

**➔ TODAY'S VERSE**

Isaiah 43:1-3 Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine. When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. For I am the LORD thy God.



**➔ FACES OF HAMILTON COUNTY**  
People who call our community their own.

What makes Emily Seig smile? "Coming to work everyday and seeing these awesome kiddos and getting to really make a difference in their lives," said the program facilitator at the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville. The former Club kid, who has worked for the club for five years, was found supervising the monthly pizza meal served up by Noblesville Elks Club. The 2017 Noblesville High School graduate, the daughter of Joe and Mary Theresa Seig, is 23 years old and a student at Ivy Tech Hamilton County Campus in Noblesville. "I go to school, and I come here after school." She is earning her associate's degree in General Studies before she moves to Florida to work at Walt Disney Co. full time. How did she get that gig? "I did the Disney college program for the past six months. From January to July, I was in Disney World working a regular parks job," enjoying a paid internship. She is finishing college thanks to an Ivy Tech scholarship. Once I go back, my leaders want me to pursue the Disney professional internship program. So I would have a leadership position at the park. I want to do entertainment, live shows and parades, said the former NHS MadJazz singer and cast member of "A Christmas Carol The Musical" at The Belfry Theatre.

And **Another Few Things...**

**1. Fashion Fanatics**

Sign up now: Fishers' Parks' Fashion Design Series starts next week!

In this series from local artist and maker Sewful Cheryl, learn all the processes needed for fashion design! From mood board and drawing inspiration to draping and drafting your final design, sign up for one or all six classes to perfect your skills! Basic supplies are included. Visit playfishers.com/655/Art-Classes to register online.

**1. Mood Board**

7-9 p.m. next Tuesday

The first class of the series is all about inspiration and visualization! Participants will create their own mood board to pin and flesh out ideas that pique their interest.

**2. Fashion Sketching**

7-9 p.m. on Nov. 1

Practice the second step in fashion design - sketching! You'll learn about fashion illustration, design elements, croquis, and more.

**3. Draping 101**

7-9 p.m. on Nov. 8

Learn all about designing through draping. This is a visual way to make patterns and leads into the next class. You will get to use a scaled-down dress form to create your own designed garment.

**4. Patternmaking**

7-9 p.m. on Nov. 15

Create your own basic patterns and take measurements. With this pattern, you can sew a sample in the next class!

**5. Sewing 101**

7-9 p.m. on Nov. 22

Learn how how to use a needle and thread and sewing machine using the pattern from the previous class!

**6. Runway Challenge**

6:30-9:30 p.m. on Nov. 29

Combine all your new skills in this final class! combine all the skills you learned! Work the whole time and create your fashion creation to model or show off.

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Enjoy the final weekend this season for Carousel Corner at Forest Park in Noblesville from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. this Saturday and Sunday, with \$2 carousel rides and \$3 mini golf, then the carousel closes for the season.

## Airplane Rides, Last Carousel Rides, Theater, Music, Psychic Fair, More



**BETSY REASON**  
The Times Editor

Forest Park's Carousel Corner enjoys its final weekend of the season, Ford Tri-Motor flights take off from Fishers,

and have your fortune told at a Psychic Fair. The Attic Theatre opens "The Play That Goes Wrong," Carmel Community Players winds down "Tick, Tick ... Boom!" and the Headless Horseman rides again at Conner Prairie in Fishers. Here are more details in our list of 25 things to do this weekend and beyond:

1. Take a step back in time and enjoy a flight on the Ford Tri-Motor 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today through Sunday at Indianapolis Metropolitan Airport in Fishers, with registration online at [www.eaa.org](http://www.eaa.org) or call 1 (800) 359-6217.

2. Attend the 14th annual Free Pumpkin Giveaway at 4:30 p.m. today at Red Bridge Park in Cicero, with face painting, games

and goodies.

3. Children can go trick-or-treating in the Plaza at 5:30 p.m. today at Grand Junction Plaza in Westfield.

4. Enjoy live music of Brian Koning at 6:30 p.m. today at Spencer Farm Winery in Noblesville, with music of Jamie Owens at 1 p.m. Sunday, and enjoy free hayrides to pick pumpkins until 5:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, through Oct. 30.

5. Sit back, relax and watch The Attic Theatre's production of "The Play That Goes Wrong," at 7 p.m. today and Saturday and 2 p.m. Saturday at The Ivy Tech Auditorium in Noblesville with tickets at

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## Celebrating Principals, Bullying Prevention & Upcoming Fun Events



**DR. DEREK ARROWOOD**  
HHSC Superintendent



(HHES), Bret Bailey and Nicole Ridens (HHMS), and Jarrod Mason, Whitney Gray and Mitch Street (HHHS). Through their visionary leadership and tireless pursuit of success for

each student, our principals guide and support their schools in large and small ways every day. Their dedication to their profession, this district, and most importantly, to the children in our classrooms is commendable and deeply valued. Thank you!

October is also National Bullying Prevention Month. Bullying is aggressive behavior that is intentional and involves an imbalance of power or strength. It can be verbal, physical, through digital sources like email, texts, or social media. Being bullied can severely affect the person's self-image, social interactions,

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## Invest Hamilton County Adds Two New Roles

Invest Hamilton County (Hamilton County Economic Development Corporation) has added two new staff members in recent weeks.

Kyle Marshall joins the team as the Deputy Director of The Pursuit Institute. Marshall comes to the organization from Conexus Indiana where he served as the senior director of K-16 education programs.

In his role, Marshall was responsible for managing talent initiatives, creating CTE programming and cultivating connectivity between industry, education and state leadership partners. He started his career as a project manager for Wynright Corporation where he implemented logistics solutions and supported site training for customers throughout North America.

When Marshall decided to

take his industry knowledge to the classroom, he chose Teach for America as a transitional program to earn his teaching license. He taught at-risk youth as a middle school math and science teacher and then found his passion in career and technical education.

He has served as an engineering and advanced manufacturing instructor, post-secondary adjunct professor, and teacher coach.

"It is an absolute privilege to serve the students of Hamilton County, a place I am proud to call home. I am thrilled to join a passionate leader at the Pursuit Institute and the entire Invest Hamilton County team to drive innovation, improve accessibility, and forge partnerships within career and technical education."

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**➔ OBITUARIES**

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

**➔ HONEST HOOSIER**

Good luck one and all our high school gridders tonight! Go teams!



**➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP**

Alcohol has almost twice the calories per unit weight than carbohydrates and almost as much as fat. 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](http://www.thetimes24-7.com).



**➔ TODAY'S QUOTE**

"I sometimes feel that I'm impersonating the dark unconscious of the whole human race. I know this sounds sick, but I love it."

Vincent Price

**➔ TODAY'S JOKE**

What do birds say on Halloween?  
Trick or Tweet-Tweet!

**13 WTHR 7 DAY FORECAST**

43/70 SUNNY AND WARMER	52/76 SLIGHT BREEZE, WARM	56/78 SLIGHT BREEZE, WARM	56/76 STILL WARM	55/72 RAIN CHANCE LATE	49/62 PARTLY SUNNY	45/59 PARTLY CLOUDY
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## OBITUARIES

### Theresa Ruth Adreani

February 8, 1932-October 20, 2022

Theresa Ruth Adreani, 90, of Noblesville, Indiana, originally from Niles, Ill., passed away on Thursday, Oct. 20, 2022 at Harbour Manor Care Center in Noblesville.

She was born on Feb. 8, 1932 to Ignacio and Jennie (Scribano) Azzarelli in Chicago, Ill.

Mrs. Adreani owned Adreani's Pizza for 40 years with her son and husband. She was a member of Rejoice Ministries in Chicago. She loved her family and friends and loved feeding people.

Survivors include her husband of 70 years Paul Adreani Jr.; daughter Karen Solyst (Ron); son Paul Adreani III; four grandchildren Rachel Dickover, Bill Solyst, Rose Adreani (Audrey Gilbreath) and Tom Adreani; two great-grandchildren Jameson Dickover and Declan Dickover; sister Jenny Peota (Bob); brother Joe Azzarelli; and brother-in-law Leroy Gerali.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her grandson-in-law Dylan Dickover; daughter-in-law Jennifer Adreani; sister-in-law Noreen Azzarelli; three sisters Pauline Gerali, Josephine Pietrini (Gene) and Francis Bogush (Paul); and brother Sam Azzarelli.

Private family services will be held with burial at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville. A memorial service will be held at a later date in Illinois.

Memorial contributions may be made to Rejoice Ministries, 6120 N Harlem Ave, Chicago, Ill. 60631 (rejoicechicago.org).

Online condolences may be made at randalroberts.com.

### Sarah Jane (Taylor) Waitt

May 23, 1930-October 16, 2022

Sarah Jane (Taylor) Waitt, age 92, formerly of Sheridan, Indiana, passed away on Sunday morning, October 16, 2022, at the home of her daughter and son in law, Marylee and David Pound, where she had been living since May.

She was born on May 23, 1930 to Mrs. Kathryn Taylor in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Her father, Odus Taylor, passed away in March, just before she was born. Mrs. Waitt's family moved to Sheridan after her birth and she resided there until 2016 when she moved to Wellbrooke of Westfield with her husband.

She was a 1948 graduate of Sheridan High School and attended Earlham College.

On Sept. 25, 1954, she married Dr. Paul Waitt, and together they would celebrate 66 wonderful years of marriage prior to his death on Oct. 3, 2020.

Mrs. Waitt was a full time mother and homemaker. Her six children kept her busy as she shuttled them to activities, ball practices, and games. Her car was always in motion.

She began a second life after the graduation of her youngest in 1983. Mrs. Waitt was a birthright Quaker and a member of the Sheridan Friends Meeting. She served in the Western Yearly Meeting and would ultimately become president of their United Society of Friends Women - a position that afforded her the opportunity to travel throughout the Midwest to serve in that capacity. She faithfully served on the Board of Directors for both Earlham College and Conner Prairie during that time as well.

Mrs. Waitt traveled with her husband to China, Russia and Germany, as well as mission trips to Kenya and Palestine. She also enjoyed the years she was able to winter in Naples, Florida.

She loved holidays - especially Christmas. Deck the halls wasn't just a song to her. Mrs. Waitt liked nothing better than to have all of the "troops" home with her for a party, or just a Sunday dinner.

Survivors include her five children Marylee (David) Pound of Indianapolis, Tom (Sally) Waitt of Sheridan, Reid (Kim) Waitt of Raleigh, NC, Susan (Alan) Gossard of Sheridan and John (Karla) Waitt of Sheridan; daughter-in-law Carolyn Waitt of Aurora, Ill.; 14 grandchildren John Paul Pound, Chloe Pound, Ross Waitt, Katie (Lawson) Kilpatrick, Luke (Allison) Waitt, Samuel (Shannon) Waitt, Taylor (Katie) Waitt, Kathryn (Mac) Schultz, Lauren Waitt, Grant (Michelle) Gossard, Garrett (Brittany) Gossard, Emily Waitt, Sarah Waitt and Jack (Brittany) Waitt; 5 great grandchildren, with November bringing baby Gossard-number six, Ava Waitt, Merritt Kilpatrick, Oaks Kilpatrick, Max Gossard and Joe Gossard; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her son Dan M. Waitt; daughter-in-law Tracy Waitt; two brothers Richard Taylor and Raymond Taylor; and great-granddaughter Adeline Kilpatrick.

A celebration of her life is scheduled to be held from 3-5 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 23, 2022, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 East 10th Street, Sheridan.

Friends and family may remember Mrs. Waitt by planting a daffodil, tulip or snapdragon.

### Billy Mack Young

May 24, 1945-October 12, 2022

Billy Mack Young, 77, of Westfield, passed away on Oct. 12, 2022.

He was born on May 24, 1945, to Dearil and Tennie (Hensley) Young in Dayton, Tenn.

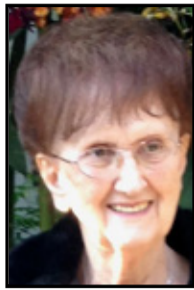
Mr. Young served honorably in the 39th Field Artillery, 3rd Infantry Division, US Army. While stationed in Schweinfurt, Germany, he met and married the love of his life Christa (Janitzek) Young. After the Army, he and his bride moved to his hometown of Battle Creek, Mich. He worked for over thirty years as a machinist at the Union Pump Company.

Following retirement, Mr. Young and his wife moved to Indiana to be near family. There he pursued his love of woodworking, spending hours at a time putting in his workshop.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years Christa Young; son Danny Young (Martessa Conover); daughter Karen Young (Mark Brager); four granddaughters Jaime Willis (Davey), Jessica Young, Arissa Beck and Sienna Conover; and grandson Nathaniel Young Brager.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers Jimmy and Jerry Young; and step-father Robert Switzer.

Online condolences may be made at randalroberts.com



### Walter C. Overdorf

April 20, 1933-October 20, 2022

Walter C. Overdorf, 89 of Cicero passed away on Thursday, Oct. 20, 2022 at Ascension St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis.

He was born on April 20, 1933 in Tipton County to Clyde & Mary (McLaughlin) Overdorf.

Mr. Overdorf married Darlene Downing on April 5, 1953 and they enjoyed over 69 years of marriage.

During his lifetime, he had many jobs, including working at Overdorf Motors, Kaiser Fertilizer and for the Hamilton Heights School Corporation. He was a graduate of Tipton High School in the class of 1951. Mr. Overdorf was a lifetime member of the Tipton First Presbyterian Church where he served as a Deacon and Elder.

He served in the US Army during the Korean War from 1953 to 1955. He was a member of the Cicero V.F.W. Post #8756 and the Cicero American Legion Post #341.

Survivors include his wife of 69 years Darlene Overdorf; three children Jill Leach of Cicero, Bradley Overdorf of Noblesville and Wade (Rhonda) Overdorf of Cicero; brother Bruce (Mindy) Overdorf of Tipton; sister Becky (Erron) Carson of Wisconsin; seven grandchildren Beth Cline, John Leach, Allen Overdorf, Stephen Overdorf, Joe Overdorf, Elizabeth Ann Davis and Rachel Netherton; and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his sister Ann Whisler; two brothers Allen Overdorf and Jerry Overdorf; and son-in-law Don Leach.

Funeral services for Walt are scheduled to be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 24 at the First Presbyterian Church in Tipton with Pastor Phil Votaw presiding. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery with military honors by the US Army and the Cicero VFW military rites team. Visitation is scheduled to run from 12 p.m. noon until the time of the service on Monday. Young-Nichols Funeral Home is assisting the Overdorf family with Walt's arrangements.

Memorial contributions in honor of Mr. Overdorf may be made to the Cicero VFW, 50 Washington Avenue, Cicero, Ind., 46034; or the First Presbyterian Church, 200 W. Jefferson Street, Tipton, Ind., 46072.



## Tour De Force



### DICK WOLFSIE Funny Bone

I'm not a fan of bus tours. I either fall asleep in the middle of the guide's presentation, forget everything I heard, or am suspicious of the accuracy of the information presented. They could be making it all up.

A guide in Savannah, Georgia, informed us while touring an old plantation that house slaves were once ordered to whistle while bringing food from the kitchen to prevent them from tasting it en route. This turned out to not be true, or so said several reliable sources I checked. Apparently, it was just a silly urban myth...or rural, in this case. But that summer Mary Ellen had me whistling "Raindrops Keep Fallin' on My Head" every time I brought a sizzling steak in from the grill.

When we arrived in L.A. for our vacation last week, our first scheduled tour was a bus trip throughout the Hollywood Hills area where the driver, Tom (also our guide), pointed out the homes of various celebrities. I had envisioned huge mansions with humongous swimming pools, a Tesla and a Mercedes in the driveway. And, of course, there was always the slim hope I might see George Clooney or Julia Roberts taking out their recycling.

Our first stop was the home of Bette Midler, but all we saw was an eight-foot-tall row of hedges hiding what the guide said was a majestic home. Next, we saw the opaque hedges that supposedly guarded the home of Eddie Murphy. Then another colossal line of hedges that impeded the view of Jim Carrey's mansion. Evergreens around the perimeter of the property prevented us from seeing Sharon Stone's home. The former homes of Henry Fonda, Gene Kelly and Audrey Hepburn

were all behind giant hedges. In fact, out of some 18 celebrity homes we pulled up to, the closest we got to really seeing anything of interest were the back-alley garage doors of the late Lucille Ball's home.

I didn't want to sound ungrateful, but I asked Tom why we couldn't actually drive up and see any of the houses. Tom explained that stars deserved some privacy and if we got any closer there would be a lot of gawking by all of us on the bus, which might make them feel uncomfortable.

"Yes, I said, "that's why I paid \$99.95 for each of our tickets. I want to gawk. Gawking is the whole idea.

The guide asked if we had any final requests. I wanted to see the residence of Buster Keaton, one of my comedy heroes, who died in 1966.

"Who is Buster Keaton?" asked a young the lady in the front of the bus.

"He was a silent movie star," I responded.

"How could he make a movie if he didn't talk?"

I tried to explain this to her as we were about to pull up to the gate. The guard came over to the bus and sternly asked what we wanted.

"We are looking for Buster Keaton's house," I said.

"I'm sorry," he responded, "I am not allowed to reveal who lives here."

"I don't care who lives here now," I said. "But did Buster Keaton live here years ago?"

The guard just stared at me, expressionless. Not a word. I don't think he knew who Buster Keaton was, either, but he was doing a great impression of the master.

The next day we planned to visit Paramount Studios. Mary Ellen asked me if I thought we'd see any big stars walking around. I told her we might or we might not.

I was hedging my bet.

*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.*



Photo courtesy of Cancer Care Cup

**Board members for Cancer Care Cup pose with a check for \$42,000 raised at their annual charity golf and dinner event.**

## Cancer Care Cup Raises Over \$42K at 6th Annual Charity Dinner and Golf Outing

Over 150 people attended the 6th Annual Cancer Care Cup Charity Dinner, Auction & Golf Outing on Aug. 28 and 29, 2022 at The Bridgewater Club in Carmel.

Together, the dinner, auction and golf outing raised \$42,000 through dinner ticket sales, sponsorships, silent auction items and golfer participation.

Ed McLaughlin, Co-Founder of Predictive InSight and Executive Advisor with NEXERA, gave an encouraging speech at dinner and a \$3,000 in 3-minutes challenge was issued and guests graciously donated over \$3,500. Dave & Rae provided entertainment and the next day golfers participated in the golf outing.

"We really want to thank our supporters and sponsors. Without their support we wouldn't be able to help so many oncology patients in need," said Karen Keinsley, Cancer Care Cup Vice President.

About Cancer Care Cup: Cancer Care Cup, a 501(c)3 non-profit, was established in 2017 to assist cancer patients receiving oncology treatment. To date, they have contributed over \$175,000 to patient assistance funds helping with expenditures that would otherwise be financially difficult for the patient or caregivers.

Those receiving help from the patient assistance fund have used funds to pay for hotel stays, transportation, medical devices,

gas and meals while undergoing treatment at the hospital.

The Cancer Care Cup volunteer board is staffed by cancer survivors, caregivers and supporters who have witnessed first-hand the devastating emotional and financial toll a cancer diagnosis can take. They are motivated to help support oncology patients and their families.

"We believe no one should fight alone! If you are an oncology patient or caregiver needing assistance please contact us, we are here for you," said Gina Terril, Cancer Care Cup Co-Founder.

For more information about Cancer Care Cup, visit [cancerrecup.com](http://cancerrecup.com).

## PUBLIC NOTICES

**NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
Board of Zoning Appeals  
City of Noblesville, Indiana

This notice is to inform you of a Public Hearing that will be held by the Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals on the 7th day of November, 2022. This hearing, to discuss application BZNA-0182-2022, will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers, Noblesville City Hall at 16 South 10th Street. The application submitted by Gina Chinni requests that approval be granted for a Variance of Development Standards application pursuant to UDO § Table 8.B Summary of Residential Bulk Requirements, to allow a reduction in the required Front Yard Setback, for Primary Structure, on the property located at 8802 E 206th Street.

Written suggestions or objections relative to the application above may be filed with the Department of Planning and Development, at or before such meeting, and will be heard by the Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals. Interested persons desiring to present their views, either in writing or verbally, will have an opportunity to be heard at the above-mentioned time and place.

This hearing may be continued from time to time as found necessary by the Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals. A copy of the proposal is on file in the Department of Planning and Development at 16 South 10th Street, Suite B140 and may be reviewed during regular office hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A copy of the file may also be viewed on the Department of Planning website, <http://www.cityofnoblesville.org/planning>, by clicking the Boards & Committees button, clicking the icon on the map relating to this location and selecting the application materials link.

Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals  
Caleb Gutshall, Secretary

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**Thanks for reading  
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➔ Letters

# Reader Endorses Two Candidates for School Board

Dear Editor,

I have been a Noblesville resident for over 18 years. I have 2 sons who both went through Noblesville Schools. I am a former teacher and now a social worker. I value the importance of all students being educated equally. I value social skills being taught in our schools. What I don't value is the Surveys that are being used to seek our students social and emotional status. I don't value the change in focus on social skills instead of academics. I value our teachers who have been educated and are the professionals in the classrooms for academics. We need to support our teachers during this time of need. Listen to them and their concerns. Teachers are leaving at an

astounding rate because of political agendas are being brought into the schools and they feel they must follow along with the agenda of the administration or risk their jobs. As a taxpayer and a parent I believe we need a School Board that will listen to parental concerns, allow teachers to voice their concerns freely without retribution, look at the student first for education, and not bewilder a parent for speaking up at a meeting. Since Joe Forgey has been on our School Board, I have watched as he has bewildered parents who have spoken up. He does not respond to emails that have been sent to him and he has talked negatively about other members of the board at meetings. He has placed his needs first

and not the students when it comes to school board meetings. He has stated at many meetings he has a Butler game to get to. I support Misty Ray and Melba Keiser for school board. Both are willing to listen to all sides, take out politics and go back to academics being a stronghold for our schools. They support funding our teachers' needs and the students' needs. As well as listening to parents' concerns. We need change to get Noblesville Schools moving in a better direction...away from political agendas and back toward academic excellence. Vote Misti Ray and Melba Kiser for School Board this November. Kim Irvin Noblesville

# Indy Airport Dedicates 14,000 Square-Foot Art Installation



## Indianapolis Airport Authority

The Indianapolis International Airport (IND) is now home to the largest art installation of its kind in the nation. Airport officials, arts partners and community members gathered yesterday to dedicate the new Transitions three-dimensional mural, made up of more than 300,000 colorful recyclable cups and extending more than 14,000 square feet. "We're serious about our commitment to public art and local artists, and today's dedication is a big demonstration that we mean what we say," said Indianapolis Airport Authority Executive Director Mario Rodriguez.

"This is the largest outdoor art exhibit of its kind in the United States, showcasing the tremendous talent and perspective of this local artist and matching the high standards of our existing arts and culture programming, which is one of the finest of any airport of our size in the nation."

The Transitions installation is the creative genius of Indianapolis artist Jackie Head, who was selected from among 29 artists who submitted proposals to build a three-dimensional outdoor mural that obscures the \$190 million runway reconstruction project currently underway at the Indy airport. Head used hundreds of thousands of Put-In-Cups that fasten to chain link fencing to create the massive mural.

"This artwork is made from a recyclable plastic product normally used for school spirit displays, proving that anything in the hands of an artist can become art," said Julia Muney Moore, Indy Arts Council's director of public art. "The project shows how art, and the meaningful stories that it tells, can immediately connect visitors to our city's personality and history. It's a highly appreciated investment by the airport in both their landscape and the artist."

The IAA works in partnership with the Indy Arts Council to showcase a

full range of Indiana-based artists and their artwork at the Indy airport. A panel of representatives from both organizations selected Head to create the mural. Head said the inspiration for the mural design came from a profound travel memory having grown up in Indianapolis.

"The biggest jumping off point for the inspiration was the rainbow carpet that the old airport terminal had near its entrance in the 90s," said Head. "I still remember it today, and it brought a lot of joy and wonder to my visits to the airport as a kid. It was a very interactive experience I looked forward to every time we traveled to the airport, and with this design I am hoping to create a similar experience for viewers."

The mural will be on display for at least three years, and the Put-In Cups are recyclable or reusable afterward.

The Transitions art installation is another big addition to large-scale art exhibits displayed at the Indy airport in recent years, including the Madam Walker Legacy mural, the Major Taylor Legacy mural and the Swish murals covering construction walls unveiled during NCAA March Madness.

In addition to the Transitions mural, the IND Arts & Culture Program also features more than 22 art exhibits currently on temporary display at the Indy airport, including The Bigger Picture: Film in Indiana exhibit (KIND Gallery), What Happens After (Sensory Rooms on Concourses A and B), Finding Joy (Concourse Connector), Returning (Baggage Claim escalators), TomorrowScope (North Garden), vinyl murals

covering construction walls and more. Additional experiences in the terminal highlight the vibrant music and literature scene in Indianapolis.

To learn more about the featured artists and the IND Arts & Culture Program, click here.

About the Indianapolis Airport Authority:

The Indianapolis Airport Authority owns and operates Indiana's largest airport system in the Indianapolis metropolitan area. In addition to the Indianapolis International Airport (IND), its facilities include the Downtown Heliport, Eagle Creek Airpark, Hendricks County Airport-Gordon Graham Field, Indianapolis Regional Airport and Metropolitan Airport. IND generates a \$5.4 billion total annual economic impact for Central Indiana – without relying on state or local taxes to fund operations.

More than 10,000 people work at the airport each day, and 22,600 area jobs have a connection to the airport. In 2019, IND served more than 9.5 million business and leisure travelers. IND is consistently ranked, year after year, as the best airport in North America and the nation, based on ease of use, passenger amenities, customer service, local retail offerings and public art.

The airport is home of the world's second largest FedEx operation and the nation's eighth-largest cargo facility. IND is committed to becoming the airport system of choice for both passenger and cargo service.

For more information, visit IND's Facebook page (facebook.com/IndianapolisInternationalAirport) and Twitter page at @INDairport.

# Spartz Joins Whip Scalise, House Republicans in Sending Offshore Energy Letter to President Biden

This week, Rep. Victoria Spartz joined Minority Whip Steve Scalise (R-LA), in sending a letter to President Biden regarding the five-year offshore energy leasing plan.



Rep. Victoria Spartz

The letter demands President Biden and U.S. Department of the Interior Secretary Deb Haaland reverse course on the current disastrous energy policies and invest in America's energy independence by issuing a five-year offshore leasing plan that includes regular annual lease sales in America's offshore areas.

The offshore leasing program is required under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (OCSLA), mandating the Department of the Interior to finalize a five-year

plan before any leasing can occur. While past administrations ensured a smooth transition between schedules, Secretary Haaland broke tradition and severely delayed the release of a proposed program, further undermining American energy production.

In the letter, Spartz and House Republicans underlined the grave

consequences of undermining oil and gas exploration, pointing to the ongoing energy catastrophes in Europe and California that led to skyrocketing gasoline and electricity prices for hard-working families.

"President Biden has continuously taken steps that hurt American energy production" said Spartz. "Our letter outlines commonsense actions the President can take to get American energy back on track. We need to develop energy policies, not politics."

The full text of the letter is available online at republicanwhip.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Letter-to-President-Biden-About-Five-Year-Offshore-Plan-10.17.22.pdf.

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## Noblesville Schools Board of Trustees

Meeting Agenda Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2022 at 7 p.m.

Educational Services Center Board Room 18025 River Road, Noblesville, Indiana

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Moment of Silence
4. Minutes
  - A. Approval of the minutes of the Sept. 13, 2022 special session, the minutes of the Sept. 13, 2021 board retreat executive session and the minutes of the Sept. 20, 2022 regular school board meeting.
5. Recognitions

- A. Hare Teachers of the Month - Hinkle Creek Elementary School
6. Reports
  - A. Building Spotlight / Hinkle Creek Elementary School
    - a. Jack Lawrence, Principal
7. Public Comment
  - A. The board provides an opportunity for members of the public to address the board pursuant to Policy 0167.3 Public Participation at Board Meeting
8. Consent
  - A. By single motion, the board approves/adopts the following items or actions which reflect application of Board Policy and Indiana Code. Any items marked "Consent" may be moved from the list at the

- option of a board member or the superintendent and acted on separately.
- a. Contracts, Agreements, and Sponsorships
  - b. Out-of-State Trips and Overnight Trips
  - c. Personnel
  9. Action
    - A. By individual motions, the board approves/adopts the following items or actions which reflect application of Board Policy and Indiana Code.
      - a. 2023 Budget Adoption
      - b. Board Policy Management Service
      - c. Bids / Campus Paving Project 2023
    10. Committee Reports
    11. Claims
    12. Adjournment

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# Kenny Talks Indiana High School, College Football

Over the next two weeks, 316 schools will begin pursuit of state football championships in Indiana's six high school classes.

In The Times coverage area, Noblesville, No. 9 Westfield, No. 7 Carmel, No. 11 Fishers and top-ranked Hamilton Southeastern get a week off before opening Class 6A sectional play on Oct. 28.

Noblesville (3-6) will play host to Zionsville (4-5) in the opening round of Class 6A, Sectional 4. Hamilton Southeastern (9-0), the top team in the sectional, will host Homestead (4-5). No. 11 Fishers (6-3) will travel to Fort Wayne Northrop (1-8) in the other Class 6A, Sectional 2 game. In a Hamilton County showdown, No. 7 Carmel (6-3) plays host to No. 9 Westfield (6-3). The winner of that game will go on to play the winner of Noblesville vs. Zionsville.

Hamilton Heights (7-2) travels to Maconaquah (7-2) in a Class 3A, Sectional 28 opener tonight. On the opposite side of the bracket, No. 12 Guerin Catholic (5-4) is at third-ranked and undefeated Oak Hill. Sixth-ranked Sheridan (8-1) hosts Union City (2-7) in Class A, Sectional 45.

While it's difficult to imagine a time when Indiana's football tournament wasn't open to every school, would you believe 50 years ago there was no tournament at all?

Thanks to persistent lobbying from the Indiana Football Coaches Association, the IHSAA finally agreed to a 12-team state tournament in 1973. Four schools from each of three classes were selected based on regular season records.

The tournament expanded to a fourth class in 1983 and five classes in 1985. The latter move allowed for every member school to enter the tournament regardless of record, just as in all other IHSAA sports. A sixth class was added in 2013 with the largest 32 schools going to 6A and the next 32 assigned to 5A.



**KENNY THOMPSON**  
Columnist

From the beginning, there were problems with the process of choosing the tournament teams. South Bend St. Joseph once sued the IHSAA after going 10-0 in consecutive seasons but not being selected to the tournament.

The IHSAA's answer was a cluster system, which soon earned a more profane nickname from high school coaches and athletic directors. With 16 clusters per class, four to six schools per cluster, 64 teams qualified for the tournament.

The negatives to the cluster system included no margin for error – one loss and more often than not your season was basically over. Two years later, the cluster system gave way to the open tournament.

#### Will the streak end?

For many Purdue football fans, the beginning of the end of the Joe Tiller era came in 2004.

The Boilermakers were national media darlings and quarterback Kyle Orton was the subject of Heisman Trophy talk when Wisconsin came to Ross-Ade Stadium the night of Oct. 16. Minutes away from leading Purdue to a 6-0 start, Orton fumbled while diving for a possible game-clinching first down. Scott Starks returned the fumble 40 yards for the winning touchdown in the Badgers' 20-17 triumph.

Five Purdue head coaches have yet to record a victory against Wisconsin since that fateful night. Tiller lost his final three meetings. Danny Hope went 0-4. Darrell Hazell was 0-3. Interim head coach Gerard Parker endured a 49-20 loss in Ross-Ade Stadium a

month after Hazell was fired.

Current head coach Jeff Brohm gets a fifth chance Saturday to end Wisconsin's 15-game winning streak in the series. Brohm has come the closest since 2004, falling 17-9 at Madison in 2017 and a 47-44 triple overtime thriller the following year in Ross-Ade.

Only three other Purdue rivals have approached a similar series winning streak. Former Big Ten foe Chicago claimed 16 in a row from 1902 to 1917. A 5-5 tie in 1901 prevented the Maroons from owning a 20-game series win streak. Purdue won the final nine matchups before Chicago abolished its football program in 1939.

Notre Dame and Lou Holtz won 11 in a row from 1986 to 1996. Penn State owns an active 10-game winning streak against the Boilermakers.

Purdue's longest winning streak against any opponent spanned three decades. Iowa lost 20 consecutive games to the Boilermakers from 1961 to 1980. Purdue topped Northwestern 12 straight times from 1976 to 1987. Indiana left the Old Oaken Bucket in West Lafayette 10 consecutive seasons from 1948 to 1957.

Going way, way back, Wabash College dropped 10 in a row to Purdue from 1889 to 1905. After one of those victories, a 44-0 shellacking in 1891, a Crawfordsville newspaper headline read "Wabash Snowed Completely Under by the Burly Boiler Makers from Purdue." Thus, a nickname was born.

#### Speaking of losses

Last Saturday's 38-33 defeat at the hands of Maryland was the 700th in Indiana University history.

The Hoosiers are the first college football team to reach that total, falling to 503-700 in their history.

Two Big Ten rivals are next up in the race to 700. Northwestern stands at 558-691, holding a seven-game lead in the loss column over Rutgers (663-

684), which first played football in 1869.

Eighteen schools have 600 or more losses, including Maryland (666-616) and Illinois (625-614). Wake Forest is the loss leader among non-Big Ten schools at 480-672.

Purdue goes to Wisconsin with a 634-585 mark in 135 years of football, a .520 winning percentage.

To put 700 losses in perspective, Ohio State would have to go winless for the next 31 years to reach 700 defeats. One of the winningest teams in college football history, Ohio State owns a 948-329 mark.

#### Honor roll

Four Purdue football players received Big Ten and national accolades following the 43-37 victory against Nebraska.

Quarterback Aidan O'Connell was chosen the Big Ten Co-Offensive Player of the Week with Illinois running back Chase Brown.

Walk-on running back Devin Mockobee became Purdue's first Big Ten Freshman of the Week since David Bell in 2019.

The duo helped the Boilermaker offense match the school record for first downs (38), and Mockobee accounted for 206 of the team's 608 yards of total offense. His 178 rushing yards set the Purdue single-game freshman record. For good measure, Mockobee took over the team lead with his fifth rushing touchdown.

O'Connell threw for 391 yards and four touchdowns, moving past Jim Everett (7,411) and Scott Campbell (7,636) into sixth place on the Boilermaker career passing yards chart with 7,679.

Looming in the distance is Kyle Orton in fifth with 9,337 yards. With his current average of 325 yards per game, O'Connell is on pace to pass Orton either on Senior Day against Northwestern or at Indiana in the regular season finale.

O'Connell ranks eighth nationally in passing yards per game, a statistic led

by former Indiana quarterback Michael Penix Jr. at nearly 366 yards a game for Washington. Penix is second nationally in total offense at 370.3 yards per game.

Wide receiver Charlie Jones was one of 10 Big Ten players selected to The Associated Press mid-season All-America team. Jones ranks second nationally with 8.9 catches per game, good for 735 yards and nine touchdowns.

Also chosen were running backs Chase Brown of Illinois and Blake Corum of Michigan; wide receiver Marvin Harrison Jr. of Ohio State; offensive tackles Paris Johnson Jr. of Ohio State and Peter Skoronski of Northwestern; center John Michael Schmitz of Minnesota; defensive lineman Jer'Zhan Newton of Illinois; defensive back Joey Porter Jr. of Penn State and Michigan State punter Bryce Baringer.

Purdue guard Marcus Mbow and Indiana linebacker Dasan McCullough earned places on The Athletic's midseason freshman All-America team.

Mbow, a redshirt freshman from Wisconsin, has started all seven games at right guard. According to Pro Football Focus, Mbow has yet to allow a sack and allowed O'Connell to be hit just once.

McCullough, the highest ranked signee in Hoosier history, has 28 tackles and four sacks.

#### That's entertainment

Purdue was chosen as one of college football's 10 most entertaining teams to watch in the second half of the 2022 season.

It was an easy call, really, for Nicole Auerbach of The Athletic. This past Saturday's 43-37 shootout with Nebraska followed thrilling wins at Minnesota and Maryland.

"Every Boilermakers game feels like a choose-your-own-adventure story," Auerbach writes. "You really have no idea how it will play out except for the fact that it will almost certainly be a one-possession game that

goes down to the wire. The Boilermakers could be 7-0 if not for final-minute losses to Penn State and Syracuse, but they also could just as easily be 3-4.

"Jeff Brohm's delightfully creative and often tricky play calling keeps things interesting. Plus, the Boilermakers can win games on the ground this year if needed, a fun new wrinkle. Redshirt freshman Devin Mockobee has a rushing touchdown in five of his first six college games."

To no one's surprise, Purdue's most intriguing game remaining on the schedule to Auerbach is a trip to Big Ten West co-leader Illinois on Nov. 12.

#### Ex-Boilermaker fills Colts need

Left tackle has been a sore spot, literally and figuratively, for the Indianapolis Colts and quarterback Matt Ryan this season.

Ryan was sacked five times and absorbed 11 hits in Week 2's loss at Jacksonville. The Colts got even this past Sunday with the Jaguars thanks in no small part to inserting former Boilermaker Dennis Kelly into that tackle spot.

No sacks were given up by the Colts line and Ryan took just six hits during the come-from-behind 34-27 victory.

Kelly, an 11-year NFL veteran, entered the lineup after two series, replacing struggling rookie Bernhard Raimann.

"It felt great," Kelly told Andrew Walker of colts.com. "... The approach I've taken my whole career is that if I get an opportunity I've got to do what I can to help the team win."

Kelly's effort didn't go unnoticed. Colts center Ryan Kelly, no relation, welcomed the veteran's presence and poise.

*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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# President Bush to Join Mitch Daniels for Final Purdue Presidential Lecture Series Event

Former U.S. President George W. Bush will share the stage with Purdue University President Mitch Daniels, who served in the White House as Bush's first budget director, for the final Presidential Lecture Series event of Daniels' tenure at Purdue.

"A Conversation with George W. Bush," scheduled for 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, in Elliott Hall of Music, will feature a discussion of leadership in challenging times and the responsibilities of an informed citizenship.

Former First Lady Laura Bush and twin daughters Barbara Pierce Bush and Jenna Bush Hager spoke at Purdue in October 2018 in connection with the series of campus events celebrating the university's sesquicentennial, 150 Years of Giant Leaps.

"We've made efforts during these past 10 years to continually enrich the level and quality of intellectual conversations here at Purdue, and we are grateful to the nearly 40 Presidential Lecture Series guests of many viewpoints and perspectives who have joined us," Daniels said. "It would be hard to top the honor of ending this series with the former president of the United States."

Reserved-seating tickets for entry will be required, becoming available beginning Nov. 7 at [www.purdue.edu/president/lecture-series/](http://www.purdue.edu/president/lecture-series/). Individuals will be limited to two general admission tickets each. Tickets will be electronic only and are not transferable. Attend-

ees should plan to bring a photo ID and their mobile ticket for entry. Due to anticipated audience size, guests should arrive early to navigate event parking and entry procedures prior to the lecture.

Purdue's Presidential Lecture Series and the College of Liberal Arts are co-hosting the event with support from the Louis Martin Sears Lecture Series. The 2022 Presidential Lecture Series is sponsored by the Purdue President's Council.

As the Bush administration's first director of the Office of Management and Budget, Daniels was dubbed by Bush "The Blade" for his adherence to spending restraint. Upon Daniels' departure in May 2003, Bush praised him as "a really good watchdog of the taxpayers' money." For his Indiana gubernatorial campaign, Daniels used the trademark slogan "My Man Mitch," in reference to another nickname President Bush gave him while serving in his administration.

Bush served as the 43rd U.S. president from 2001-09. As commander in chief, President Bush worked to expand freedom, opportunity and security at home and abroad. At home, he championed the No Child Left Behind Act to raise standards in schools and cut taxes for every federal income taxpayer, restoring economic growth after the 2000-01 recession and launching an unprecedented 52 straight months of job creation.

After his presidency, Bush and former First

Lady Laura Bush founded the George W. Bush Presidential Center in Dallas. The Bush Center is home to the George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum and the George W. Bush Institute, a nonpartisan public policy and leadership development center that engages communities across the United States and around the world by developing leaders, advancing policy and taking action to solve today's most pressing challenges.

Bush is the author of four bestselling books: "Decision Points" (2010), "41: A Portrait of My Father" (2014), "Portraits of Courage: A Commander in Chief's Tribute to America's Warriors" (2017), and "Out of Many, One: Portraits of America's Immigrants" (2021).

Prior to serving as U.S. president, he was the 46th governor of Texas from 1995-2000.

Daniels' baptism in public service came as chief of staff to U.S. Sen. Richard Lugar from 1977-82, before serving as a senior advisor to President Ronald Reagan. After a 15-year career in private business, Daniels was confirmed as President Bush's director of the Office of Management and Budget by a U.S. Senate vote of 100-0, serving from January 2001 until May 2003. In this role, Daniels also was a member of the National Security Council and the Homeland Security Council.

Daniels left the White House in mid-2003 to

launch his successful campaign for Indiana governor, serving two terms. On his first day as governor, Daniels created Indiana's first Office of Management and Budget.

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**About the Sears Lecture Series:**

The Sears Lecture Series was established by Louis Martin Sears. He established the series to present public lectures free of charge. Sears was a faculty member in the then-joint Department of History and Political Science from 1920 until his retirement in 1956.

Sears specialized in diplomatic history and biography and was the author of numerous books. The College of Liberal Arts presents the series bearing his name.

# Hold the Phone: State of Indiana Earns Win Against Robocallers

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita yesterday announced a settlement with Startel Communication LLC and its CEO. Rokita filed suit in October 2021 against Startel, an Indiana company, and several other defendants for allegedly assisting and facilitating foreign robocallers in India, the Philippines and Singapore who robocalled Hoosiers.



Attorney General Todd Rokita

The State of Indiana and Startel came to a resolution that will protect Hoosiers from more illegal calls. The resolution requires Startel and Ms. Hall, the CEO, to exit the telecommunications industry forever.

Further, Startel and Hall are prohibited from operating or working with a telecommunications company.

"The people of Indiana are tired of being bombarded by robocalls, and this settlement is a win for Hoosiers," Rokita said.

"If telecom companies are unwilling to stop the robocalls flooding into the US, we have no problem putting them out of business for good."

In this case, the robocallers allegedly made over 4.8 million phone calls to Hoosiers and hundreds of millions of calls to other states across the country. The robocallers allegedly operated a variety of scams, including IRS and Social Security Administration imposter scams, legal action or arrest scams, computer support scams, Apple sup-

port scams, and Amazon subscription scams.

Attorney General Rokita offers the following tips to avoid scams and unwanted calls:

- Be wary of callers who specifically ask you to pay by gift card or crypto-currency (Bitcoin). For example, the IRS does not accept iTunes gift cards.
- Look out for pre-recorded calls from government agencies you were not expecting. Typically, the IRS and SSA do not call people.
- If you suspect fraudulent activity, do not provide any personal information and end the call.
- Contact Attorney General Rokita's Consumer Protection Division at 1 (888) 834-9969 or [donotcall@atg.in.gov](mailto:donotcall@atg.in.gov).
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# Applications Now Open for Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship

The Indiana Commission for Higher Education is currently accepting applications for the Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship, which provides up to \$30,000 in financial aid to aspiring teachers.

Top-performing high school and college students who are planning to teach in the State of Indiana for at least five years can receive up to \$7,500 per year of college (up to \$30,000 total) from the scholarship. Interested students are encouraged to act quickly as there are only 200 scholarships available.

Students should apply by Jan. 31, 2023, at [ScholarTrack.IN.gov](http://ScholarTrack.IN.gov).

"Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship recipients and applicants are some of Indiana's best and brightest aspiring teachers," said Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Chris Lowery.

"Students thrive with motivated, high-quality educators in the classroom who instill the importance of learning. This scholarship is not only designed to attract future educators with those attributes but also retain valuable talent within our state."

Entering its seventh year, the scholarship is making a difference in building Indiana's teacher pipeline. Nearly 90 percent of Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship recipients from the inaugural 2017 cohort are either continuing their education or are already in the classroom actively making an impact on Hoosier students.

Romeila Neace, a recent graduate and 21st Century Scholar from Scottsburg



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Senior High School, in Scottsburg, Indiana, is one of the 2022-23 scholarship recipients. Neace is currently attending Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis where she's pursuing a major in elementary education with a concentration in math.

"The Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship made it possible for me to pursue my dreams of becoming an educator without financial burden, allowing me to genuinely enjoy obtaining an education," said Neace. "In simple terms, I am an educator, but in other terms, I am a lifelong learner who wants to bring joy back into learning and show kids that they can do anything they put their minds to."

To qualify for the scholarship, students must meet one of the following academic requirements:

- Rank in the top 20% of their high school graduating class
- Have a top 20th percentile score on the ACT (26) or SAT (1130)
- Have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale

To continue earning the scholarship while in college, students must annually file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), earn at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA and complete at least 30 credit hours per year. Additionally, current college students

who apply must be able to use the scholarship for at least two full academic years.

The Commission will review all applications and notify applicants of their scholarship status via email by March 24, 2023.

Last year, a total of 627 students applied, with applications from 304 high schools in 88 of Indiana's 92 counties. Over three-quarters of applicants were Indiana high school seniors with the remainder comprised of current college students.

Visit [learnmoreindiana.org/NextTeacher](http://learnmoreindiana.org/NextTeacher) for more information on how to apply and follow #NextTeacher on social media. Questions may be directed to [NextTeacher@che.in.gov](mailto:NextTeacher@che.in.gov).

For questions about state financial aid, students can contact the Indiana Commission for Higher Education by phone at (888) 528-4719 or via email at [awards@che.in.gov](mailto:awards@che.in.gov).

**About the Indiana Commission for Higher Education:**

Created in 1971, the Indiana Commission for Higher Education plans, coordinates and defines Indiana's postsecondary education system to align higher learning with the needs of students and the state.

The Commission also administers Indiana's financial aid programs, including the 21st Century Scholars early college promise scholarship, which celebrated 30 years in 2020.

Learn more about the Commission's Reaching Higher in a State of Change strategic plan at [in.gov/che](http://in.gov/che).

# Girl Scouts of Central Indiana Receives \$2.4M Gift from Philanthropist, Author MacKenzie Scott

Girl Scouts of Central Indiana today announced that it has received a \$2.4M unrestricted gift from philanthropist and novelist MacKenzie Scott.

The \$2.4M dollar gift is one of the largest unrestricted donations ever received from an individual donor in the organization's history. It will allow Girl Scouts of Central Indiana to expand its capacity to provide additional innovative and relevant programs that address the most urgent needs of girls today, while preparing them to be leaders in a future that will be full of change, challenges, and opportunities.

"We are so grateful to Ms. Scott for making this generous gift to our organization and the vote of confidence and validation it indicates for the entire Girl Scout Movement," said Danielle Shockey, chief executive officer of Girl Scouts of Central Indiana.

"This donation will be transformational in helping us identify and eliminate barriers within our community, particularly within the areas of diversity, equity and inclusion, to ensure that our mission is relevant, welcoming, and accessible for all girls and their families."

Research shows that participating in Girl Scouts is a powerful factor for developing



courage, confidence, and character, which in turn builds a foundation for success in education and careers, enables a lifetime of leadership, and provides high levels of life satisfaction.

Girl Scout alums say that their experiences set them on a path for achievement, connected them to something bigger than themselves, and helped them develop their passions and interests. Girl Scouts also provides a critical support system amid a global mental health crisis for youth.

"Every girl deserves the opportunity to live her best life, and Girl Scouts of Central Indiana will do everything we can with this gift to help make that happen for Hoosier girls," Shockey said. "To that end, we recently announced a new campaign, which promises that every

girl will have Her Seat at the Table."

She went on to say, "A seat at all tables— from the college mathematics lecture hall to the manufacturing floor to the corner office to the statehouse chamber—wherever they dream of making great discoveries, provoking thought, creating innovative tech, or changing the world. She's been underrepresented for far too long, and Girl Scouts of Central Indiana will use a portion of this donation from Ms. Scott to provide every opportunity and every tool necessary for every girl to find her voice and her seat."

Ms. Scott's gift serves as an accelerator to implement the Girl Scouts of Central Indiana promise to support all girls in their STEM, organizational and public leadership aspirations.

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# Red Cross Announces Expanded Eligibility to Give Blood, Platelets

The American Red Cross now invites those who spent time in the U.K., Ireland or France and have never tried to give blood due to concerns over variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (vCJD) – related to mad cow disease – to give blood and help save lives.

Recently, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration updated its blood donor eligibility guidance on vCJD, eliminating the deferral for those who spent time in the U.K., Ireland and France between 1980 and 2001. In alignment with FDA changes, the Red Cross began accepting donations Oct. 3 from individuals who have not tried giving blood before due to the prior donation criteria.

In combination with prior eligibility updates in 2020 for those who spent time in other European countries, this new change

effectively eliminates the deferral related to vCJD for all donors.

“For many years, the Red Cross has heard from people who have spent time in these countries – often members of the military and their families – hoping for the opportunity to donate blood or platelets,” said Julie Brady, Regional Donor Services Executive.

“We now welcome all donors who may have spent time in Europe and avoided blood donation as a result to join us in our lifesaving mission to help patients in need.”

More blood donors – especially type O donors – are urged to donate now to prevent disruptions to essential medical care this fall. Book a time to give by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) or by calling 1 (800) 733-2767. As a thank-you, all who



## American Red Cross

come to give Oct. 16-31, 2022, will receive a \$10 e-Gift Card by email to a merchant of choice.

### Changes in progress for those with a Red Cross donor record:

Those who have tried to give with the Red Cross and have been previously deferred from donating will be contacted by the Red Cross once system records are updated. This deferral is more complex to remove than others as there are decades of donors in the Red Cross system who have been deferred under the previous FDA requirements.

Individuals who have questions about their donor record can contact the Red Cross Donor and Client Support Center at 1 (866) 236-3276.

### How to donate blood:

Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org), call 1 (800) 733-2767 or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients.

A blood donor card or driver's license or two oth-

er forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass to complete their pre-donation reading and health history ques-

tionnaire online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive. To get started, follow the instructions at [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](http://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) or use the Blood Donor App.

### About the American Red Cross:

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides comfort to victims of disasters; supplies about 40% of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; distributes international humanitarian aid; and supports veterans, military members and their families.

The Red Cross is a nonprofit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to deliver its mission.

For more information, visit [redcross.org](http://redcross.org) or [Cruz-RojaAmericana.org](http://Cruz-RojaAmericana.org), or follow them on Twitter at [@RedCross](https://twitter.com/RedCross)

## ARROWOOD From Page A1

and school performance and can lead to mental health problems such as depression, anxiety, and substance use, and even suicidal thoughts and behaviors. Bullying does not have a place anywhere – on or off campus. At Heights we expect everyone to do their part to help create a safe, respectful, and inclusive learning environment where all students can realize their growth as a learner. Thank you for your commitment in working with us to create a safe environment where all children can thrive, socially, emotionally, and academically.

Tomorrow night beginning at 6 p.m. at the HHHS Student Activity Center in Arcadia, the Hamilton Heights Classroom Teacher Association (HHCTA) will facilitate a School Board Candidate Forum for Hamilton Heights School Board Candidates. This evening will also double as our first HHSC Superintendent Advisory Group Meeting of the year. All four candidates - Julie Davis, Arnett Cooper, Doug Ozolins, and Ben Lehman have agreed to be part of this forum. The evening will also be live streamed online at [youtube.com/watch?v=xzS1U94vUjY](https://youtube.com/watch?v=xzS1U94vUjY), via the HHSC YouTube channel. All Superintendent Advisory meetings are open to the public and we always welcome your attendance.

On Thursday, October 27 district families are invited to attend the 6th annual Husky Fall Festival Resource Night. This fun-filled event is designed to connect families to local programs, services, information, and giveaways. There will be over 20 vendors from throughout the county including Hamilton County 4H, Aspire, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and Hamilton County Kids Coats to name a few. Children of all ages are encouraged to wear costumes to trick-or-treat through the tables, make a craft, or listen to a guest storyteller. The event takes place at the elementary school cafeteria from 5 to 7 p.m. Enter through Door K.

Fourteen high school students recently earned their Level 1 Skid Steer Certification. Our construction trades education program is designed to give students valuable certifications, hands-on experience, and essential career-ready skills upon graduation. This two-day specialty course was made possible through our program instructor, Kevin Sheets, and our industry partners at Reith-Riley and MacAllister Caterpillar. Congratulations!

Thank you for your engagement and partnership. #WeAreHuskies

*Dr. Derek Arrowood is the Superintendent of the Hamilton Heights School Corporation.*

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said Marshall. Jill Doyle joined in early September as the Communications & Special Projects Senior Manager. She will work on The Pursuit Institute, disability employment, mental health and workforce development priorities throughout the County.

Doyle brings over 20 years of experience working in and around a variety of nonprofit organizations including working with Westfield Washington Schools and the Hamilton County Leadership Academy (HCLA) which she led from 2010 to 2017.

“Hamilton County is a community that makes great things happen and that’s because of our people. As an Economic Development Corporation, we are unique in our exclusive focus on workforce development and quality of life priorities,” said Mike Thibideau, Vice President

of Workforce Strategy for Invest Hamilton County, “with Kyle and Jill added to the team we’re better positioned than ever to continue to make an impact locally and continue Hamilton County’s status as an economic and talent engine for the state of Indiana.”

About Hamilton County Economic Development Corporation:

The Hamilton County Economic Development Corporation (dba Invest Hamilton County) is an economic development organization focused on talent attraction, retention, development and quality of life initiatives throughout Hamilton County, Indiana. Their office works with diverse and dynamic stakeholders from throughout the community to help local residents, businesses and communities address barrier to economic vitality.

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**Who's the dead guy on the floor in this comedy dunnit? Was it Robert (Joshua Minnich), Denise (Jenna Hobson), Max (Josh Jackson) or Chris (Nick Haskins)? The cast rehearses for The Attic Theatre's production of "They Play That Goes Wrong," which runs through Saturday at The Ivy Tech Auditorium in Noblesville.**

[theattictheatre.com/](http://theattictheatre.com/). 6. Carmel Community Players presents “Tick, Tick ... BOOM!” musical at 7:30 p.m. today and Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday at The Switch Theatre in Ji-Eun Lee Music Academy in Fishers with tickets available at [carmel-players.org/](http://carmel-players.org/)

7. Headless Horseman rides again at the 39th annual Halloween event at Conner Prairie, which continues at 6:30 p.m. Thursdays-Sundays, through Oct. 29 in Fishers. Explore the mystery of Amsel Farm and an 11-acre haunted corn maze, enjoy sweet treats at the Apple Store, operated by the Conner Prairie Alliance, celebrating its 40th.

8. Join the Ghosts & Goblins 5K/2K Run/Walk at 9 a.m. Saturday at Carmel High School.

9. Attend the Harvest Festival: Frontier Week 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at Stuckey Farm Market in Sheridan.

10. Have your fortune told during a Good Journeys Holistic Health & Psychic Fair 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds in Noblesville.

11. Enjoy the final

weekend this season for Carousel Corner at Forest Park in Noblesville from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. this Saturday and Sunday, with \$2 carousel rides and \$3 mini golf, then closes for the season.

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

13. Enjoy live music with Red Tailed Hawk at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at Spencer Farm Winery in Noblesville.

14. Enjoy live music with Celtic Rain at 7 p.m. Saturday at Primeval Brewing in Noblesville.

15. 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.

16. All aboard for the Pumpkin Spice Express on Saturday and Sunday on the Nickel Plate Express. Also, enjoy Trick-or-Treat on the Rails, a 65-minute adventure down the rails, from 2 p.m. to 3:05 p.m. Oct. 29-30 on the Nickel Plate Express. Wear your



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**Dom Piedmonte and Ervin Gainer rehearse for Carmel Community Players' production of "Tick, Tick, Boom," continuing through Sunday at The Switch Theatre at Ji-Eun Lee Music Academy in Fishers.**

best costume for a Halloween costume contest.

17. Kids can trunk-or-treat at 3 p.m. Sunday at Grace Church in Noblesville.

18. Kids Halloween Night is 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at Noblesville Jim Dandy, featuring kids activities, face painting and coloring contest for bucket of candy prize. Kids eat free off of the kids menu with adult purchase of \$9 or more.

19. Participate in Day of the Dead Wine and Canvas event from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday at Bica Cafe in downtown Noblesville, with \$5 off with Bica5 promo code, register at [wineandcanvas.com](http://wineandcanvas.com)

20. Kids participate in a Trunk or Treat event at 6 p.m. Oct. 28 at Noblesville Moose Lodge.

21. Enjoy the music as Vintage Guitars in Noblesville is having a Halloween party at 3 p.m. Oct. 29, with live music by the Pickle Stompers, with candy for kids and pizza for all, costumes encouraged

22. Celebrate Halloween during Noblesville Preservation Alliance's entertaining evening exploring murder ballads music genre during “Murder in Noblesville” from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Oct. 29 at Preservation Hall, with

tickets \$10 each at [preservationhall.org/](http://preservationhall.org/)

23. Bring your little ghouls and goblins to a free Trunk-or-Treat event from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Oct. 29 in the parking lot of the First Presbyterian Church of Noblesville at 1207 Conner St. Enjoy treats, make-n-take craft, music, and a brown-bag hot dog dinner. In case of inclement weather, activities will move inside.

24. Noblesville families are invited to attend a Trunk-or-Treat event organized by Noblesville High School Thespian Troupe and Drama Club, with the help of NHS clubs, sports teams, faculty and staff, NHS Theatre parents and Noblesville businesses, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Oct. 29 in the NHS Parking Lot by Gate 1 (by the flagpole), also with games, stories and a concession stand.

25. Enjoy Chocolate, Magic and Wine from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Oct. 29 at Blackhawk Winery in Sheridan.

Contact Betsy Reason at [betsy@thetimes24-7.com](mailto:betsy@thetimes24-7.com). For a complete list of Halloween events, including official community trick-or-treat hours, read the Betsy Reason column in the Thursday, Oct. 20, edition of The Times.



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## Gov. Holcomb Prioritizes Global Cooperation in Europe to Advance Energy and Life Sciences Industries

Indiana Gov. Eric J. Holcomb returned to Indianapolis last week after a week-long economic development trip to Germany and Switzerland. During the trip the Hoosier delegation, which included Secretary of Commerce Brad Chambers, met some of the state's largest foreign-owned businesses and advanced partnerships focused on industry growth and innovation in clean energy and life sciences.

"Europe is one of Indiana's top trading and foreign investment partners, accounting for nearly half of the 1,050 global businesses operating here," Holcomb said. "Our global partnerships extend far beyond the numbers. Germany and Switzerland in particular have been long-standing partners and friends of Indiana for many decades. As we face new global events and economic challenges, these international partnerships are more important than ever, and I look forward to working with our German and Swiss friends to advance disruption and innovation in tomorrow's economy."

Holcomb began the trip in Germany, which is one of the state's largest foreign direct investors with approximately 122 German-owned business facilities now operating in Indiana. In Berlin, Holcomb and Chambers joined the American Chamber of Commerce Germany (AmCham Germany) to host an energy-focused roundtable, joining leading experts to discuss the ongoing energy transition across Europe and the U.S.

"Indiana and Germany share many similarities and strengths across academic, business and industry that make us ideal part-

ners in tackling clean energy," said Chambers. "Indiana ranks in the top five in the U.S. for new clean energy development, and I'm confident our industry and our innovators will play key roles in accelerating the development and commercialization of sustainable solutions worldwide."

On German Unity Day on Monday, Holcomb honored the long-standing Indiana-Germany relationship and the country's many contributions to the Hoosier State. In Berlin, he and the delegation paid tribute to Germany's history and reflected on German American relations at prominent landmarks, including the Berlin Wall, Checkpoint Charlie and the Reichstag.

On Wednesday, the delegation traveled to Switzerland, which hosts 41 Swiss-owned businesses with operations in Indiana. In Zurich, the delegation visited the future-focused global safety solutions company Dormakaba to meet with the company's top leadership, including Riet Cadonau, chairman of the board of directors; discuss opportunities to advance workforce development and apprenticeship programs; and thank the company for its investment in Indiana. Since acquiring the mechanical security business from Stanley Black & Decker in 2017, Dormakaba has invested more than \$16 million in its Indianapolis operations and has created more than 100 new jobs.

In Switzerland, the delegation also traveled to Basel to meet with leading Swiss life sciences and medical device companies with Indiana operations, including Medartis, Novartis and Roche. These companies help propel the state's robust

life sciences sector, which ranks third in the U.S. for exports, contributes \$79 billion to the state's GDP and supports nearly 59,000 high-wage Hoosier jobs according to BioCrossroads, Indiana's life sciences industry initiative.

This marks Holcomb's 13th international trip as governor and his third visit to both Germany and Switzerland. Indiana is home to more than 1,050 foreign-owned business establishments, including 535 European-owned businesses in Indiana that support 117,600 Hoosier jobs. In 2021, 47 foreign-owned businesses committed to locating or growing in Indiana. Together, these firms plan to invest \$3.55 billion in Indiana, creating jobs with an average wage of \$29.57 per hour and accounting for 14% of the total new jobs committed in 2021.

The costs of the state delegations are being paid through private donations to the Indiana Economic Development Foundation.

### About IEDC:

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

## Purdue Food Science Receives \$1.1M Grant to Advance Commercial Soy-Based Products Across US

The United Soybean Board (USB) announced the award of \$1.1 million to the Purdue University Food Entrepreneurship and Manufacturing Institute (FEMI), in partnership with the University of Arkansas and the University of Missouri, for a joint project that is working to build infrastructure and connectivity for small- and medium-scale processing of soy-based value-added products.

The project is co-funded by the Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research, a federal organization that supports research activities focused on addressing key agriculture problems including plant health and production, agricultural economics and rural communities, and agricultural and food security.

Dharmendra Mishra, associate professor and director of FEMI, will lead the project that was born out of a national discussion on the soybean value chain. Fellow Purdue team members for the grant are Senay Simsek, department head and professor of food science; Katy Rainey, associate professor of agronomy; and Karen Hudson, a USDA-ARS research and molecular biologist. Beginning Oct. 1 with a planned

one-year time frame, the project will focus on phenotyping for compositional traits in novel value-added applications, trials to eliminate pressure on small- to medium-scale industry sectors and final product quality and sensory evaluations.

"Soybeans currently produce the highest protein yields per unit area compared to all other plant-based sources," Mishra said. "The major challenge is that quality issues with flavor and functionality have impacted the utilization of currently available soybean protein products for food."

The global demand for soy protein isolate/concentrate is expected to increase 80 times, while the global meat substitute market is expected to be worth \$140 billion by 2029, Mishra said. Increased soy production for renewable diesel production is expected to increase by 10% over the next three years.

"There was a critical need to help the soybean farmers and soy processors. Our project proposes to solve the bottleneck of small- and medium-scale processing and facilitate the scale-up of identity preserved (IP) systems through our multi-state team," Mishra said. "Our

project fits in the overall strategic vision of the connectivity for soy users to the market."

Simsek said this type of highly interdisciplinary work requires collaboration and coordinated efforts with researchers and scientists from different disciplines across institutions.

"Soy-based products have continued to grow over the past years and are expecting continued growth into the future," Simsek said. "With this grant, Purdue Food Science will be a hub for research, development and education that will make connections and bridge the gaps between growers, breeders, researchers, students, the food industry and consumers."

Purdue's Skidmore Sales and Distributing Food Product Development Laboratory and Pilot Plant enable stakeholders to come together and develop new soy-based products using state-of-the-art manufacturing processes to further initiatives in plant-powered protein, refinement into oils, and powders and other value-added products, Mishra said. Purdue will also offer sensory testing and assessment of consumer acceptance of soy products through Food Sciences' sensory lab.

## CareSource Named Good Wages Initiative Employer of Choice

CareSource, a nationally recognized nonprofit health plan, was recently named a Good Wages Initiative Employer of Choice by EmployIndy, an organization dedicated to supporting Marion County's workforce and advocating for quality employment opportunities for underserved and underrepresented residents. The Good Wages Initiative (GWI), which is focused on championing businesses, workers and the community, recognizes employers who pay a sustainable wage of \$18 per hour and offer health benefits to full-time employees.

"Paying good wages and providing employer-sponsored health insurance provides businesses with critical advantages in today's labor market, from reductions in turnover to increased productivity," says Marie Mackintosh, chief strategy officer of EmployIndy. "Employees experience reduced financial stress and improved health outcomes while the community benefits through increased buying power and overall job growth. GWI partner employers set themselves apart by publicly stating their commitment to ensuring Indianapolis has a vibrant economy that is good for businesses, good for workers, and good for the community."

Indianapolis has a competitive job market, and CareSource recognizes the importance of attracting and supporting employees as well as the communities that they reside within. The commitment made to become a Good Wages Employer is one that is not taken lightly, particularly as the implementation of stronger wages and health care benefits better supports employees and their families, reduces turnover rates, and further nurtures communities.

"As a company that is dedicated to placing the health and well-being of our members first, it is crucial that we always practice what we preach both internally within our organization and externally within our communities," said Steve Smitherman, president of CareSource Indiana. "Health outcomes are highly influenced by one's ability to have access to health care benefits and sustainable wages. Becoming a GWI Employer of Choice is just one of CareSource's many efforts in continuing to evolve and shape our company culture and foster community."

Other leaders and employ-

ers can get involved with this valuable business network and witness first-hand the value of increased employee attraction and retention. Find out more information regarding this initiative by visiting <https://employindy.org/goodwages/>.

### About CareSource

CareSource is a nonprofit, nationally recognized managed care organization with over 2 million members. Headquartered in Dayton, Ohio since its founding in 1989, CareSource administers one of the largest Medicaid managed care plans in the U.S. The organization offers health insurance, including Medicaid, Health Insurance Marketplace, Medicare Advantage and dual-eligible programs. Through its network of health plans, CareSource serves members in Arkansas, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia. The company is leading the way in serving populations with complex needs and extended its presence into 12 additional states with the acquisition of The Columbus Organization, a trusted partner to health care agencies and provider organizations in improving coordination and support for individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities and behavioral health challenges through its staffing, quality improvement and care coordination services. As a mission-driven organization, CareSource is transforming health care with innovative programs that address the social determinants of health, health equity, prevention and access to care.

For more, visit [www.caresource.com](http://www.caresource.com), follow @caresource on Twitter, or like CareSource on Facebook.

### About EmployIndy:

EmployIndy guides the local workforce ecosystem and makes strategic investments to remove barriers to quality employment for underserved and underrepresented residents. Our vision is for all Marion County residents to have access to services and training necessary to secure a livable wage and grow in a career that meets employer demand for talent. As the workforce development board for Marion County, guided by 26 business, civic, education, and nonprofit community leaders, EmployIndy invests more than \$20 million in public, private and philanthropic funds for both youth and adults annually. Learn more at [employindy.org](http://employindy.org).

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## Voice of our PEOPLE

### Definition of Insanity – and Voting



**TIM TIMMONS**  
Two Cents

Not too long from now we're going to head to the polls to once again put people in office who are the problem.

Think not? It doesn't matter if you are a Republican, Democrat, Libertarian, Independent or some other affiliation. Every election, We The People continually place or return to office politicians who routinely agree to spend more than they bring in.

I know, I know, we can couch that into a thousand different ways and we can use all sorts of fancy words and long-winded explanations, but that's what it boils down to, isn't it? We are electing Congressmen and women to positions of power while they demonstrate the fiscal integrity of a teen-ager on a shopping trip to the mall with mom and dad's credit card.

Do you think any of them handle their own finances that way? Of the ones who are not career politicians, do you think they run their businesses that way?

And how is it that \$31 trillion dollars in debt isn't the hot topic every election?

I'll tell you why. Because most of them don't want to talk about it. And it's understandable. \$31 trillion has 12 zeroes in it. Who wants to talk about that?

Well, we should. \$31,000,000,000,000.

It even LOOKS like a lot.

Why are we not sick and tired of it? If our local officials were throwing

us into the deep, dark abyss of debt that seems to have no bottom, we'd vote them out of office in a heartbeat . . . well, let's leave Carmel out of it for now.

But we do it on the national level.

Every. Single. Time.

They all talk about it a lot when campaigning, don't they? But once in office, they all act like there's nothing they can do about this massive and crippling debt – well, not only that, but they then turn around and add to it. Oh sure, some of them rail and wail, wring their hands and gnash their teeth. That looks great in the papers and sounds good on TV and radio. But take a look at their voting record. Like my granddad used to say, what you're doing speaks so loudly I can't hear what you're saying.

Here's the thing though. While I get the fact that a trillion bucks times 31 is a boatload of money, it doesn't necessarily have to be insurmountable, does it?

Do you remember a few years ago when then-Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels struck a deal to lease a toll road in northern Indiana for almost \$4 billion? The lease was for a long period, 75 years, and as it turned out, the overseas company that leased it has gone bankrupt. Good thing a bunch of that money was paid upfront, huh? (Nice work, Mr. Daniels!) If memory serves, those few billion bucks funded a lot of road work around the state and the negatives were pretty darn minimal.

Why couldn't something similar work for the national debt? What if we leased more roads for gazillions of dollars? Contracts can be set that ensure tolls don't go too high and that the overall condition of the roads must be maintained.

(Besides, could potholes possibly get worse?)

Maybe we lease some national parks? Again, we're not selling them, just letting someone else run them for a while. I can hear folks screaming now, but just remember, it's not forever. And whatever terms we set will probably be shorter than the years it will take our grandkids and great-grandkids to pay off the debt we're piling on them now.

Let's not stop at parks. We have a ton of land. What if we sold some – especially the ones with major de-fund the police movements? What do you think we could get for California or Michigan or Minnesota?

Too much? OK, fine. How about selling drilling rights? Before folks scream about the ecology and global warming and all that, let's keep in mind that a lot of the same folks who would line up to pay a pretty penny for those rights don't exactly have stellar safety and environmental records where they currently operate. Why does that matter? Because when we shut down our domestic production, we gave those folks carte blanche to rape and pillage the earth anyway they want – and charge us an arm and a leg in the process. Besides, if we leased them the rights maybe they'd have to hire some of the same Americans who lost their jobs when we stopped U.S. production.

Here's a thought. How about if we cut every single federal department 25 percent? C'mon, if anyone thinks they don't have 25 percent fat that could be trimmed, well, I've got a newspaper company I would be happy to sell you. Cut the federal ones 25 percent, the state departments 10 percent and the local ones 5 percent. And if any struggle figuring out how to do

that, call a small business owner. I guarantee you they could figure it out.

Still not enough? How about dividing what's left by 66? There are 50 states and 16 territories. Seems fair that we all pony up our share. Heck, maybe we could even do it by population. No sense Indiana paying the same amount as California, Michigan, Texas and such. Oh wait, is that too much like the Electoral College? Sorry.

Maybe instead of trying our damndest to screw over the richest folks in the country, how about if we offer them a sweet-heart deal? What if we told them that they and their corporations don't have to pay taxes for the next 20 or so years – if they write a check with 12 zeroes in it today.

Just saying. It won't be enough that we do all this though. Somehow, somehow, we are going to have to change who we hire/elect so they can't spend us right back into the same hole.

The bottom line is that I'm not the smartest guy in the room, even when the room is really, really small. I'm just a newspaper vagabond with holes in the bottom of his Weejuns. But I know this – there are answers to the national debt. The first one is stop spending more than we have. The second is find ways to pay what we owe and the third is to not dig the hole again. Why is this never the conversation?

*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.*

### Who Knew CPR Stood for Chick Poultry Resuscitation?



**JOHN O. MARLOWE**  
With The Grain

My friend Courtney not only marches to the beat of a different drummer, she's got Keith Moon hardwired to her soul.

She is sassy, yet serene. Avoidant, yet cuddlesome. Bitter, yet forgiving.

Large black circular eyeglasses rim her wolf blue eyes, which don't really twinkle, but penetrate – like the blue flame of a welding torch cutting steel. The glasses make her look smart, which she says she isn't, but I'd put her brain up against anybody's in a street fight.

Her raven hair matches her glasses, but often you can't tell. She might dye her hair blonde, or purple. Or, shave the sides almost all the way to the top. Most frequently she wears her hair in a bob that looks like she cut it herself in front of a mirror, which I'm certain she has.

Once, last summer, she buzz-cut her head completely to support her Mother's cancer battle. A decision that might take other ladies a long time to consider, Courtney made in the time it took to plug in the electric clippers.

She's only 27, but has embraced the hippie sub-culture of the 1960s. It's not unusual to see her with a flower in her hair, when she has hair, and sandals on her feet, when not going barefoot. To prove it further, she drives a 1969 Chevy 6.0L V8 Gas Shorty School Bus – named "Felton" – that looks like it was tie-dyed with a load of T-shirts.

I call her "Mouse," short for Mighty Mouse. She's only 5'2", which makes her undistinguishable, if not for the fact that she's big into body building. She has biceps that make Dwayne Johnson, aka the Rock, blanch.

Courtney has beautiful creamy skin, but chooses to adorn it with baubles and ink, head to toe. She says that one day she hopes to have her whole body covered in tattoos, which seems to old-fashioned-me like throwing a house painter's drop-cloth over the statue of Venus.

Nevertheless, I've come to appreciate her tattoos. She explained to me that

every design on her body recalls an important event in her life – good and bad. I've read through two wrists, a left shoulder and an elbow, and I can say this woman has had some extraordinary things happen in her short life.

The birth of her two children inhabit the most predominant places, as do personal traumas. She's promised me a spot near the heel.

Above everything else, Courtney loves life – hers and everyone else's. She's seen enough to know how fragile it can be, and abhors the senselessness of death – except perhaps when it comes to ex-husbands.

Tuesday night, Courtney and I were supposed to meet. I got this frantic message that she would be at least an hour late. I wasn't worried until she finally showed up haggard and pale.

"I had to save the chicken," she said.

"Leftovers?" I asked.

"No, idiot! Saved, as in rescued." One of the baby chicks that she purchased for her kids to raise followed the baby ducks into the little plastic wading pool, ignoring the signs not to go in the deep end. Courtney came upon the tragic scene quite by happenstance, but immediately jumped into action, relying on her paramedic training.

She swooped the bird out of the water, and . . . I can't make this up . . . began mouth to beak resuscitation!

The bird's lifeless body swelled like a party balloon each time Courtney puffed lifesaving air down its gullet. The little hatchling failed to respond. She added chest compressions just above the gizzard, but still nothing. At last, Courtney abandoned the rescue. She laid the pooped poult gently to the earth, and contemplated what she would tell the children.

Suddenly the chick coughed, something else I didn't know they could do. With one mighty tweet-hack – a "twack" – the bird rose to its feet!

Courtney grabbed the chick, pressed it to her chest, and scampered off to find a heating pad for life-sustaining warmth.

This whole story seems familiar to me. Then I realized that this isn't the first time a per-son wearing sandals performed miracles. But it might be the first time that the voice crying in the wilderness was a peep.

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### Ask Rusty – How Do I Access Social Security Survivor Benefits Work?

**Dear Rusty:** Social Security is confusing in itself and gets even more confusing when you receive multiple answers to the same question from multiple sources. During my research I came across your organization, and I hope you can assist me in making educated choices regarding my Social Security benefits.

My husband of 20+ years passed away in 1998 and I have not remarried. I will be turning 65 next month (born in 1957), and my full retirement age is 66 years and 6 months. I work full-time, have not made any specific retirement plans, and my current gross salary is over \$60,000. So, my questions are: Can I collect any of my late husband's social security? If yes, when, and how? Signed: Confused Widow

**Dear Confused Widow:** From the facts you provided, you are eligible to collect a survivor benefit from your deceased husband, but because you are working full time earning over \$60,000 you will not be able to collect those benefits at this time. Here's why:

Social Security imposes an "earnings test" for anyone who collects benefits before reaching their full retirement age. The penalty for exceed-



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ing the earnings limit is \$1 for every \$2 you are over the limit (which is \$19,560 for 2022). With \$60,000 in earnings, you would be \$40,440 over the limit, for which SS would impose a penalty of \$20,220. That essentially means that your survivor benefit would be entirely (or almost entirely) offset by the penalty for exceeding the earnings limit, leaving you unable to collect a survivor benefit at this time. The earnings test is in effect until you reach your full retirement age (FRA), after which your earnings will no longer affect your Social Security benefits.

There are also other nuances you should know about. Claiming any SS benefit before reaching your FRA will result in a permanently reduced benefit. If claimed at your FRA, your survivor benefit would be 100% of the amount your husband was receiving (or entitled to) at this death but claimed at age 65 your

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survivor benefit would be reduced to about 93% of his benefit entitlement. Also, you will be eligible for your full widow's benefit at 66 years and 2 months of age because – in your specific case – your "widow's FRA" is less than your normal full retirement age. However, the earnings test previously described is still in effect until you reach your normal FRA of 66 years and 6 months.

In the year you reach your normal full retirement age, the earnings limit (for the months prior to reaching your FRA) increases by about 2.5 times. You'll reach your normal FRA in February 2024 and, at your current earnings level, wouldn't exceed the higher earnings limit in 2024. That means the earnings test shouldn't affect your SS benefits in 2024 at your current income level, so you could claim your full survivor benefit effective January 2024 without penalty.

You will also have the option, if desired, to claim only your survivor benefit and permit your personally earned SS retirement benefit grow. It would be wise to do that if your personally earned SS retirement benefit at maximum will be more than your maximum survivor benefit as a widow. After reaching your FRA, your personal benefit will grow by .667% for each month you wait to claim it, up to age 70 when your own benefit would be 28% more than it would be at your normal FRA. So, you could collect your full survivor benefit at your normal FRA, continue to work if desired, and switch to your higher personal benefit at age 70 (and collect that for the rest of your life). If you expect to achieve at least average longevity (about 87 for a woman your current age), and your own maximum benefit will be more than your benefit as a widow, that is an option you may wish to consider.

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