

TODAY'S VERSE

Philippians 3:10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death.



FACES OF HAMILTON COUNTY

People who call our community their own.

What makes Thomas Kneeland smile? "My kids," said the then 29-year-old Fishers Arts Council member. Today's feature is a look back at one of The Times' previous Faces of Hamilton County. He has a blended family of five children, now ages 5-12. He was born and raised in Greenville, Miss. He came to Indiana to attend DePauw University in Greencastle to study creative writing and graduated in 2014. He is a former downtown Noblesville resident of three years. He graduated from Indiana Wesleyan with a master's degree in ministry. He is the founder and executive director for Kneeland Center for Poetry. "We focus on creating places for underrepresented writers across the world." Professionally, he is a poet, best-selling author and copywriter and has three books of poetry, one in second edition that is available at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, where he also has other books available, the latest about black lives.

And Another Few Things...

1. Hoosier Students, Computer Wizards

CodeWizardsHQ, a provider of coding classes for kids and teens, has carried out a comprehensive study and identified the most and least progressive states when it comes to access and enrollment to computer science courses. Given the significance of computer science in the modern world, not having access to courses such as coding can put children at a significant disadvantage to their peers when it comes to career opportunities. The study revealed that there are significant disparities based on the location and profiles of students.

The data revealed that Indiana has a rural access rate of 75% and a minority access rate of 84%, with 74% of high schools offering computer science. This places Indiana in 14th position overall in America. The company analyzed data from Advocacy Coalition to determine a ranking from 1 to 50 (with 1 being the highest ranking) of each state's I.T. progressiveness.

Ranking factors included:

- Rural accessibility;
- Race accessibility;
- Minority student accessibility;
- Female enrollment;
- Economically disadvantaged student enrollment; and
- The number of high schools offering computer sciences to students

The top five states are South Carolina, in first, followed by Arkansas, Maryland, Nevada and Alabama. Coming in 50th was Louisiana, just ahead of Idaho in 49th, followed by Kansas, Minnesota and Montana.

2. Strut 2 Save Lives

Rain or shine, the 2022 Strut 2 Save Lives 1K dog walk will be held this Sunday. More than 115 walking and pet enthusiasts have already registered for this year's walk.

Registration begins at 10 a.m. At 10:45 a.m., Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen, Event founder and organizer Diana Clauson and Indiana Donor Network Chief Operating Officer Steve Johnson will offer a welcome to participants. The walk will begin at 11 a.m.

The cost to participate is \$25 for adults, \$12 for children ages 12 and younger and \$65 for families up to five participants.

A live DJ will provide music until 1 p.m. A professional photographer will be available at no charge following the walk to capture images of pets and owners and a licensed pet groomer will provide free dog nail clippings.

Strut 2 Save Lives will welcome a host of area vendors this year, including Pet Wants (dog bones and chews), Emmitt's Closet (an eclectic and herbal boutique), Finntastic Flora (indoor plants), Noblesville Rocks (jewelry made from polished rocks), MTB Creations (wooden engraved cutting boards, wine corks and more), Teter Organic Farm (organic produce and flowers), Artisan Luuma (African handbags and baskets) and County Line Apparel (T-shirts and clothing accessories).

Food and beer will be available by purchase from E&M Hot Diggity Dogs and Mootown Brewing.

All proceeds will benefit Indiana Donor Network Foundation's Bryan Clauson Legacy Fund, which provides financial and counseling support for Hoosier organ transplant recipients, their families and the families of donor heroes.

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Friends of Central Pool and Forest Park Aquatic Center's 25th Anniversary Celebration is 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Sunday, 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. Also, save the date of Sept. 17 for Noblesville Brewfest, which benefits the pool.

Jupiter Flights Balloon Fest, Movies in the Park, Elks Sale, Elvis, Eagles Tributes, More



BETSY REASON
The Times Editor

Noblesville's final Movie in the Park, Forest Park Aquatic Center's 25th anniversary celebration and Conner Prairie's Jupiter Flights Balloon Festival, Noblesville Elks Rummage Sale and Elvis and Eagles tributes are happening this weekend in and around Noblesville. Here's a list of 25 things to do to keep your calendar up to date.

1. Noblesville Parks' 15th annual Movies in the Park series, presented by Logan Street Signs and banners, with the final movie tonight at dusk, featuring "Ghostbusters Afterlife," (Rated PG-13) at Federal Hill Commons.
2. 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. The Belfry Theatre will be the featured nonprofit booth this Saturday.
3. 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.
4. 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.

5. Listen to live music featuring Matt Record on Saturday at Grindstone Public House in downtown Noblesville, and Craig Thurston, Sept. 15.

6. Friends of Central Pool and Forest Park Aquatic Center's 25th Anniversary Celebration is

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Local Organizations Receive Grants from Duke Energy to Support Food Security



Earlier this week, the Duke Energy Foundation announced that, as part of a new package of grants to support local food banks, three local organizations will receive grants. Those organizations are Fishers Youth Assistance Program, receiving \$2,000; Hamilton Heights

Youth Assistance Program, receiving \$1,500; Open Doors of Westfield, receiving \$1,000; and Riverview Health's Indiana Mothers' Milk Bank, receiving \$3,000.

The Duke Energy Foundation is awarding a total of nearly \$100,000 in grants to local food

pantries and community organizations to help put food on the table for Hoosier families in need. The grants will support the purchase of canned goods, fresh produce and essential supplies to address food insecurity across the company's Indiana service territory.

"Food is the most basic of needs, and there are organizations throughout the state that provide a lifeline to Hoosiers who may not know where their next meal will come from," said Stan Pinegar, president of Duke Energy Indiana. "They fill

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Find Good Jobs, Careers with Invest Hamilton County's New Career Explorer

The Hamilton County Economic Development Corporation (dba Invest Hamilton County) has launched a new skills-based career explorer and job board. Hamilton County is one of the first communities in the country to launch the SkillFit tool from LightCast (formerly EM-SI-Burning Glass).

SkillFit Hamilton County helps anyone in Central Indiana looking for opportunity in Hamilton County to explore how their current skills and experience match up against nearly every open position in the community.



This is made possible through support provided by the Duke Energy Foundation, the Metropolitan Indianapolis Board of Realtors (MIBOR), Hamilton County Tourism and the Hamilton County Commissioners and County Council.

"In July our local economy had over 14,000 open positions," says Mike Thibideau, vice president of workforce

strategy for Invest Hamilton County, "this combined with low unemployment makes this a prime time for individuals to skill up and we want to help them do so into local opportunities. SkillFit Hamilton County is a job board, training directory and career awareness tool all in one."

Even without a resume in two to four minutes SkillFit Hamilton County allows anyone in the country exploring opportunities in Hamilton County to see every nearly every position available

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The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 7:19 a.m.
SET: 8:02 p.m.

High/Low Temperatures
High: 85 °F
Low: 58 °F

Today is...

- International Sudoku Day
- Emergency Services
- Stand Up to Cancer Day

What Happened On This Day

- 1776 Continental Congress officially names its union of states the United States
- 1791 Washington, D.C., the capital of the US, is named after President George Washington
- 1850 California is admitted as the thirty-first state

Births On This Day

- 1828 Leo Tolstoy Russian author
- 1890 Colonel Sanders American businessman, founded KFC

Deaths On This Day

- 1976 Mao Zedong Chinese military leader, politician
- 1978 Jack Warner Canadian/American film producer

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HONEST HOOSIER

Happy Birthday, Col. Harland Sanders! The Henryville, Ind. native is well known for creating that finger-licking good chicken!



TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Men who swim for exercise have lower mortality rates than walkers and runners.

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

"There's no reason to be the richest man in the cemetery. You can't do any business from there."
- Col. Harland David Sanders, KFC

TODAY'S JOKE

What do chickens tell scary stories about?
Poultrygeists.

OBITUARIES
Radford Thoman

The Times appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank MARK HEIRBRANDT for subscribing!



⇒ OBITUARIES

Radford Thoman

October 2, 1964 - September 4, 2022

Radford 'Rad,' 'Rad Daddy' Thoman, age 57, was welcomed into God's loving arms September 4, 2022.

He was born October 2, 1964 to the late Dr. Rex and Joyce Thoman. Rad grew up in a large loving family and enjoyed being surrounded by those that meant the most to him.

Mr. Thoman had an enormous heart and would do anything for those he loved. He was a fun loving, free spirit who was always in for a good time. He was an entertainer in his own right, always making others laugh, whether with him or at him.

Mr. Thoman had much success during his 27 years of employment at Atkins Elegant Desserts, where he met his wife Shelli, whom he married in 1995. They had two children together, Fallon and Conrad to whom Mr. Thoman dedicated much time and love. In the past five years, he was building a new career as a Project Manager with Performance Services of Indiana. This was a challenge, but he was never afraid of a good challenge. Other than family, Mr. Thoman enjoyed fishing, golfing and just being outdoors. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him!

Survivors include his wife Shelli; daughter Fallon; son Conrad; five siblings Reg (Linda) Thoman, Scott Thoman, Jenny (Rich) Whaley, Tim (Cathy) Thoman, Steve (Michelle) Thoman; sisters and brothers-in-law, Kathy Thoman, Kris and Jeff Facsko and Brett Conrad; 17 nieces and nephews; seven great-nieces and -nephews; and dear friends Pat Atkins and Linda Kessler and family.

A Celebration of Life Mass is scheduled to be held at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church, 14598 Oak Ridge Road, Carmel.

Mr. Thoman requested his final resting place be in Canada where he shared many fond memories with his dad, siblings, nephews, and friends.

Memorial contributions may be sent to a go fund me page that honors Mr. Thoman's loving and generous heart. The funds will be used by his family to perform random acts of kindness in his memory. https://www.gofundme.com/f/vuhcp-rads-random-actskindness?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=copy_link&utm_campaign=p_cf+share-flow-1

"If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation, the old has gone, the new has come!" -2 Corinthians 5:17
Bussell Family Funerals is privileged to assist the family in arrangements.



Wolfsie Lets Google Finish His Thoughts



DICK WOLFSIE
Funny Bone

I just finished listening to a discussion on the radio about Internet search engines. One of the guests wanted to determine the longitude and latitude of an emerging African nation and had begun his hunt with the phrase: WHERE IS _____? Before he started typing the name of the country, Google offered him autofilled suggestions, anticipating what he might be trying to find. Their initial recommendations were: ...my tax refund; Frankenmuth, Germany; and Chuck Norris.

Okay, who wouldn't like to find Frankenmuth, Germany? But how did the other three get to the top of the list? Who cares where Chuck Norris is?

I don't really understand the calculus behind the search results, so I thought I'd experiment a little to see if I could figure out how certain sites or references get primo ranking. Being slightly neurotic, I first plugged in: I THINK I HAVE _____. Before I finished entering the malady I am currently obsessing about, up popped some serious illnesses like monkeypox, AIDS, and COVID. Number four was: "worms." I clicked on it out of curiosity, and it took me to some poor sap's blog.

"I am 24 years old. I think I have parasites in my stomach because I keep hearing strange noises in my gut and a few days ago I actually found a six-inch worm in my Fruit of the Looms." (These symptoms scared the you-know-what out of me. Here I am searching the Internet when I should be scouring my own underwear.)

Next, I tried: I AM SURE MY NEIGHBOR IS _____. There were several Google offerings to complete the entry: a cocaine dealer; stalking

me; turning into a vampire. For the first time in the three years we've lived in our new neighborhood, I am starting to appreciate how harmless our neighbor Paul is.

As a person who is always misplacing things, I decided to try: I CAN'T FIND MY _____. The first suggestion by Google was "wallet and glasses," but somehow "crackers" also made it to the top tier. I won't feel so stupid anymore when I forget where I put my keys—not when so many people in the free world have apparently lost track of their Triscuits.

Having just had a nightmare the previous evening, I put in: LAST NIGHT I DREAMED ABOUT _____. The first supplied answer was—and I swear this is true: "chickens." So, if you have ever wondered whether other people have the same weird dreams as you, you're in for a rude awakening, probably by a rooster. I clicked on that link and up came a poem by children's author Jack Prelutsky, which read in part...

Last night I dreamed of chickens,
there were chickens everywhere,
they were standing on my stomach,
they were nesting in my hair...

How did Prelutsky scratch his way into the number one slot, the perfect place in the pecking order for an author? We'll never know, but on a side note, I do want to assure all my readers that there will be no more fowl puns in this column.

Just for fun, I typed: MY FAVORITE PERSON IS _____. I soon discovered that there are thousands of sites referencing this topic. Approximately none of them mentioned my name. A little depressing, to be sure, but Google is only 23 years old. People don't take to me right away.

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 and The Times of Noblesville. E-mail Dick at Wolfsie@aol.com.

The Farmers Bank President and CEO Karen Gregerson Announces Retirement



THE Farmers Bank
My bank for life.



Karen Gregerson

Karen F. Gregerson, President and CEO of The Farmers Bank, has announced that she will retire from in September, 2023.

Gregerson, who joined the bank in that role in 2016, also announced that the bank's board of directors has begun the process of identifying a successor. "The timing should allow me several months to work with my successor, allowing for a smooth transition," she explained. Gregerson also serves as one of the directors.

"Karen continues to be an outstanding leader for The Farmers Bank, and we appreciate her willingness to help us through the transition," said Jack Ransom, Chairman of the board of directors. "While there's always some sadness when a valued employee announces retirement plans, her timing is consistent with what she told the Board when she joined our team."

She reported her motivation is a desire to spend more time with family and friends, and she believes the bank is in good hands. "The Farmers Bank is strong and growing, and we're blessed with an extraordinary staff," Gregerson noted.

"I've worked hard for the past four decades and I'm proud of what I've been able to accomplish with the help of so many skilled and caring colleagues. Now it's time to focus my energy outside the bank. I know retirement marks a significant adjustment, but it's an adjustment I'm excited to make."

Gregerson began her banking career in Marion following her graduation from Ball State University's Miller College of Business. She also earned a master's degree from Indiana Tech. A Certified Public Accountant, Gregerson served as

Chief Financial Officer for STAR Financial Bank before being named to her present position in 2016.

In 2020, the Indiana Bankers Association honored Gregerson with its Woman of the Year award, and inducted her into its Forty Year Club earlier this year.

In 2016, BankBeat magazine recognized Gregerson as an Outstanding Woman in Banking. She was also the first female member director elected to the Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis, where she currently serves as Vice-Chair, and has lent her expertise and leadership to a long list of nonprofit organizations.

Gregerson and her husband, Roy, have three grown children, Royce, Emily and Ethan, a daughter-in-law, Casey, and son-in-law, Matt. They have also been blessed with a granddaughter, Lucy Catherine, with another granddaughter due in November. Gregerson and her husband intend to reside in Frankfort where she will continue serving on the Board of Directors of The Farmers Bank and while also remaining involved in community service organizations.

About The Farmers Bank:
The Farmers Bank is an \$800 million asset organization chartered in 1876 with headquarters in Frankfort, IN. The Farmers Bank is locally owned and operated with 11 banking offices located in Central Indiana providing retail, business, investment & trust services, mortgage, and electronic banking services. Member FDIC, Equal Housing Lender.

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Carmel-Clay Historical Society Receives \$5K Grant from Indiana Historical Society for Archiving



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The Indiana Historical Society (IHS) recently gave \$4,999 to The Carmel-Clay Historical Society to provide proper storage of the City of Carmel archival collection. The project focuses on rehousing approximately 4,000 photographs and negatives donated to the historical society from the City of Carmel. Rehousing the collection will preserve the images for future generations and make them more accessible to researchers and others.

These funds come as part of the IHS's Heritage Support Grants program, which supports local, county and regional historical societies, museums and sites. The grants fund projects that meet high-priority needs in the areas of Collections Stewardship, DEAI (Diversity, Equity, Access, and Inclusion), Sustainability and Planning.

Through its Heritage Support Grants program, the IHS awarded more than \$50,000 in the second half of 2022 to 12 local historical societies and organizations representing 11 Indiana counties.

Heritage Support Grants are provided by the Indiana Historical Society and made possible by a grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. The current iteration of the program will award \$2.5 million to local historical organizations until 2024. Learn more at www.indianahistory.org/grants.

The remainder of the most recent recipients include:

- 1. Cass County Historical Society, Cass County
- The Cass County Historical Society received

\$4,169 to make equipment upgrades allowing staff and volunteers to respond more effectively to queries from patrons, improve program accessibility and enhance website content.

2. Daviess County Historical Society, Daviess County

- The Daviess County Historical Society received \$3,420 to purchase storage boxes, preservation materials and a worktable, improving collections stewardship by allowing the organization to efficiently process and properly house collections objects.

3. Friends of the National New York Central Railroad Museum, Elkhart County

- The Friends of the National New York Central Railroad Museum received \$4,322 to install a new roof for the New York Central 1905 Caboose #19211, helping to prevent deterioration of the inside of the caboose and allowing the organization to better interpret the railroad car's importance.

4. Henry County Historical Society, Henry County

- The Henry County Historical Society received \$4,999 to restore windows in their historic house, improving security for collections storage and providing a more stable environment for collections objects.

5. iibada Dance Company, Marion County

- The iibada Dance Company received \$4,474 to help fund the research and implementation of a pop-up museum that tells the story of the African American church in Indianapolis, engaging not only historians and visitors

but the larger community by including QR codes to access the research and interviews used to develop the exhibit.

6. The Circus Hall of Fame, Miami County

- The Circus Hall of Fame received \$4,946 to purchase archival supplies to house a large collection of research materials related to circus history. Properly storing the materials will preserve the important collection so the information can be accessed by future researchers.

7. Jackson County History Center, Jackson County

- The Jackson County History Center received \$4,680 to replace two single doors with a double door at the entrance to the Heller Museum. New doors will allow for better museum access as well as improve the ability of the organization to safely move larger objects into and out of the building.

8. Lake County Historical Society, Lake County

- The Lake County Historical Society received \$4,999 to fund an assessment of the organizational mission and story to better fit the needs and interests of the community. The assessment will aid in developing a framework for collections evaluation and decision-making processes.

9. Howard County Historical Society, Howard County

- The Howard County Historical Society received \$3,820 to fund a board retreat and board development workshop. The retreat will provide foundational board training and team building to strengthen the board and increase institutional sustainability.

10. Perry County Museum, Perry County

- The Perry County Museum received \$3,778 to fund a historic audio

and visual preservation project. Funding will be used to replace outdated equipment to allow information to be migrated to newer formats and to purchase archival supplies to properly house the current collection.

11. Whiting-Robertsdale Historical Society, Lake County

- The Whiting-Robertsdale Historical Society received \$4,999 to fund an assessment of proposed collections storage spaces. The assessment will provide the organization with the necessary information to move forward with planning for renovations and fundraising to create safe and secure collections storage.

Guidelines and applications are available on the IHS website at www.indianahistory.org/grants or by calling the IHS at (317) 232-1882. For more information, visit indianahistory.org or call (317) 232-1882.

About the Indiana Historical Society (IHS):

The Indiana Historical Society collects and preserves Indiana's unique stories; brings Hoosiers together in remembering and sharing the past; and inspires a future grounded in our state's unifying values and principles. IHS is a Smithsonian Affiliate and a member of the International Coalition of Sites of Conscience.

Football Is Back – Avoid Your Own Penalty Flags

The state of Indiana reminds Hoosiers to take steps to avoid scammers' penalties during football season. Whether your team is at the college level or professional, be mindful of fake tickets and trick parking.

"Fall is just around the corner and that means football season is back. I encourage Hoosiers to be cautious before making any snap decisions to buy tickets or pay for parking," Indiana Attorney General Rokita said. "Don't allow scammers to ruin your weekend or your team spirit. If you believe you've fallen victim to any type of scam, please contact my office to file a complaint."

During large sporting events, con artists are exceptionally prevalent and can fool even the most experienced fans. Scammers take advantage of fans by selling fake, duplicated, or nonexistent tickets. The most important thing to remember is if the deal sounds too good to be true, it usually is.

Rokita said to follow these tips to avoid scams to make sure you don't get tackled by fraudsters this season:

- Research the seller or broker with the Better Business Bureau and check membership in the National Association of Ticket Brokers.
- Know the refund policy. You should only purchase tickets from a ticket reseller that provides clear details about the terms of the transaction.



Attorney General Todd Rokita

- Use payment methods that come with protection. Always use a credit card so you may have some recourse if the tickets are not as promised.

- Avoid brokers or resellers that require you to pay with cryptocurrency.

- Get email confirmations or a receipt for all reservations and tickets.

- Check the seats before purchasing. Ask for section, row, and seat numbers to avoid obstructed views and purchasing tickets that do not exist.

- Slow down! If a deal seems too good to be true, it probably is. Refuse to be rushed. Scam artists often try to hurry prospective buyers into deciding.

The best way to kick off the season is to be alert.

Don't feel obligated to be the MVP and handle the scammers yourself. Hoosiers are encouraged to contact the Attorney General's office regarding any suspected scams or scam attempts. You can file a complaint online by visiting indianaconsumer.com or by calling (800) 382-5516.

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 August 13th The Goonies PG	 August 20th Dog PG-13	 September 3rd Top Gun PG

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Taking A Look at Boilermakers in the NFL with Kenny

The Joe Tiller era at Purdue produced 52 players who went on to the NFL for at least one season.

With all Tiller alumni except for Colts offensive tackle Dennis Kelly now out of the league, Purdue's NFL numbers have been declining for years. An indictment, possibly, of the recruiting efforts of Tiller's successors Danny Hope and Darrell Hazell.

Thanks to George Karlaftis, David Bell, Zander Horvath and DaMarcus Mitchell, the Boilermakers' professional alumni stands at 12 on opening day rosters. That's up from 11 a year ago. Ricardo Allen (Cincinnati) and Ryan Kerrigan (Washington) retired, while quarterback David Blough moved from the active roster at Detroit to the practice squad at Minnesota.

The most unexpected NFL Boilermaker is Mitchell, a defensive end who went undrafted. Mitchell, listed as the backup to Deatrich Wise Jr., for New England's opener against Miami, extends a streak of undrafted free agents to make the Patriots.

Richie Witt of Sports Illustrated's Patriot Country web site reports at least one undrafted free agent has been kept by coach Bill Belichick for 19 consecutive seasons. Mitchell had a sack among his four tackles during the preseason.



KENNY THOMPSON
Columnist

Mitchell is the ninth former Purdue player to play for Belichick in New England and one of two on the 2022 roster. Linebacker Ja'Whaun Bentley started 16 games a year ago, missing one due to injury. Bentley recorded a career-high 108 tackles with a sack and three forced fumbles.

A bit of trivia: Bentley was recruited to Purdue from Hyattsville, Md., by current Notre Dame head coach Marcus Freeman.

The other seven Belichick Boilermakers all played in at least one Super Bowl: Rosevelt Colvin, Brandon Gorin, Jason King, Niko Koutouvides, Matt Light, Gene Mruzcowski and David Nugent.

Horvath beat long odds to make the Los Angeles Chargers' roster as a seventh-round draft pick. Fullbacks aren't exactly desirable in today's passing offenses but Chargers.com writer Eric Smith says Horvath will be the starter in two-back sets.

"While he has shown flashes as a fullback, and

could also carry the ball if needed, Horvath also established himself as a value player on special teams, too," Smith writes.

Hoping to add his name to the list of Purdue alumni to play in the Super Bowl is Karlaftis, who apparently has earned the nickname "Furious George" in Kansas City.

Tyler Sullivan of CBSsports.com predicts Karlaftis will be named the NFL's Defensive Rookie of the Year.

"The first-round pass rusher for the Chiefs is expected to have a solid role along this defense, which gives him a lane to beat the 20-1 odds and win Defensive Rookie of the Year. He had two sacks over the preseason and that is the type of statistic that is going to have voters' attention. "He'll be playing for a Chiefs team that will be a Super Bowl contender throughout the year and still boasts an offense that should be able to get up on teams early. That sets up a game script for him to be able to tee off against opposing quarterbacks and pump up his stats, especially with the likes of Chris Jones and Frank Clark garnering most of the attention. If he can disrupt the quarterback as he did at Purdue, the 6-foot-4, 275-pounder will have a national stage to state his case.

"Kansas City is set to play in five primetime games this season, which

is the maximum number a team can be given. That allows Karlaftis to have the entire NFL-viewing audience watching him. That's something Aidan Hutchinson -- the current betting favorite for this award -- doesn't have as the Lions are currently without a primetime game in 2022."

It may be a tougher road to stardom for Bell, listed as backup to wide receiver Donovan Peoples-Jones for Cleveland's opener against Carolina. The Browns' passing game is in the hands of former Colts quarterback Jacoby Brissett, who is filling in for the suspended DeShaun Watson over the first 11 games of the season.

The Arizona Cardinals reportedly are planning a bigger role in 2022 for wide receiver Rondale Moore, the fifth former Jeff Brohm Purdue recruit in the NFL.

Moore caught 54 passes for 435 yards and a touchdown as a rookie. His 973 all-purpose yards ranked sixth among NFL rookies. He's listed as an opening day starter against Kansas City as the third wide receiver alongside A.J. Green and Marquise Brown.

Brohm's recruits comprise one-half of the Purdue NFL ranks. The sixth, linebacker Derrick Barnes, got off to a good start with the Detroit Lions in 2021. Barnes started six games as a rookie,

amassing 67 tackles and two sacks.

Second in Purdue NFL seniority to Kelly is Dallas Cowboys cornerback Anthony Brown, entering his seventh season. One of Danny Hope's Florida imports, Brown had his best season in 2021 with 71 tackles and three interceptions, one of which was returned for a touchdown.

Two members of Hazell's second-to-last recruiting class appear to be on an upward trajectory with the Cincinnati Bengals and Los Angeles Rams, respectively.

Linebacker Markus Bailey started three games in 2021, contributing to the Bengals' surprising run to Super Bowl LVI. Bailey made 37 tackles a year ago.

Tight end Brycen Hopkins saved his best rookie year performance for that Super Bowl with four receptions totaling 47 yards after starter Tyler Higbee was injured. He's listed as the No. 2 tight end going into the opener with Buffalo, behind Higbee.

Perhaps the former Boilermaker with the most to prove in 2022 is running back Raheem Mostert. His 2021 season with the San Francisco 49ers ended during the opener when the now 30-year-old suffered a knee injury. Mostert is hoping for a fast start in his new home, Miami.

Judging by a handful of preseason carries, Mo-

stert's speed appears to be back to Big Ten track championship form. Joe Schad of the Palm Beach Post recently noted that during the past 50 years, no NFL running back with a minimum of 200 carries has averaged more yards per carry than Mostert (5.67).

The Dolphins would be thrilled if Mostert approaches the form that saw him rush for 220 yards in a playoff loss to Green Bay in 2020. Only Hall of Famer Eric Dickerson has rushed for more yards (248) in a postseason game.

Take it for what it's worth but Spotrac.com lists Karlaftis as the highest-paid Boilermaker in the NFL. Including his signing bonus, the West Lafayette High School graduate is expected to earn more than \$6.5 million in the first year of his four-year contract.

Brown is second at \$5 million and is eligible for free agency in 2023.

Other Boilermaker millionaires are Bentley (\$3,250,000), Mostert (\$2,125,000), Bell (\$1,604,000) and Kelly (\$1,272,500). Moore will join them in 2023 when his contract escalates to \$1.289 million.

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By Whitney Downard

One Hoosier with a CollegeChoice Savings Plan will win a \$10,000 deposit from a state sweepstakes this month, part of a state effort to encourage Hoosiers to save for higher education.

"The semester is in full swing, and with school on the mind, there's no better time for Hoosiers to begin saving for their educational goals," said Kelly Mitchell, the Indiana Treasurer of State said in a release. "This \$10,000 giveaway will make a tremendous impact whether a family is saving for a technical or trade program, a registered apprenticeship, or a 4-year degree."

The sweepstakes coincides with National College Savings Month, as established by a proclamation from Gov. Eric Holcomb certifying the sweepstakes. To enter, Hoosiers 18 years of age or older must complete the form at www.collegechoicedirect.com/ september by 11:59 p.m. on Sept. 30, 2022. A winner will be randomly selected from the eligible entries.

Funds in CollegeChoice 529 Savings Plans, a tax-advantaged education savings program adminis-

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Indiana tax law may also grant filers an annual state income tax credit of 20% on their contributions, up to \$1,000 each year.

"We would love to see a record number of families enter the contest," said Marissa Rowe, executive director of the program. "Imagine what \$10,000 could do for a Hoosier student."

For more information about CollegeChoice 529 Savings Plans, visit www.collegechoicedirect.com/plans.

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College Students Can Explore Indiana and Earn Prizes with the College Life IN Indiana Passport

Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch and the Indiana Destination Development Corporation (IDDC) announced they have launched the College Life IN Indiana Passport.

"There is so much to explore in Indiana as a young adult," Crouch said. "From sports and live entertainment to museums and unique parks, college students have a bounty of opportunities available to them and their friends when they venture off their campuses."

The College Life IN Indiana "digital passport" is a college student's guide to over 150 destinations and excursions across the state that will provide entertain-

ing and thrilling experiences. Sign up online for the passport and receive custom prizes for visiting multiple destinations across the state at <https://www.visitindiana.com/indiana-passports/college/>.

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Indiana college students simply need to sign up for the passport to receive a pair of sunglasses. Students who make 10 visits to any of the passport locations will receive a t-shirt, and after 25 visits, participants will receive a water bottle. Check in



to 50 or more properties on the passport to earn a backpack cooler. You can also qualify for a grand prize giveaway and specific drawings throughout the year.*

"Indiana is recognized for its top colleges and universities that attract students from around the world as well as within our state," IDDC Secretary and CEO Elaine Bedel said.

"By incentivizing op-

portunities to get out and explore many of the state's attractions, we can help college students envision themselves in Indiana post-graduation."

For more information scan the QR code, go to VisitIndiana.com/CollegeLife or follow Visit Indiana on social media at @VisitIndiana on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram.

*All prizes are available while supplies last.

COVID-19 Vaccine May Become Annual, Like Flu Shot

By Jennifer Shutt

COVID-19 boosters shots are on track to become as frequent as the annual flu shot, though high-risk people may need more than one dose per year, Biden administration officials said Tuesday.

"For a large majority of Americans, we are moving to a point where a single annual COVID shot should provide a high degree of protection against serious illness all year," White House COVID-19 Response Coordinator Ashish Jha said during a briefing.

Anthony Fauci, chief medical adviser to President Joe Biden and director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases at the National Institutes of Health, conveyed a similar message, saying that "in the absence of a dramatically different variant, we

likely are moving towards a path with a vaccination cadence similar to that of the annual influenza vaccine."

The move could provide clarity and possibly simplicity for people who have been trying to keep track of if and when they should get a COVID-19 booster.

The most recent announcement about booster shots came last week when the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommended people 12 and older get another COVID-19 booster dose in the coming weeks.

Jha said Tuesday he expects there may be updates on the booster for kids under 12 at some point later in the fall.

CDC Director Rochelle Walensky said in a statement about the boosters last week that the new bivalent shots are "formulated to better protect

against the most recently circulating COVID-19 variant."

"They can help restore protection that has waned since previous vaccination and were designed to provide broader protection against newer variants," Walensky said.

During Tuesday's briefing Walensky urged people to get the booster shot, noting that 375 people on average are dying daily from COVID-19 within the U.S.

That number, she said, is "well above the around 200 deaths a day we saw earlier this spring, and in my mind, far too high for a vaccine preventable disease."

Despite a lack of new funding from Congress to address COVID-19 domestically and abroad, Biden administration officials stressed Tuesday that there are enough doses for all eligible people to get a

booster shot heading into the winter.

But, Jha said that only happened after officials pulled money from other public health priorities to secure the vaccine doses. He also said it is "critical" U.S. lawmakers provide the White House with the \$22.4 billion officials believe is needed to continue responding to COVID-19.

"Congress is aware that if we do not continue to fund the response, things can easily go backwards," Jha said.

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UIndy Announces New Program, \$1.8M Gift, and New High School Partnership

The University of Indianapolis announced yesterday that the R.B. Annis School of Engineering bachelor's degree programs in Industrial & Systems Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, and software Engineering have been accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET, the global accreditor of college and university programs in applied and natural science, computing, engineering, and engineering technology.

ABET accreditation assures that programs meet standards to produce graduates ready to enter critical technical fields that are leading the way in innovation and emerging technologies, and anticipating the welfare and safety needs of the public.

"We're very excited to announce this accreditation. It's been the culmination of several years of hard work and is a testament to our faculty, current students, and recent graduates," said Associate Dean and Director of the R.B. Annis School of Engineering Ken Reid. "Having the ABET seal shows to outside parties about our program's legitimacy what we and our corporate and community partners knew to be true: That we have a world-class faculty and curriculum here at the Annis School."

Sought worldwide, ABET's voluntary peer-review process is highly respected because it adds critical value to academic programs in the technical disciplines,

where quality, precision and safety are of the utmost importance.

Developed by technical professionals from ABET's member societies, ABET criteria focus on what students experience and learn. ABET accreditation reviews look at program curricula, faculty, facilities, and institutional support and are conducted by teams of highly skilled professionals from industry, academia and government, with expertise in the ABET disciplines.

ABET is a nonprofit, non-governmental organization with ISO 9001:2015 certification. It currently accredits 4,361 programs at 850 colleges and universities in 41 countries and areas.

More information about ABET, its member societies and the accreditation criteria used to evaluate programs can be found at www.abet.org.

Zane and Frances Todd Gift:

The University of Indianapolis has received a \$1.8 million gift from Zane and Frances Todd. The gift will be used to establish the Zane and Frances Todd Merit and Leadership Scholars Fund endowment, which will support students majoring in STEM-related fields, with a special emphasis on engineering.

Zane Todd, retired chairman and chief executive officer of Indianapolis Power and Light Company, served on the UIndy Board of Trustees from 1977 to 1991 and served as the Chair of the Board

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from 1981 to 1991. He was awarded an honorary doctorate of humane letters from UIndy in 1993. He and his wife, Frances, who also worked at IPL, were married for 29 years.

"We are grateful to the Todds for their generous support of our students and their futures," said Interim President Phil Terry. "The University remains dedicated to ensuring our students have access to the best education we can offer and gifts like these not only allow us expand access, but also to build upon our strong programs. We look forward to continuing the growth of our STEM programs here at UIndy."

"Zane and Frances Todd had an incredible vision for the future of engineering at UIndy even before the R.B. Annis School of Engineering was established," said Dr. Ken Reid, associate dean and director of the R.B. Annis School of Engineering. "Now, we are fulfilling that vision and building upon it to cultivate the next generation of talented, innovative engineers."

The gift will also be used to fund the Frances and Zane Todd Merit and Leadership Scholars in Health Sciences

and Nursing scholarship funds. The scholarships will have preference for non-traditional students, in honor of Zane's own background, including students who are working to fund their education; students who have been honorably discharged from military service; students who have children for which they have financial responsibility; and students who are married.

High School Partnerships:

The University also announced today its partnership with four Indianapolis-area high schools to help provide incentive to area students to attend higher education as well as provide those high schools with the resources available within the R.B. Annis School of Engineering. The four high schools involved in the partnership are Fishers High School, Pike High School, Perry Meridian High School and Southport High School.

Each year, representatives from those schools will select one prospective engineering student, based on their own criteria, and the University of Indianapolis will award them—contingent upon their acceptance at the University—with a

full ride scholarship to study at the R.B. Annis School of Engineering. Additionally, faculty from the R.B. Annis School commit to making themselves available to visit these partner schools to give talks or help in classrooms.

"Right now, just 54% of Indiana high school seniors are pursuing 4-year college degrees, we want to do our part to increase that number and better prepare students for higher education," said Reid. "These partnerships will allow us to work more closely with the students and teachers in these schools to help strengthen engineering within K-12, and prepare those students for higher education and to prepare them for STEM careers."

Phil Terry, interim president at the University added, "The Annis School is meeting a critical need in our state's economy by preparing career-ready engineers who are trained in a culture of collaborative innovation and entrepreneurship."

Students and faculty in the School are building community and industry connections through the Annis School's Design-Spine curriculum with partners that include Crane Naval Base, Citi-

zens Energy, Huntington Bank, Anthem NGS, Eastseals Crossroads and others. The class of 2022 had a 96% placement rate upon graduation with an average salary of over \$72,000.

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The University of Indianapolis, founded in 1902, is a private university located just a few minutes from downtown Indianapolis. The University is ranked among the top National Universities by U.S. News and World Report, with a diverse enrollment of nearly 5,300 undergraduate, graduate and continuing education students.

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McDonald's Invites Customers to Help Send Bottled Water to Jackson, Mississippi

McDonald's of Greater Indiana and Southwest Michigan, in partnership with Eastern Star Church in Indianapolis, is answering the call for help from Jackson, Mississippi. Most of the city's 150,000 residents lost access to clean drinking water after recent floods strained the city's infrastructure. As the city rebuilds and continues repairs, local McDonald's customers

can help. This Saturday from 7 a.m.-7 p.m., a portion of any size Coca-Cola beverage or DASANI bottled water sales from local McDonald's will be donated to an effort to source and send bottled water to Jackson. "When we saw what happened in Jackson, we knew we needed to do something to help," said Tracey Jones, a McDon-

ald's Owner/Operator with restaurants in the Indianapolis area. "We've seen this situation in other parts of the country and we know how devastating it can be for any community. We are reaching to all our neighboring McDonald's owners and their customers to see if we can ban together to help our neighbors in their time of need." The effort is being co-

ordinated by Eastern Star Church in Indianapolis. "The Lord calls us all to serve in whatever way we can," added Senior Pastor Jeffrey A. Johnson, Sr. "We thank McDonald's customers in advance for showing their support and dedication to service. This is an incredible coordination underway and we want to thank all of those involved including

McDonald's, Coca-Cola, and Armada." The bottled water will be delivered to Freedom Ministries International Church in Jackson. Jackson-area McDonald's Owner/Operator Marc O'Ferrall will also serve to help coordinate on the receiving end. Freedom Ministries International is one of nine approved distribution centers in the area identified by the

Mississippi Emergency Management Agency. The National Guard is on the ground helping distribute bottled water around the city. The city has also partnered with the Mississippi Rapid Response Coalition for distribution sites and home deliveries. Indiana residents look for more ways to support Jackson can visit ForMississippi.org.

FOOD

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a vital role in the communities we serve, and we're committed to supporting their work to help increase food access for those in need."

One such organization is Hoosier Hills Food Bank in Bloomington, Ind. The nonprofit makes food donations available to over 100 area nonprofit organizations, including emergency food pantries, day care centers serving low-income children, youth programs, shelters, residential homes and soup kitchens. Each year, these agencies collectively serve 25,800 people in south-central Indiana.

"No one deserves to be hungry," said Julio Alonso, executive director of Hoosier Hills Food Bank. "Food insecurity persists as a significant problem, and our partner organizations often struggle to meet demand. We are grateful for the financial support of companies like Duke Energy that enable us to expand our capacity to serve those in need in our community."

The remaining grants were awarded to the following organizations:

- Bread of Life Food Pantry (Decatur County) - \$1,500
- Churches in Mission (Morgan County) - \$1,000
- Clay County YMCA (Clay County) - \$10,000
- Community Harvest Food Bank (Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Huntington, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, Wells and Whitley counties) - \$6,000
- Dinner Before Bedtime (Shelby County) - \$5,000
- Fayette County Food Council (Fayette County) - \$3,000
- Food Finders (North-Central Indiana) - \$5,000
- Food Finders (Tippecanoe County) - \$11,000
- Franklin County High School (Franklin County) - \$2,500
- Good Samaritan Food Pantry (Decatur County)

- \$1,500
- Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition (Hendricks County) - \$5,000
- Hoosier Hills Food Bank (Brown, Lawrence, Orange, Owen, Martin and Monroe counties) - \$10,000
- Hope Southern Indiana (Floyd County) - \$1,000
- Mother Hubbard's Cupboard (Monroe County) - \$1,000
- Princeton Salvation Army (Gibson County) - \$5,000
- Rush County Community Assistance (Rush County) - \$2,500
- Salvation Army of Southern Indiana (Floyd County) - \$10,000
- Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana (Delaware County) - \$2,500
- Terre Haute Catholic Charities Food Bank (Vigo County) - \$1,000
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CAREER

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and how their skills and experience align.

SkillFit Hamilton County automatically pulls and updates positions from every major job board as well as a number of state and local boards. An explorer can then see what skills they are missing for any position and get directed in the same tool to all state approved training providers that align with those missing skills.

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4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Sunday, 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/>

7. 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.

8. Kiln Creations in downtown Noblesville is filling a request for "It's 420 Somewhere," an adults-only painting party at 6 p.m. today with a choice of tobacco pipes, trays, decorative houseware, jars and more, plus check out new 420 designs available just for this event. For a full schedule of fun events, visit <https://www.kilncreations.net/>

9. Experience Conner Prairie's Jupiter Flights Balloon Festival, Indiana's largest balloon festival with 42 balloons competing in balloon races and "glows" today through Sunday, featuring balloons originating from throughout the United States, family-friendly entertainment, live bands, flight simulators, remote-control airplanes, bubble workshops, live bird shows and more. There will be balloon "glows" today and Saturday nights, a balloon race that starts at 7 a.m. Saturday and Sunday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. activities on Saturday, plus 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. balloon competition, bounce houses, corn maze and more on Saturday.

10. Westfield continues its Movies in the Plaza series at dusk select Fridays, featuring "Encanto" tonight on the Great Lawn at Grand Junction Plaza, with more movies that include "Raya and the Last Dragon," Sept. 23; "Hocus Pocus," Oct. 28; and "Elf," Dec. 2.

11. Noblesville Elks No. 576 will have a Rummage Sale for charity with household items, tools, kitchen items and much more, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 17 at the Elks, 35 S. Ninth St., with proceeds to go to Elks annual charity awards.

12. The Atlanta Fall Market is 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday on Main Street in downtown Atlan-



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13. Celebrate The King during Roy E. Reynolds' Memorial Tribute to Elvis Presley from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday at Jim Dandy Restaurant in Noblesville. Kids are welcome.

14. 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, The Eagles Project (Eagles Tribute) and The Toons; Sept. 24, Trippin Billie (Dave Matthews Tribute) and Sam King.

15. 6th annual Strut 2 Save Lives is at 11 a.m. Sunday at Dr. James A. Dillon Park in Noblesville, with registration \$25 for adults, \$12 for ages 12 and younger and \$65 for families up to five participants, with registration at 10 a.m., opening remarks at 10:45 a.m., with live deejay until 1 p.m., plus free pet photos with owners, food from E&M Hot Diggity Dogs and beer from Moontown Brewing.

16. 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. Sunday 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.

17. 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.

18. Nickel Plate Arts and artists friends are bringing out their excess and unused craft supplies for an epic yard sale from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 17 at the Nickel Plate campus at Eighth and Maple in downtown Noblesville.

19. 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.

20. Noblesville Brewfest & Wine Garden is 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sept. 17 at Forest Park in Noblesville, benefiting Forest Park Aquatic Center, with tickets, \$40 in advance, \$50 at the door if still available, at www.NoblesvilleBrewfest.com. The event features unlimited sampling of beers, wine garden samplings, designated drivers get in free, food vendors, live music, corn hole competitions.

21. A Spaghetti Fundraiser benefits Cicero Police, Fire and Public Safety, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sept. 18 at Red Bridge Park in Cicero, free meal with donations accepted, plus a Karma-Concert on

the Pier from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. featuring hits from the '70s to today, and a Jeep Cruise-in 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

22. Hamilton County Theatre Guild presents the first show of the 58th season of The Belfry Theatre, "Rehearsal for Murder," a murder-mystery who-dunnit play opening Sept. 23 and continuing a total of eight performances, through Oct. 2 at The Ivy Tech Auditorium in Noblesville, with tickets at www.thebelfrytheatre.com and 317-773-1085. Next show: "The Sound of Music," Nov. 25-Dec. 4, with private auditions this Sunday and Tuesday by appointment.

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. 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.

25. 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.

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Who's Paying Attention to the Big Stuff?

Last week we talked about a quote from Thomas Jefferson. OK, pardon the drastic switch but this week let's look at a quote that "sort of" came out of Wonderland – with Alice.

A lot of people attribute – if you don't know where you're going any road will get you there – to Lewis Carroll's delightful (and somewhat frightening) story of Alice in Wonderland. The scene in reference was when Alice came across the Cheshire Cat.

Thing is, that's not exactly what was said. Alice asked the crafty feline which way she should go and the cat said it depends on where she wanted to get to. Alice said she didn't much care – and CC uttered the famous and mis-quoted reply, "then it doesn't matter which way you go."

Not sure how that popped in my addled brain the other day, but it got me to thinking. Where do we want to go as a country? Or better yet, what's our goal?

And please, save me the political rhetoric. I don't much care to hear a bunch



TIM TIMMONS
Two Cents

of blarney I have trouble believing anyway.

No, I mean the substantive stuff. What is it we want to be as a country? What do we stand for? Not the stuff in the weeds.

The. Big. Stuff.

Once upon a time (seems a fitting phrase since we started out talking about Alice, don't you think?) we were a nation of what Bill Murray brilliantly called mutts in the classic movie Stripes. We welcomed the world's tired, poor, huddled masses. If they yearned to breathe free, we lit Lady Liberty's lamp to show them the way home.

That wasn't all.

We didn't exactly say it (but like my Grandpa used to say, what you do

says more than anything coming out of your pie hole), we also stood for being the best. And we were pretty proud of that, too.

In terms of the Big Stuff, we were a nation that welcomed immigrants and we had a competitive streak.

You can probably toss in a few other things, too.

For example, we said it first and started practicing it later – we are all brothers, equal in standing under God's watch. Yup, we pretty much sucked at it for a while, but we kept trying to get better – and we did. No, we're still not perfect, but we strive.

Any Big Stuff I left out? Maybe. But for today's ramblings, let's stick with these.

With all that in mind, can you define what the goal of our country is now?

We still welcome strangers to our strange land, but now it's more under cover of darkness with a flashlight instead of Lady Liberty's lamp.

It does seem like we want to be the best – but to do that, doesn't it make

sense that we need our citizenry fairly united, rowing mostly in the same direction? I guess I would then ask, how does it help us accomplish that when those entering our country don't have to become a functional member of society, united in the cause of the United States and mostly rowing in the same direction?

And no you don't. Don't you go there. This isn't about illegal immigration or diversity. Just the opposite. Look at championship teams in the world of sports. They are made up of all kinds of members. Black, white, yellow, Christian, atheists, short, tall, straight, gay, and everything in between . . . except those who either can't or won't contribute. Championship teams – teams that are good and not struggling – have no place for them.

But wait, you say. Sports? That's such an oversimplification.

I beg to differ.

It may be sports, but the principles are the same. The common goal is to be the best. When everyone works together,

it can be a beautiful thing.

That used to be us.

We voluntarily and perhaps even enthusiastically gave up a lot during World War II. We sacrificed. We kept tabs on prices and rationed things like gas, sugar, firewood, nylon, silk, meat, dairy, coffee . . .

Can you imagine that today?

Can you imagine anything that the vast majority of our citizens would unite for?

It's not just us. Our government is about as divided as we are. Sen. Rand Paul said the other day that if his party takes back the Senate they will begin an investigation of my least favorite doctor, Mssr. Fauci. The other party has their own ongoing investigative orgy with Mssr. Trump.

(And here's a question: Can you name any former U.S. president who was still in the headlines almost two years after leaving office?)

If a real investigation is warranted, why does it matter which party is in control? Shouldn't they all want to do it? And if it's

not warranted, why do it?

Actually, it goes further than that. Doesn't matter if it's Dems or Repubs. If they go into something absolutely knowing nothing will come out of it . . . isn't that the definition of an exercise in futility? Doesn't the whole thing – and again, it matters not which side is doing it – just become more political grandstanding with absolutely no possibility of a result that will make a real difference?

Sadly, that's the definition of politics today. It is such an accepted practice we don't even notice anymore.

The. Big. Stuff. The. Stuff. That. Matters. Who's paying attention to that now?

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Putting Backspin On A Mouse



JOHN O. MARLOWE
With The Grain

There's a mouse in my pantry . . . and he might just be staying there.

Living with the countryside right out my back door, it really isn't strange that a mouse has set up lodgings inside the cozy confines of my larder. In fact, I count on it happening two times each year.

For whatever reasons, I seem to attract the little rodent residents in large numbers each spring and fall. Logic tells me that their arrival coincides with the agricultural activities in the fields around me. Farmers plant in the spring and harvest in the fall, and a mouse is no match for a 45,746 pound John Deere combine.

The other possibility is that mice come in to enjoy the new fall lineup of television shows.

This predictable late fall mouse forecast is why I found it so disconcerting when an entire Mouse Family Robinson showed up at my place late-August. That's way too early. Something is definitely amiss in micedom.

I've caught eight of them, so far!

Oh, I suppose there is the remote possibility that I'm catching the same mouse over and over again. I use a live-

catch mouse trap. I spent \$29.95 for this catch-and-release up-scaled mouse penitentiary. It consists of nothing more than a metal box, open on two ends, with a series of baffles inside, designed to addle the mouse once the aroma of bait lures him (or her) inside.

The problem is that some mice leave a trail of breadcrumbs, and are able to retrace their steps to freedom, to dine again once more another day.

I've been using the metal box ever since the girl I was dating introduced me to it. It doesn't work well, but I carry a torch for pretty women and stainless steel. Her name is Joni, and she is very much an Earth child. She lives by the tenet that all life is sacred.

She rescues stray animals, live-traps her mice and shoes wayward bees back outside through open doors and windows. She is vegan, and proudly proclaims that she never eats anything that "has a Mother and Father." I believe that's the same criterion she uses for choosing her men.

Joni scoops up her captured mouse in the live-catch trap, saunters to the back fence, opens it, and then cheerfully exclaims, "It's been nice knowing you, little fella." It's the same thing she said to me last January.

Despite its inconsistency, I still use the metal box. I haven't found anything better. I hate using the spring-loaded snap traps. There's just something sinister about enticing a little mouse to enjoy a hunk of cheese, only to slam a wire guillotine onto the back of his neck. I get the same funny feeling when

I'm eating McDonald's French Fries, and my chest tightens.

Those sticky traps are the worst. Once a mouse pulled himself and the trap through the coils of my electric stove, in a clever attempt to free himself. It didn't work, and for hours I worked to separate the glue-covered squealing mouse and trap from the burner. For six months afterwards, every time I scrambled some eggs, I couldn't chomp down before making certain that what I was eating really was bacon.

One of the finest tools for ridding mice is a 9-Iron. I was at work, and a mouse startled me before dashing behind a row of boxes. I reached for the only "weapon" handy, and grabbed my boss's golf club from the bag nearby. The mouse made another pass, and sure enough, I clobbered him right on the sweet spot.

The mouse tumbled through the air, landing on both feet about 40 yards from where I was standing. He froze for a moment, then gathered his senses and dashed under the dumpster. My boss came out and noticed the 9-iron in my hand.

"What's that?" he yelled.

"Looks like a double-bogey to me," I said.

Every time a mouse invades my 50-year-old home, I always wonder if rich people have the same problem with little varmints dashing all over their palatial estates. I've decided no . . . unless we are talking about FBI agents.

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Ask Rusty – Younger Widow Asks About Collecting Survivor Benefits



ASK RUSTY
Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: My husband died several years ago in 2019. It is my understanding that I should be receiving some portion of his Social Security payments. However, when I called to notify Social Security that he passed, they told me not to touch his last check because it would be taken back. I was 8 years younger than my husband, so I am still only 58. I also have always made more income than he did. How do I find out if there is some sort of residual that I should still be receiving? Signed: Widowed Wife

Dear Widowed Wife: The reason you were told "not to touch" your husband's last check is because benefits are not payable for the month a person dies. Social Security pays benefits in the month following the month they are earned, so someone who dies before month ends isn't entitled to benefits for that month. Social Security will, indeed, take that payment back. As a survivor, you aren't entitled to those benefits because they were awarded to your deceased husband and will be taken back because he didn't live

Social Security Matters
by AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor
Russell Gloor
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the full month.

As for any benefits you are entitled to as your husband's survivor, you cannot collect a monthly survivor benefit until you are at least 60 years old (unless you are disabled, in which case you can collect as early as age 50). Sixty is the earliest age to collect survivor benefits, but claimed at age 60 the survivor benefit will be reduced by 28.5% from what it would be at your full retirement age (FRA) of 67. Survivor benefits reach maximum at your FRA, but taken any earlier will be reduced by .396% per month early, to a maximum reduction of 28.5%. You are, however, entitled to a one-time lump sum death benefit of \$255, for which you can contact Social Security at 1.800.772.1213 (or at your local SS office).

You should also be aware that taking any monthly SS benefit before reaching your full retirement age of 67 will subject you to Social Security's "earnings test," which limits how much you can earn before they take back some (or all) of your benefits. The earnings limit changes annually but for 2022 the limit is \$19,560 and, if

that is exceeded, SS will take back benefits equal to \$1 for every \$2 over the limit (they "take back" by withholding future benefit payments or requiring you to repay in a lump sum). If you're working full time and earning substantially more than the annual earnings limit, it's usually not prudent (and may not even be possible) to claim your monthly survivor benefit before your full retirement age.

From what you've shared, it doesn't appear that you are currently entitled to any Social Security survivor benefit, other than the one-time death benefit of \$255. You may consider claiming a survivor benefit when you are sixty, but your work status and earnings level may restrict or eliminate your ability to collect a monthly survivor benefit at that time. Once you reach your FRA, however, the earnings test no longer applies, and you can apply for any benefit available to you. When the earnings test goes away at your FRA, you can also choose to take your smaller survivor benefit first and let your personal SS retirement benefit grow, to maximum at age 70 if you wish.

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Let's All Make This Next Season Of Life A Great One

By Dr. Glenn Mollette



GLENN MOLLETTE
Guest Column

Enjoyable weather is coming soon. For many parts of the country September through November offers many pleasant days. Don't waste them by spending all your time staring at the television or Facebook. You still have some life to live. Spending four or five hours a day watching what everyone else is doing is a waste of your time.

There are programs you enjoy and news events that grab our attention. There are a few people you enjoy keeping up with via social media. After this, get a life. Do you want to spend the rest of

your life with your head bent down staring at a tablet or a cell phone?

You might get to a point where all you can do is sit in your chair and stare at the television. I've seen many good people who at the end of their lives who could do nothing but watch television or stare

into space. Often our bodies get to where that's all we can do. Is this all you can do now? Consider your daily options.

Stop throwing your life away doing nothing. Have verbal conversations with people on the telephone. You can overdo this as well but it's at least human interaction. Keep moving, stretching and exerting yourself. Plan your meals and eat as healthy as possible and don't overeat. Save some for your next meal. You'll live till the next one.

Go somewhere when you can. Going someplace is better than no place. A change of pace and being outdoors is

mentally good for you. Your travel may be across the street but the key is to move and get out.

You will get depressed if all you are doing is eating, staring at your cell phone and flipping television channels. If you are physically able, work ten to twenty hours a week. Somebody will hire you.

Everyone needs something to do, someone to talk to and something to look forward to doing. You also need someone to love and first you always have God. God loves you now and if you'll open your heart, he will fill your life with his love. There are people to

love. Love your family, love friends, love people at work and church. Love the people with whom you socially gather. Some people aren't easy to love and some are impossible. Keep in mind that all things with God are possible. Keep your heart filled with God's love. Love yourself. You can't love others very well if you don't love yourself. Forgive and take care of yourself. You'll then have something you can give others, love and kindness.

It's sad to be around bitter people who have never resolved life's issues and embraced their own lives. Everyone has potential to excel and achieve. Too often people

get bogged down with failures and are totally destroyed. Some failures are just events in your life in which you will learn about you and others. You can use failure to grow, reposition and redevelop your life.

You know what the political candidates are saying. You don't have to spend hours watching political ads, unless you are bored stiff.

Enjoy the season. Make this next one a great one.

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Corporate Social Responsibility And Its Newest Version: ESG

By Dr. Mark W. Hendrickson

What is Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)? Wikipedia defines CSR as "a form of ... private business self-regulation which aims to contribute to societal goals of a philanthropic, activist, or charitable nature." That seems rather vague, even amorphous. As Wikipedia acknowledges, "A wide variety of definitions have been developed but with little consensus."

Investopedia says that CSR "helps a company be socially accountable to itself, its stakeholders, and the public" and that CSR helps companies be aware of their impact "on all aspects of society, including economic, social, and environmental." Once again, the very definition of CSR seems fuzzy, even amorphous.

The basic problem is that the concept of CSR is highly subjective. It all depends on what any particular advocate of CSR expects or wants corporations to do for the alleged betterment of society. What tends to distinguish the most vocal advocates of CSR is that they generally operate outside of the corporations that they are trying to influence. In fact, most of them have no experience at business. They prefer to tell businesses

what they should do.

Traditionally, in our (mostly) free-market economic system, corporations have been deemed to have several sets of stakeholders—people with a direct connection to the activities of the corporation. These stakeholders include the corporation's customers, its shareholders (owners), its employees, and its suppliers, distributors, lenders, etc.

CSR activists reject such a circumscribed, well-defined list of stakeholders. They argue that "society" itself is a stakeholder, and then they appoint themselves spokespersons for society, presuming to tell corporations how they should alter their business practices, revise their product lines, allocate their capital, and so on. If you agree with the political objectives of CSR activists, you might support the activists' assertions that they are legitimate stakeholders in the corporation's activities. If, on the other hand, it seems fishy to you that people who don't own a business or work for that business should have as much or more say about corporate policies than the business's shareholders, customers, and employees, then you would be inclined to view CSR activists as intrusive

meddlers.

Activists play hardball. They often intimidate corporate leaders into making concessions using threats of bad publicity. One wonders, in these cases, where the legal line between free speech and extortion lies. Clearly, outside activists have little respect for the property rights of the legal owners of the corporation when they attempt to hijack a corporation to promote their favored political goals.

The current guise adopted by the CSR folks is called ESG: Environmental, Social, Governance scores. ESG has become a blunt instrument used to raise the costs of targeted businesses and sometimes to steer capital away from them.

In the area of the environment, activists and elite money managers tend not to focus on pollution. Indeed, that would be mostly superfluous, given the strict environmental regulations with which American businesses must comply. Instead, their scoring system penalizes both businesses and state governments for the "sin" of using or developing fossil fuels. Thus, ESG scores give states such as West Virginia lower scores of creditworthiness, even though their finances are in order and their

bond-ratings high. And companies that produce fossil fuels, or even those companies that deal with fossil-fuel companies, are given low scores designed to discourage anyone from lending capital to them. In other words, activists try to asphyxiate such companies by denying access to the financial oxygen of capital.

ESG is an even bigger farce when it claims to seek "social improvements." Today, many American citizens are struggling under soaring gasoline prices and rising heating and cooling costs due to the anti-fossil fuel policies of the Biden administration and its ESG allies. Perversely, ESG activists use low social scores to hamstring the very companies that could produce the energy that Americans so desperately need. If anyone deserves low social scores, it would be the ESG advocates who are crippling the production of fossil fuels that Americans so badly need.

As for governance, pressures from the self-anointed ESG graders may cause corporate leaders to misgovern their companies to the detriment of shareholders, employees, and customers. Two prominent examples of the danger posed by ESG to sound corporate governance

are last year's decision by Major League Baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred to move the All-Star Game out of Atlanta (taking a partisan position on a Georgia election law and thereby alienating many fans) and this year's fiasco at Disney.

The Disney CEO declared that his company opposed a new Florida law that prohibits the teaching of sexual identity to children before the fourth grade. Regardless of how one feels about a particular law, it is poor corporate governance for a corporation to take an official stance on contentious moral issues. Inevitably, some customers are on one side, others on the other side. The same with employees and shareholders. Consequently, every time corporate leaders take an official corporate position on some controversial issue, they foolishly and gratuitously alienate a significant percentage of their legitimate stakeholders. And for what? To placate outside activists who often have zero actual stake in the corporation. CEOs should no more declare that their corporations are on one side or the other of a political controversy than to say the company officially supports a specific church or political party. The wise

and respectful approach is for the company to remain officially neutral while encouraging its stakeholders to follow their own conscience in deciding which laws and initiatives to support and whether to do so privately or publicly.

Bottom line: A corporation can't be all things to all people. To survive and to prosper, corporations need to focus on satisfying their customers and those to whom they have fiduciary and moral responsibilities, i.e., their shareholders and employees. To get swept up in the latest CSR or ESG fad is bad business. By pursuing partisan political goals instead of traditional business goals, business leaders offend some consumers, demoralize or anger some employees, and poorly serve their shareholders. Since consumers, employees, and shareholders are the members of society that a business affects most directly, it follows that sacrificing their welfare in the name of certain activists' cause hurts society. In practice, ESG can be very antisocial.

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