Stram) used a lot of that offense (with the Chiefs) that we used at Purdue.”

That offense relied on precision passing and swift execution. Dawson would get his wish to throw the football early and often. One week before facing Notre Dame, Dawson threw four touchdown passes in his collegiate debut against Missouri, a 31-0 victory.

The pundits thought there was no way he would come close to that kind of performance against Notre Dame, playing its first season under Terry Brennan.

“I guess I was too young, or too dumb, to know that it was a big, big game. A national game. A game that everybody in the country would be



Len Dawson

talking about afterward,” Dawson said. “I didn’t understand, being from Ohio the great rivalry between Purdue and Notre Dame.”

Even after the upset, Dawson still had not grasped the impact of beating Notre Dame.

“I remember afterwards there was a parade in West Lafayette,” Dawson said. “I didn’t realize what a big deal it was. People came and got me and said I had to go to the parade and pep rally. ‘Parade and pep rally? What for?’ We beat Notre Dame!”

Two years later, Dawson won a quarterback duel with Heisman Trophy winner Paul Hornung 28-14. Dawson threw two touchdown passes.

“Whenever you have Lenny Dawson you have tremendous pressure on the other team’s defense,”

said first-year coach Jack Mollenkopf, who would go on to post a 10-4 record against the Fighting Irish. “We took full advantage of this today.”

Dawson’s journey to the Pro Football Hall of Fame was a bumpy one. Drafted fifth overall by the Pittsburgh Steelers in 1957, Dawson was never given an opportunity. These were not the Mean Joe Greene Steelers, but a bumbling franchise that cut another future Hall of Famer, Johnny Unitas, in 1955.

Dawson was traded to the Cleveland Browns in 1959. Coach Paul Brown was a legend but made a rare misstep in believing journeyman Milt Plum was a better quarterback. By the time Dawson asked for his release in 1962, he had completed just 21 passes for 204 yards and two touchdowns in five

NFL seasons.

Waiting to sign Dawson was Stram and the American Football League’s Dallas Texans. All Dawson did in 1962 was lead the AFL in touchdown passes and was chosen league MVP by The Sporting News. Dallas won the AFL championship in double overtime against the Houston Oilers.

At his Pro Football Hall of Fame induction in 1987, Dawson expressed his gratitude to Stram.

Reuniting with Stram was “my saving grace. Because to tell you the truth, I was awful after five years of not playing,” Dawson said. “The skills that I once had were gone.”

As it turned out, Dawson was just warming up.

The Texans moved to Kansas City and became the Chiefs in 1963. Dawson earned the nickname “Lenny The Cool” over the next 13 years, leading the AFL in passing three more times (1964, 1966, 1968).

Beaten soundly by the Green Bay Packers in the first Super Bowl, the Chiefs and Dawson earned redemption three years later. Dawson earned MVP honors after leading Kansas City to a 23-7 upset of the Minnesota Vikings.

The Pro Football Hall of Fame, in its remembrance of Dawson on Wednesday, retold a story from the celebration in the Chiefs locker room.

In the victorious locker room, a Chiefs equipment manager told Dawson, “The phone. It’s the president.”

“The president of what?” Dawson replied.

At that time, there was no tradition of the President of the United States to call the winning locker room, so Dawson’s answer was appropriate.

Dawson was chosen the 1973 NFL Man of the Year. He retired from pro football on May 1, 1976. Dawson also has been enshrined in the Chiefs Hall of Fame (1979), the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame (1994), the Purdue Intercollegiate Athletics Hall of Fame (1996) and the Indiana Football Hall of Fame (2018).

Dawson’s health was declining by 2018, and he was unable to attend the ceremony in West Lafayette.

Many readers may remember Dawson as the long-time host of “Inside the NFL” on HBO from 1977 to 2001. While still playing for the Chiefs, Dawson became a sports anchor at KMBC-TV in 1966. After a stint with NBC Sports, Dawson was part of the Chiefs Radio Network for 35 years.

“My family and I are heartbroken. Len Dawson is synonymous with the Kansas City Chiefs. Len embraced and came to embody Kansas City and the people that call it home. You would be hard-pressed to find a player who had a bigger impact in shaping the organization as we know it today than Len Dawson did,” Chiefs Chairman and CEO Clark Hunt said in a statement.

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.

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24 States Set to Begin Plugging Over 10,000 Orphaned Wells

The Department of the Interior yesterday announced it awarded an initial \$560 million from President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to 24 states to begin work to plug, cap and reclaim orphaned oil and gas wells. Millions of Americans across the country live within a mile of an orphaned oil and gas well. Eligible states have indicated that there are over 10,000 high-priority well sites across the country ready for immediate remediation efforts, with many more lined up for future action.

Orphaned oil and gas wells are polluting backyards, recreation areas, and community spaces across the country. Methane leaking from many of these unplugged wells is a serious safety hazard and is a significant cause of climate change, being more than 25 times as potent as carbon dioxide at trapping heat in the atmosphere. The historic investments to clean up these hazardous sites will create good-paying union



jobs, catalyze economic growth and revitalization, and reduce harmful methane leaks.

"President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is enabling us to confront long-standing environmental injustices by making a historic investment to plug orphaned wells throughout the country," said Secretary Deb Haaland. "At the Department of the Interior, we are working

on multiple fronts to clean up these sites as quickly as we can by investing in efforts on federal lands and partnering with states and Tribes to leave no community behind. Today's announcement is exciting progress toward what we will accomplish together through this historic Law."

The announcement comes as Secretary Haaland, Director of the National Economic

Council Brian Deese, Deputy White House National Climate Advisor Ali Zaidi, Deputy Secretary of Energy David Turk, and members of the Interagency Working Group on Coal and Power Plant Communities and Economic Revitalization were in New Mexico highlighting how historic investments will address legacy pollution and help transition energy communities through good paying jobs and economic revitalization.

Plugging orphaned wells will help advance the goals of the U.S. Methane Emissions Reduction Action Plan, as well as the Interagency Working Group on Coal and Power Plant Communities and Economic Revitalization, which focuses on spurring economic revitalization in hard-hit energy communities.

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law delivers the largest investment in tackling legacy pollution in American history, including through a \$4.7 billion investment to plug

orphaned wells. These legacy pollution sites are environmental hazards and jeopardize public health and safety by contaminating groundwater, emitting noxious gases and methane, littering the landscape with rusted and dangerous equipment, and harming wildlife.

Of initial state plans:

- 15 states will utilize Initial Grant funding to set up methane measuring capacity while 6 states -- including California, Mississippi and West Virginia -- have committed to measuring methane before and immediately after remediation

- 12 states -- including Kansas, New Mexico and Ohio -- have prioritized capping wells in disadvantaged communities

- Several states -- including Arizona, Louisiana and Montana -- will prioritize job creation and preference to small businesses through their contracting process

As of 2021, states have identified more than 129,000 orphaned wells on state and private land,

though this number will grow as Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding becomes available for further records research, more field equipment, improved well location techniques, and increased site inspections and data collection nationwide.

Yesterday's investment is part of an overall \$1.15 billion in Phase One funding announced in Jan. by the Department for states to plug and remediate orphaned wells. States will receive additional formula funding dollars in the coming months. In addition, an initial \$33 million was recently allocated to plug 277 wells on federal public lands. The Tribal orphaned well grant program is being informed by ongoing Tribal consultations and listening sessions.

Of states eligible for funding, 22 have been allocated \$25 million each in Initial State Grants. Arkansas and Mississippi will receive \$5 million each to support methane measurement and begin plugging wells.

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and Hamilton County parking garages.

6. 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.

7. Wayne-Fall Lions Club will be frying up all-you-can eat fish for a community Fish Fry from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Clarksville Christian Church on Lehr Street off of Indiana 38 in Clarksville, just east of Noblesville. Meal includes fish and two sides, dessert and drink for \$12 for adults, \$6 for under age 10, with carryout available.

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. Celebrate The King during Roy E. Reynolds' Birthday Rock 'n' Roll Party and Memorial Tribute to Elvis Presley from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday at Jim Dandy Restaurant in Noblesville. Roy's birthday is Aug. 26, and Aug. 16 marks 45 years since Elvis' passing. Kids are welcome.

10. Experience two nights of comedy at The Cat in Carmel, featuring triple headliners Randy Montgomery, Dave Dugan and John Branyan, all homegrown Hoosiers, at 7:30 p.m. today and Saturday.

11. Kiln Creations in downtown Noblesville is having a Couples' Wheel Lessons night at 6 p.m. Saturday, a Taylor Swift Night at 6 p.m. Sept. 3, and is filling a request for "It's 420 Somewhere," an adults-only painting party at 6 p.m. Sept. 9 with a choice of tobacco pipes, trays, decorative houseware, jars and more, plus check out new 420 designs available just for this event.

12. Enjoy Concerts at the Commons 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. on select Saturdays through September at Federal Hill Commons. Concert schedule: this Saturday, Nightrain (Guns & Roses tribute) and The Cosmic Situation; Sept. 10, The Eagles Project (Eagles Tribute) and The Toons; Sept. 24, Trippin

Billies (Dave Matthews Tribute) and Sam King.

13. Listen to live music featuring John Gilmore at 7 p.m. Saturday at Grindstone Public House in downtown Noblesville, Craig Thurston, Sept. 1 and 15; The Dead Squirrels, Sept. 3; Hill & Oaks, Sept. 8; Matt Record, Sept. 10.

14. Attend the ribbon cutting of the new Noblesville Barnes & Noble bookstore at 10 a.m. Aug. 31 at Stony Creek Marketplace, featuring award-winning author Ashley C. Ford of "Somebody's Daughter."

15. Noblesville Main Street's Music & All That Jazz, sponsored by Gordon Insurance partners, will feature the Juan Douglas Trio from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sept. 2 on the Courthouse Square, with the Chocolate Trail 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the shops and restaurants in downtown Noblesville; and the musical lineup is still being finalized for 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Oct. 7, with Fall Fest and Soup Cookoff from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., on the Courthouse Square.

16. Experience Nickel Plate Arts First Friday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sept. 2 at Nickel Plate Arts featuring the work of artist Anthony Schillaci, with live music by John



Dave Dugan

Gilmore, plus food.

17. The final Flix and Float movie night at Forest Park Aquatic Center in Noblesville "Top Gun," at 8 p.m. on Sept. 3, \$5 per person, included with pool membership. Friends of Central Pool and Forest Park Aquatic Center's 25th Anniversary Celebration is 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Sept. 11, with registration encouraged, festive luau party with beer and wine cash bar and charcuterie provided by the Wine Trough. Admission is free but a tax deductible donation of \$25 or more per person is greatly appreciated. Visit <https://www.forestparkpool.org/>

18. Watch Meals on Wheels 8th Annual Dancing with Our Stars Event from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Sept. 8 at Embassy Suites in Noblesville, with \$75 tickets, benefiting Meals



The Times photo courtesy of Betsy Reason

Families brought their lawn chairs to Logan Street to watch live musical acts, including The Moontown Pickle Stompers, at this home at 1107 Logan St., during the 2021 Noblesville Front Porch Musical Festival on Logan Street. This year's Noblesville Porchfest will be Saturday on Logan Street between 10th and 14th streets.

on Wheels, available through Aug. 31, featuring Tim Griffin dancing with Natasha Cox, Phil Huang dancing with Kristen Motz, Aaron Head dancing with Diana Miller, Tom Kilian dancing with Olga Cansino, Kenneth Hubbard dancing with Yulia Shook, Erin Dickerson dancing with Ed Godby-Schwab, Pinky Stuhldreher dancing with Adam Trogden, Kris Beckwith dancing with Scott Shook, Karen Keinsley dancing with Rob Jenkins and Taylor McLean dancing with Xavier Medina, with tickets at <https://mealsonwheelsc.org/>

19. The Atlanta Fall Market is 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 10 on Main Street in downtown Atlanta, Ind.

20. Take a ride on Nickel Plate Express' Super Hero Express, a train ride with Spiderman, Batman & Catwoman, at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Sept. 11 boarding at Hobbs Station in Forest Park in Noblesville. Ride the historic dining car to celebrate Oktoberfest with a four-course German meal at 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sept. 17. Board the Wizard Express on Oct. 1.

21. Noblesville Preservation Alliance's 35th annual Historic Home Tour is 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 17 in Old Town Noblesville, with advance tickets available online only, and tickets available day of tour at the Hamilton County Historical Society in front of the Old Jail and at a ticket table at Preservation Hall on Logan Street.

22. String-Time on the Square series, the third

Saturday of each month through September, features bluegrass music at 6:30 p.m. on the Hamilton County Courthouse Square in downtown Noblesville, with the final show of the season at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 17, featuring Stones Crossing Family Band with opener Alec Bohuk & Eric Reel.

23. Visit the Handmade Vintage Market supporting local small businesses from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 1 at the Hamilton County Fairgrounds in Noblesville.

24. Feeding Families Hamilton County will play host for the second year to an all-day Music Festival, 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Oct. 1 at Federal Hill Commons in downtown Noblesville, with food vendors, live music featuring Fast Cadillac, bounce house, silent auction. Bring nonperishable food items to donate to the Feeding Families local pantries.

25. Visit the Potter's Bridge Fall Festival 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 1 at Potter's Bridge Noblesville featuring 90 arts, crafts and food booths, free KidZone and live entertainment.

Contact Betsy Reason at betsy@thetimes24-7.com. Sady, Basile Westfield Playhouse just announced on Wednesday, the postponement/cancellation of "Four Old Broads," a play directed by Doug Davis, a special event that was scheduled to be on stage Thursday through Sunday at the Playhouse. The play was postponed/canceled due to illness in the cast. It's the third time that the play has been postponed.

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Nickel Plate Arts at the beginning of September and they will look for places to present it.

You must register your work by Aug. 31 at this submission link.

Dates and Times for Art Drop Off:

- Sept. 1 - 12-5 p.m.
- Sept. 2 - 12-5 p.m.
- Sept. 7 - 12-5 p.m.
- Sept. 8 - 12-5 p.m.
- Sept. 9 - 12-5 p.m.

This Squirrel "celebration" also includes an arts initiative sponsored by Hamilton County Tourism. Event partners include the City of Fishers, City of Westfield, Primeval Brewing in Noblesville, Nickel Plate Arts, and the Carmel Clay Historical Society.

Upcoming Events:

1. Sept. 10 at Nickel Plate Arts

• 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. - Enjoy art activities and

take home a Clay Squirrel with paints and learn the Squirrel Stomp with local choreographer Gabrielle Morrison.

• 2-5 p.m. - Dance the Squirrel Stomp to music performed by the Moontown Pickle Stompers.

2. Sept. 30 at Primeval Brewing (960 Logan St.)

• 6:30-7:30 p.m. - Learn the Squirrel Stomp with local choreographer Gabrielle Morrison

• 7-10 p.m. - Listen, dance, and celebrate squirrels with the local rock band "The Dead Squirrels." Enjoy some good food, drink, and community inside Primeval Brewing.

Learn more about the Great Squirrel Stampede, community events and local businesses participating throughout the month of September at VisitHamiltonCounty.com/squirrel.

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State Reps. Donna Schaibley (R-Carmel) (front, center) and Chuck Goodrich (R-Noblesville) (back, second right) join House Republican interns Rachel Winkler (front, left), Garrett Tiberi (front, right), Drew Formisani (back, first left), Colin Patrick (back, second left) and Eric Foley (back, first right) during the 2021 legislative session at the Statehouse. Schaibley encourages local college students, recent graduates and law school and graduate students to apply for the 2023 House Republican Internship Program by visiting indianahouserpublicans.com/internship.

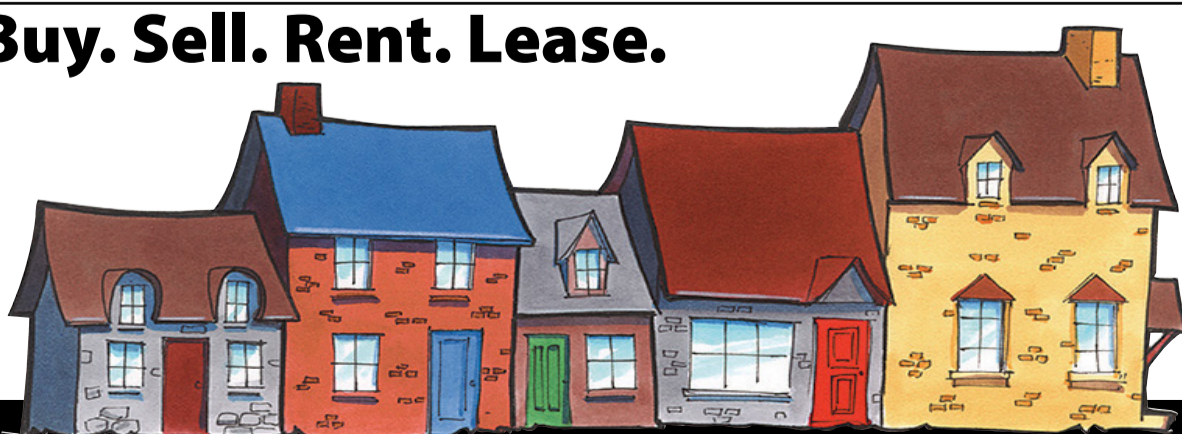
and email newsletters, produce video and audio clips, and help with graphic design. Students interested in research can assist the policy department with analyzing and tracking legislation, and preparing committee reports.

Besides working closely with lawmakers, the House internship is an opportunity to build professional connections with other leaders from across the state and sharpen skills that translate into any career. Many of our interns

go on to work in full-time roles, either at the Indiana Statehouse, with state agencies or in the private sector. Regardless of the career paths students choose, this opportunity helps build experience, and is an exciting and rewarding opportunity.

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Thomas Jefferson Quote – The Rest of the Story

We often see or hear a quote attributed to Founding Father Thomas Jefferson.

Were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter.

But what we hardly ever see or hear is the full context of that quote.

The people are the only censors of their governors: and even their errors will tend to keep these to the true principles of their institution. To punish these errors too severely would be to suppress the only safeguard of the public liberty. The way to prevent these irregular interpositions of the people is to give them full information of their affairs thro' the channel of the public papers, & to contrive that those papers should penetrate the whole mass of the people. The basis of our governments being the opinion of the people, the very first object should be to keep that right; and



TIM TIMMONS
Two Cents

were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter. But I should mean that every man should receive those papers & be capable of reading them.

I get it that some people have stopped reading already. Shoot, some stopped as soon as they saw the words Founding Father. We have become so polarized as a nation that the famous flag from yesteryear with the image of a snake and the words “don’t tread on me” no longer is historical. Today, it’s political.

But if we can take the politics out for a second . . . there’s some weird stuff going on. Yeah, yeah, do me a favor and tune out the Trump devoted fanatics and the Trump haters. You’ll never get an accurate picture of reality from either one.

And try, just try, to listen with an open mind for a moment. This is not a conspiracy theory. Shoot, for years I heard that the media was in cahoots. I always laughed at that one. Heck, I know these folks and believe me when I say we are nowhere near smart, or organized enough, to pull anything that complex off.

The thing is that our world is upside down today. We have a federal government spending money that not only they don’t have but our grandchildren won’t have. We have a president who might be a crook, has dementia or is just completely incompetent – and I honestly am not sure which. We had a (insert adjective here) event on Jan. 6 that put a blinding

spotlight on increasing frustration with business as usual inside the beltway (from all sides). We just decided to hire thousands upon thousands of men and women who will have the job of checking up on all of us and our taxes (and if anyone tells you that’s not the job they are either a liar or a fool). That aforementioned federal government is publishing material aimed at emboldening adolescents into the world of transgenderism while at the same time somehow turning the notion that men might not be men and women might not be women . . .

And this doesn’t even touch on questions like how Joe Biden got more votes than any president in history, including the popular Barack Obama. It doesn’t touch on the unprecedented raid on an ex-president’s home and it certainly doesn’t touch on the third rail of politics right now, abortion and guns.

The world, our all-American-red-white-and-blue world, is upside

down.

And yet if we go back, oh, 250 years or so, Founding Father Thomas Jefferson suggested that newspapers were a perfect watchdog to help keep things straight. Yet the hired hands in Indiana and other states are doing their best to kill the Fourth Estate.

For the record, and let me be emphatic here, I am about as biased as biased gets when it comes to newspapers. But the crazier things get the more important newspapers are. Yes, we share with you who passes away and a gazillion other things that make up our community. But more important, most of us are not in bed with the hired hands we’re supposed to be watching. And most of us (yes, “most”) take an approach to this that pretty much stays in the middle and doesn’t stray too far right or left. Before anyone loses their minds on that, let me repeat the word “most.” No one, no group, is perfect. There are always outliers. But overall, in my heart

of hearts I believe we are doing our best to be fair and honest.

The simple truth, dear reader, is that we need you. And, as Mr. Jefferson so eloquently wrote, the nation has always needed us. We’re not perfect in the newspaper world, and maybe some have lost their way. From this little corner of God’s country, I hope you will support the ones who haven’t.

The bottom line is we’re trying. We’re really, really trying. When the legislature heads back in January it’d be great if you would help remind them exactly what Mr. Jefferson was talking about.

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.

A Night of Make-Believe Saying One Last Goodbye to My Dear Barney



JOHN O. MARLOWE
With The Grain

Close your eyes. Wait a minute! What am I thinking? That won’t work. How are you going to read the rest of this experiment if your eyes are closed? Let’s start again. Make-believe that your eyes are closed.

That’s better! And it is a perfectly acceptable preamble to what’s coming next. Because from this point on, we are only dealing with the imaginary.

I want you to imagine that you are something that you are not. Make-believe you are a novelist. You could be a renowned surgeon. Perhaps a famous celebrity. Maybe just a grandpa.

How does that make you feel? Are you happier in your make-believe world?

You should be. Make-believers, by inference if not definition, are happy people. Rarely do make-believers ever imagine themselves worse off than they already are. Make-believers get to choose their own destiny;

steer their own course.

I picked the term “make-believe” intentionally. I could easily use “fantasize” or “pretend.” However, those terms are impersonal. They don’t evoke emotion or sentiment. You can fantasize that the world is a better place. You can pretend that you are an honest businessperson. Neither of those plots tell me anything about YOU!

The make-believe world is your world? We are only in it with you if you invite us.

My Mother used the term make-believe almost exclusively. I was reminded of this the other evening. It was the beginnings of a beautiful summer night, and the bright flecks of starlight were just assembling into constellations above.

In the summertime, on nights when the temperature is warmish, and the night air dew-less and clean, she would sit with her two sons on the beautiful wrap-around deck that Dad built onto the second story of our brick ranch-style house. Enwrapped by a palisade of mature maple, birch and sweet gum trees, we’d sit in the dark, peering through the canopy at the glittering light above.

“Close your eyes,” she’d say to her boys. “Just listen. Tell me what you hear.”

In the distance, a train’s airhorn punctured the darkness. On a normal night, its blaring signature goes unnoticed in

a visual world, too far away to matter to the eyes; an imperceptible melody lost under the din of a family readying for bed, concluding its day.

Tonight, however, it is unmissable. “I hear a train!” my brother says.

“Now make believe that you are on that train,” Mother said.

“Where are you going?” “The mountains,” my brother says. “Colorado”.

We listen until the train, its horn and its signature clackity-clack, perishes into the night.

“What do you hear, now?” Mother asks.

“I hear crickets and frogs . . . and Jenny Lake yelling at her Mother!” I say, and we all laugh. Mother plays this game again. And again. And one more time, until our happy minds are full of glorious dreams of where we may go, and of what we may become.

There are sweet mysteries in the night. Our Mother taught us a simple game, really. Yet, its lesson is profound. We too often are restrained by the limits of our own convention — only believing what we can see, or feel, or taste, or smell in that moment.

But if we listen . . . ah, we can hear the sounds of make-believe, and therein lies all possibilities of our lifetimes.

Now, close your eyes.

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



DICK WOLFSIE
Life in a Nutshell

me, he’d run away any time he had the chance. Not run away from me, of course, but on to a new adventure. He knew I’d find him. One Thanksgiving, he got through the invisible fence and found his way to a holiday dinner several miles away. He barked at the unfamiliar door. He knew strangers were a softer touch at the dinner table.

He also knew television. Everything he did was either funny or heartwarming.

When a second-rate musician was playing his electric guitar on my show, Barney pulled the plug out of the wall with his teeth.

When Ruth’s Chris opened downtown, Barney went into the kitchen during the show and stole a T-bone from the counter.

When an animal training expert claimed he had

taught him some manners, Barney dug up the rose bush at my front step in front of him. On live TV, of course.

When I did a show with kids with Down Syndrome, Barney jumped on the bed with all 15 toddlers and snuggled with them.

When the camera focused on Barney, I swear the little guy looked right at the viewing audience.

Barney loved everyone. I don’t think he had an unhappy moment in his life. His final day was at the State Fair. It was filled with good food and adoring fans. That evening, he passed peacefully in his sleep.

Over the years, I have given out over 5,000 photos of Barney, each inscribed by me with a silly facsimile of a paw print. If you have a picture of Barney with that paw print, please keep it in his memory. That would mean a lot to me.

And, I am sure, it would mean a lot to Barney.

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Everyone Should Do What You Enjoy While You Can

Life and the world are always changing. What you can do today is not guaranteed for tomorrow. Do what you enjoy while you can.

None of us want to face every day filled with fear. Worry about tomorrow only messes up today.

Watching the news keeps our minds churning about what will happen next. When will China invade Taiwan? How much will it cost America in lives, money and hardship?

Russia's invasion of Ukraine is of course, costing us. We have spent over 54 billion dollars on aid to Ukraine. Many of us want to help Ukraine.



GLENN MOLLETTE
Guest Column

Yet, we struggle to cover the cost of our country's government. Here we are again spending money we don't have while we go into further debt to countries like China who is buying up our debt, land

and businesses. Who operates a business like this? Only America.

The latest word is that thousands of additional IRS agents will be hired. Agents will need something to do and that means auditing your tax returns. Instead of hiring 87,000 new agents we need to hire some security guards for our schools. Further, the IRS needs to simplify the tax code. Americans need a few deductions like business expenses, interest paid on mortgages, health-care and educational costs. Better yet, make it a 15% flat tax on everyone and eliminate all federal taxes on those earning under

\$50,000.

Does the prospect of being harassed by the IRS inspire you to work harder, make more money and be entrepreneurial? Americans are already beat down by the high cost of groceries, gasoline, housing and rising interest rates. Emotionally, this planet has been in a dark place for two years with Covid-19, now Monkey Pox, financial strain and always, always an ongoing war that we are involved in or supporting.

America's universities continue to stick it to young families who want their children to have a good education. State

funded universities and private colleges continue to increase tuition. Do you really have \$160,000 to send your child to college? Most likely, the institution being consideration charges even more. The only hope for many American families is the two-year community college. Many teenagers would benefit greatly to have two more years to grow up, some before landing in a dorm room 200 miles from home. The prospects of making it academically, socially, and financially will be greatly increased. This gives them time to seriously consider the

right institution to go to for the junior and senior years. They will still have the degree and save some money.

Finally, don't live in despair. Life goes by quickly even if you are young. Study, work, make money, be innovative, love people and be kind to everyone. Do some things you think you might enjoy. If you don't enjoy them, then move on to something else. Enjoy life and do what you can, while you can.

Hear Dr. Glenn Mollette each weekday morning at 8:56 and 10:11:30 a.m. EST on XM 131 Radio

Ask Rusty – What Are My Wife's Benefits While I'm Living and as My Widow?

Dear Rusty: I will be 70 in January and my wife will be 65 in February, at which time we will both go on Medicare. I am currently working, and my approximate Social Security benefit will be around \$2,900. My wife was a stay-at-home mom and, therefore, has minimal Social Security benefits on her own. At 65 she is eligible for \$870 and at full retirement age will qualify for \$990. A few questions: if she starts to draw benefits at 65, what would be her total spousal benefit? If she waited until her full retirement age, what would the amount be? Of greater concern, what would be her survivor benefit given the same criteria as mentioned above. Signed: *Planning Ahead*

Dear Planning Ahead: Based on the Social Security amounts in your email, your wife is eligible for a spousal benefit while you are both living. Her spouse benefit when she claims will consist of her own Social Security retirement benefit plus a spousal boost to bring her payment to her spousal entitlement. Spouse benefits are computed using full retirement age (FRA) benefit amounts, so if your age 70 benefit is "around \$2900" then your FRA (age 66) benefit amount (known as your "primary insurance amount") should be around \$2,225. Your wife's base spousal boost would be the difference between her FRA amount and 50% of your FRA amount, so her total benefit, if taken at her full retirement age, would be about \$1,112 (her \$990



ASK RUSTY
Social Security Advisor

plus a \$122 spousal boost). But taken at age 65, both her own benefit and her spousal boost would be reduced. At age 65 your wife's total benefit would be around \$963 (her own \$870 plus a reduced spousal boost of about \$93). Regarding your wife's survivor benefit as your widow, if she has reached her full retirement age (66 years and 8 months), at

Social Security Matters by AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor Russell Gloor

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your death she would get the same amount you were getting when you died – the \$2,900 you will get by claiming at age 70. Your wife's survivor benefit as your widow will replace the smaller spousal amount she was receiving while you were both living. Since your wife will be already collecting a spousal benefit from you, if she has reached her FRA when

you pass your wife will be automatically awarded her survivor benefit at that time. If she hasn't yet reached her FRA when you pass, the spousal portion of her benefit will stop but she can request a reduced survivor benefit early. In that case her early survivor benefit will be actuarially reduced by .396% for each month before her FRA it is claimed. If you were to

die in the month your wife turns 65, her early survivor benefit would be about \$2668.

One final thought about Medicare: if you continue to work and have "creditable" healthcare coverage from your employer, you can defer enrolling in Medicare Part B (coverage for outpatient services), thus avoiding the Part B premium until you stop working. If your wife is covered under your "creditable" employer healthcare plan, she can also defer enrolling in Medicare Part B until that coverage ends ("creditable" is a group plan with at least 20 participants). However, enrolling in Medicare Part A (coverage for inpatient hospitalization services), for which there is no premium, is mandatory to collect Social Security after age 65.

Veterans Affairs Shows the Pitfalls of Government Health Care

By Sally C. Pipes

In the fall of 2020, a patient in Augusta, Georgia went to the local Veterans Affairs medical center for a minimally invasive urologic surgery, according to a new report from the VA's Office of Inspector General.

Less than two weeks later, the OIG reports, he was dead. The Inspector General concluded that there had been "multiple deficiencies" in the patient's care. Among them, his doctor allegedly failed to account for his history of chest infections and alcoholism.

Sadly, this is just one of countless examples of the

VA's failure to provide adequate care. And it shows why proposals to nationalize U.S. health care -- like Senator Bernie Sanders's bill to establish Medicare for All, which he reintroduced in May -- are bad news.

Every six months, the VA's Inspector General submits a report to Congress on the agency's performance. And every six months, the story is the same: gross incompetence, fraud, long wait times, and substandard care.

The OIG's most recent report, which covered October 2021 to March 2022, identified more than \$4 billion in "monetary impact" -- waste, question-

able spending, fraud, and the like. Investigations into offending behavior led to more than 100 arrests for crimes that included wire fraud and bribery. One Louisiana doctor had received more than \$650,000 in kickbacks from a medical supply company.

But while the waste and criminality are galling, the patient stories are worse.

A veteran who sought treatment and eventually died at a VA center in New Mexico waited 175 days for a CT scan for possible lung cancer, according to the OIG. Then, even though the results showed signs of cancer, the patient did not receive

a follow-up biopsy. The patient eventually received a conclusive cancer diagnosis at a non-VA hospital.

The OIG also reported on a patient who died 17 days after being discharged from a VA medical center in Gainesville, Fla., after a 33-day hospital stay. The Inspector General concluded that the facility "failed to develop a discharge plan that adequately ensured patient safety and continuity of care."

Even patients not in imminent danger face the stress of extremely long waits. At the VA clinic in Anaheim, Calif., at the beginning of June,

new patients could expect to wait 29 days for an appointment. At the three clinics in Jacksonville, Fla., the average wait in early June was 52 days. And at one clinic in Fayetteville, N.C., earlier this month, it was 96 days.

None of this should be especially surprising. Long waits and sloppy care characterize single-payer health care all over the world.

Canadians face a median wait of more than 25 weeks for treatment from a specialist following referral by their general practitioner, according to the Fraser Institute, a Canadian think tank. Such delays have serious consequences. SecondStreet.

org, another Canadian think tank, found that over 11,500 Canadian patients died while waiting for surgeries, procedures, or diagnostic scans between 2020 and 2021.

Canada and the VA offer a glimpse of the subpar treatment, needless suffering, and rampant fraud and abuse we can expect under Medicare for All.

Sally C. Pipes is President, CEO, and Thomas W. Smith Fellow in Health Care Policy at the Pacific Research Institute. Her latest book is *False Promise, False Promise: The Disastrous Reality of Medicare for All* (Encounter 2020). Follow her on Twitter @sallypipes.

New Resources Explain Crop Insurance for Small Grains

By Kate Hansen, policy associate, Center for Rural Affairs

Across the country, thousands of farmers grow small grains such as wheat, oats, barley, and rye. Some choose to do so for conservation benefits, while others aim to diversify their income streams, to take advantage of local markets, or meet the requirements of organic certification.

But, as with growing any crop, there are associated risks. While farmers who grow crops like corn and soybeans often purchase federal crop insurance to manage risk, far less insure their small grains.

Studies also suggest there is uncertainty about what programs are available to do so. In a 2022 survey of Midwest farmers conducted by researcher Lauren Asprooth, 39% of respondents who grow small grains

said they didn't know if federal crop insurance was available for them.

To address this uncertainty, the Center for Rural Affairs has developed a set of fact sheets and the report, "From Seed to Secured: Crop Insurance for Small Grains." These resources outline various options for federal crop insurance for wheat, oats, barley, and rye.

The most common is a multi-peril crop insurance policy, which protects a farmer's average yield from natural perils—and sometimes price changes. If a multi-peril policy is not available for a specific crop in a farmer's county, they may be able to secure individual coverage by applying for a written agreement with their agent.

Another avenue is Whole Farm Revenue Protection, a U.S. Department of Agriculture Risk Management Agency pilot program that insures revenue across the entire

operation, rather than basing coverage on average yields.

The resources—available at cfra.org/publications—also outline specific considerations for small grains under contract, and those grown for specific markets. One example included is an endorsement available to better cover the value of malting barley.

We encourage small grains producers to explore the options available to them so they can make the best risk management decisions for their operations.

Established in 1973, the Center for Rural Affairs is a private, non-profit organization working to strengthen small businesses, family farms and ranches, and rural communities through action oriented programs addressing social, economic, and environmental issues.

Renewables Enhance Grid Reliability Amid Heat Waves

By Lindsay Mouw, policy associate, Center for Rural Affairs

This summer, headlines suggested that rolling blackouts across the country may be possible because of predicted above-average temperatures.

Texas-based grid operator, the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT), and the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) projected energy capacity shortfalls during peak summer temperatures.

Similar to the ERCOT blackouts in February 2021, much of the blame for this shortfall has been unduly placed on renewable energy.

However, as heat waves swept across the country, ERCOT and MISO did not experience strain on

the grid as anticipated. In fact, renewable energy improved the electric grid's reliability during these hot summer days.

Analysts examined data from the eight hottest days in June in Minnesota, North Dakota, and Iowa. The data shows wind provided the most energy and generated more than 50% of the day's energy for five of the days examined, topping out at 64% on June 19. Additionally, if solar capacity equaled wind capacity, it would have generated enough electricity to displace significant amounts of fossil fuels.

Similarly, renewables also came to the aid of Texas' grid. Solar has been performing exceedingly well, setting records for energy production all summer. According to ERCOT, during the week

of July 20, solar power generated 9% more energy at midday than anticipated. Typically when air conditioning demand is straining the grid, solar is performing well, matching that demand. According to an expert, ERCOT was within 2.5 gigawatts from being at outages, but having an additional 4 to 5 gigawatts of solar made the difference between forced rolling blackouts and keeping the lights on.

Renewable energy expansion can further bolster the grid but is hindered by a lack of grid investment. We urge state and federal policymakers to work together on solutions that would create new capacity, such as battery storage and transmission development, allowing for diverse generation sources to increase grid reliability.

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